

*Faith.* My chief delight consists in the investigation of the Kingdom of God, and the wonderful things that have been done, and are still being done, in the name of Jesus Christ. When you get time to state your objections call on me, and I shall take pleasure in answering them.

On behalf of Faith,

M. WINANS.

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[FOR THE CHRISTIAN.]

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MR. EDITOR.—What does Brother DOYLE mean in his of August 28th, 1840, in the 4th number, "We are not in Apostolic order yet, &c.?" Do let me—yea let all—know of this, if convenient. If not in it—then what are 'WE' in?

W. B.

BROTHER DOYLE'S EXPLANATION.

*Rawdon, December 5, 1840.*

DEAR BROTHER EATON—I have just returned home. On the 20th of last month I left for Prince Edward Island; but in consequence of much fatigue and a severe cold, I became for some days very sick, and was obliged to give up the tour. After the lapse of ten days, I arrived at my cottage sick, but found all well. A wise Father knows how and when to administer gentle chastisements. O for a heart to praise our God with every breath. Being yet confined to my room, I am enjoying myself with the pages of the sixth number of the *Christian*; in which I find reference made by you to a remark in my letter, I think in number 4. Many inquiries have been made for my meaning, and some of my brethren have thought it not a fact that any of us are the greatest mongrels in the land. I had just said, "we are not in apostolic order yet; we are in part, and in our own order in part, this makes us the greatest mongrels, &c." Now, give me, dear brother, access to the *Christian*, that I may make my brethren understand what I meant. The force of the truth in the first position of the sentence I still feel—"We are not in apostolic order yet, only in part." But let us prove all things and hold fast the good. The apostolic order is, that we should not only believe truth, but also possess and cherish the spirit of that faith. That we should not only fear the Lord, but also possess the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Not only pray, but have the spirit of prayer. Nor is it sufficient that we should have a knowledge of the first principles of the gospel, but also have the spirit of wisdom and of a sound mind. The spirit of adoption is as necessary as any of the above. The spirit of meekness also and the spirit of life in Christ Jesus make the possessors of the above divine influence free—free from the law of sin and death. Ah freedom! precious word, apostolic standard, God's delight, and the *Christian's* glory!

Man, having the spirit of any business, pursues it with courage, surmounts difficulties, and generally accomplishes something; so with faith, the fear or service of the Lord, prayer, wisdom, adoption, meekness, and life. This appears to be the apostolic order which produces much delicious fruit, such as perfect holiness, perfect love, and benevolence.

It also looks like the seven spirits of God produced by the Holy Spirit through the word of truth in the church, and like the seven lamps which *Zachariah* saw on the top of the candlestick, all of gold. Are all our