

entirely independent; none of them subject to any foreign jurisdiction, but each one of them governed by its own rulers and its own laws. Nothing is more evident than the perfect equality that reigned among the primitive churches; nor does there appear, in the first century, the smallest trace of that association of provincial churches, from which *councils* and *metropolitans* derive their origin.—[*Ecc. Hist. vol. I., p. 105—107.*]

PRAYER AND FASTING.—The Christian is a soldier in an enemy's country—engaged in a continuous warfare: of this he should be sensible. The disciple of Christ should continually pray "deliver us from the evil one, for thine is the power and the glory—amen." Why is fasting and prayer so unattended to by disciples on all occasions of peculiar interest? It was among the ministrations (Acts xiii). I deem it a great and glorious means of grace on *special occasions*, and can bear my testimony to the blessings which have followed. Working on the passions by protracted meetings and prayer meetings—the object of which is to be prayed for—is neither understood nor fixed. We do not come before the Queen in that way! All who come are agreed as to the object. I fear the prayer meetings are far from what they should be—as far as I have witnessed them. I do not countenance any extra-meetings, without a defined object. Thus prayer in a family, and in the church, in attending to the ordinances, are all defined.—*Extract of a Letter from Mr. Buchanan to the Editor.*

APOLOGY.—We are yet a month behind our dates; but we are doing the best we can. Our subscribers shall have the twelve numbers for the dollar. We hope those to come will be more interesting than the past. Our package for the United States, after having been sent as we thought by a careful hand to the office, was mislaid for *four* weeks. We hope such a mistake will not again happen. Our friends must bear with us.

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☞ A book of 263 pages, has been sent to us since our last issue, of the following title: "The order to be observed in a Church of God; to which are added observations as to various duties, viz.: Forbearance—prayer—praise—exhortation—what are the promises to children of disciples—the coming of the Lord—the first resurrection—with other subjects connected with obedience; deduced wholly from Scripture. By James Buchanan, late Her Majesty's Consul at New York." We feel very grateful to the author for this volume. We have but hastily glanced at it. From what we have often heard of the author, and seen from his pen, we doubt not that we shall be much edified by a perusal, and find something for our readers worthy their examination.

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SUCCESS OF THE GOSPEL.—The *Harbinger* for July, reports two hundred and forty accessions to the Churches.

LETTERS RECEIVED.—W. M'Donald, D. O. Gaskill (2), C. A. Caroland, J. Buchanan, S. Morton, Dr. L. Johnston, J. Burgin, A. Hall.