

I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel."

These admonitions, methinks, fully and clearly teach us our duty as Christians in the world. Since parting with the happy assembly of saints in Wainfleet, I have embraced many opportunities of conversing upon, and earnestly enforcing the good things pertaining to salvation, to all with whom I could gain access. But as the journey over this earth to view terrestrial things for human gratification is attended with obstacles and disappointments—so the course to draw the sinner's attention to celestial objects is obstructed with innumerable hindrances and oppositions sternly maintained. These obstacles greatly retard the progress of the fundamental principles of the gospel, which, if received in good and honest hearts, bringing forth the proper fruits, will to all produce happiness inexpressible. We should overcome these hindrances by meekness, gentleness, and an earnest desire to win the hearts of all with whom we associate.

In days gone by the *manner* in which the gospel was exhibited to the people of this Province, by certain unprincipled and irresponsible teachers, is to be regretted by all who love the Saviour's name and cause. The principal and uniform objection was, and now is, "If that man's manner of teaching is a proper exposition of the spirit of this reformation I have no desire to engage in it. His sarcasm and vindictive style in public, and his trashy conversation in private, are sufficient to create disgust in every community." As Paul once confirmed the truth of a charge against the Cretians that they were liars, &c.—so I must confess that the witness against those referred to, is true, and I embrace this opportunity to declare, that we openly and confessedly, before all, repudiate both *manner and matter* of those unfortunate men. Their unholy influence is seen wherever their teaching was received—careless, prayerless, lifeless professors was the result. The cause in my judgment requires this expose, in order to free ourselves from the odium heaped upon us by the public, and I am bold thus to express myself, knowing that should any thing be injudiciously written—your good judgment so expertly exercised on former occasions would withhold it from the public eye.

I rejoice to state that at a meeting recently held in this place by brother Stewart, my youngest brother Thomas, notwithstanding the severity of the season, made the good confession, and in primitive style was added to the saved. I hope his example may influence others to go and do likewise. The Lord has a cause in this world to be advo-