

at his house for the night, but we were under the necessity of returning to the Falls, (Milton) that night, so we bade them good bye.

With every sincere desire for truth, righteousness, and peace, I am
yours respectfully. OLIVER KEMPTON.

OUGHT I TO BE RE-IMMERSED ?

Chester, February 3, 1841.

MY DEAR SIR—I have long thought of writing to you, but want of practice in writing has hitherto deterred me. I believe that I am the only person in Chester that reads “the Christian;” but that is not my fault, for prejudice runs high with those who wear the “spectacles.” Your advice was to take nothing on trust? so when I began to read I laid aside the spectacles of various colours and took the word of God, by which to try the merits of the work, as I conceived that to be the best and only standard by which to give a correct judgment. It has given me satisfaction beyond any of the various compositions of mankind on the subject of religion. I had read many authors on that subject; but none seemed to agree, in my estimation, with the good Book as does “the Christian.” I said I had read much—and I think there is no system of religion, ancient or modern, which I have not examined and considered on the subject of baptism; but I never understood it in the Gospel sense of the term—until the Christian fell into my hands: there it is made plain and consistent with the word of truth. And since I have read what yourself and others have said on that subject, my mind has not been easy; for the reasons following:

I was immersed upwards of *thirty-five* years ago by a Calvinistic Minister on a profession of faith; but *not for the remission of sins*; which I now think is the Gospel sense of the ordinance, and for which purpose it was instituted—on this subject I have not a doubt.

I must beg a little of your time and patience while I lay before you the state of my mind at the time I went forward in the ordinance. I thought then that it was a non-essential; and might be dispensed with, that it was not binding on the person professing faith in Christ. All that I considered was that a change should be wrought in the heart, which I knew was the case with myself some years before. I then thought had I been baptised in my infancy I should not have gone forward in the ordinance. At the time, I am now convinced that I had not a Gospel sense of the act; neither do I think that it was done as the word of God directs; which is for remission of sins. But some people are wise above what is written, only because they wear the “spectacles;” and seem to place more confidence in them than in the word of God; for I have conversed with some who will adhere to their opinions in direct opposition to the word of God, only because some fallible man has so said. This was too much the case with myself at the time above alluded to. Thank God I think that now I understand