

Mr. Oliphant,—Respected Sir,

I have had a hasty glance at a very neat little periodical published by you in Picton C. W., under the imposing title of "*The Witness of Truth*." On page 9, under the caption, "A word to strangers", I find the following statement, which appears fully as imposing as the title of the paper. You say "Idolatry is the same sin, whether Baal, Moloch, or a golden image, be the the object of worship. Sects worship idols." Now sir, the position in which this statement, if true, places many, is indeed fearful. Idolatry, in all ages of the world, has been looked upon by *Jehovah* with indignation, and visited with his severest displeasure. The 1st commandment, Ex. 20, 3-4-5 verses, is positive, and the curses attached to a violation of this commandment, have been literally fulfilled, up to the conclusion of the Jewish age; and inasmuch as "God has appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath appointed heir of all things,"—full and adequate punishment for all sins will be inflicted upon all those who commit them. We cannot expect literal and immediate punishment to be inflicted now as it was under the age or dispensation of miracles. But the time, though seeming slow, is sure. Now, from the above consideration, if sects worship idols, how are they going to escape? "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation." I deem it highly important that you clear up this matter, by showing what is idolatry, what sectarian idols are, how worshipped. If a portion of mankind who are denominat'd sects, are thus sunk in idolatry, and you can be the happy instrument of showing them the error of their ways and of inducing them to "turn from their idols and seek the true and living God," you will confer a lasting favour on society.

Respectfully your's,

NO IDOLATOR.

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In the first and second numbers of this work we have given a fair representation of the brevity and variety we approve in reference to articles.—One of the sins of this age is a verbose style. This must be corrected. To correspondents we say, Write concisely. Few words and many thoughts, plain speech and powerful argument, might be a good motto. We shall take for granted that all say *amen* who approve what we say in practice.—The preceding communications present a good example.

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A number of queries, arriving too late for this month's *Witness*, are in waiting, and will appear in our next.