

with exception of one article from "A Subscriber," who would not confine himself to those points which were in dispute between us; and he was even furnished with a private note stating that if on the whole he would express a strong desire that his article should be inserted, it should be done. We also remember some anonymous sarcasm which came from a source unknown to us; and also occasional queries from persons who proposed them, not for the benefit of ourself or readers, but for the purpose, we presume, of seeing what they could say! With these exceptions, we have even published entire articles from those who warmly opposed and who would not deign to notice our replies.

We anticipated a warm contest with the Universalists in this volume, and Mr. Wetmore, the editor of the "Trumpet," addressed to us a short letter through that paper promising us a hearing, and the insertion in his paper of our reply to Mr. Taylor, [Vol. 1. No. 12,] as soon as he had disposed of a controversy then on hand. That controversy has ceased some months since; for some reason, best known to himself, he has neglected to fulfil his promise or insert our letter to Mr. Taylor.

The examination of several important subjects have been commenced, on which we have been unable, for want of room, to bestow but little attention; and some which we desired to lay before the community, for the same reason have been wholly omitted. Among the first we would notice Remission of sins, the influence of the Holy Spirit, Church order and government, family government, and the proclamation of the Gospel, and among the latter we just notice prayer, praise, the duty of the brotherhood in sounding out the word of the Lord—the perfection of the Christian character, together with a little attention to the necessity of a more rational course than that now pursued, even by those who advocate the Apostolic Gospel, in receiving and imparting the true knowledge of God and his ways as taught in his word.

Whether we shall have the privilege of continuing our efforts with those of our fellow labourers in the same cause is at present problematical. Were it not for the great expense of postage, British and American, cheerfully would we unite our efforts with some of our brethren in the United States, and use our influence to circulate their works in those places where the Christian is patronized, and let this work go down without another exertion. But the postage on American publications equal the first cost of the work. And not only so; but brethren in these Provinces are abundantly able to sustain the "Christian" if they would only make an effort. But a very small number of the disciples have made any exertion to keep up the work except to pay for a single number; and others have looked upon the work as a speculation for the sake of making money! Such men never could have had any experience in such business. It is a matter of doubt whether there are a dozen religious publications in America that do more than pay expenses.

We have a large list of subscribers, considering the infancy of the cause we plead, and the exertions made for them; but in consequence of the lowness of the price or unaccountable negligence on the part of some of those to whom the work is sent, a large sum is now due for