

religious reformer who tries to put himself in funds by rebuking fashionable sin and venerated error, are equally wise. We knew this when we wrote our first article at the age of twenty-three as well as at this day. Disappointed we have not been. Nay, we have, upon the whole, succeeded better than was anticipated. But if the Lord will, we shall succeed better still in things pertaining to pecuniaries; for along with other resolves, it is among them to show greater promptitude in asking and securing that oil called "needful" to make our lamp give light.

Since the close of 1850, we have not, on our own part, in sending out this work, given that evidence of punctuality demanded by the times. It was not so previously. It will not be so in future, the Lord willing. We plead reformation—we must practise it in this as in other particulars.

Meantime, then, we are fully decided. It would give us pleasure to know that every one who reads this article is so. Anything, even rank opposition, is better than indifference. Of personal complaint we have none; we are esteemed and personally assisted equal to our deserts; nay, beyond our expectations; yet we are more and still more anxious with each revolving year, that all of us prove faithful and true in view of all the means and opportunities which God in his abundant mercy has vouchsafed to us. D. OLIPHANT.

A WORD AND MORE THAN A WORD FOR OUR PAPER.

W.—, N.Y., M—Co., Aug. 17th, 1852.

BROTHER OLIPHANT:

Dear Sir:—Please accept the inclosed as a token of love for yourself as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, and of my approbation of your paper. May you and your fellow labourers be enabled to persevere in your work of faith and labors of love, is the desire and prayer of

Your affectionate friend and brother in the hope of Eternal life.

RESPONSE.

Kingston, 25th Aug., 1852

DEAR BROTHER IN CHRIST:

Just as I was leaving for this city, your two gifts arrived in Co-bourg—I mean the proof of your Christian philanthropy in words and the evidence of it in a Bank Note with more than a figure 1 upon it. These tokens are the more prized because they are considered as a free-will offering in testimony of the worth of labors to diffuse religious knowledge through the Press. There is no other interpretation which can well apply to your offering, as we have never yet seen one another. But my pen is not taken to present to you as a return many and flattering personal acknowledgements in view of what you have been pleased to do in behalf of the *Christian Banner*: but I would affectionately intimate that such offerings are very animating—not that I desire a gift," as an apostle once said; for when a gift is desired, it is for the gift's own sake. But all tokens of this character tend to convince a labourer that his labors are in some degree