

her confessional,—it is by this piercing eye, ever open and ever wakeful, this intimate knowledge which she has of human weakness, and for which the confessional has been for 800 years her great school; that it is by this her cunning and admirable tact, “*these depths of Satan as they speak,*” St John has told us. Apoc. ii. 24.

(To be Continued)

### LETTER FROM D. OLIPHANT.

DEAR BROTHER EATON—For some time past, my spirit has been stirred within me to forward you an epistle; but no doubt you are aware, if not from experience, from observation, that many obstacles frequently come between a man’s inclination and his pen. Were it not, however, for the unfriendly postal charges, and the crooked course that letters from these parts take in order to reach New Brunswick, it is more than possible that my letters to you would be multiplied by the rule of two for one. But our post office and post laws are as righteous perhaps as most other offices and laws; and therefore in this department we have no particular or especial cause of complaint.

You perceive I have left Picton. I am, as far as human knowledge decides, permanently located in Oshawa. My removal has not been, on my part, a source of regret. I breathe very freely in this locality. From all that has been experienced since my arrival, I anticipate becoming much attached to the place, the neighbors, and the brethren.

Through the influence of some active advocates and warm friends of the “Witness” arrangements have been made, by which, in all probability, it will not for some time be afflicted with the consumption. A press is now under my control. There is the prospect at present of having a good supply of work in order to keep it busy. The “Witness” is only a part of its work.

I see that you are about enlarging the “Christian.” If wishing you success would be any avail in helping you forward with your plans and purposes, you will please give me credit for a number of my best wishes. But I will do more. A plan has been submitted and approved, in reference to the “Christian” and “Witness,” by which both may be somewhat assisted, provided it meets your approval. It is, in brief, that you obtain all the subscribers you may be able to obtain for our paper in Oshawa, and all the avails be your’s; and for me to procure for you all the subscribers possible, retaining the subscription for the copies I send to New Brunswick, and forwarding the balance, if any. It is however agreed that if you should obtain a Hundred subscribers to the “Witness,” you may be sure of an equal number for the “Christian.”

What think you of the proposition? Several objects will be secured, if the arrangement be entered into with spirit; for it will not only be the means of circulating both periodicals more widely, but engender a feeling of friendly intercourse and mutual brotherly acquaintance between the brethren in the two localities. On this subject, however, enough, in the meantime, is said. It is only hinted or suggested; and it is for you to accept or reject. Should you think favorably of the suggestion, and proceed to act upon it, please write me forthwith, giving as many names