

BRITISH EVANGELIST AND CHRISTIAN BANNER.

[The subjoined is taken from the British Evangelist for November. Having invited attention to the existing custom of calling an advocate for Christ, whether in the form of a living man or a printed journal, by a name that appears to make his country as prominent as his office or his work, we very cheerfully allow the liberty to 'all and singular' of being "fully persuaded in their own mind." An American brother, a British brother, a Russian brother, do not sound in our ear scripturally orthodox. But a brother in Christ in America or of America, or in Britain or of it, can be pronounced with all confidence according to the (as we judge) "more excellent way." Still, we cultivate the purest love toward brethren who are pleased to call themselves American preachers, American as well as Christian Reviewers, and British Evangelists, Messengers, and Harbingers.]—D. O.

Our excellent brother, *D. Oliphant*, editor of *The Christian Banner*, published at *Brighton, Canada West*, in his September number, kindly takes notice of this periodical. After presenting his readers with its Title—the Contents of July No.—and its price, he says "We presumed upon *christian nature* so far as to take the liberty of animadverting not long since on the title of a religious paper having for the first part of its name the word 'American:' and now, that we may 'do nothing by partiality,' we have the like objection to the term 'British' in the title of this welcome received Evangelist, from the other side of the Atlantic. No offence designed by this hint. Go on, brother Rotherham, you are engaged in a noble work."

No offence taken, brother Oliphant. We fancy we can see the outstreaming of a hearty good-will through the chinks of your critique. We are equally satisfied of your sincere abhorrence of all sectarianism. In both these items we are disposed to emulate you: but we cannot tell what reasonable or scriptural objection can be made out against the cognomen 'British' or 'American.' We suppose the same objection might be raised against the phrases, 'of Judea,' 'of Galatia,' &c., as found attached to the word 'Churches' in the New Testament. Besides if this principle were fully acted upon, brother Wallis of Nottingham must drop 'British' from his *Millennial Harbinger*; and then we could not easily distinguish it from the Bethany publication, without using the forbidden term by the sly. Still, any inconvenience would be better than countenancing error. For the present, however, we must conclude, with all due respect for brother O., that there is no comparison between the convenient use of actual and justifiable local distinctions, and 'every one' saying 'I am of Paul, and I of Apollos,' &c. Though we think brother Oliphant has for once strained a point, yet we entertain a very high opinion of his own usefulness and of the value to the cause of *christian truth*, of the spirited Periodical he conducts. We wish him and all such laborers abundant success.

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