

ing Christian lady operated so much like a charm upon us that we were induced to look hastily over the columns and figures of the Report to calculate the united collections of said Missionary Society for one year. Let it be remembered that the fund called the Missionary fund is wholly distinct from quarterage, special and general collections, and all other collections. It is a fund collected in the main if not exclusively by the zeal and perseverance of females connected with the Wesleyan church; contributions being politely solicited from all who are likely to give. And what is the sum obtained in this manner by only one body of the Methodists in Canada West—the Wesleyans? Could any one suppose it is within a trifle of \$17,000? It is even so. And all this fund is the fruit of the solicitation and agency of a few female members.

As a general rule, not a dollar of this amount goes to the support of a minister where there is a church, but it is appropriated in sustaining ministers in localities where their churches are not established. Can we not learn something from these facts? Are we not willing to increase in zeal as in all other graces and Christian accomplishments? The Canadian field is being occupied—let us be on the alert that we fail not to occupy it as far as in us lies. The time is short; much is to be done; our opportunities are—now.

D. O.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

*New Glasgow, Prince Edward Island,
August 19th, 1852.*

To the Editor of the Christian Banner, Cobourg:

DEAR SIR:—There is nothing very particular in the Island at present. We, for some years past, have not increased any. This year and last we lost four by death; in that time there has been an equal number added. The last death was my partner in life, a sister who filled up the relations in a very high degree. We had lived together fifty-three years and nearly four months. It is just as long except three years since she and I were baptized into the death of Jesus the Christ. We were then in Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland.

I recollect brother Hood you referred to in a late Number of the *Christian Banner*.

Meantime I remain yours for the truth's sake,

JOHN STEVENSON, SEN.

Western Star, September 12th, 1852

BROTHER OLIPHANT:—Our yearly meetings on the Western Reserve have just closed. Of these meetings I have not been able to attend but two, those in Cuyahoga and Summit counties; they were both well attended, and many saints were strengthened, and sinners trembled at the word of the Lord.