

clearly exhibiting the principles, objects, basis, and operations of the Society past and present. Hence it has seemed good to me to note these items and call your attention to them, so that the necessary documents relative to the American Christian Bible Society may be obtained before the meeting to which I have already alluded.

A question here Are not all the brethren both in the United States and Canada interested in procuring pure versions of the scriptures in Italian, Spanish, French, and other languages, as well as in English? Excuse brevity, and believe me to be,
Yours in the blessed bonds.

D. OLIPHANT.

ENCOURAGING WORDS.

Hiram, Ohio, April 28th.

DEAR BROTHER OLIPHANT:—So long it has been since my pen has traced a word to you. I scarcely know how to begin now. My conscience has smitten me with "forty save one" for this neglect. Not that I suppose myself much indebted to you, or aspire to the rank of a correspondent with an "editor." But, Brother Oliphant, you are laboring *pro bono publico*; and you are human enough to feel the depression of discouragement and the cheering effect of sympathy in your labors.—I look upon your paper as a most important auxiliary of the cause of original christianity in Canada. I think it serves like the great sympathetic nerve of the system.—it keeps up a correspondence of the churches and laborers in the gospel with one another. My duties in connexion with the co-lective institute continue and are so multifarious that epistolary duties are often neglected: not that friendship wanes. Many now seldom or never hear from me, who bloom and flourish in the garden of my memory like perennial plants of paradise: and until we reach paradise, we may be strangers to each other, as well as pilgrims to zion.

Truly in love, A. S. HAYDEN.

And the following is a specimen of various epistles received at this office in relation to the Christian Banner. It is written by a brother in the western part of Canada West, who has been a reader for years. Being quite free in publishing what opponents have to offer by way of opposition, a little variety may not be out of place:—"I am monthly cheered with the timely visits of your periodical, and feel grateful to the Giver of all Good that the truth in its plain and simple garb continues to be proclaimed through the pages of the Christian Banner, and men's systems so ably opposed, and people invited to receive the unerring standard of Divine Revelation. . . I hope that you may long continue a proclaimer by pen and voice as opportunity offers, knowing that heaven will bless its own appointed means for the furtherance of the interests of the kingdom of our common Lord."