

The questions now submitted, as also those previously propounded, are, in my judgment, of general and not of any local or special importance. There is one or two places that I have visited within the last five or ten years where perhaps few, if any, of the queries proposed in this or any former communication would scarcely be of the least practical account; but if I am not very considerably deceived, there are not many congregations within the circumference of the circulation of this paper but what may be somewhat benefited by a careful consideration of every question which has been submitted for your response. Still, in this it is not difficult to be mistaken, and therefore to dogmatize upon it is not wise. Expediency's laws, and the laws of wisdom, are, by different authorities, variously interpreted, and therefore a little forbearance in cases of this kind is a most happy and very edifying commodity.

I have now proposed all the queries in relation to the calling, authority, sustaining, and qualification of evangelists that I design proposing during the present year. A reconsideration of the whole premises, after you shall have replied to the preceding seven inquiries, will close what I have to say on the subject for the time being. Such a review on your part, too, keeping the grand points in view, fixing the mind of the reader upon things and not upon persons, saving where persons are models for imitation, would, according to my means of judging, be highly expedient, profitable, and instructive.

Yours in Christ

And for Christ's sake,

D. OLIPHANT.

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### TO THE READERS OF THE "WITNESS."

#### A CORRESPONDENT'S VIEWS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Understanding that brethren in various localities were behind in their payments toward sustaining the "Witness," I had purposed to endeavour to stir them up to the discharge of the important duty of rendering "unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsars," and I must confess that the facts stated in brother "Dun's" communication and brother Oliphant's remarks upon it, have not tended to divert me from my purpose.

That there should be owing a single dollar of the subscriptions for 1849, is too bad;—that many of the brethren may be justifiably behind for 1850, no doubt is to be acknowledged; but that it should be to the amount stated certainly says that some are to blame. Allow me