

more for the cause of reformation in these Provinces than five brothers Oliphant could do by pleading the cause with the tongue without the pen. The brethren, by their votes, their epistles, and at times by their funds, have united with me in this conviction; and hence, having thus taken the field and having thus amid a host of discouragements kept the field, I trust to so continue—devoting as large a portion of my life in writing and in speaking to “sound abroad the word of the Lord” as the ability that the Lord furnishes and the openings of his Providence will permit.

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### THE PRICE OF SUCCESS.

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Effort is the price of success in every department of human action. From the attainment of rudimental knowledge to the salvation of the soul, every step in our progress is made by undaunted toil. The boy drones over his book, a slave to listless laziness, thereby securing for himself a place at the foot of society. The Christian who flees at the voice of lions, is undone. The man who shrinks from difficulty in his business or profession, who refuses to climb because the rock is sharp and the way steep, must make up his mind to slide back and to lie in the shadows below, while others use him as a stepping stone to their own rising. For this, such is the constitution of society, there is no help. The poet wrote truly who said—

“Thou must either soar or stoop,  
 Fall or triumph stand or droop :  
 Thou must either serve or govern ;  
 Must be slave or must be sovereign,  
 Must, in fine, be block or wedge,  
 Must be anvil or be sledge.

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### ENLARGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN BANNER.

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For months there has been a standing committee of one upon the very brief question, Shall the Christian Banner be enlarged and otherwise improved? The response is, in a single word, **Yes**. We shall add four pages to the reading matter of this work, beginning with January, 1856—thirty-two pages instead of twenty-eight; and these we shall encompass with a genteel colored dress in good style, suitable to appear in the cabin or the palace. More and better yet, we are now negotiating for a font of beautiful new type, so that those who use spectacles and those who do without them may scan our