

evinced, that the numerous blessings enjoyed by the whole community through the excellency of the knowledge of christianity, were sufficient to stimulate to vigorous efforts in sounding out the word of Life.

Along with other matters, it was resolved to urge the brethren to make more strenuous efforts than have hitherto been made, for the purpose of supporting Evangelists. We desire to procure the services of a suitable Evangelist, and shall thankfully receive from you, or any brother, such information as may assist us in this matter.

In love,

W. OLIPHANT, *Secretary.*

LOST—WANTED—FOUND.

THERE is less fiction than fact in the following curious advertisement, whose place of nativity is the "far west." Through the help of various friendly editors, it has travelled from west to east, and from south to north, until we find it in the latitude of Montreal, in the columns of the *Register*. It appears that a pious Presbyterian minister, in Chicago, Illinois, observing the members of his church, as he considered, too fully absorbed in worldly concerns, took occasion to rebuke them publicly, in manner as follows:—

"LOST—By many Presbyterian christians of Chicago, during the last week, a large amount of valuable instruction given to the two churches in this city when they were absent.

"WANTED—In this city, and in the various churches throughout Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa, a large number of faithful men and women, who will keep their covenant vows to seek the purity and peace of the church, and to watch over each other in love; and who will likewise admonish each other, and the impenitent about them, on the subjects of repentance of sin, and faith in Jesus Christ.

"LOST—By a large number of professing christians—'first love' and 'assurance of faith.' The articles were first missed soon after forsaking closet duties—and were, without doubt, lost in the path of disobedience, as the owners were eagerly running after the world.

"WANTED—A good conscience for a number of christians who have recently broken the Sabbath; spoken evil of their neighbors; and done numerous other things whereby the conscience is defiled.

"FOUND—On the broad road that leadeth to destruction, a package containing a ball of selfishness, so hard that it cannot be broken or melted by any human means. A list of objections to the gospel of Jesus. A large amount of prejudice against truth and holiness; and a bottle of self-conceit, which, being cracked, has dyed the other articles in the package. The finder has deposited the package in his heart, and unless the same is claimed by Diabolus, the owner, it will eventually become his, by the law of limitation."