

Provinces East and West, was remodelled, re-baptized, new-made, new dressed, enlarged, and commissioned anew, with special reference to its new mission in the East.

But these considerations aside : we need in these British Provinces a paper of some sort in order to our progress and prosperity as a people pledged to the work of the Lord, which also may serve as a mouth-piece of emphatic tone to plead against the partly human and partly divine institutions of the times. It is most evident to every experienced mind that two periodicals, though managed with the best and most exact economy, have no prospect of continued healthy and efficient existence within our borders. It is also as evident that our local interests, our tastes, our habits, our principles, and our energies may fitly harmonize and be edifyingly developed in one paper. And may I not add with equal truth, that we can in time, if not now, by co-operation, secure a paper to carry out these suggestions?

Concerning the claims of the *Christian Banner*, now that brother Eaton has another editorial chair, it would be neither modesty nor good policy in me to speak with much emphasis or definiteness. You, my brethren, know what I am. If boasting were not excluded, I could only boast of my perseverance. True, "perseverance with a little sweet oil, well applied," will accomplish many a difficult task.

I have thus frankly yet briefly addressed you, brethren, and would solicit your free and mature reflection upon the hints herein submitted ; and after carefully, impartially, and prayerfully reviewing the premises, I have every confidence that you will follow your convictions with all religious sincerity and zeal. And whether your sense of what is expedient will coincide with mine or otherwise, may the good Master preside over you in all that you purpose and perform for the edification of each other, the reformation of partizan professors, and the salvation of sinners.

Yours in the lively hope.

D. OLIPHANT.

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RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

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BROTHER D. OLIPHANT : Enclosed I send you a bill for those numbers of the *Christian Banner* containing the speeches of Gavazzi, the Italian Lecturer.

Since the first of October brother David P. Henderson Jones, and myself have added to the congregations in Illinois and Missouri, 217 persons by immersion upon a profession of their faith in Jesus as the Messiah. I may add that most of them are young persons, in the