

higher aims than simple morality, should countenance moral reforms in all suitable ways, taking care not to dishonour Christianity itself.

5 I co-operate with temperance men and Sons of Temperance so far as lies in my power, and so far as their rules will permit. Very many of the *watchmen* in Canada West appreciate the fact that I am theoretically and practically, that I am by speech and by example, a temperance man.

6. While I teach Christian brethren that their principles as Christians require no aid from any human source to lead to the carrying out of any moral reform, I have not been conscious of dropping a word to discourage men of the world or men of morality from engaging actively in that which appertains to their moral welfare in connection with the common temperance society or the organization of the Sons.

7. It must, I opine, be acknowledged that there is the width of the poles between saying to the Lord's Disciples, "your principles should make you active temperance men, more zealous than all others," and saying to those who have not such principles, "you ought not to be Sons of Temperance." I say the former, but I do not say the latter. Nay, so far from saying the latter, I actively co-operate with all temperance men according to my opportunities. Only a few weeks ago, one of our Upper Canada temperance editors, in company with a friend, upon being enquired of whether I was a "Son," the gentleman of the temperance press replied, "No, Mr. Oliphant is not a Son for some reason, but he assists in our cause." The gentleman deserved credit for his urbanity and candor. His remark was in grand contrast with those unjust traducements of my views by men who are either purposely or unwittingly ignorant of the ground on which I stand.

I doubt not you will be able to gather an idea of my position by a candid consideration of the preceding without farther specification. The observations of my friend the *Watchman* which you gave your readers shall be copied into the *Christian Banner* with a few comments. Had I the whole article it should appear, for I believe in the justice of letting a man be heard in full in his own behalf. Be pleased to mark on your exchange list "Christian Banner," Cobourg, and I will return the compliment—so that when you give me a broadside I may realize the sort of mental you discharge. My sentiments may be and have been distorted and wrested out of their place; but when fairly presented, I am neither ashamed nor afraid to acknowledge them, or to defend them when this duty is required.

That the views I hold are not very popular, I have no particular objections to grant; but you will not measure truth or goodness by