

A very acceptable acquaintance has been formed with a number in this section. I may make mention of the Kidd family as possessing much interest. The old gentleman and six sons, all full grown men, constitute a host of themselves, though all of them have not yet seen it their duty to obey that precept of the Lord, "Be baptized." I was pleased to learn however that the eldest son, while yet halting in reference to a part of his *acknowledged duty*, has taken and still takes a strong and active interest in the Lord's day School in this place, which he has with others kept up for sixteen or seventeen years. William Kidd together with James and Walter are active in the Baptist cause. I found them exceedingly friendly, primitive minded, and liberal in their views. The friends in the neighborhood have all seemed cordial. They have testified the same by making a collection for me—which, as a matter of course, I declined to receive only upon the express understanding that it should be handed over to the treasury of the churches sending me out.

I start for Westwood (Asphodel township) to-day, and will if opportunity presents deliver a discourse or two in that place.

A sort of PREACHING DISCUSSION is arranged between a minister of the Free Church of Scotland and myself on the subject and action of baptism—to come off in Warsaw or vicinity sometime about the first of March. In respect to the circumstances and features of this arrangement, I must speak more at large hereafter.

D. OLIPHANT.

ZEAL IN OUR WORK.

J.—, Dec. 27th, 1852.

BROTHER D. OLIPHANT: DEAR SIR:—Enclosed I hand you payment for my own paper and for two to give to friends, making three for me, which I hope will be an encouragement to your enterprize in publishing the truth in our land. I hope that the Lord may strengthen you in writing for the coming volume, and wish you a happy New Year.

Yours respectfully,

BEAUTIFUL AND TRUE.

The late eminent Judge Sir Allan Park once said at a public meeting in London, "We live in the midst of blessings till we are utterly insensible to their greatness, and of the source from whence they flow. We speak of our civilization, our arts, our freedom, our laws, and forget entirely how large a share is due to Christianity. Blot Christianity out of the page of man's history, and what would his laws have been—what his civilization? Christianity is mixed up with our very being