

abilities of those brethren are allowed to remain unnoticed, and apparently dormant? And also, why they are not encouraged and sustained by the brethren? These are certainly very interesting questions, especially in connection with the fact that we are in quest of an Evangelist. Be it known therefore to all interested, that the talents and abilities of the brethren mentioned are clearly seen and highly valued in the churches here, and that they have frequently attempted to bring them into more general and extensive usefulness. They have, indeed, in former times, and in various ways, been instrumental in accomplishing much good, and are now by no means unemployed; but each and all of the brethren referred to, feel constrained by reasons thought by themselves good and sufficient to remain in their present position, and to decline laboring as Evangelists, except for short periods when circumstances permit. Hence the necessity of our "advertisement," and hence the necessity for the further services of the beloved brother Bradt in the matter.

Affectionately,

WILLIAM OLIPHANT,  
*Secretary of the Co-operation.*

---

### LETTER FROM B. FRANKLIN.

THE following letter comes from the State of Indiana. Brother Benjamin Franklin, editor of the *Western Reformer*, is the writer, whom, though we have not seen, we love for the truth's sake. It will be seen that his epistle is a reply to one that was sent from Oshawa on the 10th of February.

D. O.

*Milton, Ind., Feb. 28th, 1848.*

BROTHER OLIPHANT, DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 10th inst. this hour came to hand, and I hasten to reply before I lay it down, that by many and pressing engagements may not cause it to be neglected.

The first two Numbers, of *The Witness* came to hand last week, and after spending some two hours in the perusal of them, with much interest, I entered *The Witness* upon my list of exchanges, and started the *W. Reformer*, from the beginning of the present volume, in exchange.

Believe me, my dear brother, to be much pleased with the meek and unassuming, though firm and unflinching appearance of your publication. When I saw the title of your pamphlet, *The Witness of Truth*, I turned my attention to that holy witness, the Fore Runner of Jesus Christ, and reflected upon his fate for bearing witness to the truth.