

## RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

*Hiram, Ohio, Sept 24th, 1853.*

**BELoved BROTHER OLIPHANT : DEAR SIR:**—When last we parted, I promised you not to forget Cobourg. Since that time we have enjoyed a good degree of health, for which we feel thankful to our Heavenly Father, whose goodness is following us continually. We left Dorchester soon after our parting with you. We left that band of warm hearted brethren and sisters with heavy hearts and flowing eyes. We need hardly inform you that we were loath to leave so interesting a church to which we were united by many ties of friendship and christian esteem. We have often thought of our short but very agreeable acquaintance with you, and have more than once wished that we could hear you again as we did on Lord's day afternoon in the barn. Since that time we have enjoyed many good seasons with the household of faith. We spent some ten days with our good brethren at Williamsville N. Y. where we enjoyed a great feast in spiritual things. We met with them three times a day for two Lord's days, besides attending the Sunday School. At this place we got a peep (at a distance) of Esq. Evans, whose name you will at once recognize, no doubt.

But I must hasten. We are now located at this place, and are attending this School, the Hiram Seminary, whose good name the pages of the *Banner* have fairly and manfully noticed. Time will not permit me to speak of this interesting School at present. Since here we have been privileged to attend some two of the yearly meetings of our brethren in this section of the Buckeye State. I can detail but a meagre account of these mammoth gatherings. We traveled some thirty miles to the first, which was held near Cleveland. Our brethren here have a circular tent in true Patriarchal style (only much larger) that will seat some 3000 hearers. This tent cost from five to six hundred dollars. It is used by the brethren over a large district of country.

We arrived on Saturday morning, Sep. 30, and the exercises commenced about half past 9 o'clock. There was first, singing (A. S. Hayden among the singers) —then prayer by brother W. Hayden—singing again—exhortation by brother Hawley—singing—prayer by Elder Williard—short address by Wm. Hayden—singing—prayer by I. Erret—a discourse by Elder Perkey upon the whole duty of man, 12th chapter of Eccles. :—singing—a benediction and dismissal for noon. In the afternoon an address by Elder D. S. Burnet: subject—Immortality. Singing and invitations, when several came forward Exhortation by Dr. Robinson. Benediction and dismissal—some 6 or 7 appointments made for the evening at meeting houses and school houses in the vicinity.

Lord's day morning, after singing, 54th Psalm read by Elder Erret, prayer by Elder A. B. Green—short address by Elder Williard—exhortation by Elder Hawley an address by Elder Campbell from a part of the 23rd chapter of Mathew: Subject—" *What think you of Christ.*" Invitations, and some came forward.

But my paper and time would fail to give a detailed account of each day. The above is enough as a sample of the whole meeting.