

Upon the whole it is evident that rare qualifications are required to discharge in a proper manner the duties of the Evangelist's office. An individual in order to do so, must be "a man of God," must "meditate upon these things"—give himself wholly to them, "and habitually pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness," that he may be "an example to the believers in word, in conversation in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

When such views as the above are expressed, it is desirable that they be carefully and candidly examined and compared with the scriptures of truth. This cannot always be done when the writers are known—they generally have too much influence or too little.

Hoping these matters will receive from the brethren that attention which they deserve,

We are, dear brother,

With Christian esteem,

April, 1850.

B. S. O.

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EVANGELIST'S TOUR—REPORT NO. IV.

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DEAR BROTHER OLIPHANT:—At the close of our last communication, (dated from Erin April 16th) it was stated that we had been labouring there for two weeks, and that 22 had obeyed the Truth.

The attendance at the meetings continued to increase, the anxiety of the people to hear the Gospel proclaimed was truly encouraging. The good brethren in Erin, who have always enjoyed the comforts of the Truth, and giving evidence of being under its quickening power and soul-renovating influence, exhorted us to continue our efforts; and as the fields around here were so evidently white unto harvest, to prolong our stay in order to reap the fruits, we did so, until obliged to return home for a week and a half through sickness. We resumed our labours in the same place on the 4th inst, and stayed until the 9th. While in this Township we immersed in all 52 persons, that made the good confession, besides eight or ten that were restored to their former standing in the Church. The angels that are in Heaven are said to rejoice over one sinner that repenteth; surely the brethren who hear the cheering news will be filled with gladness, and will thank the Father of Mercies for crowning the Gospel with success, in turning so many from darkness to light and filling them with a joy in believing. Let the prayers of the brethren ascend to a throne of Grace in their