

on mortal vision! Then brighter glows the gospel upon the believer's soul. Then is this world emptiness and vanity.

But I must close. The good work of the kingdom is still prospering in various places on the Western Reserve. Several hundred additions have been made this winter through the labour of brethren Green, Perky, Errett, Belding, W. Hayden and others.

May the Shepherd of Israel keep us all to eternal life.

Affectionately.

A. S. HAYDEN.

A HEALTHY LETTER FROM THE WEST.

Chatham, 16th Feby., 1852.

BROTHER OLIPHANT,—DEAR SIR :—

I again take up my pen to drop a few lines to you, I was glad to observe through the periodical that the churches had again united in sending forth evangelists to proclaim the good news throughout Canada West, and was also happy to observe that you have accepted an invitation to devote your time as opportunity will permit to the good cause, hoping that in your tours you may be induced to come as far even as Chatham, and that under the guidance and direction of King Jesus you may go forth armed with the whole armour of God—the shield of Faith, the Helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God—which Word, as we have from the best of evidence, is living and powerful, “sharper” than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and is also a diserner of the thoughts and purposes of the heart. This sharp and powerful weapon of Christian warfare we see then is God's appointed way and means of pulling down the strong holds of sin and Satan; and we may rest assured that were the true and simple followers of Jesus to keep their armour bright as good soldiers of the cross, the secret and cunning devices of our common enemy would be of no avail against the weapons of our warfare—not carnal but spiritual; and then I am fully of opinion that there would be no need of such heterogeneous fraternities in the shape of moral societies as we now have abroad in the world under different names and having different objects in view. But under present circumstances I think it perfectly consistent that men of the world should and may unite as they may seem fit to put down any moral evil that they may find to be detrimental to either the present or rising generation; and also shew forth their benevolence individually or unitedly as may to them seem most fitting in the different channels they follow after. But to the worldling these evils, are only things of time, as are all his aims and pursuits in what channel soever they are directed, whether aspiring after praise, wealth or power.

But let us now see how far exalted above such worldly and man-made institutions is that social institution which has the sanction of Christ and his apostles under the inspiration of the Spirit of God: viz, a congregation of believers such as we find set forth to our view in the New Testament in the hale and undegenerate days of christian simplicity. We find that the Christian Society is one of the most