

TO THE REV. *Wm H C Murray*
Sault St Mary

REV. SIR,

THIS small Work has been re-printed as a Guide and Help to Clergymen in these Provinces, who may be disposed to follow the laudable example of the Rev. H. C. RIDLEY, in his well-ordered course of Parochial Duties, so far as difference of climate, station, and customs, will permit.

As a further encouragement to such benevolent attempts, it should be known, that the labours of the Rev. J. F. OBERLIN, a French Protestant Pastor, in an extensive and barbarous district, and under the most difficult circumstances, were crowned with abundant success. He had the satisfaction of long enjoying the fruit of his efforts and prayers. His parish contained five villages and three churches; the inhabitants were at first rudely ignorant and untractable—but afterwards, when they amounted to about 4000 souls, all the adults, without one exception, were able to read the Scriptures, besides being instructed in other branches of useful knowledge.

Mr. OBERLIN was distinguished as a promoter both of the temporal and spiritual interests of his flock.

As a Philanthropist—he opened roads; promoted agriculture, horticulture, planting; encouraged manufactures of flax, cotton, silk-ribbon, iron-work, and industry in general. He educated masons, cabinet-makers, glaziers, farriers, wheel-wrights, medical men, and mid-wives. He established a Loan-fund, Sinking-fund, Schoolhouses and Village Library. He was the founder of Female Bible Associations and Infant Schools; and in various other ways, diffused through a large tract of country, economy, kindness, charity and contentment, and was the honoured instrument of turning a natural and moral wilderness into a fruitful field and garden of the Lord.

As a Shepherd—some judgment may be formed of his fidelity from the following extracts, found among his papers after his decease:—

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