

co-operating churches and those of Eramosa, Erin, and Esquesing already united for this object; and if so, provision would be made for constantly sustaining two efficient workmen in the gospel for the western portion of the province, who, besides occasionally visiting and enlivening the churches, would carry the truth to vicinities where it is yet unIntroduced and unknown.

The obstacle hitherto has been to find labourers. No wonder. We shall never have Evangelists through the means attempted in times past. Of how they have been treated and remunerated while employed, we speak not. This is a department by itself. But never shall we find men willing, at the bidding of any people, to break up their arrangements in their callings for a few weeks or a few months, hence to return to their former pursuits at an incalculable loss. Besides, to appoint a speaker for a month, or three or six months, or any number of months, is not the old-fashioned method. When we hear of an Elder being chosen for half a year, or an Evangelist for a specified period, the electing for a time of a father to a family comes up to our mind's eye. Does any one suppose that Philip, or Timothy, or Silas, or Titus, or Barnabas, laboured as Evangelists for a season, and then returned to some worldly calling?—! Brethren, let us be wise, and not seek to improve upon primitive examples. If an Evangelist be our desire, let us choose a brother of competent gifts, knowledge, and character, who is willing "to suffer with the people of God," "spend and be spent," and send him into the field for life, or during good behaviour. D. O.

SPECIAL NEWS.

To the Brethren in Eramosa, Erin, and Esquesing.

NARRATIVE No. 1.

BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—Your appointment of me to the work of an Evangelist, under the circumstances, I regard as a peculiar honor. Brought up among you, and having from boyhood been one with you in your own neighborhood, it was not to be supposed that any special desire would be felt or cherished in relation to my labours. Usually, things that are eagerly sought come from a great distance; and in harmony with this principle, the services of Evangelists who are far away are more particularly desired.

No doubt, however, you have made sacrifices of feeling in this matter, and, in accepting of the appointment it is but due to myself to say that I have made sacrifices also. My time, and all that I am, could be much more pleasantly, and certainly far more profitably engaged