

formation is to be attempted and defects remedied, ought to follow as surely as the stream flows from the fountain. We shall endeavor shortly to embody a number of reasons and scriptural suggestions in order to show why the brethren should plead reformation in this department; but in the meantime we submit the following judicious communication conveying to us the mind of the esteemed brethren in the township of King:—

King, 24th Dec., 1852.

BROTHER OLIPHANT:—I ask a question. Can you answer it?—It is this: How is it that the brethren are so silent on two very important subjects—the one, What is the most efficient way of obtaining money to sustain Evangelists? and the other, Is it in good keeping with primitive times to choose Evangelists for one year, or should they be chosen to labor during ability? I have looked for something on those subjects for some time, but in vain.

I will now give our mind on those subjects: for we have spoken together, and I believe we are of one mind.

With regard to sustaining Evangelists, we think the weekly gatherings are all-sufficient—every one giving as the Lord has prospered him. It would not only “supply the wants of the saints, but would be abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God.” Now suppose we say that five hundred brethren give on an average four-pence per week. I do not say that all should give alike, for some would be eased and others burdened. But I say they might average that sum, and none be burdened. The amount would be £433 6s. 8d., or a little over \$1,733 per year. I think this offering might be given to Evangelists, and to remit the funds quarterly to brethren appointed to receive them that there might always be a supply on hand. Let us not forget this lesson, “he that sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly”—a very good lesson indeed for us all to learn.

I think enough has been said on this first question to give you our mind on the subject. We will say a few words on the next.

Our mind is, that Evangelists should abide in their calling during ability. For this reason, “no man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.” There are many other reasons, but I believe the brethren in general are acquainted with them. In behalf of the brethren in King, I would say to those brethren who will spend and be spent in the Lord’s service, Do the work of Evangelists, and we will provide for you and yours according to our ability. For although we are few in number, we desire and think it a privilege to do all we can. Brethren, let us provoke on another unto love and good works.

Brother Oliphant, perhaps you can gather our meaning from what is written, and please pardon all mistakes, as I am not in the habit of writing.

I am yours in the good hope,
GABRIEL WELLS.