

Mr. H.—“ I am very glad to see you ; and of course you will preach for me this morning.”

A.—“ You will have to excuse me Mr. Hill, for two reasons—I came here expressly to hear you ; and, besides, I am not prepared.”

Mr. H.—“ Not prepared ! You a preacher of the Gospel, and not prepared to preach ! What do you mean ?”

The American's exact, confessed, apologetic reply, cannot be related ; but the substance of it was this, that he had not any sermon in his pocket to read !

Mr. Hill, with one of his arch looks, which a person can never forget who has seen it, and with his own inimitable tones of voice, which will always ring in the ears of those who once heard them, replied, “ Very well ! You will go into my pew, sir ; and as you cannot preach to my people, I will preach to *you* !”

The American Minister's friend, in narrating the fact, stated that Rowland fulfilled his engagement with pathos, and pungency of application, not less impressive than edifying and eloquent.

SPECIAL NEWS.

Our brother Scott will doubtless bear with us in publishing the following note entire, though not prepared for the press :

Toronto, 13th August, 1849.

DEAR BROTHER OLIPHANT:—Expecting an opportunity by brother Ash of sending a note, and believing you feel interested in the matter, I write a few words to mention that on Lord's eight days since it devolved on me to fulfil the appointment made for you at King. There was a large and most attentive assembly. I should think there were present above four hundred persons. Our place of meeting was the “ woods.” I had the pleasure of immersing two individuals who made the good confession. Many enquiries were made when another meeting would be held. Could meetings once a month be regularly sustained, much good, I doubt not, would be effected. A spirit of enquiry has been excited, and a desire to listen attentively to the declarations of the sacred testimony is most apparent. I had the pleasure of meeting on yesterday three weeks, with the brethren at Dundas, and of addressing not a large, but an attentive assembly in the evening, in the Town Hall lately erected. Your mother and other relatives there were all in good health,—a boon at all times demanding our most grateful acknowledgements to the Author of all our mercies, but especially in such a season of sickness and of death as the present.

With Christian regards to all the friends,

Yours in Christian affection,

THOMAS C. SCOTT.

Oshawa, 14th August.

Two weeks ago the brethren here enjoyed the privilege of welcoming another wanderer into the Christian fold.

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