

to catch another." But you have left it in a mist, perhaps not intentionally, as to how many really are girls and how many women. There seems to be a *little* attempt at deception, or disguise, at least, in "14 women and girls!" It shows that some parties are conscious, how exceedingly shaky their foundation is, when they grasp at such *straws*, for support. Not one of us ever thought there was any necessity to make a distinction between men and women. We were so simple-minded as to believe what is said by Paul to the Galatians, "that, having put on Christ, there is neither male or female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." In conclusion, I wish to state, for myself, at least, that what I have done in the matter, was done with the best intention, and, I trust, with all due reference to my accountability for my conduct. As I did not take the step rashly, I must say I do not regret it. I deplore the circumstances which led to it, but, for them I am not in the slightest degree responsible, and consequently, could not help nor avoid the result. When we left the congregation, it was obvious that we could not agree with some parties, and simply withdrew from them. We have taken a position in which we think, more good can be done, than where we left. We do not wish to continue in strife; we would like to be at peace with all men. We are determined to do what we can for the good cause, and build up a large congregation in this place, if the Lord is willing. And we would exhort those, whom we have left, to wake up, and build up the old congregation, and show their zeal for the salvation of sinners, as the best way

to correct their former blunders, and glorify the Lord, and we shall pray the Lord to prosper them, because we wish them no harm. If this course is followed on both sides, I have no doubt, but great good may come out of this seeming evil. If you will give us space in the INDICATOR for this, we will consider it a favour, more especially, as we have failed to obtain a hearing on our side yet.

I remain yours in the good hope.

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Oshawa, May 17th, 1870.

REMARKS.

Your article has been inserted in full excepting two words. Others are exceptionable: but that you should not have the semblance of complaint, they are printed. I know not what Bros. Franklin and Errett have written: but Bro. Patterson *did not go to Oshawa* with "an unblemished character." His course in Bowmanville was enough to satisfy any person that he could do a great deal of mischief. He set brethren who are good and true, at variance in that church. He well nigh divided it. Brethren whom I had esteemed and loved for years were opposed to each other on account of Bro. Patterson. Had he remained there a division was *inevitable*. The brethren in Oshawa were not—could not have been ignorant of this. You say with reference to the names that I have left you "in the mist." You do not, you cannot deny that there were the names of 14 women and girls on the list. Look at it again and ask yourself if a stranger would come to such a conclusion. Why put "Mrs." in one or two