

say all that is requisite to be done and said to secure his own and others' attendance from the region of Pieton. It may be, too, that brother Morison of Chatham can attend. To all the holy brethren grace and peace !

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NEW YORK STATE MEETINGS.

Tully, N. Y., Dec. 23rd, 1852.

BROTHER OLIPHANT : DEAR SIR :—I acknowledge that the brethren in the central part of the State of New York are not as communicative as they might be, or ought to be ; in order to the welfare of the good cause of the Lord, or their own happiness and enjoyment.

There is much in every congregation that is a source of deep interest to the brotherhood generally, and if known by the several congregations would serve to give a new impetus to the cause of truth, wherever it is being plead.

I think sir, we as a people do not sufficiently realize this fact. I suppose it to be owing to the fact that we are mostly taken from the farm, the workshop, the anvil, or the counter ; and consequently we have not been accustomed to the use of the pen in order that we may express ourselves clearly or properly.

I do not think that we are so Democratic in our feelings and partialities that we will not correspond with those who are willing to live under a woman's government !! There is no doubt you have some among you who are as much Democratic in feeling as those across the line which divides your people from ours.

I rejoice to hear that the *truth* is finding its way to the people of British America. I think you are doing more for the cause of the Lord than we are, according to our numbers ; but we are getting the brotherhood more united on this subject and labouring to arouse the dormant energy of the brethren to a more effective system of co-operation for the spread of the gospel.

Our State Meetings have done much for the cause in our State, and we are confidently looking forth to the time when we shall see greater results than we do at present.

When that short notice was penned and by you published in the *Witness*, I did not expect to see such a hearty response from our brethren in all parts of our State. In accordance with the call for a Convention, the brethren came to our meeting from nearly all the congregations in the State, with their hearts full of the love of God and of man.

There, in that our first State Meeting, in the midst of the saints, I spent some of the happiest moments of my short life ; true we were strangers in one sense of the word, yet we were brethren, all possessing the same love in our hearts, and struggled together for the faith of the Gospel of the Son of God. The associations formed and begun at that meeting I trust will never be forgotten in this life nor that which is to come.