

York feel the need of a periodical as a centre of greater and more extensive effort for the advancement of the gospel and the edification of the brotherhood, I have every reason to believe; nay, I am firmly of the opinion that the Lord's cause can not progress with the same energy and decisive zeal in your state as it would with the auxiliary of a substantial and well conducted paper. So far as the "Witness" is concerned, all the interest it has in New York will be most willingly withdrawn to give room and scope for a publication of your own; and further, it will be my pleasure to assist it by correspondence and by giving it circulation on this side according to the measure of my ability, regulated measurably no doubt by the merit of the paper itself.

At the coming state meeting, to be held in Pompey, you will doubtless make arrangements either to prosecute vigorously or abandon indefinitely the proposed enterprise of establishing a paper. Permit me here to offer a plan, which, if executed, would probably subserve the interests of the brotherhood both in Canada and New York. The esteemed and faithful brother W. W. Eaton, now residing in St. John, province of Brunswick, would, I have no doubt, accept an invitation (of the right kind) to locate in Syracuse and become editor of the contemplated work for the brethren of New York. I have reason to know that brother Eaton will not object to a co-operation with myself in getting up and conducting a work of this character; and hence the work could be printed in my office in Oshawa, and sent to Syracuse, dated, imprinted, and every way arranged as if put to press in that city, and at a cost little more than half what would require to be paid if printed there; because the same work would answer that side and this side, saving a few minor alterations as it respects the place of its issue, date, and some little items of news and notices. I could furnish and deliver in Syracuse, per Express, regularly every month, a thousand or fifteen hundred copies of a publication, thirty-two large pages, double column or otherwise, containing all the editorial brother Eaton would write, just as though the work was printed the next door to his residence; and in the meantime you would have the speaking labours, counsel, presence, and wisdom of brother Eaton perhaps in greater abundance than if he were more closely allied to the press.

I ask you, dear brethren, to bestow a little thought upon this proposition, for these two reasons:—1st, Brother Eaton without doubt would be much more happy as well as more useful in New York than in New Brunswick, although there is no question with me but he is about his Master's work in the city of St. John. To Canada he is not disposed to come—to Syracuse he can be induced to come. 2d, The cheapness and efficiency of the plan suggested would seem to warrant the assurance that the arrangement would be permanent. This, with me, is a consideration of grand importance. I will not however enlarge. The suggestions are before you, and you are wise men—men of good counsel: do that which seems to you good. May all our counsels and labours tend to the extension of truth, the honor of our Father in heaven, and the present as well as future happiness of man.

Yours as a member of the divine family,

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