

## FAILURE OF THE UNION PHOTOGRAPH.

The following circular tells its own story. We deeply sympathise with the enterprising and generous writer in his disappointment, but congratulate him on the pluck with which he says, "I'll try again." If he can bear his loss so patiently and hopefully, his fellow-sufferers cannot do less.

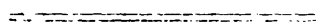
Ministers and Delegates of the Congregational Churches:—It is my unpleasant duty to inform you that a misfortune having happened to many of the negatives taken at Kingston, I am unable to produce anything like a complete picture of the Union. Should it be desirable I will endeavour to make arrangements to photograph the members of the Union at their meeting next year. You will please give your delegates this information. Regretting exceedingly the disappointment,

I am, respectfully yours,

H. O'HARA.

N.B.—All donations of single pictures promised to Churches will be filled by applying to H. O'Hara.

Bowmanville, June 21, 1867.



## A DIFFICULT BUSINESS.

One of the most glorious employments on earth is preaching the gospel, but this business has its difficulties in common with other businesses; and it has this difficulty over and above others, that you have to ask other people whether you are to succeed or not.

It matters little to a farmer whether his neighbour is in sympathy with him or not. If the fences are kept up, and the laws of the land are observed which regulate our neighbourly relations, the sun and rains, and the natural fertility of the earth, and one's own industry, and one's own industry, with the blessing of God, will do all the rest. Our crops do not suffer by reason of the character of our neighbour. He may be in bad repute; he may be a narrow, mean, selfish, morose mortal, whom nobody loves, but he cannot keep the sun from shining upon us, or the rains from descending in their season. He cannot thwart our own industry, or blight by his scowl or his curse, our intelligent and persevering toil.

So with the merchant or the mechanic. All we have to do is to push our own way with the public, to offer them wares worth the money we ask, and to establish a character for fair dealing, and we can successfully compete with any one who may think it worth his while to compete with us.

But in the church it is widely different. Here every member is a partner in the firm, and assumes the right of an active interference in all that concerns the partnership. Some of these partners are worthy, excellent people, an honor to the partnership, and continually bring to bear an influence which tells to the benefit of the concern. But it is far otherwise with the rest. They have no public spiritual influence, Nobody in the community believes in their sincerity. Their temper is morose, their co-operation is capricious, their influence with mankind in favor of their church, and the interests of religion in general, is totally gone. The attraction of repulsion is the leading element in their character. Strangers soon get to know them and soon learn to shun them, and over the heads of these the poor and ever to be pitied mortal who happens to be the "pastor" (heaven save the mark!) of these old sheep has a task to accomplish, which, were he an angel, would perplex him, and, being but a man, confounds and covers him with confusion before the whole com-