

New York brotherhood to enjoy the blessings of a periodical, subsequent information gave me to understand that one or two rather prominent persons were not only indifferent but came out in half-hidden half open opposition. This of itself, if there was no other obstacle, would interpose an effectual barrier in the way of my appearance in your state with the design of remaining and labouring.

A word here in reference to Syracuse. This city is well located, and deserves attention as a point of great and growing consequence. A successful effort in such a place would be of unspeakable advantage to the cause, not only in New York state, but in regions around it far remote. All this is freely and heartily acknowledged. But are the brethren as a whole in any wise advised as it respects what is required to move forward in such a city with the least prospect of success? Is there not only a few—a very few—a most precious few, who at all comprehend the amount of labour, time, means, co-operative effort, and noble disinterestedness necessary to prosecute the work of the Lord in the city of Syracuse, so fashionable, so growingly great, so popularly ambitious? Permit me to remark that I have yet to hear those extensive, matter-of-fact, dependable calculations requisite to the undertaking. I do not however urge this against the project.

But another point of greater moment to the friends of a periodical here, is found in this fact,—a paper for the advocacy of our principles in Canada is considered indispensable to the healthy progress and prosperity of the cause of truth, and therefore the removal of it is regarded in a very unpropitious and discouraging light, serving to check the energies of those whose energies are the most needed. And although the supporters of the work have done no more than they ought, nor half so much as they might, yet when compared with others they are perhaps as well entitled to commendation as their neighbours anywhere on the new continent, especially when it is almost universally granted, that all are behind. The brethren here, beyond all question, have the first and best claim to my publishing labours; and when I learn that this claim is urged, and discouragement is associated with the discontinuance of the paper in this country, it is not in my heart to leave for another field of labour. There was, as I supposed, good reason to conclude that my efforts here could be dispensed with easily, and turned to better and greater account at a point hitherto unoccupied; and it was these impressions, harmoniously blended together, that gave weight to all my reflections favourable to a change of locality. But now that I find brethren to whom I have been attached ever since my name was enrolled with believers lift up their voice and their pen against my departure, it will not be necessary for me to offer many other reasons why I must write a negative instead of an affirmative in answering the preceding circular. Were it consistent with commendable manners to extract from letters primarily designed for my own individual reading, I would take the liberty of affording a few specimens of proof for the double purpose of illustrating and substantiating what is above affirmed.

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