

Submitting these things to yourself and the brethren, and waiting your reply,

We remain, Dear Brother,  
Yours in the Lord,

ALEXANDER ANDERSON.  
JAMES KILGOUR.

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Agreeably to the request aboved expressed, to furnish a plan of proceeding, the necessary intelligence will be forthcoming at an early day, or at least in time for the first of January.

It has been all along understood that the Evangelists thus called out by the congregations would labour little among the churches; or if much labour would be bestowed upon any, it would be for the benefit of those churches requiring special aid by reason of being feeble or in a state of decline. We intend keeping this prominently before the congregations—that the scriptural duty of Evangelists is to labour to convert aliens, and to form new churches, and not, primarily, to visit, labour for, and build up old and well established churches. True, it is necessary that the brethren generally should see, hear, and become more or less acquainted with the heralds they support in the gospel; and it is altogether expedient and wise, at times, for Evangelists to visit, edify, and enliven by their presence and exhortations even the best churches. Still, there is a most pernicious and popular fault among almost all orders of religious congregations, namely, that when a church or churches choose a person called an Evangelist, they strictly keep him among themselves, as though his brethren amongst whom he labours required re-evangelizing!

We have, indeed, in some instances, seen an opposite extreme. Those who are of this spirit, feel so rich, dignified, and exalted in the religious scale, that they have no need for the religious visits, up building labours, and edifying assistance of the Evangelist. Cases of this kind, however, upon the whole, are rare. They are generally Ishmaelites—their hand against every man, and every man's hand against them.

The co-operative churches, then, have two Evangelists who will take the field on the first of January. Let the churches rejoice, and, with their rejoicing, resolve and prepare to sustain these brethren honorably. While they comfort others, let us not lose sight of administering comfort to them. Their hands are to be held up while they raise the down-trodden and the degraded. A day approaches when all these things