

PROPOSED EXCURSION GIVEN UP.

I am compelled to relinquish a cherished plan of seeing all the brotherhood again, with whom I spent a few happy hours last autumn. Duties connected with the publication demand a large share of my time. Difficulties of publishers when money is scarce are neither few nor small; from these we are not exempt. The cause in the City demands more talent and zeal than we possess; and hence the difficulty of deciding upon a long excursion. But added to these obstacles (which I was determined to surmount), a severe attack of the *Bronchitis* has unfitted me for speaking without great and painful effort. I need rest. And were it not that I am so fond of speaking, I would visit some points to see the brethren, and to consult with them on some important points; but I dare not trust myself abroad, lest I be entirely "laid on the shelf." I solicit the brethren's indulgence and prayers. I hope to see them again.

At times I am greatly discouraged. It seems next to impossible to procure a fellow laborer for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The world seems determined—or at least its surplus population—to crowd towards the setting sun. I have assured many that the cause of truth needs efficient proclaimers of the Gospel in these Provinces. The congregations would give them a comfortable subsistence. I have made every offer that I can, and yet no one is willing to move east: the "West," the "Great West," takes all. The young men who gave me an assurance that they would take the field, have reasons satisfactory to themselves for disappointing us. Circumstances over which they seem to have no control, keep them in other departments and other fields of labour. I have offered the use of my books; and without money or price, to impart all the instruction in my power to those who have the talents and the disposition to devote themselves entirely to the acquisition and the dissemination of the truth; but no one offers! Why is this so? Doctors are abundant, and lawyers as numerous. The sects too are well supplied with preachers—as many I think as they desire for the field. For example, the Baptists in this Province, for sixty seven Churches—many of them very small—have sixty three ministers; a large proportion of whom are entirely devoted to their calling. Will our young brethren let us know why it is that they are unwilling to devote themselves to the best of all causes? May the Lord save us from the love of the world and from the fear of man.

W. W. E.

SUCCESS OF THE GOSPEL.

Brother John M'Donald writes from Cornwallis, under date of Sept. 22, that since April, he has immersed sixteen believers into the name of the Lord.

Four have been added to the Congregation of the Lord in this City, by the obedience of faith.

The *Harbinger*, *Gospel Proclamation*, and other exchanges, report additions by hundreds every month.—These brethren ought to send some of their efficient proclaimers to the East. There are hundreds among us that would soon obey the truth, were it kept before them long enough to make its legitimate impression. "But how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" W. W. E.