

sermon." Perhaps it was not intended for them at all. But if the cap fits them, let them put it on, *I say*, and be thankful for their pastor's faithfulness. But you say, "such preaching hurts people's feelings." Well, it is his duty to hurt them, if he thinks them in the wrong, and it is your duty to take reproof, as it was administered, in the spirit of love. Could you respect a man, who was afraid to tell you of your faults, even suppose you think yourselves blameless? I trow not. Perhaps you will suspect our minister of writing this. No, he did not either, though he will read it, I presume; but some one did who wishes there were more of the spirit of Christ among us, and more of the charity which "vaunteth not itself," and "is not puffed up." Next time you are ready to find fault with his preaching, you will do well to ask yourself, "Is there not a cause" for our pastor's "sharpness?" There is such a thing as wounding the Saviour in the house of his friends. The prayer of the writer is that our pastor may never be one to "prophesy unto us smooth things," and send us home satisfied with ourselves, but with the woe pronounced against those who are at "ease in Zion" upon us!

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### MATERIALS FOR OUR CHURCH HISTORY: NO. XIII.

In the year 1852, the Rev. R. J. Williams, Congregational minister of Eramosa, commenced missionary stations in Garafraxa—one in the house of the late Mr. James Neilson, on the same property where the village of Douglas now stands; the other at the stone school-house in the Gerrie settlement, within two miles of the village of Fergus—and from that date until the present time the station in Douglas was recognized by the Missionary Society in connection with our body as a mission station. The other station at the stone school-house was also in connection with the Eramosa Church.—Both stations were supplied by the pastor of that church until February 26th, 1856, when a few families came to this Township, principally to the neighbourhood of Douglas, from Scotland. The heads of these families brought letters of introduction from churches of our order in Scotland. On February 26, 1856, a Congregational Church was formed in Douglas, in the Presbyterian Church.—The Congregational Church formed at that date consisted of fifteen members from the Eramosa Church, one by profession, and six by letter from a church in Scotland—the Rev. E. Barker and a deputation from Eramosa Church officiating. The Rev. E. Barker received a call from the new church to be its pastor, which call was accepted. In July, 1856, there was a sale of lots in this village, and the gentlemen who sold them reserved a lot for a Congregational church, on condition that a chapel be built within a limited time. That offer was not accepted, but at a church meeting held at Mr. John Newman's in February, 1857, it was resolved that a chapel be built on Mr. John Newman's lot, he having kindly offered them a site for that purpose, it being then considered the most central spot for the then scattered membership, that is the spot where the old log chapel now stands. On the same day that the Rev. E. Barker resigned the pastorate of the Garafraxa Congregational Church, the Rev. Hiram Denny became our pastor for one year. We had no settled pastor from 1858 until 1861, when the Rev. Robert Brown re-