

instruct some officious Jew-Christians in Galatia who feigned to dispute his apostolic authority. He informs the Galatian brethren that he at one time went up to Jerusalem because it was revealed to him that he ought to go. Barnabas and Titus were his associates. This was at least seventeen years after he had been in the ministry. The apostle gave the chief brethren of the Jerusalem congregation a summary of what he had taught among the Gentiles. These brethren of repute, on Paul's statements and revelations, perceiving that he had the same work to do among the Gentiles that Peter had to do among the Jews, gave to him and his chief companion, Barnabas, the right hand of fellowship—that they should go to the Gentile world. What this had at that time or what it has now to do with the admission of members into the church, few will be able satisfactorily to explain.

It looks indeed friendly to see an evangelist, elder, or chief brother give a hearty shake of the right or left hand to one who has put on Christ in *acknowledging* him as a brother; but when this is called the right hand of fellowship, or when this process is regarded as joining the person to *the* church or *a* church, we have little fellowship for the ceremony. We might as well suppose that the first kiss a father gives his child makes it a member of his family! But we need both patience and charity until these simple particulars are clearly and generally apprehended.

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 LABOURS OF EVANGELISTS.

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Near Warsaw, 17th Jun., 1853.

TO THE LORD'S CHOSEN IN CANADA, AND ALL IN EVERY PLACE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED:—From the first week of the current month I have been labouring in the gospel in this vicinity. I am between forty and fifty miles north east of Cobourg. My steps were directed to this place on receiving intelligence that a small company of the Lord's friends were here, and that something might be done in the cause which is dear to the heart of every Christian. The Baptist brethren in this neighborhood have a chapel, which was occupied by me five times in holding forth the gospel. Two appointments also were made and filled at the village of Warsaw. At none of these meetings was the attendance large, nor could it be said that the meetings were particularly small. Some two or three will shortly be baptized; but whether this resolve on their part was fixed previously or during these efforts, I did not enquire. To delay obedience in this our day, is more fashionable than commendable.