

cause has ever been found promotive of its interest; then why should not the brethren come up in the fulness of their souls to confer upon this best of all subjects, and devise for the future? Not that this convention should have aught of ecclesiastical authority, binding the consciences and the liberty of the members; but a meeting of love, harmony, and peace. It should be during the summer, or in early autumn, at some central point easy of access, and where there is a convenient House—say Cicero, Pompey, or Tully. What say you brethren? Consider the suggestion, and give it a response through the “Witness.”

The congregations in this section are enjoying union and a good degree of prosperity; many accessions to some of them during the winter. With good wishes for yourself and the cause,

Yours in the best of bonds,

H. CHASE.

The suggestive request of our brother, contained in the above, will, we have little doubt, be favourably and practically received. Our travels in New York enable us to say that a number of prominent brethren, in different portions of the state, are ready to give this proposition a salute of welcome, and elicit a warm and joyful cordiality in behalf both of the object and the means.

D. O.

Martville, N. Y., April 21st.

SPECIAL NEWS.

Pompey, March, 14th 1850.

BELOVED BROTHER OLIPHANT:—As it is pleasing to every friend of Christ and Christ's people to hear of the prosperity of the cause they love, and of the spread of the principles of primitive Christianity, I now embrace this means of communicating to you and through you to the brethren some items of intelligence that I trust will be interesting. We are assured there is joy in heaven over one sinner that reforms; and that our Saviour and the celestial spirits view with emotions of pleasure the returning wanderer to his fold; and the saints on earth are permitted to harmonize in their feelings of pleasure and gratitude to the author of all good, for his manifest mercies in permitting man to become his humble instrument to hold forth the word of life “for the obedience of faith.”

We have had very interesting meetings in Pompey, conducted principally by brother E. L. Bates, who came among us as an Adventist;