

high gales prevented this purpose from being carried out. The brethren and sisters in this region have much strength, and they are not wanting in some kinds of zeal, yet there is a general acknowledgement among themselves that they fail to improve all their opportunities. If such brethren as Platt, Palen, Trumpour, Werden, and Lambert were determined to see one another on Lord's day, and likewise determined to keep up the assembly of the saints on the first day of the week, after the steady old Jerusalem pattern, there is a greater certainty than probability that great things would be the result, not only as it respects the brethren as a congregation, but likewise the community in general.

There is one thing as clear as a sunbeam. No church on earth can be spiritually enriched solely by what is called foreign aid. A shiftless farmer may be kept from absolute starvation by the kindly help of his neighbors; but if he prospers, it is certain that he must depend in a large measure upon his own vigorous exertions. It is so with civil communities. It is so with religious societies or congregations. There are times and seasons when a proclaimer may be very useful to a church; but a church that depends on a proclaimer for its meetings, is at least half if not three quarters dead. Should any one dispute this he will give me the opportunity of proving it.

The second Lord's day in January was to have been spent in Sophiasburgh, at a new and large stone School House; but after travelling to the vicinity of the place appointed to meet, it was perceived that a meeting was next to impossible. The piercing wind and the descending snow preached a sermon that made every individual of one mind—to remain at home. I saw brother and sister Whitney in that neighborhood, and spent a pleasant season with them at their own family circle.

The cause in Hillier and Sophiasburgh needs medicine; but whether the right sort of remedy or enough of it will be used, no one at present can prophesy. Would to the Lord that there were a score of general laborers in the field of Canada, and that every professed disciple of the Saviour would act consistently with his profession, faithful, active, always abounding in the work of the Lord, doing his part as a co-worker in the kingdom and patience of Jesus, so that the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ might have free course without hinderances or embarrassments.

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