

details agreeably to the wisdom and discretion with which you are endowed. There are circumstances, conditions, occurrences, ordinary and extraordinary, which cannot, by any human foresight, be either ascertained or anticipated, and for which therefore no provision can be made, except to give liberty and discretionary authority to those who are actually engaged. You will, then, please regard yourselves as constituting, not a mechanical machine, to be moved and directed by another machine, but as "able ministers" "in the kingdom and patience of Christ," in whose skill, judgment, and discretion we all confide.

On taking leave of Eramosa, you will please proceed south and south-west to Waterloo and Rainham, with the intention, after making a visit to these two places, of visiting the churches in the Niagara District, and subsequently all the churches from Hamilton and Dundas to Picton. The object of this visit to the churches is two-fold. First, to give the brethren generally an opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with those whom they engage to sustain in heralding the news of the gospel; and in the second place, to enliven, interest, and excite the brethren everywhere to a higher point of religious warmth and exemplary fervor in all that pertains both to their own advancement in truth, holiness, and love, and their greater influence and missionary activity in the conversion of wandering strangers and their return to the gospel habitation. It is contemplated that you will remain two, three, or four days, more or less, with the brethren at each locality, in this your first tour; and in passing along, you will please make particular enquiry at every point you visit where brethren are located respecting the state of the public mind at a distance from the place where the brethren meet, and the chances of success in the event of holding meetings at certain places and points away from the direct influence of the church. With this information, obtained in passing from church to church throughout the province, you will, at the close of said visit, be able to direct your labours to the best possible advantage in localities where brethren in their church capacity are not in the habit of labouring.

As the churches of Erin and Esquesing know you personally, you may omit paying them a visit immediately, (unless you learn their unwillingness to accede to this arrangement,) promising to give them a religious call hereafter. In journeying from Berlin to Rainham, if you find it not too great a circuit, or not too far out of a direct course, it may be well to administer comfort to the little number of "little ones" in North East Hope. If, also, you could make it in your way to see how the brethren in Norwich progress, all the better. Upon visiting Rainham, you will not meet with a church; but a few brethren and friends there will assist you in the necessary preparations to hold meetings where some labour has already been bestowed, a few miles east of the village of Walpole.

Concerning a visit to St. Vincent and other places in the north-west, these regions, it is hoped, will not be neglected; but for the present, a visit to these parts may be laid over or postponed. By this postponement, more assistance probably can be rendered in future.