

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The MINISTERS and MESSENGERS of the Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, met at Cornwallis, N. S. to the Churches they represent, wishing Grace, Mercy, and peace may be multiplied from God the Father, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

DEAR BRETHREN,

Being permitted by Divine favor to meet together once more, our souls are gladdened with your countenances from different parts; we here, by your Representatives, see the tribes of our spiritual Israel, and are led to cry "*How goodly are thy tents O Jacob, and thy Tabernacles O Israel. As the valleys spread and as the gardens by the River side, as the trees of Lign Alloes are they, and as Cedar trees by the Water.*"

Feeling in our souls a desire for your prosperity and for the enlargement of a Redeemer's Kingdom, we would address you; and from the abundance of our hearts pour forth a few of our thoughts on a subject that strikes our minds with weight.

The subject is the duty of parents and guardians to the youthful part of their families; we can but hint at so copious a subject in this short address. The following considerations in connection with many more, are of weight to draw from us this address to you, on this important subject:—

First, the relation we bear, the affection we feel, and the duty we owe to you when sent as Ministers to represent you in Association, to consult what is for the Glory of God and the upholding of a Redeemer's Kingdom on Earth.—Secondly, the important situation the Children and youthful part of your families, by the Providence of God, are placed in, as it respects the rising and following generations as under God. Much, yea, very much depends instrumentally on their upbringing. Impressions made in early life are generally most lasting and most conspicuous in civil, domestic, and Religious Life.—And lastly, more than all the rest, the solemn commands of God, binding and obliging us to those duties we owe to those under our care and charge.

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