

these do not avail, but the cause of CHRIST is suffering, report them to the Church, and let them be excommunicated. Embrace and retain the truth, in simplicity and love. Do not indulge in vain speculations, nor be ambitious to find out something new. *Search the Scriptures* diligently and prayerfully; and believe and practice according to their plain dictates.

May it please GOD to influence and enable you, by his holy Spirit, to pursue that course, in regard to church discipline, and every christian duty which will promote His glory, the good of offenders, the prosperity of the Churches, and the salvation of souls, for JESUS' sake, Amen.



### CORRESPONDING LETTER.

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*The NEW-BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION to Sister Associations with whom they correspond.*

BELoved BRETHREN :

We rejoice at the opportunity again afforded us of bearing testimony to the faithfulness of our covenant God; and of expressing the unfeigned gratitude of our hearts for the blessings of peace, harmony, and prosperity, which the Great Head of the Church continues to bestow upon many of our Churches, and the sweet manifestation of His presence, which we have enjoyed during another of our Anniversary Meetings. At the same time it is our painful duty to acknowledge, with you, that our Churches are living far below their exalted privileges—that revivals and reformatations are less frequent and encouraging than formerly—and that clouds and darkness surround the throne of the Eternal.

With much pleasure we have received the Messengers and Minutes of our Corresponding Sister Associations; and it is our earnest wish, that the pleasing intelligence communicated by them may be the means of awakening in our Churches a more deep and abiding concern for the extensive spread of the *glorious gospel of the blessed God*, and the advancement of the Kingdom of the MESSIAH. Every returning Anniversary serves to increase the conviction of our minds, that in proportion to the interest we take in the Church of God, in general, will be the blessings bestowed on our own souls; and that, as a Denomination, unless we are influenced by *unity of purpose and unity of exertion*, we cannot hope to prosper. Receive, therefore, this epistle from our hands, as a token of the unfeigned love of our hearts, and the deep interest we take in the prosperity of the cause of the blessed REDEEMER among you; and may grace, mercy, and peace be multiplied, through our LORD JESUS CHRIST, to whom, and to the FATHER and HOLY SPIRIT, be undivided praise, world without end. Amen.

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