

with the First Baptist Church in St. Martins, the Saturday before  
the 3rd Monday after the 20th of June next.

JOSHUA BUNTING,

Moderator.

J. C. SKINNER, Clerk.  
Springfield, 10th July, 1850.

A Sermon was then preached by Elder E. D. Very, from Jeremiah, 44c. 16v., John 6c. 44v.; which was followed by a protracted and delightful conference of the Brethren, which made all feel that it was good to be there.

## CIRCULAR LETTER,

### TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE EASTERN NEW-BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

BELOVED BRETHREN.—We propose in this our annual Epistle to direct your thoughts to the excellence and importance of

#### ENTIRE DEDICATION TO GOD.

We would remark at the outset, that such was our perfection originally, that we were as much inclined to the service of God as we are disinclined, in our fallen and depraved state. As the rivers of the earth run to the ocean, so the inclinations of man in his pristine state tended towards God. Man, in his departure from God, and in the singular devotion of himself to false principles, and false deities, has become exceedingly wicked and equally unhappy. The language of God concerning man in his departures from holiness, shows most clearly how sinful he has become. "They are all gone out of the way," saith God, "there is none that doeth good, no not one." That man in his deviations from holiness has become very unhappy is evident from reason as well as from Inspiration. In such a state, how miserable must man be, when we reflect that the very Being that gave him existence is against him. His face, his heart and his hand are against him. Creation, which adumbrates the eternal power and Godhead of Jehovah, bears witness against man for his want of devotion to God. In such a state he is led captive by Satan at his will. His guilt rests upon him, in serving any other than God, and his lusts enslave him. In such a state of alienation from God and righteousness, hell is heated for him, and moved from beneath to meet him at his coming. Mount Sinai roars and burns against all the devotees of sin and Satan; and, continuing such, the gospel will seal the fearful sentence of their condemnation for ever. Dear brethren, if man in his departure from God is so wretched and so exposed to the wrath of God, we may see in these particulars the absolute excellence and importance of returning to God in a perfect dedication of ourselves to his service. And, having professed to have made the surrender, shall our coldness and backwardness to Christianity prove that it was only a profession? May God who has loved us, and given his Son to die for us forbid that this should be the case.

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