

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to those young men, whether connected with our churches and congregations or with other denominations, who feel desirous of instruction, to attend the Institutions at Horton, for the purpose of receiving such amount of education as may fully qualify them for the purposes of conducting the schools in various parts of the Province; as the necessity of fit Teachers, both for the Grammar and every class of Common Schools, is hourly becoming more urgent throughout all parts of the country, and many applications have been lately made at the Institutions, which they have been unable to meet.

Resolved, That the sincere and grateful thanks of this Association be given to the Baptist church and congregation at Onslow, and to the inhabitants of Onslow and Truro generally, for their kind attention to the members of this Association, and also for their very liberal contributions to missionary purposes; and they earnestly pray that the choicest blessings of God's Providence and grace may rest on every individual of this community.

The Session was closed with Prayer by the Rev. T. S. Harding.

CIRCULAR LETTER

OF THE MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, TO THE CHURCHES WHICH THEY REPRESENT.

Beloved Brethren,

THE season having again returned which affords us the privilege of addressing you in this our annual epistle, after much deliberation, in the fear of God, from many appropriate subjects we have selected one, which, for the present occasion, appears to us the most important—the *claims of Education*. And although on this subject you have already had "line upon line, and precept upon precept," until indeed we sometimes fear that your patience may be well nigh exhausted, still, being persuaded that many influences are constantly exerted to counteract our endeavours, and fearing that salutary impressions already made might be obliterated, and thus our past efforts prove unavailing, we are constrained "to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance."

The present, you are aware, is an age in which, compared with ages past, knowledge is increasing with rapid growth, dispensing its blessings with liberal hand, to all ranks and grades of society; and although we admit that in its train some things may be detected inimical to human happiness, who that possesses an enlightened and sanctified heart, expanded by Christian benevolence, does not rejoice in the present march of human intellect? What, beloved brethren, would be the miserable condition of the world had knowledge long since been suppressed? Must we, to resolve this enquiry, cross the mighty deep, and explore the vast continents of the East, where ignorance is personified, where tyranny and oppression reign, where innocence is esteemed criminal, where superstition is, and idolatry, and horrid cruelty? But if unable to penetrate those remote regions, shall we enquire into the degraded condition of the unlettered, friendless, homeless, thoughtless Indians of this

Continent? Should we, if we could, neither hear nor see, nor hope of endless liars, springs of knowledge, before the traces of their memory, laudable, vicious, than that

If, then, such is the condition of education presents long since established the sacred Scriptures that all men should promote human knowledge, professions of universal claims of education is preferable to knowledge, idolatry is preferable that hell is preferable such conclusions, the natural consequence, universal, it would un-

Education, however, Colonies are being created by those who are; and if they will seek them at the hands of the Roman state of the youth they have arranged try; and that flourish established in the commend the Catholic prize—and whilst we the strongest influence under their controul, bitterly lament the a they do, superior light and intellectual flared by other hands body of Protestants, distinguish blessing which human or sacred, are we exhorters and resources, Should any of us, brethren, the events which ward; and if, as a boy (name), we fold our arms sleep in dust, may lawfully be enforced on which, especially at the founded, may we not adapted as far as time