

GREETINGS OF THE N. B. BAPTIST NORTHERN ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

DEAR BROTHERS.—The letters of the churches to the Association contain much that we think it well, carefully to consider.

We note with thankfulness that there has been an unusually large number brought into the churches, about six hundred, and while we unite with the churches in their rejoicing in this signal manifestation of God's favor, we would not have our churches forget that with these accessions there has come to them increased responsibility.

As was to be expected, the large gatherings have been in the strong churches located in the large centers of population; there being added to two of the St. John churches a hundred each, and all the other city churches having large accessions.

These suggestions and facts are sent up to the churches from this association with an earnest desire and prayer to God that they may be prayerfully considered by all the brethren and sisters in the churches, and may lead to a greater measure of brotherly love and to a more loving and cheerful consecration of all our power to Christ.

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We are not giving too much for the work at home; the gospel is the most valuable, the most precious possession we have on earth, and its possession and propagation on the home field is not costing the members of our churches nearly so much as are other things of infinitely less value.

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to offend or tyrannize over any member, the church is governed by a majority vote of its members.

We are doing foundation work here, and other things being equal, blessed is the first church in the field. This will be an immediately populous country in years to come.

But, says the pastor coming here, "What shall we eat, and what shall we drink and wherewithal shall we be clothed?"

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