

Smith, Lockey, S. Jerow, and Zebulon Estey, compose the Foreign Missionary Board.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are due to the 1st Church at St. Andrews, for their kindness and hospitality to the Ministers and Messengers of the Churches during the present Session.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Association convened at St. Andrews.

To the Churches we send Greeting :

BELOVED IN THE LORD,

We have no greater joy than to hear that you are walking in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; and as our gracious Lord has permitted us to meet again in an Association, we send you our Annual Epistle, in which we assure you that we greatly desire your prosperity and union in all spiritual things with an abundant increase.

In order to obtain so desirable an object we must all endeavour to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. We are aware that much depends on the Ministers of the Gospel—under Christ the chief Shepherd—in order to accomplish so glorious a work. In the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, a type of the Church, no discordant sound was heard, neither the saw nor hammer; and surely a greater than Solomon is here, for the Saints are the Temple of the Living God; and all the Ministers who are engaged in building up this temple should follow the example set for them—that is, to take the pattern that has been given by the great master builder. By the neglect of this rule of heavenly origin men of high minds, not contented with the scriptures, have invented systems of their own; too proud to submit to the writings of men divinely inspired in which are contained great mysteries of godliness not to be comprehended by uninspired men, but to be received with deep reverence and profound humility. And, beloved, we have great cause of gratitude that the Almighty spirit has revealed his mind to us in all those things that relate to our duty in this life. Ministers must preach the glorious Gospel of the blessed God to every creature, plainly shewing, according to the Scripture, the deplorable state men are in by the Adam fall transgression, and that there is no remedy but Christ; that all blessings to a guilty world come through him, and that he is the Saviour of all men, especially of them that believe; and that all the saving graces of the Holy Spirit flow freely to guilty sinners through him: that by his atoning blood sin is pardoned, and by his personal and complete righteousness, all that believe in him are jus-

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