

Circular Letter.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE AFRICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, CONVENED AT WEYMOUTH, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1871.

Dearly Beloved Brethren,—

We feel thankful to Almighty God for his goodness and mercy. He has spared our lives through another year. Glory be to his Name. Since we last met many have been taken away by death; but we are still spared to hail you again upon the shores of time.

I asked you last year to pray to the Lord that he might make peace among the nations of the earth. That prayer has been answered, war and bloodshed have ceased; thanks be to the Lord. We feel glad he has also made peace in the hearts of a great many of his people.

And now my brethren I recommend you to have a little more faith in Jesus Christ—not wavering nor shaky faith but strong standing faith. Our blessed Lord Jesus Christ recommended growing faith like a grain of mustard seed. The Apostle Paul said “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Jude recommends us to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the Saints, but shakey moving faith will not do at all. My brethren the Israelites had faith when they started out of Egypt, but their faith failed at the Red Sea. After they got over, and seeing their enemies drowned and gone, they got faith to sing and to say: Who is like our God? but afterwards they murmured and their faith failed. When Moses was up in the mount forty days they said to Aaron, Make us Gods. For which cause the Lord was wroth