

## CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHERN,—

We feel under a renewed covenant to God for having spared our lives; yet we stray away from him by thought, word, and action. And as I have been instructed to write this letter there is one thing that remains pressing upon my mind, incompetent promotion, too long, dear Brethren, has this topic been in and among us, and I feel it my duty to write briefly upon the same. God requires us to work to the glory and honour of himself, but it becomes us to work with humble simplicity, looking low to the feet of our Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, that we may see high to where thine honour dwelleth. When self promotes a man he is as salt that has lost its savour, as we see those that wish to be exalted to honour, to teach according to the blessed Bible, and are not capable to explain one verse that is contained therein. It is better for us to sit still. O Lord keep us humble. How they grieve the Holy Spirit. Yet we all have something to do. All are not sent to the Pulpit! We can work by our daily walk and conversation, if we cannot preach we can sing; if we cannot sing we can pray, for Prayer is the simplest form of speech that infant lips can try.

Finally, Brethren, let us not exalt ourselves, but let God do his own work. He will not give his praises to graven images. That we may be enabled to behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, and being thus led to behold him by faith in all the perfections of his glorious sacrifice, we can then truly say that Jesus has removed all our sins and guilt by the application of his precious blood which cleanses us from all sins, and that he has found a prodigal and led him to lay at his feet where there is none of the husks which the swine eat, but delicious dainties for the new and spiritual appetites of his heavenly-born sons and daughters.

Hence the Lord said by the mouth of his servants, the