

CIRCULAR LETTER.



TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE AFRICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:—

We feel thankful to the Lord who, in his infinite goodness and tender mercy hath spared us another year; but when we look back and reflect upon our lack of zeal for the further extension of His great cause on earth among our fellow men, we feel that we are unworthy of the blessings thus bestowed, and are led to cry Lord what have we done to merit thy favor. Oh, Dear Brethren, the work to which we are called is a great work, and deserves more and more of our serious, faithful and zealous attention. We have declared ourselves enlisted under the blood-stained banner of Christ Jesus, and heaven has owned and rejoiced over the prodigal; let us therefore strive diligently to reclaim the fallen and straying.

Cannot you lift your eyes and behold the "God of this world" seeking diligently with all his facinating enticements to blind the eyes of many a poor-creature, dragging them to utter destruction, ruin and misery. Is not this enough to awaken the energy of every Christian man and woman, and cause them to cry out in the language of the prophet Isaiah—"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake will I not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth." And while I have the thought of our united assistance in striving for the promotion and establishment of Christ's kingdom here, I do say, Brethren, that the prayers of the righteous will prevail, and his promises are sure and steadfast—firmer than the heavens.

Let us look for a moment at the increase of many of our churches. Halifax appears to have been visited with a great blessing by the conversion of many precious and dear souls. Ah, my Brethren, the many encouraging words we heard from our dear Pastor, the many zealous, ardent and pathetic sermons that were delivered by him, fully establishing in glowing characters our entire dependence on Christ Jesus, and his supremacy over the god of this world; and more his love, kindness and tender mercy towards poor helpless sinners; and still he is ready to save