

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Your Committee on the Circular Letter have to report in sadness, that the beloved brother, Rev. H. Vaughan, who was appointed to prepare this annual epistle to the Churches, sleeps in the solitude of the grave. In his death chamber he made reference to this letter, and said that he had chosen as his theme, "PERSONAL HOLINESS; but that he had only sketched the outline." This he was not able to fill up. But though we are denied the utterances of his pen on this delightful topic, yet we have the more eloquent and touching pleadings of his early death. There, on his bed of weakness, as he threw a retrospective glance upon the wondrous past, and contemplated in faith's vision the stern realities of the mystic future, he paused, as it were, upon the threshold of the eternal state, to remind us all of the necessity for higher attainments in the divine life, and of the importance of giving all diligence to make our calling and our election sure. This, then, is as the voice of one speaking to us from the spirit world, urging us to more thorough consecration of heart and life to the service of our sovereign Lord. Let us, as ministers and churches, heed the solemn admonition, and grasp with a stronger faith the verities of the eternal. God is holy, Angels are holy, the spirits of just men made perfect are holy; and hence it is written, "Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord." "Be ye perfect, as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." "Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever." "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. E. BILL, Chairman.

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