

Circular Letter.

OF THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE AFRICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
CONVENED AT DIGBY JOGGINGS CHURCH THIS YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1878,
SEPTEMBER 28th.

Dearly Beloved Brethren,—

God, our Heavenly Father, has spared our lives and permitted us to meet again this year at our annual Association, and we had a great deal to be thankful to the Lord for. We were glad and happy to meet some of our brethren whom we had never seen before—our Brother John D. Eaton, from St John's N. B., and our Brother Nathaniel Drayton, from Camden, S. C., and to hear them both tell and speak the same good old story of the Cross.

We felt glad and happy to have so many of our white friends with us, and for their good behaviour, and we feel thankful to them for opening their church at Hillsgrove, Digby Joggings, and inviting us in and making us welcome. We hope and pray that the Lord will bless them for their kindness and hospitality, and we hope and pray that the Lord will bless their church.

We also felt glad to have two more ordained young men in the vineyard to proclaim the good news of salvation. We rejoiced for the progress of the Temperance Cause. We felt rejoiced that in all of our meetings we never saw an intoxicated man, or smelt it. To God the Lord be all the glory.

My brethren, last year I tried to recommend you to perseverance, I shall now try to recommend you to patience and submission. Let us hear the words of Jesus Christ, "It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord," "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth," "He sitteth alone and keepeth silence because he hath borne it him: he putteth his mouth in the dust if so be there may be hope for the Lord will not cast off for ever," Lam. iii. 26, 29, 31. "Cast not away your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward; for ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God ye might receive the promise, for yet a little while and he that shall come will come and will not tarry," Hebrews vi. 12. "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises," Hebrews vi. 12. "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations, knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience," "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing," "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried he shall receive