

Archdeacon James

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

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The NEW-BRUNSWICK BAPTIST Association to Sister Associations with whom they correspond.

DEAR BRETHREN :

With pleasure we address you on this return of our Association; and though in the administration of Divine Providence we have been disappointed in not having the pleasure of an interview with your Messengers from the United States; yet we no less feel a cordial interest in the wide extension of our dear Redeemer's kingdom. From our inmost souls we pray the Lord to bless abundantly your work and labour of love, in preaching and teaching the things concerning the kingdom of God.

With many of our churches, the state of religion is low, and the cause of God in a languishing condition. They are hanging their harps upon the willows: yet we trust exertions will be used to endeavour, under the blessing of God, to invigorate these little hills of Zion scattered up and down in this wilderness country. The great cause of depression in all, or most of the churches where the state of Religion is thus low, arises principally from the want of a close and intimate union to Christ, evidenced by a correct and holy deportment in life, and a constant looking to Jesus as the bright example and pattern of all believers. But there is also here, as well as with you, a manifest want of vigorous and systematic exertion on the part of Churches, in assisting towards supporting a constant or periodical supply of Ministerial labour.

But we trust the day is not far distant when the Churches will be aroused to a sense of duty in this respect, and the result will be the more extensive circulation of divine truth, the building up, confirming in the faith, and comforting the Churches.

We have had a most delightful Session this year. Much harmony, peace and love, have prevailed in all our consultations. Our preaching seasons, and seasons of prayer, have been marked with evident tokens of the Divine presence.

May the great Head of the Church ever bless you, and crown all your labours with success.

JOHN MARSTERS, Moderator.
JAMES HOLMAN, Clerk.
THOMAS BLACK, Assistant Clerk.

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