

spiritual nature, we should be careful to have our minds deeply affected with a sense of the love of God to us sinners: thus our minds will become spiritual, obedience delightful, and our Christian character will appear in its true light and colour. Do we not pray continually, "Thy Kingdom come"? and shall we demonstrate that our profession is only in words, by refusing to advance that Kingdom when opportunity presents itself, and the means are at hand, and thus draw down upon our heads the just displeasure of our heavenly Father? And very dark must be the moral sight of that man who does not discover it already begun. Will not the Lord visit us for these things? and will he not be avenged on such a nation as this? He will: do we not see to what a moral waste much of the Zion of our God is already reduced in this Province? What jars, contentions, and divisions are we feeling? And if some of our Churches have escaped these, are not others greatly distressed with immorality and the almost total indifference of many of their members to even the externals of religion? And if these things are not sufficient to awaken us, let us look at our ministerial department. Who can contrast its former with its present state, and not feel that a sad "Ichabod" is inscribed upon it? Where is N.? where is H.? where is I.? where are S., M., T., D., &c. &c.? and of the few that remain, some are already on the wing, and others, worn out with the perverseness and almost entire neglect of their people, are beginning to feel that the place is too strait for them. This is no picture of the imagination; it is an awful reality: and although we do not wish to terrify you, we feel it our duty to address you in the voice of warning, and to remind you of the instability of all earthly things, and to say unto you, in the language of Him who knew what was in man, *Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth.* The season is fast approaching,—fast as the wings of time can bear it,—when we must bid a final adieu to all we now call our own. In that solemn and trying moment, it will not repent us to have done a little for our Redeemer and our Judge.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

THE NEW-BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION to Sister Associations with whom they Correspond, greeting.

BELoved BRETHREN:

With a degree of heart-felt pleasure and satisfaction of mind, we again address our respected correspondents from the place of our general convention, and inform them, concerning the repeated tokens of Divine favour, that a covenant God has been pleased to confer upon and continue unto us. The Great Head of the Church, in covenant love, has granted us the inestimable blessings of peace, harmony, and prosperity; which have constrained us to exclaim,

Such gracious blessings from above
Encompass us around!

Still we have not the satisfaction of affording our Correspondents the pleasing intelligence of so many revivals, in our Churches, as at some other times; the blessed Lord, however, has been graciously pleased to add to our churches a number, which we trust are plants of his right hand's planting.

We anticipated more pleasure from the expectation of receiving Messengers and Minutes from the District of Maine, by which our hearts had heretofore been refreshed, than we have enjoyed in consequence of their failure.

We have however been gladdened by the countenance and labours of our Brethren from Nova-Scotia.

And now Brethren, very pleasant has been our present Session, we have been highly favoured with the sensible presence of the Great Head of the

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