

CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE P. E. I. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES.

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—In God's good providence we are permitted once more, in our Associational capacity to send you our yearly greeting. And if we depart somewhat from the usual style and make this more in accordance with the original idea of a "Circular Letter" i. e. A Pastoral, we hope it may be with God's blessing. We have rejoiced, Dear Brethren, with "Exceeding great joy," as your letters have been read, bearing the glad tidings of God's precious dealings with you in maintaining your spiritual life, and his manifest mercy in the salvation of souls. And now, as the purpose of our Association is, the furtherance of the cause of Christ and the better prosperity of God's churches, with an earnest desire for the upbuilding of Zion, we would call your attention to some facts, which are, in God's hand important factors, in the Master's work.

I. "OUR GREAT NEED OF NEW CONSECRATION AND INCREASED EARNESTNESS OF PURPOSE." Those who have studied the history and the spirit of the early Christian churches, tell us, that with the ideas of Christian life, prevalent at this time—we can scarcely understand the living spirit, the burning zeal, the fixity of purpose, the ardent enthusiasm, and the complete self consecration of the disciples in the time of the Apostles and their immediate successors. Their conversion was a complete revolution in their life currents. Their waking up to the realities of eternity and the importance of salvation, was a complete arousing of every moral and spiritual faculty, and their sense of devotion and responsibility enthused the soul in such a manner that their after lives were the lives of "new creatures" indeed! These disciples drank life-giving draughts from the lips of Christ and the Apostles and should be regarded as model Christian characters. A little handful, with God's blessing, they accomplished a work so grand that it astonishes us, and are therefore worthy of imitation! The supreme need of the church to-day, is a new consecration to the Lord's work—a consecration which directed and vitalized by the spirit, will fill the heart with enthusiasm, and make the unseen fountains of the soul overflow with burning zeal. A consecration which, made in reliance on God's covenant-keeping character with faith in his ability to cause "a shaking amongst the dry bones" at the word of his power: to make the breath of his spirit a potent life-giving agency to dead sinners; will go forth to do wonders in God's name! Look around you brethren at the deadness of Christian churches, the formality of service, the lukewarmness of devotion, and then remember that all the time, souls are dying and being lost. And may the sight bring us to our knees, weighed down with eternal responsibilities, and the spirit quicken every heart to new life, and every ear be open to heaven's call "IN CHRIST'S NAME, TO THE RESCUE!" The question was recently asked by an American Bishop "Has the church of to-day lost its wonted power to save souls?" The question is readily answered from God's Word—"The church never possessed the power to save souls!" God alone can save: "It is not by might nor by power but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." God has been pleased to make the church an instrument in winning souls to Christ that they might be saved. And God is yet willing to crown her labors with as grand success as that which astonished the world and filled heaven with new gladness in times past.

An American paper "The Interior" lately said, "It might be well, after all, to ask ourselves the question, are we in earnest when we pray for a revival? Do we really want a revival? Do we want the experience it involves? Are we willing to be broken vessels? Do we want the worldly renunciation it implies? Do we want to do the work it means? Success we want of course! but success in spiritual things comes through battles which scar and break and humble us! Now God knows, when we pray for a revival, precisely what that prayer means. He knows when we, perhaps, do not, and if our prayer means, O Lord give us more church members, but do not hurt or crucify us, do not make us give up ourselves in any new consecration, it need not tax our faith very much to believe that we will have no revival! God's promise of old is God's promise to the church to-day: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room to receive it."

And this renewed consecration of our hearts and our lives, will, directed by the Spirit, discover efficient means and channels of increased usefulness. We would particularly direct your attention, Brethren and sisters, to the prayer meeting, which, if not an infallible exponent, is a tolerably correct expression of the spiritual life of the church. In too many of our churches the prayer meeting is sadly neglected! While the Sabbath services are quite well attended and sustained, the weekly prayer meeting is allowed to languish, principally from two causes—First "A want of appreciation of our individual responsibilities in the matter." The majority of church members, too frequently, feel that the conduct, the responsibility, and the success of the prayer meetings belong to a few, of which number they are not. Why should it be so? Are we not all equally interested in the cause? Do we not all hope for salvation through the same source, even Christ? And does not God make the same demands upon all that he does upon any one? If it is permissible for any one member to neglect the prayer meeting, then it is equally so for another and consequently for all! But would not the very fact that your weekly prayer meeting had ceased to exist startle you as would the sight of a mysterious hand writing "Ichabod" upon the walls? And yet how many are adopting the surest course to lead to this result? Brethren there is no excuse which is sufficient in God's sight, to absolve each one of us from the responsibilities of the prayer meeting. We can hide behind no hedge through which God's eye does not penetrate. Each one

who absents himself from the prayer meeting is a clog on the chariot wheels of gospel triumph. And believe us, however much we may try to persuade ourselves that it is a little thing, "God will not hold us guiltless." The second cause is "a want of appreciation of the power which the prayer-meeting in God's hand, exerts. Fill our churches with church-members on prayer meeting evenings, and before one month you will fill them with revival influences! and broken hearts! And in this connection we would remind you of the "Sabbath-School". All that has been said in reference to the prayer meeting, applies equally to the Sabbath-school. Let us try and divest our minds of the idea that the Sabbath-school is only a place for children. It is not only a place where all may study and learn the glorious truths of God's Word; but it is an institution in which every parent and every Christian should be deeply interested. The Sabbath-school has been appropriately called the "Nursery to the church." To every parent's heart it has a still deeper significance! God has made it the instrumentality of converting the children whom you love. With unflinching devotion you toil six days for their temporal wellbeing. Should we not embrace the opportunities of the seventh, with more eager interest, in seeking their spiritual welfare? The Sabbath-school is not the work of the Superintendent and Teachers alone, but it is an institution of the church, and as much a part of the church's work, as any other service. We would remind all interested in the welfare of Zion and of the youth of our country, that their presence in the Sabbath-school, even though they may not participate in its exercises, is largely instrumental in its success. But our Sabbath-schools, brethren, to be interesting and efficient, must be furnished with the requirements which they demand. Grateful for our privileges we would remind you that all necessary supplies, are now within the reach of every school. A good Sabbath-school literature, pure in its teaching, sound in its doctrine, practically written or carefully selected, is now published by the press of our own denomination, and is furnished at reasonable prices, by either the "Visitor Book Room" St. John N.B., or the "Baptist Publication Society" Philadelphia, U. S. In some of our Sabbath-schools, may yet be found a pernicious literature, published by houses which labor only for the pecuniary compensation of the business, or by societies which, doctrinally teach erroneous views of vital truths. Let us be loyal to God, loyal to the truth, and loyal to our own best interests, by placing in the hands of our children a literature which will not mislead them in the things which God's Word teaches. And again, Brethren, we have another suggestion to which we would earnestly recommend your attention. The needs of our Home Mission fields are large, and their demands imperative. If our churches which are supplied with ministerial labor, would cordially consent to allow their pastors to devote a portion of their time, say every fourth or fifth Sabbath to mission work "beyond," it would enable us to reach masses of the people whom we cannot reach in any other way, and we doubt not, with God's blessing, would yield a rich and abundant harvest. We have called your attention, in this direct manner, to these "labors of love" and acts of devotion, for the reason that our annual "circular" hitherto has chiefly treated of doctrinal matters, "which while we would do, we would not leave these things undone." But we would not have you receive the impression, that while we have spoken thus particularly of externals, we undervalue or forget the great source of all spiritual life, all power and all success, "The indwelling Spirit." That which we need to vitalize and set in active operation all these human instrumentalities, that which is needed to crown every effort with success, and without which all must fail, is the potent influence of the Holy Spirit in the churches, and to be in the churches it must be in the hearts of believers. We believe the Bible teaches the active agency and the all subduing power of the Spirit. Beware of the abuses to which some men would subject this fact, some would restrict it to the performance of startling miracles or the communication of extraordinary gifts, while there are those, on the other hand, who would make it a pretext for sloth and inactivity, by saying "God can convert sinners when he pleases without our instrumentality." It is true he can, and probably will, but God has committed to us a dispensation, He has made us the instrumentalities, and promised the Spirit to give success. Every effort must be made in reliance on the Spirit's help. Every effort should be made, with unflinching expectation of God's promise of fruition. Humbly, earnestly, persistently, at a throne of grace, ask God for the power of the spirit in your souls.

In closing our epistle, we have to note, with gratitude to God, that the advancement of our Redeemer's kingdom, in connection with our own denomination and our own feeble efforts has made gratifying progress, through the past year. Our Foreign Mission work, though suffering a diminution in the staff of workers, has been efficiently maintained, and God has blessed it as the means of "bringing light to those who sit in darkness," and leading precious souls to the only Saviour. Our Home Missions have prosecuted with commendable vigor and reaped a rich harvest. Our educational institutions at Wolfville have passed through a trying year, owing to the withdrawal of the government grant, and a slight agitation outside for the consolidation of all denominational colleges into one provincial institution, but in the hands of a wisely chosen Board of Governors and a tried and trusted "Faculty" they have with God's blessing, come safely through and still maintain the place of the most efficient educational institution in the Maritime Provinces. All these interests, however, make demands not only on our sympathies and our prayers but on our benevolence. If they are to continue and do good work for the Lord, they must be sustained by the contributions of God's people, and as they are distinctively New Testament in their teaching, they appeal directly to Baptist people. Brethren, they are all our own, and we are God's. As God has prospered us, He expects us to generously support them. The Convention Scheme, which was submitted to our churches two years ago, asking each church for a sum equal to at least one dollar for each member per annum for the Lord's work outside of their own immediate field of operation, is slowly making progress toward the point of actual realization; nearly all of the churches and many individuals have done nobly—verily I say unto you, they shall in no wise lose their reward." Dear Brethren and Sisters, farewell! "Receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved. Let us have grace wherby we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and godly fear" and unto him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding great joy" we commend you, and devoutly add with the Apostle "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all." Amen.

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At first my appetite increased; the expectoration became easy, angustion better, the mucus became more copious and less frequent; cold chills ceased; night-sweats lessened; I gained in weight; the hacking cough left me; refreshing sleep returned, my spirits became buoyant, the mind active and vigorous. I continued taking the Syrup month after month; but owing to the damp, foggy climate of St. John, my recovery was necessarily slow, although I could observe a gradual return of strength for three years, during which time I continued taking the remedy. My present weight is one hundred and eighty-eight, being thirty-eight above my usual. I have no symptoms left denoting disease. The only notable sign during twelve months was the expectoration. Now that has stopped, and I consider myself well. The reader may ask, How do you know your difficulty to have proceeded from ulcerated or tuberculated lung? I answer, In the most certain of all modes for ascertaining. In March last I coughed from the right lung a piece of PHOSPHATE OF LIME, half the size of a pea, which could have come from no other place, and which the highest authorities in Lung Diseases (Laennec) states is the result of tubercle, which has been cured. Added to this, I had the leaden-colored, purulent, blood-streaked expectoration, and the opinion of one of the best Physicians in the country. I believe I have experienced all the symptoms incident to the two first stages of Consumption, and have successfully combated them, so that I do not despair of any case where there is sufficient lung-tissue to build upon. I can only add that the mere monetary consideration of increased sales would never induce me to publish this report, but a sincere sympathy for the poor Consumptive, with whose misfortune I believe it villany to trifled.

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