

There are connected with the Nova Scotia Baptist Association *Forty-four Churches—Three thousand six hundred and Thirty-three Members—Thirty-one Ordained Ministers and —Licentiates.*

*Note.* The Church at *Bryer Island* having sent neither Messenger nor Letter since 1829, the date inserted in the list, the name of the Church must, by the rules of the Association, be dropped from the Minutes after the present year, if no further communication be received at the next association.

### Circular Letter.

BELOVED BRETHREN,—

The return of this anniversary meeting, brings to remembrance our manifold obligations of gratitude to God. During the past year many nations have been subjected to fearful visitations of providence. At this time the judgments of God are abroad in the earth, and the hearts of many people fail with fear, looking after those things which are coming on the earth. While some nations are contending for power, and others struggling for liberty; while disease and death are marching forth in triumph, we are mercifully preserved from the threatening doom, we hear not the noise of war, nor behold garments rolled in blood.

Our obligations to offer grateful praise to God are greatly augmented, by the consideration of the special favors He has mercifully bestowed on His churches in this Province. During the past year the Spirit has been poured forth upon many of them, and sinners have been converted to God; while union of sentiment has prevailed to a remarkable degree amongst our brethren.

In reflecting on the labors of the small band comprising the members of our denomination, (some of whom have entered into the joy of their Lord) we are led to exclaim, what hath God wrought! Churches have arisen in every part of our colony and others are yet rising. Some which were very small at their commencement have increased so greatly, that we may well say of them, "a little one has become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation;" while some of our dear Fathers in the ministry have been called to their reward above; while others are verging towards the decline of life; and while the field is extending widely, on every hand, God has graciously manifested his good providence towards us by inclining not a few youthful laborers to give themselves to God, in the Gospel of his Son.

What more appropriate expression, dear brethren, of our gratitude to God for this His unspeakable goodness, than a cheerful compliance with all the Divine injunctions. One

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