

friends, for their uniform hospitality and kindness, during their present session, as also to our friends of the Methodist denomination, for their kindness in opening their chapel for our use during the whole of the Session.

The meeting was then concluded.

There were 16 Sermons delivered—9 on the Sabbath—2 at Bridgetown on Monday, and 1 at the dwelling house of Mr. B. Fellows—2 on Tuesday at Bridge town—one at the south, and one at the north Wilmot meeting house in Wilmot.

There are connected with the Nova Scotia Baptist Association *Forty seven Churches—three thousand, nine hundred and fifteen Members—thirty four Ordained Ministers and ———— Licentiates.*

CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN :

Being preserved through another year, and by the kind protection of our common God and Father, being permitted to assemble ourselves together, we beseech you to bear with us while we exhort you with all earnestness and sincerity.

We believe that true decision of character and firmness of religious principle, are essential to the happiness and usefulness of a christian ; and in order that he attain these, it is very necessary that he should often investigate his heart, to see "if he be in the faith," that he should bring before his mind those tests of Christianity given in the word of God; and that by them he should try the nature of his religious exercises. It is sometimes said by the sincere professor of religion, I often doubt whether I am a Christian, and my chief sorrow would be removed could I solve that doubt. We have often thought that there is more mystery thrown around this subject than there need be, and when we read that the word of the Lord is a clear light, a lamp to the feet, a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart, and when we have seen presented these tests of character numerous, brief and simple ; it has indeed seemed that all habitual doubt on a subject so momentous, was criminal and unwarranted. We do not mean to say that it is inconsistent with Christian character for a person to be the subject of fears lest he deceive himself, and come short of Christ's promised rest, or that it becomes him at all hazardous to banish doubt by cherishing the unwavering sentiment that all is right and safe: but we do say that it does not become a Christian to cherish these doubts long, till they cast a settled gloom over his spirit, and mar his peace and hinder his usefulness, and this too while there are given in the scriptures such plain and concise summaries of Christian character; such as the following. "If a man love me, he will keep my

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