

REPORT.

THE General Board entrusted with conducting the missionary operations of the Central and Eastern Associations of the Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia, beg to submit their 6th Annual Report.

They would have rejoiced in being able to exhibit more satisfactory results of their stewardship during the past year, than the circumstances will admit of their doing. While the general amount of success which has attended missionary labor during the past has not materially varied from that of the preceding year, they regret to say the difference does not indicate increasing prosperity.

The only ground upon which the Board feel that they have any right to congratulate the denomination is, that they are at length for the first time for some years past, unembarrassed by debt, the amount of funds in their hands being about sufficient to meet their out-standing liabilities.

The summary of missionary operations during the year, which is annexed, will afford the Churches the needful information on this subject.

The constant appeals, as well as those contained in our Annual Reports, as in the frequent communications of various individuals addressed to the Churches, do not exonerate us from repeating our earnest hope that the friends of our Home Mission may be aroused to a deeper concern for its interests. With the fast increasing population of the Province, the zeal to supply their spiritual necessities should not surely be diminished.

In reviewing the fruits of the Society during the year, although it cannot be denied that great good has been done, yet taking into account the numbers and wealth of the denomination and the spiritual destitution which exists to so great an extent in many parts of the Province, it is evident that both as to the supply of funds and of the number of labourers there has been a large deficiency.