

that the amount of usefulness is by no means proportioned to the number of members associated together for worship and Christian labour: for in the Association now under notice, 623 baptisms were the results of efforts among 6170 Christians, collected in eighteen Churches, but only ninety among 3,175, in fifty churches. It is easy to ascribe this difference to the sovereignty of God, who saves by many or by few, at his pleasure; but surely it is not wise or safe to content ourselves with such a solution of the problem. Would it not be more in accordance with the general principles of the New Testament to suggest to the Churches whose usefulness has been small the propriety of instituting serious inquiry into their spiritual state? Have they done all in their power to spread the truths of the Gospel, and to exemplify its blessed influence in the districts where they dwell? Does the holy light burn brightly or dimly among them? Is the witness-bearing of those Churches fitful or continuous? Is their religion an impulse or a habit? If such inquiries are promoted faithfully and frequently, much good will result, and a healthy spiritual condition will be obtained.

Twelve brethren have been ordained since the last meeting of the Convention, viz:—

1875.	Sept.	1.	John A. Gordon, Cape Wolfe, P. E. I.
"	"	2.	Sydney Welton, Second Grand Lake, N. B.
"	Oct.	13.	A. J. Stevens, Kentville, N. S.
1876.	Feb.	8.	J. W. S. Young, Lower Woodstock, N. B.
"	"	24.	E. Howe, Johnston, N. B.
"	April	13.	E. T. Carbonell, River John, N. S.
"	May	21.	W. J. Stewart, Carleton, N. B.
"	June	22.	S. W. Keirstead, Hammond Vale, N. B.
"	"	23.	E. Kelley, Windsor, N. S.
"	July	14.	M. W. Brown, Ellershous, N. S.
"	"	20.	I. R. Skinner, Andover, N. B.
"	Aug.	20.	Joshua T. Eaton, St. Stephen, N. B.

Your Committee have observed that there is great diversity of practice in regard to the methods of conducting ordinations, as well as in granting licenses to preachers. They think that if more care were evinced in these respects, it would be advantageous to the denomination, and they beg to suggest that the appointment of a Committee to take this whole subject into consideration, and report the result of their deliberations at the next meeting of the Convention would probably lead to the adoption of measures calculated to produce a more healthy policy than now exists.

Thirteen new Churches have been constituted, viz:—In Nova Scotia, at Folly Lake, New Glasgow, Oxford, Brookline, (Hants Co.), Acadian Iron Mines, and Homeville, C. B. In New Brunswick, at Greenwich Hill, Arthurette, Petitcodiac, and Salt Springs: In Prince Edward Island, at Murray River, Alberton, and Belmont.

New Meeting Houses were erected at Crow Harbour and Lower Stewiacke, N. S.; at Macnaquack and Hopewell Corner, N. B., at Montague Bridge, P. E. I., and at North Sydney, C. B.

A few observations on doing and giving will close this Report. *Doing.* That Christian Churches, and all individual Christians are bound to hold forth the word of life, according to the gifts and opportunities severally possessed by them, is now generally admitted. But there are difficulties in the way. Not the least is the want of