

## NEW BRUNSWICK :—

Eastern Association,	62 Churches.	196 Baptized.	4807 Members.
Western Association,	56 “	172 “	4108 “
	—118	—368	— 8915
Totals,	274	866	24740

Several church-books having undergone revision, the numbers on the lists are in some instances diminished, and consequently the clear increase is small—very small—being only ninety-one—not one-half per cent.

Six new churches have been formed, viz. :—in Nova Scotia—Caledonia, Queens Co. ; 2nd, Ragged Islands :—in New Brunswick—Grand Falls ; St. Andrews ; Ludlow, Miramichi ; Doaktown.

Five brethren have been ordained, viz. :—

July 19, 1864. Alexander Estabrooks, Tobique, N. B.  
 Aug. 18, 1864. Hezekiah Harris, Grand Lake, N. B.  
 Sept. 25, 1864. William E. Hall, New Germany, N. S.  
 Jany. 4, 1865. G. Davenport Cox, Clementsvalle, N. S.  
 June 20, 1865. D. Allan Steele, Wolfville, N. S.

Eleven new meeting-houses have been opened, viz. :—in Nova Scotia, at Centre Rawdon ; Cambridge, West Cornwallis ; Tusket ; Petite Passage, Long Island :—in New Brunswick, at Bathurst ; Salmon Creek ; St. Andrews ; Hillsboro', Albert Co. ; 3rd, Elgin (Gold Mountains) ; Jacksonville ; Mechanics Settlement.

These statements are by no means so satisfactory as could be desired. While we have reason to be thankful that our numbers are not diminished, the smallness of the increase is greatly to be deplored.

If churches wish to be progressive they must be earnest. Are we as earnest as we ought to be ? Is the tone of our piety primitive and fervent ? Are we labouring for Christ, and seeking the salvation of souls ?

The gracious promises of our Heavenly Father should stimulate inquiry and encourage effort. We should expect great things and attempt great things. Perhaps we are too cold and calculating—lacking confidence in God, and therefore deficient in enterprising zeal. Whatever the fault may be (and it is not safe to presume that there is no fault), let us search it out, confess and forsake it, and turn to the Lord.