

# APPENDIX.

[A.]

## REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.

The Committee on the state of the Denomination present the following Report :

The number baptized in the three Provinces during the past year was 750. The number reported at the last Convention was 1280. The average proportion of baptisms to churches appears in the subjoined statement :

N. S. Eastern Asso'n,	45 Churches.	131 Baptisms,	3 to each chrch.
Central	31	123	4
Western	37	114	3
N. B. Eastern	41	230	between 5 and 6
Western	41	152	not quite 4.
Total,	195	750	not quite 4.

The net increase of the body during the year was only 118, being 100 in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and 96 in New Brunswick. This is but three-fourths per cent; last year the net increase was six and a half per cent.

The Churches represented in this Convention contain 16,298 members, being in proportion to the entire population as one to thirty. This is a somewhat larger proportion than exists in the United States, where the number of Baptists to the population is as one to thirty two. It is to be observed that these estimates relate to members only, their households and families not being included. Owing to a deficiency of information respecting the contributions made in the Churches for various religious objects, your Committee was not able to furnish satisfactory details. They are inclined, however, to the conclusion that on the whole the benevolence of the denomination is on the increase, although it requires to be developed and directed by the employment of judicious agency. The Committee commend to the notice of all the Churches the following resolution, passed at the recent meeting of the Western Association of Nova Scotia :

That the Association recommend to the Churches to furnish in their letters a statement of all sums contributed by them for religious and other purposes, including, in addition to the contributions