

the return, the Clerk of that Association included only the membership named in the letters from the churches, omitting that of churches which did not send letters. It has been the custom, in cases where letters have not been sent, to take the numbers as reported in the last church return; but in this instance, your Committee recommend that the membership of the churches thus omitted be ascertained by direct application to the Clerks of the non-reporting churches, and that the figures in the Report on the State of the Denomination be amended, before the publication of the Year Book, in the form of addenda.

The Committee further recommend that this Convention urge upon the several Associations the advantage to be derived from the adoption of a simple uniform blank letter, which might be prepared by a Committee of this body; and that they instruct the churches as to the importance of a revision of the church rolls at least once in every year, as near to the time of sending in their annual returns as possible, so that a faithful report of the condition of the churches may be laid before this Convention; and, should any churches fail to make such returns, that the Clerks of the Associations apply directly to those churches for the necessary figures to enable them to make up the statistical report in the published Minutes of the Associations.

J. MARCH, *Chairman.*

ADDENDUM.

The Clerk of the Eastern Association reports that he has not been able to secure accurate and full returns from the churches which did not report at the last session of the Association.

But whatever information was available has been used by the Secretary of the Convention; and the following is a statement which approximates as closely to the truth as circumstances permit, so far as regards the statistics of the N. B. Eastern Association for 1878:

Baptisms during the year.....	211
Total Membership.....	7,125

The total number of Baptisms in the churches connected with the Convention, during the year, is, therefore, 1,747; and the total Membership, 30,741.

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Report on Obituaries.

REV. GEORGE RICHARDSON died at his home near Sydney, C. B., on the 4th January, 1878, having almost reached the age of 88.

This devoted and faithful servant of Christ was born in Ireland in 1790. His parents were of English descent, and belonged to the Episcopal church, in which system he was carefully instructed. Early in life he was brought to a personal knowledge and experience of the grace of God that renews the heart and transforms the life. His experience was deep and his conversion thorough, and he soon after became a member of the Baptist Church in his native town. Having found the way of life himself, he at once began to labor for the salvation of those about him, and so evangelical and earnest were

* See page 13.