

CONSTITUTION.

I. That the Convention be called "The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island," and shall consist of the Members and Delegates hereinafter specified.

II. That the objects of the Convention shall be, to maintain the following Institutions, namely, Acadia College, and Foreign Missions; and to advance the interests of the Baptist Denomination generally, by devising and carrying out, as far as possible, such means as may by the Divine blessing, tend to promote its welfare,

It is earnestly recommended that at the Annual meetings of the Associations, brethren be appointed to furnish reports to the Convention on the state of Religion and the progress of the cause of God, within the limits of those Associations, respectively.

III. That the business of the Convention shall be conducted by a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, two Secretaries, (one residing in Nova Scotia and the other in New Brunswick), and a Board of Directors, consisting of twenty-five members' all of whom shall be members of Baptist Churches, in good standing, (in addition to Life Directors) to be chosen annually by the Convention. The Board to have the power to fill up any vacancies that may occur previous to the next meeting of the Convention.

IV. That every member of a Baptist Church, in good standing, who shall pay annually ten shillings or upwards, towards any of the objects embraced in the Union Societies, or into the funds of the Convention, and also every ordained Baptist Minister in the three Provinces, in good standing, shall be a member of the Convention; any person paying five pounds, or upwards, shall be a Life member; and the payment of twenty pounds, or upwards, at the same time, shall constitute a Life Director. Every Church connected with an Association, and contributing ten shillings towards any of the objects embraced in the Union Societies, shall be a member of this Convention, and be at liberty to send one Delegate to represent such Church, and if five pounds are collected, two Delegates. Every local Union Society collecting annually five pounds, or upwards, shall be a member of this Convention, and shall be at liberty to send two Delegates to represent them therein, and one Delegate for every additional five pounds collected; so as no Church or Union Society be at liberty to send more than five Delegates; and that each Association connected with the Convention be allowed to send five Delegates. The Missionary and Educational Boards shall also be at liberty to send one Delegate each.

V. That all monies contributed by individuals for membership for the general purposes of the Convention, shall be appropriated, after the payment of incidental expenses, as the Convention shall direct, unless otherwise ordered by the donors.

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