

CONSTITUTION.

OF THE

Canada Baptist Union.

I. That Baptist Ministers, Churches, and Associations, that apply for admission, do constitute the Baptist Union of this Province.

II. That in this Union it is fully recognised that every separate church has within itself the power and authority to exercise all ecclesiastical discipline, rule, and government, and to put into execution all the laws of Christ necessary to its own edification.

III. That the following are the objects contemplated by this Union:—

1. To extend brotherly love and union amongst those Baptist Ministers and Churches who agree in the sentiments denominated Evangelical.

2. To promote unity of exertion in whatever may best serve the cause of Christ in general, and the interests of the Baptist denomination in particular. Especially to watch over our religious rights and privileges,—to secure their permanence and promote their extension.

3. To obtain accurate statistical information relative to the Baptist Churches, Societies, Institutions, Colleges, &c., throughout this Province, and the world at large.

4. To prepare for circulation an Annual Report of the proceedings of the Union, and the state of the Denomination.

IV. That this Union acts by the Ministers and Representatives of the Churches,—that the Pastor of every Church connected with the Union is a Representative *ex officio*,—and that every Church is entitled to appoint, as Representatives, two of its Members in addition to its Pastor.

V. That if an Association of Baptist Churches connects itself with the Union, the same privilege shall be enjoyed by such of the Churches separately as wish to belong to the Union as in the former case, and every such Association shall be entitled to appoint two brethren as its Representatives.