

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall be called the Canadian Anti-Slavery Baptist Association.

ART. 2.—This Association shall be composed of orderly Baptist churches of acknowledged Christian character, who sign this constitution, and who have *no union* with *Slaveholders*, but who reject the institution of Slavery as godless and Satanic : separating themselves for ever from all religious societies which are supported in common with Slaveholders or their Abettors.

ART. 3.—The object of this Association shall be to promote correspondence and personal intercourse, unity and faith, and peace, fellowship, cordiality of feeling, and union of effort, in promoting the interest of the churches, and the furtherance of the cause of the Church of Christ throughout the world.

ART. 4.—This Association shall recognize the power and independence of the churches, and in no case exercise any authority or jurisdiction over them ; nevertheless it shall have power to drop from its connection any church which, in the opinion of the Association, may have essentially departed from the faith, either in principle or practice ; and to preclude from a seat in its meetings, any minister or delegate who is manifestly corrupt either in theory or practice ; and facts in either case may be ascertained in any way not inconsistent with the rules of the gospel.

ART. 5.—The meetings of this Association shall be held annually on the first Friday in September, at ten o'clock A. M., by their representatives, who are not to exceed five from each church, at such place as the Association shall appoint.