

Notes.

THE CANADIAN BRANCH OF THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

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Delegates from different parts of the Dominion, to the recent meeting of the Evangelical Alliance in New York, on conferring together in that city, came to the conclusion that it was desirable to have the various branches of the Evangelical Alliance in British America constituted into one organization, to be called the Canadian Branch of the Evangelical Alliance. At an adjourned meeting, held in Halifax, the following resolutions were adopted:—

I.—That this meeting recommend that the various Branches of the Evangelical Alliance, organized in the Dominion, be constituted into one organization, to be called "The Canadian Branch of the Evangelical Alliance."

II.—That the head office of the Canadian Branch be in Montreal, and that the office-bearers be selected so as to secure a general representation of the Dominion.

III.—That the Officers of the existing Montreal Branch be requested to act as the provisional officers and Executive of the Canadian Branch till the first General Meeting; with the Presidents of all other existing branches in the Dominion as Vice-Presidents, their Secretaries as Corresponding Members, and a member to be nominated by each branch as a member of the Central Committee.

IV.—That the first General Meeting of the Canadian Branch be held in Montreal on some day in October, 1874, said day to be fixed and the necessary arrangements made by the Provisional Executive.

V.—That the branches shall be requested to contribute in proportion to the number of their members towards general expenses.

VI.—That the Secretary of this

meeting transmit a copy of the above Resolutions to all existing Branches in Canada for their endorsement, and request the Provisional Executive to take steps to organize new branches.

From these resolutions it will be seen that the existing Montreal Branch is requested to act as the provisional officers and executive of the Canadian Branch till the first general meeting in Oct., 1874. This task has been accepted by the Montreal Brethren. It now remains for existing associations to put themselves in communication with the Rev. J. W. Gibson, M. A., Sec. of said Branch, and for the Christian people in places where nothing has yet been done on this behalf to arise and organize. Surely the active pretensions of Popery on the one hand, and of Infidelity on the other, should combine God's people in united and steady maintenance of the truth. It would be of great value to secure an annual representative gathering, at which such themes should be discussed as those which occupied the attention of the Conference in New York. But in order to this, there must be numerous local centres of influence and action throughout the Dominion. The resolutions explain how they are to connect themselves with, and to influence the construction and working of the central body. If one or two persons in each place would lay hold of the matter it would soon be accomplished. There must be no waiting for pressure from outside, inasmuch as no visiting agent will be appointed—there are no funds to sustain one.

A fair measure of spontaneous and hearty co-operation would secure the holding of the first Canadian Conference next October. Who can foretell what might prove the extent and value of the influence for good which such an assembly would exercise on the religious and social welfare of our rising country?