

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
CONGREGATIONAL UNION
OF EASTERN CANADA.

I. That the Union of Congregational Churches and Ministers of Eastern Canada is founded on a full recognition of their own distinctive principle: namely, the Scriptural right of every separate Church to maintain perfect independence in the government and administration of its own particular affairs; and therefore that the Union shall not, in any case, assume Legislative Authority or become a Court of Appeal.

II. That this Union consists of Ministers and Churches of the Congregational or Independent Order, duly received at a General Meeting.

III. That the following are the objects contemplated in its formation:

1. To promote evangelical religion in connection with the Congregational Denomination.
2. To cultivate brotherly affection and sincere co-operation in everything relating to the interests of the associated Churches.
3. To establish fraternal correspondence with the several Congregational Unions of Great Britain and Ireland, and with similar bodies throughout this continent.
4. To address an annual or occasional letter to the associated Churches accompanied with such information as may be deemed necessary.
5. To obtain accurate statistical information relative to the Congregational Churches throughout the British American Provinces.

IV. To promote the accomplishment of these objects and the general interests of the Union, an Annual Meeting shall be held, consisting, if practicable, of the Minister and a Layman of each of the associated Churches; that the Annual Meeting be held in Montreal, or such other place as may be appointed.

STANDING RULES OF THE UNION.

I. The Union shall meet annually at Montreal on the first Tuesday in September, at 4 o'clock P. M., for Organization; to commence with devotional exercises.

II. At the close of the above devotional exercises, a Minute Secretary for the Session shall be chosen.

III. The Secretary shall take the roll of Ministers and Lay Delegates.