

PREFACE,



THE preparation of the present Manual was undertaken by the advice of a number of our pastors in the different Provinces, who believed something of this character would tend to promote intelligence as to our principles among the membership, and lead to greater harmony of procedure by our Churches. In its production the author has availed himself of the work of others in this field, especially that of Dr. Hiscox. He believes that the positions taken will be found in harmony with the best authorities on Baptist Church Polity. The Articles of Faith given are "The New Hampshire Confession;" although many of our Churches have adopted others, or written their own, all of which, however, are substantially the same. The Ecclesiastical Forms given are those commonly used, and the Rules of Order have been carefully revised by J. E. B. McCready, Esq., and made to conform to Canadian practice, as laid down by Dr. Bourinot, especially that relating to the Previous Question,