

THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

A preliminary meeting for the organization of a CONGREGATIONAL UNION of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was held in Liverpool, N. S., on the 11th of July, 1846, and was in session several days, Rev. J. C. Gallaway presiding. A Provisional committee was appointed, and at an adjourned session, commencing in St. John, N. B., October 9th, 1846, the Union was organized. Participating in these meetings were Rev. Messrs. J. C. Gallaway, James Melvin, George Stirling, William Payzant, Jacob Whitman, and S. S. Murkland, and Messrs. Zenas Waterman, Jeremiah Burpee, F. Hilton, John E. Taylor, Alfred Smithers, John McLeod, R. Davidson, Benjamin Jewett, James H. Freeman, and others.

At the Annual Meeting of the Union in 1860, a resolution was adopted, and a committee appointed to secure the legal Incorporation of the Union. In 1862 Acts of Incorporation were passed by the several branches of the Legislatures of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

NOVA SCOTIA ACT OF INCORPORATION.

CAP. LXXVI.

AN ACT to Incorporate the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, so far as relates to the Province of Nova Scotia, passed the 31st day of March, 1862.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows :

1. The Rev. Robert Wilson, the Rev. George Stirling, the Rev. James Howell, the Rev. George Ritchie, the Rev. George A. Rawson, and T. B. C. Burpee, T. B. Barker, F. H. Hilton, Edward Hiram Freeman, and such other persons as shall become members of the Society hereby constituted by the name of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, shall by that name be, and they are hereby created a Body Politic and Corporate.

2. The Corporation may hold real estate for the purpose of missionary operations, educating young men for the ministry, or sustaining weak churches in connection with the Congregational body of Christians in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

3. The members of this Corporation shall consist of the Ministers of Congregational churches, who shall be recognized and admitted as members by the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick at its annual meetings, and delegates from Congregational churches that have been recognized and admitted to its fellowship : such delegates from each church not to exceed two in number.

4. The affairs of the Corporation shall be under the control and management of a Committee annually appointed : a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and such other officers as shall be deemed necessary.