

any Union, hereby incorporated by operation of law, in the same manner and as fully to all intents and purposes as if specially given, granted, bequeathed, devised, or conveyed to the said Union by its proper title, and such Union shall have full power and authority to sue for and recover the same, either at law or in equity, and to assign, transfer, sell, incumber, lease, change, or otherwise dispose thereof, but shall appropriate the sum, proceeds and profits thereof to and for the purposes and objects for which the same was or were specially given or intended to be given by the donors or grantors.

3. The Constitution and Bye-laws now in force, and which were adopted at the Convention, held at Berwick, the 21st and 22nd days of June, A. D., 1872, shall be valid and continue in force until altered or repealed in accordance with the provisions of the said Constitution and Bye-laws, and the Officers of the said Union and appointed thereat shall remain in office until others be appointed in accordance with the said Constitution and Bye-laws.

The petition that was presented against the passage of this Bill, was, in the opinion of your Board, calculated to produce a wrong impression on the minds of the Legislators. They, therefore, prepared a letter of information, and addressed a copy to each member of the House of Assembly. But as a strong and direct influence was brought to bear upon the members of that body, the Bill to incorporate the Union was finally rejected by a majority of one. The following is a copy of the letter referred to.

*Honorable Sir,—*

YARMOUTH, March 31st, 1873.

We, the undersigned, presented to the Honorable the House of Assembly, through Samuel Freeman, Esq., M. P. P., a petition praying that an Act might be passed incorporating the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union. A draft Act of Incorporation accompanied our Petition.

We have been surprised to learn that a Committee of the Board of Management of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society have presented a counter Petition asking that our Bill may not pass your Honorable House. Permit us therefore, to invite your attention to the following facts:

First. The Society that appoints the Board which is represented by the Petitioners against our Bill. ordered at its last annual meeting that Board to correspond with us who pray to be incorporated, with a view to a complete Union of the Societies. This fact is acknowledged in the Petition against our Bill.

Second. Our Bill, as you will perceive by careful examination, is only *permissive*. It does not interfere, in any particular, with any established rights and privileges of any society or individual. It grants a privilege which may or may not be used, just as the parties themselves choose.