

# CONSTITUTION.

I. This Convention shall be known as the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.

II. The object of the Convention shall be to maintain the Educational and Missionary operations of the Body; and to advance the general interests of the denomination.

III. The Convention shall be composed as follows:—

1st. Each of the Baptist Associations, within the limits of the Convention, shall be entitled to send to any meeting of the Convention five of its own members as delegates to represent it therein.

2d. Every Church connected with either of the above-named Associations, and contributing toward the objects of the Convention, shall be entitled to send one of its members to represent it at any meeting of the Convention, and an additional delegate for every twenty dollars so contributed; provided, that no Church be at liberty to send more than five delegates.

3d. Every ordained Baptist minister connected with one of the above Churches, shall be a member.

4th. Any member of one of these Churches, who shall contribute five dollars annually, or fifty dollars at one time, towards the objects of the Convention, shall be a member.

IV. The officers of the Convention shall be chosen annually, from its members, and shall consist of a President, two or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, residing in the Province in which the Convention is at the time in session, and an Assistant Secretary, chosen from one of the other Provinces.

V. The Convention shall meet on the first Saturday after the 19th of August, annually, at such place as shall be agreed on by the body, when, in addition to the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the body, in accordance with Art. 2 of this Constitution, a Board of Foreign Missions shall be chosen, consisting of fifteen members of the Convention, five members shall constitute a quorum; also a Ministerial Education Board or Boards, of seven members each; three of whom shall constitute a quorum. The Convention shall also fill any vacancies that may have occurred in the Board of Governors of Acadia College, and shall, once in three years, appoint six new members, in place of six who will then go out in rotation, in accordance with the Resolution passed by the Convention in September, 1859, and in accordance with the Act 14 Vict., of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, cap. 37.

VI. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Convention, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

## RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every sitting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Persons invited to a seat may speak on all subjects under debate, but vote on none.

3. No person shall speak oftener than twice on any motion, unless by permission of the body.

4. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded in the Minutes, except so ordered at the time.

5. The government of the body, and the regulation of its proceedings, shall be strictly in accordance with parliamentary usage, so called.

6. Immediately after the opening of the Convention, these rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair.