

STATUTES OF CANADA AND THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA RELATING TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

STATUTES OF CANADA, 47 VIC. CAP. 106.

"An Act respecting the union of certain Methodist Churches therein named."

[Assented to 19th April, 1884.]

WHEREAS the Methodist Church of Canada, the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada and the Bible Christian Church of Canada have agreed to unite under the name of "The Methodist Church," on the basis of union adopted by the said four denominations, which said basis of union is set forth in Schedule A of this Act, and the rules, regulations and discipline also adopted by the said four denominations in a general convention or conference assembled at the City of Belleville, on the fifth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three; and whereas the said four denominations have, by petition, set forth that they are desirous of having the said union ratified, and that they may be incorporated under the name of "The Methodist Church," with power to hold all the property, real and personal, belonging to the said four denominations, upon the trusts and for the purposes hereinafter set out; and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

1. The Reverend Samuel Dwight Rice, D.D., President of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, the Reverend Albert Carman, D.D., Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, the Reverend J. Goodman, President of the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada, the Reverend W. Pascoe, President of the Bible Christian Church of Canada, and the Reverend Alexander Sutherland, D.D., Secretary of the Joint Committee on Union, and all members of the said general convention or conference, together with all other persons who now are ministers or members of any one of the said four denominations, or who under the said basis of union, rules, regulations and discipline, are now or may hereafter become members of the said Methodist Church, are hereby constituted and declared to be a body corporate and politic, by the name of "The Methodist Church."

Certain persons incorporated.

Corporate name.

2. The objects of the said Corporation are as set out in the said basis of union, rules, regulations and discipline.

Objects of Corporation.

3. All copies of the said basis of union, rules, regulations and discipline, or any amendments or alterations thereof published in any book of discipline or journal of conference under the direction or

Copies of certain documents to be evidence.