

requested and authorized to employ any suitable parties, students or others, in the itinerant Missionary work.

The minutes of yesterday were read, amended and adopted.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

The report of the Committee of the whole on Ministers' Widows and Orphans fund, was received for discussion.

Resolved.—That the Union do now appoint 14 Trustees, who shall take measures to form and distribute, if cases arise, a fund according to the principles of the Report of the Committee of the whole; but that in order to entire, full and final agreement on the entire system to be adopted, the scheme be subject to revision throughout, by the Union at its next meeting, by whom also Trustees shall be appointed for the following year, after which Trustees shall be chosen, in accordance with the provisions there adopted.

The Committee on Nomination reported fourteen Trustees. Their report as amended and adopted was: *Montreal*—C. Alexander, W. R. Hibbard, J. Baylis, P. Wood, W. Learmond, W. Moodie, G. Morrison, A. Savage, R. Holland, D. Lewis. *Brockville*—H. Freeland. *Kingston*—G. Chaffey. *Toronto*—Patrick Freeland. *Hamilton*—James McKeand.

CANADIAN INDEPENDANT.

Resolved.—That the position and prospects of the *Canadian Independent* having been brought before this Union, this Meeting feels that the paper is entitled to increasing confidence and support; that we would thankfully notice the generous provision made for its issue for the ensuing year, and urge upon the Churches the duty of sustaining it, as a matter of permanent importance.

Resolved.—That we express our satisfaction in the Editorial management of the "C. I." tendering our most cordial thanks to the Revd. F. H. Marling, and those who have rendered him assistance for their arduous and self-denying toil.

Resolved.—That this Union acknowledge the courtesy of the Grand Trunk Railroad Company and that of the British and American Steamboat Companies who kindly consented to carry its members to and from this city at reduced fares.

Resolved.—That the Report of the Missionary Committee, an abstract of which has been read, be adopted and printed, under the direction of the Committee.

Resolved.—That a Committee be appointed to draft and have presented to the Legislature a petition craving a civil registration of Births, Marriages & Deaths in Upper Canada.