

## THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This is a home mission for aiding our own weaker churches in sustaining their pastors.

It co-operates with the Colonial Missionary Society of London, England, the foster-mother of Congregationalism in the British dependencies, from whom it receives annually a grant of about \$2,000.

All subscribers of one dollar per annum to the funds are members. Subscribers of twenty dollars at one time are constituted thereby life members. The Society meets annually, at the same time and place as the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec. Its affairs are managed by a General Secretary-Treasurer, a Home Secretary, and a Committee of not less than fifteen. The grants for the ensuing year are made during the sessions of the Union. The five District Committees—three for Ontario, one for Quebec, and one for N. S. and N. B., have charge of its affairs, within their own bounds, during the interval between the annual meetings. We give below the Act of Incorporation.

“An Act to Incorporate ‘The Canada Congregational Missionary Society.’

“WHEREAS, by the petition of the Reverend F. H. Marling on behalf of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, it is amongst other things set forth that that Society has been for many years in existence, having for its object to aid feeble Congregational churches in sustaining their ministers; to spread the Gospel by means of missionaries, and to promote other general missionary objects of the Congregational body; that the members of the Society are the persons subscribing to its funds; that the terms of membership and the operations and management of the Society are regulated by a constitution adopted by the members as amended at the annual meeting of the Society at Hamilton, in June, 1868; that the law of this Province makes no provision for the holding or disposing of property held by trustees under the Act respecting religious institutions in Upper Canada in the case of churches or congregations ceasing to exist; and that provision would be made by the Congregational Union of Canada in the trust deeds of the property of Congregational churches for the management of such property by the said Society in the event of any such church ceasing to exist, if the Society had the necessary corporate powers; and it is prayed that an Act may be passed incorporating the persons hereinafter named who form the general committee of the said Society, and the other members of the said Society by the name of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society; And whereas it is expedient to grant the said petition:

“Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:—

“1. The Rev. Henry Wilkes, D.D., the Rev. W. F. Clarke, the Rev. John Wood, the Rev. F. H. Marling, the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, the Rev. H. D. Powis, the Rev. Archibald Duff, the Rev. S. G. Dodd, the Rev. Charles Chapman, Henry Cox, Thomas Edgar, Joseph Barber, W. C. Ashdown, C. Lawes, James Baylis, Robert Freeland, J. McNichol, and all other persons associated with them or who may hereafter be associated with them or with each other as members of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society under the provisions of the constitution in the preamble mentioned, as it now exists or as it may at any time hereafter be amended by the said Society, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of ‘The Canada Congregational Missionary Society.’

“2. The objects of the said Corporation shall be the same as expressed in the said constitution as it now exists or as it may be amended as aforesaid.

“3. The affairs of the said corporation shall be conducted and administered by the general committee appointed as provided by the constitution, who shall exercise all the corporate powers of the corporation.

“4. The body incorporated by this Act may from time to time and at all times,

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