

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union

1.—The consolidation of our Home Missionary organizations, both English and French, would, in the estimation of this Convention, tend to the rapid advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom in this Province; the French Mission to be considered a separate Department, and all gifts, requests, &c., made to the French Mission to go to that Department.

2.—This Convention shall be called the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union.

3.—The object of this Union shall be to promote the spread of the Gospel throughout the Provinces of Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, and the Island of Newfoundland, the fostering of feeble churches, the planting of new ones and the dissemination of denominational literature.

4.—This Union shall be composed of ordained Baptist ministers in good standing with their respective churches in the Province, and delegates appointed by the churches, each church in good standing with its respective Association sending not more than three delegates; together with the President of Acadia College, the Principal of the Theological Institute, and the Principal of Horton Academy, the same being members of Baptist Churches in good standing.

5.—The officers of the Union shall be a President, who shall be elected annually by ballot; four Vice-Presidents, one from each Association; Secretaries, and an Auditor, all of whom shall be appointed by open vote.

6.—The Union shall annually appoint and locate an Executive Board of thirteen suitable men, seven of whom shall form a quorum; and every Baptist pastor in the Province shall have the privilege of meeting with the Board, and taking part in its deliberations, but not voting; the officers of the Society named above to be ex-officio members of the Board.

7.—The duty of this Board shall be to conduct the Missionary work of the Union, and report yearly to the same, or oftener if required.

8.—There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Union, held in each of the Nova Scotia Baptist Associations in turn, to assemble the day previous to the meeting of the Association with which it is held, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

9.—This Union shall appoint annually a Board of Directors to consist of eight from each Association composing the Union, whose duty it shall be to give advice to the Executive Board in cases of emergency, and by the requisition of eight or more of whom, the President shall call a special meeting of the Union.

10.—No alteration of this Constitution shall be made unless by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present at an annual meeting.