

to by the Committee of the Canada Baptist Missionary Society, delegates met this day at Haldimand, for the purpose of ascertaining if a union could be formed among the Baptists, to promote Missionary and Educational purposes, without a sacrifice of principle.

After singing and prayer, the Convention was organized by choosing Rev. J. Gilmour as Chairman, and G. Silver as Clerk. The following list of delegates was taken :—

J. Girdwood and Dr. B. Davies, Montreal.
G. Silver, Beamsville.
John Edwards, jun. Chatham.
W. Christian and J. Davis, 1st Toronto Church.
J. W. Cryderman, Ameliasburgh.
John Edwards, sen. Lochaber and Petite Nation.
W. Marsh, 1st Whitby Church.
I. Marsh, 2d do. do.
J. Holman, Haldimand.
R. Love and H. Reid, March Street Ch. Toronto.
W. H. Coombs and S. George, Lot Street do. do.
J. Cannell, Toronto Baptist Miss. Society.
J. Butler, Rawdon.
John Dyer, Kingston.

Ministerial brethren, who were not delegates, were then invited to take part in the proceedings, when Elders Cumming, S. Tapscott, and Wait came forward, and took seats with the Convention.

Letters were then presented from the churches of Beverly and St. George; the former stating that as a church they had resolved to co-operate with the Canada Baptist Missionary Society, if it could be done without a sacrifice of principle to either party; the latter stated the views which they held, and feared that they could not form a union without the sacrifice of principle.

There was also a letter from the church in Oxford, which stated that they believed that such a union could be formed without any unholy compromise.

The Clerk was then called upon to inform the Convention, what were the fears that existed among those with whom he was acquainted, respecting such a union; and he stated that the point on which some had their fears and difficulties, was the subject of communion.

Elder Landon then made some remarks, and was followed by Elder I. Marsh.

Dr. Davies was called upon to explain the principles upon which the Canada Baptist Missionary Society was formed, and was followed by J. Girdwood, J. Edwards, sen., and several others.

J. Edwards, sen. then moved that a Committee be appointed to draw up resolutions to present before the Convention, which was passed unanimously, and the following brethren were appointed: W. H. Coombs, J. Butler, W. H. Landon, Dr. Davies, and I. Marsh.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Br. Coombs.

Thursday, Sept. 9.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Israel Marsh.

The minutes of the preceding day were then read.

The Committee appointed to draw up resolutions made their report; and the resolutions were severally discussed and adopted.

Moved by J. Edwards, sen. seconded by R. Love.

1. That the well-known design of the Canada Baptist Missionary Society is to promote missionary labours in the destitute parts of this country in connection with ministerial education.

Interesting and appropriate remarks were made by J. Edwards, sen., J. Girdwood, W. Marsh, W. H. Coombs, W. Christian, Dr. Davies, J. Holman, and others. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Moved by W. H. Coombs, seconded by G. Silver.

2. That the Society is, from the nature of its constitution, open to the co-operation of all who hold the distinguishing tenets of the Baptist denomination, in connection with evangelical piety.

Adopted.

Moved by Dr. Davies, seconded by J. Butler.

3. That the Society distinctly recognises the independence of the churches, and seeks their co-operation no longer than its efforts shall manifestly appear to be disinterested, and directed to great objects of common concern to all.

Adopted.

Moved by W. H. Landon, seconded by W. Christian.

4. That upon these grounds the Baptists of Canada are earnestly invited by this Convention to co-operate with the Canada Baptist Missionary Society, and to sanction and sustain its efforts by all means within their reach.

Remarks by Israel Marsh, J. Gilmour, J. Holman, and W. Christian. Adopted.

Israel Marsh was not then prepared fully to concur in this resolution, though he did not offer any opposition.

Moved by J. Girdwood, seconded by S. Tapscott.

5. That this Convention warmly recommends the brethren J. Edwards, sen., and W. H. Landon, as the appointed Agents of the Canada Baptist Missionary Society, to the liberality of the friends to whom they may appeal for aid.

Remarks by Elder Cumming and others. Adopted.

After the business of the Convention was closed, Dr. Davies called attention to the following matters.

The Magazine.

The advantages of a religious newspaper over a magazine having been stated and discussed, it was—

Resolved.—That with a view to provide the denomination with a more useful organ of religious instruction and general intelligence, this meeting strongly recommends that the *Magazine* should be, at the close of 1841, changed into a newspaper, to be published once a fortnight, but to cost the same as the *Magazine*.