

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.

I. That the name of this Association be, "THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC."

II. That it shall consist of Congregational or Independent Churches, and of Ministers of the same Church Order, who are either in the pastoral office or (being members of Congregational Churches) are engaged in evangelistic or educational service, approved and received at a general meeting.

III. That this Union is founded on a full recognition of the distinctive principle of Congregational Churches, namely, the Scriptural right of every separate Church to maintain perfect independence in its government and administration, and, therefore, that the Union shall not assume legislative or administrative authority, or in any case become a court of appeal.

IV. That the following are the objects contemplated in its formation:—1. To promote evangelical religion in connection with the Congregational denomination. 2. To cultivate brotherly affection and co-operation in every thing relating to the interests of the associated Churches. 3. To establish fraternal correspondence with similar bodies elsewhere. 4. To address an annual or occasional letter to the associated Churches, accompanied with such information as may be deemed necessary. 5. To obtain accurate statistical information relative to the Congregational Churches throughout the British American Provinces. 6. To hold consultation on questions of interest connected with the cause of Christ in general.

V. To promote the accomplishment of these objects, and the general interests of the Union, an annual meeting of its members shall be held, each of the associated Churches being represented by two lay delegates; the meeting to be held at such time and place as may be appointed at each annual meeting.

VI. That the officers of the Union be a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Statistical Secretary, Minute Secretary and Committee, all to be chosen annually from its members, who shall execute the instructions of the Union, and prepare a docket of business for the annual meeting.

VII. That alterations may be made in this constitution by any annual meeting, provided that notice of such alteration has been given at the meeting next preceding.