

Society was formed. The Western churches formed their society in 1840. It is not needful to describe the inconveniences to which this gave rise, nor do I enlarge on the different positions in many respects occupied by the ministers who were connected with the society in England, from that of the brethren who were sent forth by the local societies. Individual and organized men learn lessons from experience if they are at all teachable. They also find that what is necessary and perhaps best at the beginning of things, cannot be wisely continued during their progress. As the number of self-supporting churches increased, and they became stronger, it was well that the chief responsibility of managing and sustaining should be transferred to them. This was always the design of the Colonial Missionary Society, and at length it took effect in the formation of the Canadian Congregational Missionary Society, in connection with the Colonial Missionary Society. The fusion of three Societies into one, was effected in 1853. Among other items in the first report presented in Montreal, June, 1854 are certain "Explanations."

"As misapprehensions may possibly exist among some of the friends of Congregational missions in Canada, as to the precise nature of the relations which this society sustains, the following explanatory statements are made:

"1. As to the connection of this Society with the Colonial Missionary Society, it is to be understood that it is rather a relation of co-ordinate bodies, than that of an auxiliary to a parent. As now reported, the amount expended by the Society has been £1367 9s. 8d., of which £757 5s. 2d. was contributed by the Colonial Missionary Society. This is a large portion, and lays claim for decided interference and veto. At the same time it is well known that their object is not to establish and maintain a series of dependent Missionary Stations, but rather to help the Colonial churches to fulfil their appropriate work of expansion to meet the wants of the country. Hence they are willing that we should originate every movement and carry into execution those plans which we may devise, provided we do not draw upon their funds without their consent. That all may work in harmony, it is agreed that the entire list of appropriations made by the Committee of this Society shall be sent to London immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Union for examination, and if need be revision, which will allow three months to elapse before any *action* on the appropriation will be required.

"2. As to the connection of this Society with the Congregational Union of Canada, it is to be understood that although the committee are chosen by the Union, and its reports are laid before that body, yet association with it is not necessary to participation in its work and advantages. Churches and ministers may appropriately aid and be aided by the Society, supposing them Congregational churches and ministers, though for reasons satisfactory to them, they are not members of the Union. The design is to secure unimpeded action on the part of the Missionary Society in connection with the advantage of counsel, co-operation, and review supplied by the Annual Conference of the Pastors and Churches in Congregational Union assembled.

"3. According to the arrangements under which the Society is acting, the Local District Committees are organizations of great importance, having in fact the chief responsibility in working out the objects of the Society

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The Indian Mission year of its existence

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