

CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

FOR

EASTERN CANADA.

THE following Preamble and Constitution of the Society was adopted at the Public Meeting held in St. Maurice Street Church, Montreal, October 21st, 1846.

Whereas, it is the incumbent duty of every Christian to exert himself in sustaining and diffusing the Gospel,—and whereas it is highly desirable and necessary that a Missionary Society be organized in connexion with the Congregational Union of Eastern Canada, for the purpose of aiding feeble Churches in sustaining their Ministers, and for other general Missionary objects of the Congregational body,—therefore,

Resolved, I. That this Society be now organized, and called the Congregational Missionary Society for Eastern Canada.

II. That all persons subscribing to the funds, shall be Members of this Society,—and any person subscribing at one time £5, or upwards, shall be an Honorary or Life Member of this Society.

III. That the business of this Society shall be managed by a Committee, including a Treasurer and Secretary.

IV. That the Committee shall consist of one half resident in Montreal, and the other half in the several other Stations of the Congregational Union.

V. That all Ministers belonging to the Union shall be, when in Montreal, *ex-officio* Members of the Committee.

VI. That regular Quarterly Meetings of the Committee shall be held, and Special Meetings called when necessary.

VII. That five Members of Committee shall constitute a *quorum* for the transaction of business.

VIII. That a General Meeting of this Society shall be held annually, when a report of the proceedings of the Society shall be presented, and the Committee for the ensuing year appointed.

IX. That every Church receiving aid to sustain its Minister, shall be required, as the condition of its continuance, faithfully to fulfil their own engagements towards his support.

X. That the grants to Churches and Ministers shall be made annually,—payments quarterly.