

regard to Ecclesiastical organization amongst the French Canadian Converts.

SLAVERY.

Resolved—That the manifest determination of the Congregational Associations with which we are in correspondence in the neighboring states, to bring all their influence to bear on the extermination of American Slavery, meets our cordial sympathy and hearty approbation, and that we trust the anticipated reformation on the part of the American Tract Society in relation to this iniquity, will leave us no change to wish for in its future history.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

The Union resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the report on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The Committee rose and reported the following amended plan:—

Constitution of Fund for the benefit of Widows and Orphans of Congregational Ministers in Canada, presented by the Committee appointed to devise a plan for said purpose, and as amended by the Union in Committee of the whole, June, 1857.

1. It shall be called "The Congregational Ministers', Widows', and Orphans' Fund."

2. The following shall be the sources of Revenue:—Annual Collections in all the Churches; Subscriptions, Donations and Legacies; Interest on investments; and a Subscription of ten dollars per annum from each minister whose family is to participate in the benefits to be awarded from the Fund.

3. Any minister not over forty years of age, shall be permitted to increase his subscription to twenty dollars per annum, at the time of connecting himself with the Fund, with the advantage provided for in clause 14.

4. All subscriptions to be payable semi-annually on the 1st of January and July; and if not paid within one month to be subject to a fine of one dollar. If not paid within 12 months after the payment is due, notice having been given by the trustees, the minister so in arrears shall be held to have withdrawn from connection with the Fund.

5. In all cases where churches pay the amount of their Pastor's subscription, they must have collected and paid to the Treasurer at least an equal amount on account of collections.

6. Any Congregational minister in Canada shall be eligible as a beneficiary of the Fund. Those now members of the Congregational Union of Canada, shall be allowed at once to enrol themselves; and after the expiration of twelve months the eligibility of applicants shall be decided upon by the annual meeting of subscribers, a majority of two-thirds of the members present being required in any disputed case.

7. Every church making a contribution to the Fund shall have the right of voting by one delegate at meetings of the Society held during the year subsequent to the payment of each contribution.

8. An annual meeting of subscribers, that is to say, of ministers subscribing, of churches collecting, and of donors of over \$50, shall, until otherwise provided for by themselves, be held at the same time and place as the Congregational Union of Canada; at which the accounts shall be presented, the Board of Trustees elected, and the general business of the Fund transacted.

9. The Fund shall be held and managed by a Board of 14 Trustees, to be elected provisionally by the Union, and their successors at the regular annual meeting as provided for in previous articles, five of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. Ten of the said Trustees to be residents in Montreal, at which place the Fund shall be managed. The Trustees shall have power to fill vacancies.

10. The Trustees shall, from the resident members of the Board, elect a Chairman, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

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