

over them. Nevertheless, it shall have power to drop from its connection any church which, in the opinion of the Association, may have essentially departed from the faith, either in principle or practice, and to exclude from a seat in its meetings, any minister or delegate, who is manifestly corrupt either in theory or practice; and facts in either case may be ascertained in any way not inconsistent with the rules of the Gospel.

ARTICLE V.—The meetings of this Association shall be held annually, on the last Thursday in June, at 2 o'clock, p. m., by their representatives, which are not to exceed five from each church, at such places as the Association shall appoint.

ARTICLE VI.—The churches composing this Association are required to send letters to all its meetings, addressed to the Association, expressing the names of their messengers, the state of the churches, with their alterations and present numbers.

ARTICLE VII.—Churches shall be received into this Association by letter, setting forth their desire to be admitted, their faith, order, and willingness to conform to the rules of this Association; and, on satisfaction and reception, the Moderator shall give the Messenger the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE VIII.—Any church connected with this Association that shall neglect to make an annual report at its meetings, for two successive years, shall be visited by a Committee of this Association to inquire into the cause; and if the same neglect be repeated the third year, they shall be dropped from the Minutes.

BY-LAWS.

1st. It shall be the duty of the Minister who preaches the Introductory Sermon, to call the Association to order, when a Moderator and Clerk shall be nominated and elected by vote.

2nd. After the choice of Moderator and Clerk, the following Committees shall be appointed, viz:—On Arrangements, on Circular Letter, on Resolutions, on Business; each to consist of three members, and the last-named Committee to be appointed by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

3rd. The letters of the churches shall be read, then the other business, as it may be presented.

4th. Visiting brethren from other Associations, and agents of denominational societies may next be invited to a seat, and may move, second, and debate on all subjects, but vote on none.

5th. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator, and shall have the liberty of moving or seconding any motion, or of speaking on any subject regularly laid before the body without any interruption, except he depart from the subject, or some explanation be necessary to a right understanding of it.

6th. The Member, provided

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