

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—This Association shall be called the "EAST ONTARIO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ARTICLE II.—This Association shall be composed of such Churches as embrace the following doctrines: The being and unity of God; the existence of three equal persons in the Godhead; Divine inspiration of the Old and New Testaments as the complete and infallible rule of faith and practice; the depravity and just condemnation of all mankind by the fall of our first parents; Election of grace according to the foreknowledge of God; the proper Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ; the sufficiency of His atonement, through which believers are justified freely by grace; the necessity of the Holy Spirit in regeneration; perseverance of the saints; believers baptism by immersion only; the Lord's Supper, a privilege peculiar to baptized believers regularly admitted into fellowship in our Churches; the resurrection of the body, and general judgment; the final happiness of the saints and misery of the wicked alike interminable; the obligation of every intelligent creature to love God supremely; to believe what God says, and practice what God commands; and the religious observance of the First Day of the week.

ARTICLE III.—The object of this Association shall be to promote, by correspondence and personal intercourse, unity of faith and practice, fellowship, cordiality of feeling, union of effort in promoting the interest of the Churches, and the furtherance of the cause of Christ throughout the world.

ARTICLE IV.—This Association shall recognize the power and independence of the Churches, and shall in no case exercise authority or jurisdiction 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; the facts in either case may be ascertained in any way not inconsistent with the Gospel.

ARTICLE V.—The meetings of this association shall be held annually, on the third Wednesday in June, at 10 o'clock, a.m., by the representatives of the churches, who are not to exceed five from each Church, at such place as the Association may 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 may 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 the 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 meeting for two successive