

ARTICLE VI.

When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of its faith and order: this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to one of its Messengers present the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE VII.

When any Church shall neglect to make communications for three years successively it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII.

Although, as an Association, all power over the churches is disclaimed, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet it is deemed a privilege belonging to the Association for itself to judge of the propriety of receiving or retaining any Church in its connexion.

ARTICLE IX.

The religious sentiments of this Body are those expressed in "The Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia."

ARTICLE X.

Alterations or Amendments may be made to this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any of its regular meetings.

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1.—At every sitting business shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Rule 2.—No member of the Association shall leave the session before the business is concluded, without permission of the Association.

Rule 3.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion, first made and seconded.

Rule 4.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject unless by permission of the Body.

Rule 5.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

Rule 6.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes except so ordered at the time.

Rule 7.—These Rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair at the opening of the session.

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