

8.—The Association shall not, in any case, interfere with the internal concerns of the churches, but it may dissolve its connection with any church which, after proper examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from the Baptist faith and practice.

9.—The religious sentiments of this Association are those expressed in the "Declaration of Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

19.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the number present at any annual meeting.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be at once handed in; from which the clerks shall immediately make out a list of Delegates.

2nd.—After religious worship the officers shall be chosen. The choice of the Moderator shall be made by ballot.

3rd.—At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

4th.—Brethren invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

5th.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion thereon being first made and seconded.

6th.—Every speaker shall address the chair; and no person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

7th.—When a church is received into the Association the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the hand of fellowship.

8th.—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the last one shall be read and corrected, and of the last before the final adjournment.

9th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

10th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.

11th.—No delegates shall be allowed to leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

12th.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair at the opening of the Session.