

his behalf. If this education is not sufficient, render him all the aid possible by recommending him to attend our Institution, and pursue his studies, or if necessary by sustaining him there for a time, or otherwise supply him with useful books that the man of God be thoroughly furnished. But let us not commence the work of making ministers ourselves, but rather pray the Lord of the harvest that he would raise up and send forth faithful labourers. We are however encouraged when we look back on the past, when the man of Sin so mightily prevailed, and the Church of God appeared like Nebuchadnezzars tree, to have been hewn down and destroyed, yet were the stump of the roots thereof left in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, and being wet with the dew of heavenly grace they budded, sprung forth and bore fruit. Its branches are now spread out over the nations, and we are encouraged by the promise that no weapon formed against Zion shall prosper, and persevering in the observance of all things whatsoever the Lord has commanded we shall find him a present help, yea he will be with us always, even to the end of the world.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 1.—This Association shall be composed of Ministers and other Delegates, who shall be members of the churches which they represent, together with Delegates from corresponding Associations, and such other brethren present as the Association shall see fit to invite to sit in Council.

ART. 2.—The Association shall meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body.

ART. 3.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more, but no Church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to their Pastor.

ART. 4.—At each meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding year shall call for a vote for a Moderator, which vote shall be given by ballot: no brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions, nominate Committees unless ordered by the Association, and maintain due order. A Secretary shall be chosen whose duty it shall be to record the transactions of the Association, and to furnish a correct copy of the same for the Press.

ART. 5th.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association giving an account of its state, particularly of its additions and diminutions, within the last year, and generally of whatsoever relates to its peace and prosperity.

ART. 6th.—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.

ART. 7th.—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 mem-

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