

Art. 7. When a church shall neglect to make any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and shall engage to inquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

Art. 8. Although as an Association, we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any church or Minister in our connexion, which to us shall appear to be *unscriptural in principle or irregular in practice*. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship without sufficient reason from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a Committee to investigate the points of complaint, and report the result of their inquiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear.

Art. 9. Alterations or amendments may be made in this Constitution from time to time such as experience may dictate.

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