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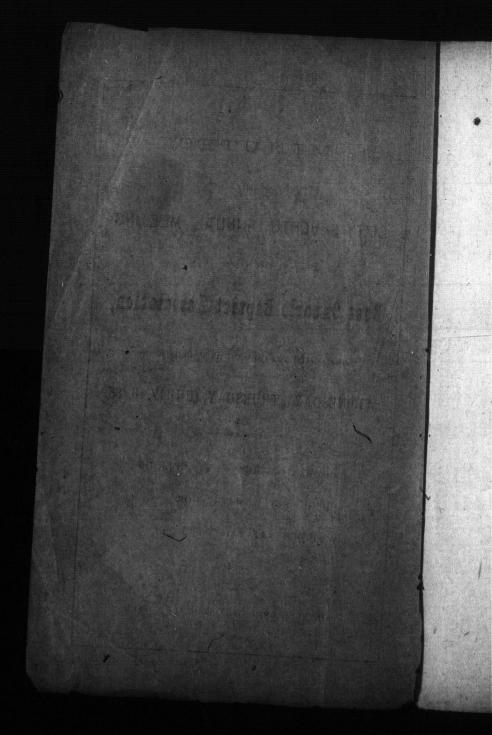
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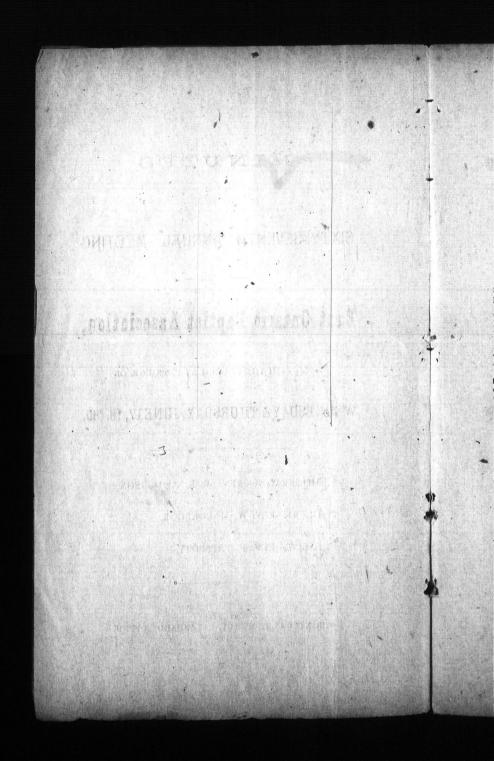
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EAST ONTARIO ASSOCIATION.

Sixty-Seventh annual meeting.

FIRST SESSION.

Uxbridge, June 17th, 1885.

The meeting was opened with reading of scriptures and prayer, led by the Rev. H. A. McConnell, Whitevale.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. Foster, C aremont, from Song of Solomon, and chapter, 1st verse. The sermon was an able and powerful presentation of the characteristics and attractions of the Lord Jesus. In the absence of the retiring Moderator, the meeting was called to order by the Clerk. The Rev. W. K. Anderson was chosen Moderator, the Rev. W, MacGregor Clerk, and Bro. F. T. Tapscott Asst. Clerk. The "By-laws" were then read and the following committees appointed.

Business and Arrangements. - Rev. J. H. Best, J. J. Baker, and Bro. John Dryden, M. P. P.

Resolutions .- Revs. J. Barker, D. Reddick and S. Sheldon.

The Committee on Arrangements was then heard and recommended the following : (1) Reading of church letters till '12 o'clock. (2) Adjourn till 2 o'clock, then continue the reading of church letters till finished. (3) The Rev. G. Richardson to present the claims of the *Canadian Baptist* and the Standard Publishing Company.

The report was received and adopted. After prayer the meeting adjourned till 2 p. m.

SECOND SESSION.

At 2 p. m., the Moderator took the chair: The Rev. Jno. Craig, of India, led in prayer. The Clerk resumed the reading of church letters.

On motion, a committee to consist of the following, were appointed to confer with the delegates of Campbellford Church that sought for admission into the Association. Rev. J. Foster, Bro. H. Graham and Bro. Jno. Dryden.

The visiting brethren were here called on by the Moderator to report themselves. Several present responded.

The Rev. Mr. Richardson, Toronto, then strongly advocated the claims of both the *Canadian Baptist* and the Standard Publishing Company. The Rev. J. J. Baker, Belleville, followed, and made a strong speech in behalf of our educational interests at Woodstock, showing their pressing needs at the present juncture.

It was moved by Bro. Jno. Dryden, seconded by Rev. H. A. McConnell, that the Association meet next year with the Church in Brooklin;

Moved and seconded, as an amendment, that the Association meet in Lindsay. The original motion was carried.

The Rev. D. Reddick, Sunderland, was appointed to preach the annual sermon, with Rev. J. J. Baker, Belleville, alternate.

Writer of Circular Letter, Rev. A. E. de St. Dalmas, Smithtown, Rev. H. A. McConnell, Whitevale, alternate.

A Committee of Arrangements for next year was appointed, to consist of Revs. Barker, Baker and MacGregor.

THIRD SESSION.

At 8, p, m., Bro. John Dryden, M. P. P., took the chair. The meeting was opened with the reading of Scripture and prayer, followed by a few opening remarks by the Chairman.

The platform speakers for the evening were, the Rev. John Craig, of India, and Rev. A. Grant, London, our General Home Missionary. The former made a strong plea in behalf of the Telugu Mission, showing its need of men and money to carry on Gcd's work much more efficiently. The latter made a most impressive and eloquent speech for his work—Home Missions.

A collection of \$20 was taken up for Missions. It was equally divided between Home and Foreign.

This meeting was one of the best in the Session, large audience, stirring speeches, and a good collection.

FOURTH SESSION.

From 9 to 10, a. m., a prayer meeting, presided over by Rev. Mr Peer, Campbellford. A fair attendance. It was a service of spiritual enjoyment.

At 10, a. m., promptly, Moderator took the chair.

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The writer of Circular Letter, Rev. J. J. Baker, was then called upon to read it.

On motion, the letter as read, was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The Rev. J. Barker then preached a very appreciative and instructive sermon, from 2nd Cor., 9th chapter, and 15th verse, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

The Rev. Dr. MacVicar, McMaster Hall, then presented the claims of Ministerial Education in an able and instructive speech.

FIFTH SESSION.

At 2, p. m., Moderator in the chair, and opened with prayer by Rev. W. MacGregor.

Moved and seconded, that the report given by Rev. J. J. Baker, in regard to Seymour, be received and adopted ; that in future the Church shall be known as the Campbellford one. Carried.

Moved by Bro. John Dryden, and seconded by Bro. H. Craham, that the Revs. W. K. Anderson and Peer be appointed as District Secretaries. Carried

Moved and seconded, that the report of Sabbath Schools then presented be adopted, with the change that the reading of the resolutions come before. Carried.

Moved and seconded, that the resolution on the Scott Act be sent to the local papers and to the House of Commons, signed by the Moderator and Clerk. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rev. H. A. McConnell, and seconded by Rev. J. Barker, that a hearty vote of thanks be give our Uxbridge friends for their kindness and hospitality to all present at these meetings. Carried by a standing vote.

Moved and seconded, that the committee appointed to prepare a programme for next year, provide for Sunday School work. Carried.

These interesting Sessions were then brought to a close with some remarks on teaching in Sabbath Schools, led by Dr. MacVicar and others. Literature of Schools led by Rev. A. E. de St. Dalmas, Smithtown.

The meeting closed with the benediction.

RESOLUTIONS.

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TEMPERANCE.

Whereas the souls and families of thousands of our fellows are being cursed by the sale of intexicating liquors, and whereas the Scott Act, in the counties where it has been in force for a term, has proved itself efficient in removing the curse of intemperance to a gratifying extent, and believing that the amending of the Act, so as to allow the sale of *f* wines and beer," would be entirely disastrous to its efficiency, and consequently unjust to the many counties that have already adopted it, therefore, resolved that this Association, expresses its strong confidence in the efficiency of the Act, in materially lessening the evil of drunkenness, and offers its strong protest against the ruinous amendments of the Senate at Ottawa.

WOODSTOCK COLLEGE.

Whereas it is of very great importance that the youth of our denomination shall be properly educated for the work before them, and realizing that Woodstoek College has done noble work in the past, and believing in the necessity of the College for our future work; therefore be it resolved that we recommend the people of our churches to take hold of the work, and do what can be done to raise the endowment asked for.

HOME MISSIONS.

Whereas our denomination in the past has not realized the importance of making vigorous and continued exertion to establish Baptist Churches in every city, town and village of this Province, and consequently has not met its obligations in this respect, and whereas the present time and conditions are exceedingly favorable for the strengthening and widening of our position as a denomination, founded on the principles of Christ and the Apostles ; therefore, resolved that we heartily commend this work to the prayers and liberality of the churches, and exert ourselves individually to infuse the true missionary spirit into all with whom we come in contact.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Whereas the Lord has called us to carry the gospel to every creature, and whereas He has abundantly blessed the labors of our missionaries in the past, and the work done in their support ; therefore be it resolved, that we are encouraged by the results of the past to more earnest work in the future, and be it further resolved, that to our sisters who have organized Mission circles, we do hereby extend our earnest commendation and encouragement, and that every church is hereby recommended to have such a circle as well as other methods for pressing the needs of Foreign Missions upon the attentions and consciences of the people.

CANADIAN BAPTIST.

¹ Whereas the best interests of our denomination depend largely upon the wide circulation of a paper, whose whole teaching is scriptural and vigorous, whose columns of denominational news are full, and whose general make-up is in the highest degree respectable, and whereas we believe the *Canadian Baptist* is a paper of this description; therefore be it resolved, that we the Delegates of this Association, not only recommend it to the members of our respective churches, but exert ourselves to extend its circulation.

STANDARD PUBLISHING COMPANY.

Moved by Bro. H. Graham, and seconded by Rev. D. Reddick, that we' as an Association heartily recommend the purchasing of our books from the Standard Publishing Company.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Whereas it is expedient that those who are called to the Christian ministry should "study to show themselves approved unto God," and whereas it is necessary that a suitable place and means should be provided by the churches for the development of their gifts and spiritual power, and whereas we believe that such a place is provided at McMaster Hall, and whereas it appears that in connection with the good work done in the past, and in, connection with the work to be done in the near future, there is urgent need for funds, be it therefore resolved, that our churches are hereby earnestly besought to make no delay in raising and forwarding means for this work.

OUR CHURCHES AND OUR WORK,

J. J. BAKER, M. A.

To the Brethren of the East Ontario Association.

We have about 350 churches within the bounds of the western convention and these churches have their work to do. About thrity of them are in the East Ontario Association, and these latter churches have their work to do. Whether these churches, as in the larger or smaller groups, are doing the work God expects of them, each one must decide for himself according to his view of the responsibility resting on a Baptist Church. I do not heiritate to say that it is my own strong conviction that a Baptist Church ought to do more accordingly than any other church. We humbly believe and sometimes assert that we have clearer views of important truths than other Christian bodies. If there be any truth in this we have a correspondingly greater responsibility toward the world.—" For unto whomsoever much is given of him shall much be 'required." Each one of these churches has a work to do, where it is. It has a work here that no one else can do. Doubtless here its greatest and most important work must be done. Here is felt the influence of its daily life. - This should be of the purest and best kind. Christians should everywhere shine as lights in the world. How potent this silent influence is we can hardly estimate. Place a company of Christian men and women in any godless community and it will not be long before the workings of the leaven of good will be manifested. Some of us have seen the Christian Church planted in a district noted for its wickedness, and ere many years have passed, the same place has become the most orderly and law-abidiag within the radius of many miles.

The amount of aggressive work which each one of these churches is called, upon to do where it is located, is limited only by its ability. And this is simply saying that no one of our churches does what might be reasonably expected of it. How many buried talents there are even in the smallest Baptist Church ! If all these were put out even at a small usury how mightily would the power exercised by these scattered communities in the land be increased. Each Baptist Church must reach out after souls. It must be alive to the danger and deeds of the lost. If it is certainly one of the aims of all church organization to be instrumental in saving souls. Can we with our decided views as to the condition of all who are out of Christ, and the absolute necessity of personal faith in Jesus as the only medium of salvation, dare to live a life of merely formal religion. If these churches are anything they must be centres of life and power, that are spending their life for the sake of begetting life in dead souls and thus extending the reign of Christ on earth —answering their own daily prayer "Thy Kingdom Come." But our work cannot end here for if we hold the truth as delivered to the saints, then it is our duty to teach the truth. If we hold and practice important truths which other Christian bodies do not see, then it is one plain duty by all honorable and fair means to propagate the truths, to show others that they are in the scriptures—are God-given and so have an important place and meaning in the Christian Church. This much, in brief, each Baptist Church ought to do where it is, of course it goes without saying that each one ought to do is utmost to furnish all the means necessary to carry on its own local work. But we are not living a perfect life, we have responsibilities which reach outside of Jerusalem, farther than Samaria, even into the regions beyond. We have a work that is not local, and of one relation to this I wish to speak particularly. I am not inding failt when I say that our churches do not feel the responsibility of this extra local work as they should. I do not feel the spend time in searching out all the reasons why this is so. But ignorance of what this work is and therefore of its claims, I believe to be the great cause of the degree of apathy experienced in so many of them. We have a number of the degree of apathy experienced in so many of them. We have a number of denominational enterprises in which all our churches should take more or less interest. In looking over the minutes of this Association I find that very few of the churches make an effort toward reaching out a helping hand to allof these objects or even to the *most* of them. Why should each of these churches have genuine interest in this outside work? For the sake of the work churches have genuine interest in this outside work 1 For the same of the work itself. Surely the Baptist denomination of these provinces has not undertaken any work which does not deserve the prayers and help of every church, and yet I notice that a good many of these enterprises receive no help from the majority of the churches of this Association. I do not know how we compare with other Associations in this respect. I believe not unfavorably, Compare with one resolutions incluss respect. I believe not unhavorably, and in reference to one of these objects I notice that we stand first. But that we are a little ahead of many who are far behind is poor consolation. What general work is not worthy of our help r-Not Home Missions. Only look around you. Within the bounds of this Association there are about half a around you. Within the bounds of this Association, there are about half a dozen towns, seventy-five villages, one or two whole counties, and many townships, where there is not a single Baptist Church. And this is the conditions of things over large portions of the Province. If we believe even in beginning at Jerusalem we cannot stay our hands from this work. Not Foreign Missions. God has thrust this work upon us. Not only by placing the injunction of the commission upon us, but by giving us a special work to do without our choosing it. God called us to enter the foreign land and we dare not disobey that call. He has abundantly blessed our efforts there. That is have actionate the new continually been called us to mark and the media of this the here acting the new parts have and the media of this term. is he has continually been calling upon us for more help, and the needs of this work were never so great as to-day. The door is being opened wider and wider, and this means that our hearts and our hands must be opened wider wider, and this means that our hearts and our hands must be opened wider and wider. I am glad that evidences have been given that we do feel that this work is worthy of our sympathy. True, quite a number of the churches contributed nothing last year, but a large number contributed generously. Let us hope that no church of this Association will see the summer of S5 close without doing what it can tdward this work. Surely not our educational work. The time was when some would have dared to have gone back. But now God has placed great possibilities before us. These are not to last. Great results burry on our generosity toward this work now. When we think of the wideht can be one to us from liberality upher on the other bard Great results hurry on our generosity toward this work now. When we think of the uighty gain to come to us from liberality ; when on the other hand we think of the shameful disaster that would come from withholding, certainly there is no one prepared to say that we dare do anything less than is asked for this work. And if we further think of the great influence this must have on the progress of all our other work, we find additional and weighty reasons for heartily supporting education. We cannot leave our brethren who are toiling on amid the darkness of Quebec Roman Catholicism, to sink under the burden of their work. Here is a foreign work at our doors. Grand Ligne Mission has never had the place in the heatts of Canadian Baptists that it

Those who know most of this work and its rewards are not the ought to have. ones to say that we dare do less, but we must do much more. Baptists alone can successfully cope with Romanism. In the opposite direction there come repeated and loud calls from the north-west provinces. Here is already a great mission field, and as the years go on it will grow rapidly. We cannot close our eyes to the extent of this work, nor our cars to the loudness of the call. And many of these little communities being formed over the provinces need help to procure a church home. To whom shall they look but to us who enjoy our temple of the Lord. A number of our old pastors have worn themselves out in the work for our sake, and have left dependent ones. If our hearts are Christian we must hear the needy when they cry, especially if their need has been our enrichment. If any man seeth his brother in need and shutteth up the our connennent. It any man seeth ms brother in nece and shuttern up the bowels of his compassion, how dwellet the love of God in him? I do not know brethren when we may withhold. I do not find any of the work that is not worthy of being our work. We are hear and there is a mighty work before us. We cannot afford to turn our back fpon any of i. But Churches should support this outside work for their own sake. Herodotus tells us that the Egyptians believed that a strange bird, a native of Arabia, after living to a great age, made a funeral pile of the spices of the country and perished in the flames; but out of the prefumed ashes a new bird sprang into life, which took the ashes across the sea and offered them up in the temple of Heliopolis. This was their way of expressing their belief in the great truth that our Saviour declared much more forcefully and simply when he said-"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth alone, but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit." Again, the Scriptures say-"There is that scattereth and yet increaseth and there is that withholdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty." Death is everywhere the price and condition of life. To beget powerty, power must be expended. To beget life, life must be given np. The parent stock of the common Canada thistle dies, but the wind carries its life broadcast to beget a hundred new Canada thistles. And as in the vegetable kingdom, so in the animal ; and as in the animal, so in the spiritual-expenditure kingdom, so in the animal; and as in the animal, so in the spiritual—expenditure is the law of increase. Only as we are willing to lay ourselves on the alter of God may we expect our lives to become fruitful in his services. Not only does Christ say "except a corn of wheat die it abides alone;" but, he says, "if it die it bringeth forth much fruit." Yes, there is a sure promise connected with this giving ourselves for Christ's sake. So if these little churches throughout our Association are to become strong it will not be by pinching their dimes, but by laying out their dollars in the Master's service. If any one of these little communities or churches is to grow into a body of influence and power it will not be by folding its arms in mate mactivity, but by giving forth of its life and energy—by consecrating what it already has and is to the Lord's Christ. There is one church in the Association trying to do something for all our outside work. Of course it, annot do much. trying to do something for all our outside work. Of course it cannot do much. But if all our churches will do what they can for all our work there will be no lack anywhere, and in three years our cry will not be means, but men ! men ! Brethren, are we afraid to give ourselves up to the Lord? He knows all about Brethren, are we alraid to give ourselves up to the Lord? He knows all about us, and He only asks us to give of our means and strength, as means and strength are ours to give. But He does say if we do not give of these we shall abide alone. As our arms grow strong by constant use, so shall we as churches grow strong only by consecrated activity. Sometimes it may be that pastors are afraid of burdening their people by asking them to reach out in every direction. Afraid of burdens? Every pastor owes it to his people to let them know of all this work and its needs, so that those of them who wish may at least have their privilege of sharing in all this great work for God. Brethren of the churches, not prove the power direction of the outputs. and pastors of the churches, in every direction God call us to go forward. Even for our own sake we need, genuine consecration. The Master will bless us as we lay ourselves on the alter. Let us come, therefore, and prove Him by giving of our means and of our energies, and see if He will not open the windows of Heaven and pour us out such blessing that literally there shall not be room enough to receive it.

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UNASSOCIATED CHURCHES.

Moved by Rev. J. J. Baker, and seconded by Bro. Dryden, that the Clerk of the Association be instructed to insert the following note in the minutes :-"We are able to furnish the following information in reference to the several unassociated churches within bounds of Association."

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Financial Report, 1885.

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The Association will meet with the church in Brooklin on the third Wednesday in June, 1886, at 10, a.m. Preacher of annual sermon, Rev. D. Reddick ; writter of circular letter, Rev. A. De St. Dalmas.

CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE I-This Association shall be called the "EAST ONTARIO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,"

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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 infalible rule of faith and practice ; the depravity and just condemndition 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 nécessity of the Holy Spirit in regeneration ; preservance of the saints ; believers baptism by immersion only ; into fellowship in our Churches ; the resurction 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 in either theory or practice; the fact 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 years shall be visited by a committee of this Association to enquire into the case; and if same neglect be repeated the third year it shall be dropped from the minutes.

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Jt. It shall be the duty of the retiring Moderator, or, in his absence, of any delegate to the Association, to call the meeting to order for the nomination and election of its officers.

2. After the choice of a Moderator and clerk, the following committees shall be appointed, viz.: On Business and Arrangements, on Resolutionseach to consist of three members.

3. The letters of the Churches shall be read, then the other business shall follow as it may be presented.

4. Visiting brethren from other Associations and agents of denominational societies may next be invited to a seat, and may move, second and debate on all subjects, but vote on none.

5. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator, and shall have the liberty of seconding 'any motion', or of speaking on any subject regularly laid before the body, without 'any interruption, except he depart from the subject, or some explanation be necessary to a right understanding of it.

6. The Moderator shall have the same right to speak as any other member, provided the chair be filled.

7. No subject shall be discussed until seconded ; if not seconded shall be considered as lost.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave from the Moderator.

9. All personal reflections shall be particularly avoided in the deliberations of this body.

10. In time of session all private conversation shall be dispensed with, and undivided attention shall be given to the business of the Association.

11. Meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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12. All questions of order shall be decided by the Moderator.

13. Any member of this Association attending the meeting of any sister Association shall be our representative at said Association.

14. These By-Laws shall be read distinctly from the chair immediately after the election of officers at each session.

15. The Secretary of this Association shall receive for his service the sum of five dollars.

16. Any of the Articles or By-Laws (excepting the second article of the constitution) may be altered at any meeting of the Association, by the vote of two-thirds of the members.

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