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SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

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HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT COLBORNE, ON

Wednesday № Thursday, June 15 & 16,

1887.

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FIRST SESSION.

COLBORNE, June 15th, 1887.

The meeting was opened at II a. m., with devotional exercises, led by Rev. J. T. Dowling, of Celborne.

The Annual Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. K. Anderson, of Lindsay, from Acts xx, 24 "To testify the Gospel of the Grace of God." The Preacher emphasized the true meaning of the Grace of God; the fact that the Preacher is specially set apart to bear his testimony; and the great results that flow from testifying of the Grace of God. The Sermon was full of profit, and did much to shape the character of the following meetings:

On motion by the Rev. Mr. Baker, seconded by Rev. Mr. Anderson, Rev. J. T. Dowling, of Colborne, was elected Moderator. On motion by Rev. Mr. Anderson, Rev. Mr. Sowter seconding, Mr. Baker was appointed Clerk, and Mr. Arthur assistant.

The following Committees were then appointed:

Business and Arrangements.—Rev. Mr. Booker, of Oshawa, Mr. Graham, of Kinmount, Mr Curtis, of Fenelon Falls.

Resolutions.—Rev. Mr. Freed, of Whitevale, Rev. D. Reddick, B. A., of Uxbridge, Rev. James McEwen, of Port Perry.

On Application of Churches for Membership.—Rev. Mr. Peer, of Norwood, Rev. Mr. Anderson of Lindsay, Rev. S. J. Arthur, Cobourg.

After Prayer by the Rev. T. Booker, of Oshawa, the meeting adjourned till 2 p. m.

SECOND SESSION.

Moderator in the Chair. Devotional Exercises were led by Rev. S. J. Arthur, of Cobourg. The Secretary read letters and reports from a number of the Churches. The Committee on Arrangements reported, and recommended that we now consider the Resolution on Change of Time and Bounds of the Association.

Prof. McGregor, B. A., of Toronto, presented a scheme of general redistribution, which on motion was accepted by the Association. After some discussion the recommendations as to change of time presented by him, were also adopted.

Rev. T. Booker, the writer, read the circular letter on the subject "Loyalty

Rev. D. Reddick, B. A., moved, Rev. S. J. Arthur seconded, that the letter be received and printed in the minutes.—Carried.

Dr. Castle then gave an Address on "Our Educational Interests." He stated that both the College in Woodstock and that in Toronto, had come directly under

the control of the Churches. In obtaining a Charter for McMaster University, an investment for educational purposes equal to \$700,000.00 is guaranteed. He discussed the educational problem as it now presents itself to Canadians, and gave reasons for the action of the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec. A collection of \$14.81 in behalf of Ministerial Education was then taken. At the close of the address, a request from the Faculty of Toronto Baptist College was presented, that an Educational Secretary be appointed for this Association. His duties are to look after the interests of education in general.

Rev. D. Reddick, B. A., of Uxbridge, was appointed to this position.

Dr. Castle addressed the Association, also as the Representative on Denominational Literature. He showed that while the Canadian Baptist and Book-room were first the property of a Company, these are now both the property and under the control of the denomination. The capital of nearly \$50,000.00 is invested in the interest of the people. He argued that as the Methodists were faithful to their Book-Room, and brought a good income to the Society; so if Baptists were loyal to this work, they would materially help themselves.

On the suggestion of Prof. McGregor, it was moved by Bro. Wm. Graham, and seconded by the Rev. T. C. Sowter, that the Churches be requested to take up a special collection for Dominion Home Missions on the first Sunday in July. At this point the Rev. James McEwen, of Port Perry, was appointed to the Board of Home Missions, Rev. J. E. Trotter having retired. The other members, Brethren H. Graham, John Dryden, M. P. P., and Rev. Wm. Peer, were re-elected.

It was moved by Rev. J. F. Barker, Seconded by Bro Wm. Graham, that the Associational Board prepare a report to be read at next meeting of Association in place of the Circular letter.—Carried. After prayer, the meeting adjourned till 8 p. m.

THIRD SESSION.

Moderator in the chair. Meeting opened with devotional exercises.

The Kev. Mr. Freed moved, and Rev. James McEwen seconded, the following resolution on Education:

Resolved: 1—That we urge upon our pastors and people the importance of speking for our youth of both sexes the safeguards of Christian Education, and that we rejoice in the work being done in Woodstock College, and earnestly commend this Christian School of learning to their sympathies and loyal support,

2.—That we are thankful for the continued prosperity of Toronto Baptist College, through which our young men are receiving a superior training for the Gospel Ministry.

3.—That we regard with much satisfaction the efforts to secure harmony of purpose and administration in respect of Woodstock College and Toronto Baptist College, and that we rejoice in the progressive steps taken, by which these Institutions, after November next, are handed over to the responsible direction and control of the Baptist Denomination.

4.—That we thankfully acknowledge the gracious gifts and guidance of Divine Providence by which it has become possible to the Baptist Denomination

in Ontario and Quebec, in carrying forward the Lord's work both at home and abroad, to lay under tribute the powerful resources of the higher education conducted in all its departments, after their own ideals, and in a spirit of unswerving loyalty to Christ.

5.—That we humbly recognize the increased responsibility laid upon us as a people by these great trusts of the divine goodness, and with gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, commend McMaster University in all its departments of Ministerial and Christian Education to the prayerful sympathy and unfaltering support of all our people.

Prof. J. H. Farmer, B. A., of Woodstock, supported the resolution in a strong speech on the worth of McMaster University to the Denomination. He showed how all our Mission Work looks to this. Emphasis was placed on the debt owed by other denominations and the world to Baptists. The Great Republic to the south of us owes her constitution to the Baptists of Virginia.

Prof. McGregor, M. A., followed with an able address in the interest of Home Missions. He pleaded for enthusiasm, wisdom and liberality in this work. The glory of God in the salvation of men is a sufficient reason for high enthusiasm and large gift. \$12,000.00 are needed this year.

Rev. W. K. Anderson contrasted the large work and prosperous condition of the Denomination to-day with what it was thirty seven years ago. He urged upon all pastors and delegates to meet the requirements of the H M. Board.

Dr. Castle spoke briefly on the needs of the North West, and a collection of \$14.77 was taken for H. Missions.

Meeting adjourned with prayer and benediction by Rev. H. Shaw, of Campbellford.

FOURTH SESSION.

Meeting opened at 9:30° a. m., with a short prayer meeting, led by Rev. J. Chandler, of Kinmount. At 10 the reading of the reports and letters from the Churches was continued until finished. These showed an increase of 222 by Baptism.

The Committee on the reception of Churches, reported that two new Churches had made application, Warsaw and Pickering village, and recommended their reception.

The report was received and adopted, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the representatives, by the Moderator.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following on Missions:—
"Whereas God has so signally blessed our endeavours to do Mission Work in the past, both at home and abroad, and a continually broadening field and increasing possibilities are being presented to us, therefore resolved; that we record our gratitude to God for His guidance in the past, and, recognizing the fact that He sleading us to commit ourselves to more complete consecration by the number of young men who are offering themselves to the work in both the Home and Foreign field; that we endeavour to increase our liberality to our foreign work among the Telugus; to the work among the French Canadians under the Grande Ligne & ission; and to the home work in this Province and in the North West, that we may realize the much greater blessing which God has in store for us."

On motion by Bro. C. H. Priest, seconded by Bro. Wm. Graham, the resolution was adopted.

The resolution on Education was then brought forward, and after discussion participated in by Brn. Farmer, Barker, Huff, Chandler, Haviland, J. Reddick, was unanimously adopted.

The following resolution on Denominational Literature was moved by Rev. J. F. Barker, and seconded by Rev. S. J. Arthur, "Whereas the interests of our Denomination are greatly enhanced by the dissemination of pure Literature, and whereas, in the Canadian Baptist and our Book-Room, with Stock amounting to nearly \$50,000.00, now wholly in the hands of the denomination, we have every facility for the spread of such knowledge; therefore be it resolved, that we urge upon the members of our churches to extend the circulation of the Canadian Baptist, and to purchase their books and S. S. supplies from the Standard Publishing Company.

Rev. J. B. Huff, and Bro. H. J. Haviland, B. A., supported the resolution, and it was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Baker moved for a committee to meet with delegates from Brighton, to ascertain if we can be of any assistance to them.

Moved in amendment by Bro. H. Graham, that Brethren Baker, Dowling and Sowter, be a delegation to visit the Brighton friends and see if anything can be done to assist them. Amendment carried.

Meeting adjourned with benediction till 2 p. m.

FIFTH SESSION

Meeting opened with a short prayer meeting, led by Bro H. Shaw of Campbellford, Rev. J. Seaborne led in prayer, with special reference to the business of the afternoon.

The Rev. D. Reddick, B. A., of Uxbridge, moved the following on Temperatice:

"Whereas the use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage is only evil, and that continually, bringing misery and destruction to thousands of our fellow creatures for time and eternity, and robbing God of the glory which man should bring to Him, and whereas it is a sin against God and man to legalize the traffic, thus giving it our sanction as a christian community, and whereas it is the duty of every christian to labor earnestly to rescue our country from the ravages of the traffic.

I—Therefore, Resolved, that we as an Association record our profound gratitude to God for the growth of temperance principles in Canada, and for the steps that have been taken towards enacting laws expressive of these principles.

2.—That we pledge our influence and votes only for such representatives to Parliament as will further progressive temperance legislation, aiming towards prohibition as speedily as possible.

3.—That we recommend our Churches where the Scott Act is not in force to labor for its adoption, and where it is adopted, to labor for its enforcement, and to guard against any attempt to repeal it, at the same time doing our duty in the line of moral sussion.

Mr. Reddick made a strong speech in favor of the Scott Act, and showed by experience in his own town that it can be enforced. The resolution was seconded by Rev. H. J. Haviland, B. A., supported by Rev. J. J. Baker, M. A., Rev. J. Reddick, P. Hinman Esq., Prof. Farmer, B. A., and carried unanimously by a standing vote.

Mr. H. Graham moved and Rev. W. K. Anderson seconded, that two committees be appointed on programmes and arrangements for next year. Carried.

On motion by Mr. Anderson, Rev. Mr. Gould seconding, Revds Dadson, Booker and Barker were appointed for the western division.

On motion by Rev. Mr. Haviland, Rev. Mr. Reddick seconding, Revds Baker, Sowter, and Shaw were appointed for the eastern division.

Claremont, Wh itevale and Fenelon Falls, asked for the meetings of Association next, year. Fenelon Falls was finally chosen as the place of meeting for the western division. The place of meeting for the eastern division was left with the Committee of Arrangements for that division.

At this point in the meeting Rev. J. Baker moved and Rev. C. H. Priest seconded, that Bro. H. J. Haviland, B. A., be appointed to convey our greetings to the ladies of the Association assembled in the interest of their work.—Carried.

Bro. F. L. Fowke, of Oshawa, read an able and instructive paper on the subject of "Sunday School Management." The paper was felt to be so valuable that it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried, that Bro. Fowke be requested to forward it to the *Canadian Baptist* for publication.

Resolutions were then carried expressing hearty thanks to the Colborne and Haldimand Churches and other friends who so generously entertained delegates; expressing appreciation of the manner in which the Moderator had conducted the meetings; and thanks to the Railways for reduced rates.

The Session adjourned with the benediction by the Moderator.

CLOSING SESSION.

Rev. W. K. Anderson, led in devotional exercises. The Moderator retired and the President of the Women's Circle took the chair. Part of the evening was spent with pleasure and profit in the interest of woman's work. The address of the President and the report, with the exercises that followed, created new interest in the work,

A collection was taken up at this point on behalf of Foreign Missions.

Bro. Laflamme, Missionary elect to the Telugus, made a most effective address on the foreign work. It will bear fruit.

Rev. Mr. Baker followed with a few words about the Foreign Work in the Association. Thirteen Churches report nothing given during the year.

Singing the Missionary Hymn, and the benediction brought the meetings to a close.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

LOYALTY TO CHRIST.

Loyalty to our legally constituted sovereign is a virtue fully recognized by every good citizen. In all lands and in all ages, where men have combined for mutual protection and help into tribes and nations, the loyal have been respected and honored, and the disloyal have been distrusted and despised. So strong is this principle, and so universally has it been engrafted into the human heart, that nothing has been accepted, as good and sufficient cause for disloyalty to the legal head of any people, but the most flagrant injustice and cruel oppression; nay, so abhorrent is rebellion to those who believe themselves to be well and justly governed, that he who takes up arms against the constitutional sovereign, is, by common consent, deemed to be worthy of death.

This principle, which we believe is of heavenly birth, is so important to the best temporal interests of mankind, that combinations among men, such as we have spoken of, would be utterly impossible were it wanting; and though its efficacy in effecting perfect human combinations, has to a large extent, been destroyed by sin, yet, its beneficial influence in this direction, is even now, almost everywhere seen and experienced.

Many who are not the subjects of our spiritual King, and many who have never heard of his mild and gentle reign, are justly regarded as the true and loyal subjects of their temporal rulers. In our own vast empire, thousands who love not our Lord Jesus Christ, would willingly risk their lives in the defence of the person or the throne of our Queen.

Sometimes the effect of this principle is seen in the quiet and law-abiding demeanour of the people, while at other times, expressions of loyalty are heardon every hand, and the citizen, who is not known as an enthusiastic loyalist, freely speaks of his confidence in the government of his country and his love for his sovereign. We see the truth of this exemplified in our own country to-day. Our loyalty to our noble Queen is fully aroused, and many, who have hitherto been apparently unmoved by this principle, seemed to have caught the infection, and now most unhesitatingly express their firm attachment to Victoria, as one of the noblest of women, and best of sovereigns. From every part of our land, sincere thanksgivings arise to heaven, that she has been spared to celebrate the Jubilee of her reight. We too, would render thanks, and heartily join in the anthem, "God save our gracious Queen," for Canadian Baptists are, and always have been, loyal to their temporal head, and though in times past, we have been denied some of the liberties which we now enjoy, we were always content to make humble suggestions to those in authority, and to plead in the kindest spirit for the removal of grievances.

But this letter is addressed to christians, and we want to speak of loyalty to Christ. We have said that, as British subjects, we submit to the authority of our gracious Queen, and shall we not as christians, submit in all things, to the authority of Him "who hath loved us, and given Himself for us," and whom we recognise as our spiritual head.

None but christians can be loyal to Christ, but we, who were once rebels and "the children of wrath even as others," have experienced a great and important change, which has been wrought in us, "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." He, who at first gave us our being, has created us anew in Christ Jesus unto good works;" has stamped his image upon us. and made us partakers of his own nature, "old things have passed away; behold, all things are become new," so that the cleansed fountain of our hearts sends forth pure streams, the tree has been made good, and now yields good fruit, and we who were the servants of sin, are made the loving and loyal subjects of Immanuel. Yet, nothwithstanding the knowledge of this fact, we are often almost overwhelmed with the surprising grandeur of the thought, that the King of heaven, should so condescend, as to permit us to do him homage, and to graciously accept the imperfect service of our hearts and hands. Such wonderful condescension, would indeed be incredible to us, did we not remember that, God loved us and "sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins"—that he so "commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us,"-that, by his grace he hath filled our hearts with loving loyalty to himself and to his cause—and that, he has made our persons and our works acceptable to him in the Beloved. He now regards us with the tenderest affection, and owns us as his friends. Oh! how great is our dignity, how high and glorious is our calling, and how deep is our responsibility to our King.

Loyal subjects are always obedient servants, the Apostle says: "for this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous." It is not enough that we profess to love Him, but, we are required to produce, by an obedient and godly life, the evidence that love to him dwells in our hearts. "Faith without works is dead," so love to Christ cannot exist in the heart of that man, who, is living in known disobedience to His revealed will-Hence, the Master himself says, "if ye love me keep my commandments," and again, "ye are my frends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." Oh! for grace to enable us to render to Him that obedience which he so explicitly demands in his word, from all who love him. It is his will, that, our obedience be prompt, not deferring through fear of the wrath of man-that it be cheerful, the willing service of our hearts and hands-that it be constant, not for a time only-and that it be universal, not having respect to some of his commandments, but to all of them. Let us remember that our King will permit no reserve, but will have us to understand distinctly that his "whatsoever," comprehends all things, all time, and all eternity.

Loyalty to Christ always includes fidelity to his cause, "He loved His church and gave himself for it," and it naturally follows that, if we love him, we shall dove the church which he redeemed with his own precious blood, and we shall ever labor and pray for its prosperity. That the kingdom of our Redeemer may be extended, and the glory of our King may be increased among men, we must be willing to do anything and be anything, yea, to count it all joy, if we be esteemed worthy to suffer persecution for his sake and for the good of his cause. His loving, loyal subjects, ever consider it a glorious privilege to be permitted to lay their talents, their influence, their time, their property, and all that they have and are,

upon his altar a freewill offering to him, rejoicing in the assurance that, he will graciously accept such a gift at their hands.

None who love Him will neglect the assemblies of His saints, or be absent from the services of His house, when it is possible for them to be present. Does not Jesus meet with his people, and breathe upon them and say "Receive ye the Holy Spirit," thus imparting strength and wisdom and encouragement to them, that they may "attempt great things for him, and expect great things from him." When we hear him say, "as My Father has sent me, even so send I you," and "lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," we go forth with renewed inspiration, and are fitted for greater usefulness in his service. And again, what man is there, who, knowing from his own blessed experience that, the preaching of the gospel, is the great instrumental means, so largely owned and blessed of God in the conversion of souls, will not strive to influence the unsaved to attend the ministry of the Word, and earnestly pray that their hearts may be open to receive the truth, and that they may be made the willing subjects of our Kine.

Loyalty to Christ will make us faithful to the trust he has committed to us in spreading the good news of the Kingdom, and evangelizing the world. It will make us "determined to know nothing among men, save Christ Jesus and him crucified," and, "not to shun to declare the whole counsel of God," whether men will hear or forbear. It will stimulate us to earnestly, faithfully and lovingly labor to make known to man, God's plan of salvation, to show that it is just such a plan as the exigencies of the sinner require, and that "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Then, when the Holy Spirit carries home the truth, and the trembling penitent cries, in the agony of his soul, "what must I do," the love of Christ will constrain us to answer the inquiry in the words which the Master himself has provided, "repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." It is the boast of our denomination, that we hold the whole truth, and that we teach the whole truth, and nothing but the truth: and our loyalty to Christ makes us very careful to bring every doctrine, every precept and every practice which we are asked to receive or teach, to the test of God's word, to weigh them in the balances of the sanctuary, and to compare them with the pattern he has furnished us. If they stand not this test, we reject them however specious they may appear, and recognize them only as the doctrines and traditions of men. Thus we seek to honor the Master, to deliver our own souls, and to stand approved on "that day" when we render to him an account of our stewardship, that we may hear him say, "well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Brethren, do we desire to re-consecrate ourselves to Christ and to his service, then, let us meditate deeply upon this subject, let us pray much over it, and continue to practise it, till it burns into our hearts, and we are brought to feel that no sacrifice for Him can be too great, and no suffering for Him, too much. Let us emulate the zeal of our Master and his Apostles, and let the spirit of our fathers—

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many of whom laid down their lives for the defence of his honor, and for the good of his cause—actuate us. The eyes of the world are upon us, and the worldling knows full well, "what manner of men we ought to be." "Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" No! but from christians, they do expect good and holy works. If we are loyal to Christ, we shall exemplify, by our godly lives, the doctrines we profess to love, this is to bear fruit to the honor and glory of our God and King.

Do we desire to enjoy "the life that now is," then let us be loyal to Christ, for the happiest life possible in this world, is that which is spent in advancing his glory and seeking the welfare of our fellow man. Love to God and love to man, will always sweeten labor and reward our toil.

Do we desire success in our "work of faith and labor of love," then, let us be loyal to Christ. He has promised that our "labor shall not be in vain in the 'Lord," and the grand successes of the past, the glorious achievements of our fathers, in his name and by his grace, bid us "go forward" and gain still greater victories for our King.

Do we desire Divine approbation, then, let us be loyal to Christ. He says, "If any man serve me, him will my Father honor." The Father honors all the faithful servants of His Son, now, and will continue to honor them while in the discharge of their duties here below, by blessing them in their own souls, making them a blessing to the souls of others, and fitting them for their inheritance on high?; and when their day of toil is ended, and the sun of their lives set beneath the western horizon. He will honor them by giving them victory over death, bearing them safely across the river, and extending to them a kingly welcome on the farther shore. Then, to crown all, on "that day," and in the presence of an assembled world, "the King shall say to them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world," for it is his settled purpose that, where he is, there shall his faithful servants be also. Oh! glorious prospect, how it inspires our souls with renewed ardour. Oh! blessed hope, how it makes us long for the day when we shall share in his honors, and partake of his bliss.

Brethren, are we "looking for the blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ," if so, then, the yearnings of our souls will find vent, and the prayer will be ever in our hearts and often on our lips, even so, come, Lord Jesus.—Amen.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—This Association shall be called the EAST ONTARIO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

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 infallible rule of faith and practice; the depravity and just condemnation 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, though which believers are justified freely by grace; the necessity of the Holy Spirit in regeneration; preservance of the saints; believer's baptism by emersion only; the Lord's Supper, a privilege peculiar to baptized believers regularly admitted into fellowship in our Churches; the resurrection of the body, and general judgement; 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 correspondents 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.

BY-LAWS.

1. 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.

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

3. The letters of the Churches shall be read, then the other business shall follow as it may by 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; it 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 he dispensed with and undivided attention shall be given to the business of the Association.

11. Meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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 services 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.