

would have no control over rot? The two-horned beast "exercised all the power of the first beast," and what does it mean? It cannot mean the same kind of power, for then it would be impossible to identify the power in question. England may possess the same kind of power; so may France, Prussia, Austria, or Russia, and so may the United States or even the State of Iowa. It must be something more definite than this.

Neither can it mean that this power can be exercised on after A. D. 1798, as contended by some. This is not well argued; for after the first beast had used his power or strength, it could not be said of any other government, that it exercised its power any more than it could be said of an individual who had lost his strength and manhood by dissipation, that said strength was used by another individual; but if while the individual in the vigor of his manhood, and while his strength remained intact, should surrender his power and influence to another's use, and to be controlled by him, then it could with propriety be said of him, that he "exerciseth all the power" of the first individual. Thus it is with the Two-horned beast: he "exerciseth all the power of the first beast," during the time the first beast had power and authority. Now if this was not the Catholic Church, and as the Ten-horned beast has lost his power, how is this exercising "all the power of the first beast" to be accomplished?

This Two-horned beast has such a control over the first beast, that he causeth its inhabitants to worship the first beast whose deadly wound was healed. And again, he has such control over the inhabitants of the first beast that he "causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond to receive a mark." Why, what a perfect control!

(To be Continued.)

From Indiana.

We have just received a note from Bro. Snook, too late to be inserted in its proper place in the paper, with a list of twenty-two new subscribers, and a promise of report soon. He says:

"My work for the *Hope* will show that we are having some success. To-day I meet the great champion of the Baptists in debate on the Kingdom and Sabbath questions. An interesting time is expected. Walker and Russell will be here, and Franklin is expected. However we fear not. I never felt greater confidence in the truth, or more assurance of success. Remember me at the throne of grace."

Bro. Snook is doing a good work for the cause. May the Lord sustain him and prosper him. Our former brethren have said that our only work was to tear them down; and if we wished to do good and advance the cause of truth, our ministers would go out in new fields. Will they admit it now? J. B.

LIFE.

What is life? Let the servant of God answer: "It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." We have many times seen this verified, when our dear friends have been called to sleep the sleep of

death; and as they were borne from our embrace to rest in the silent grave until the life-giver should come, then did we not feel that life was uncertain? that it was even like "a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away?"

We know of many an honest one, whose cheeks a short time ago glowed with the rose-tint of health; and who enjoyed life no less than we do, who have now gone to that bourne from which no traveler can return. Should not these scenes of mortality teach us a lesson? Should we not learn from these, that we are fast passing away? that we may be summoned to a final farewell to things of earth? Then as life is so uncertain, and at the longest so short, does it not behoove us to live in such a manner, that when we shall have finished our course here below, that we can meet with the divine approbation of our heavenly Father? How joyful must be the feelings of that one who knows he must soon bid adieu to scenes of earth, when he can look back upon a well-spent life—a life devoted wholly to the service of his Maker. He can then say with the apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge shall give to me at that day." Who then desires that his sun may set as brightly, and peacefully as did that of the apostle Paul? If we desire this, we must follow his blessed example, and walk even as he walked.

There are few but that love this present life: we cling to it with a tenacious grasp: we love it far above gold and silver, and the precious things of earth; but we know we cannot always enjoy it. Oh then let us seek for immortality and eternal life;—eternal life at the right hand of God, and where cares and sorrows are never known. Now, all though we may sow in tears, we shall there reap in joy; yes, "Reap rich gladness through the eternal years." Let us try to rightly improve each passing moment, and ever bow in sweet submission to the will of our God, striving earnestly to walk in the path of virtue and uprightness, that when the glory of the Lord shall cover this earth as the waters cover the sea, we may here have an eternal home. For our Savior has said, "The meek shall inherit the earth." Then we can "have right to the tree of life, and enter through the gates into the city" of our God.

EMMA F. ALDRICH.

Marion, Iowa.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

CHRISTIAN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, in the providence of God he has in tender compassion and love to man, provided a way for him to escape from the wrath to come through his Son Jesus Christ, and has given unto man a guide (the Bible) to direct his footsteps, and

WHEREAS, God has entrusted his gospel to man and commanded that they "should let their light shine, and believing that we are in an age

when it is especially necessary to labor together, and thus have co-operation in the dissemination of truth, therefore in order for our well being and that God's blessing may rest upon us in our efforts to do good, we do hereby adopt the following Constitution and By-laws, by which we shall be directed and controlled.

CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1st. This Association shall be known as the Christian Publishing Association, located at Marion, Iowa.

Art. 2d. The object of this Association shall be to print and publish books, pamphlets, tracts, and periodicals, devoted to the advancement of the truths of the Bible.

Art. 3rd. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, and a Publishing Committee consisting of three members, who shall hold their offices one year or until their successors be elected and qualified.

Art. 4th. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the regular and special meetings of the Association, shall decide all questions of order, and shall have the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 5th. The Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in his absence.

Art. 6th. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of the Association, and to keep all books and papers belonging to the Association that may come into his hands by virtue of his office.

Art. 7th. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep the funds belonging to the Association, and also valuable papers that may come into his hands by virtue of his office.

Art. 8th. It shall be the duty of the Editor to select and prepare matter for the periodical department of the Association, and to exercise a special watchcare over the same.

Art. 9th. It shall be the duty of the Publishing Committee to decide what books, periodicals, pamphlets, and tracts, shall be published, and to provide the means necessary for publishing the same.

Art. 10. Any person can become a member of the Association by paying into the treasury the sum of five (5) dollars.

Art. 11th. This Constitution shall remain unalterable, except by a vote of two thirds of the members present at any regular meeting of the Association.

BY-LAWS.

ART. I

Sec. 1st. The regular meetings of this Association shall be held annually; the time and place of the meeting to be determined by the officers of the Association.

Sec. 2nd. A notice of each regular meeting shall be published in the periodical published by the Association, at least four weeks previous to the time of meeting, and such call for a meeting shall be signed by the President and Secretary.

Sec. 1st. No person in the gift of the Association shall be a member unless he is a believer in Jesus as the Son of God, and keeps all the commandments of the law.

Sec. 2nd. Vacancies in the office of the Association may result from the following causes:

1st. By death,

2nd. By gross neglect,

3rd. By a departure from the Association.

Sec. 1st. of this Article shall be the President.

Sec. 4th. Whenever the reasons set forth in the Constitution shall be the cause of the office vacant, the officers of the Association shall be empowered to fill the office, and the proceeding shall be valid as if the law as valid at the time of the Association.

Sec. 1st. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to carefully examine the accounts of the Association, and report to the Board of Examiners, and exhibit a gross note on the part of the Secretary, he shall immediately call a meeting of the Board of Examiners, upon proceed to examine the accounts, and shall find them satisfactory, they shall forthwith notify the Secretary.

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ART. II.

Sec. 1st. No person can be eligible to any office in the gift of the Association unless they are believers in Jesus as the Savior of mankind, and are keeping all the commandments of God. (Ex. xx. 9-17.)

Sec. 2nd. Vacancies in the offices of the Association may result from the following causes:

- 1st. By death,
- 2nd. By gross neglect of duty and,
- 3rd. By a departure from the requirements of Sec. 1st. of this Article.

Sec. 4th. Whenever any vacancies occur from the reasons set forth in Sec. 2d of this article, the President (or if he be incapacitated to act then the Vice President) shall immediately declare the office vacant and shall proceed to notify the remaining officers of the Association, who shall hereby be empowered to fill said vacancy by appointment and the proceeding of such officer shall be in the law as valid at though elected by the vote of the Association.

ART. III.

Sec. 1st. It shall be the duty of the President to carefully examine the books and papers belonging to the Association once in every three months, and report to the Secretary, and should the books exhibit a gross neglect of duty and carelessness on the part of the officers having charge thereof, he shall immediately report such neglect to the Publishing Committee, who shall constitute a board of examiners, and said committee shall thereupon proceed to examine said charges, and should they find them sustained by the evidence, they shall forthwith notify the President of the same.

Sec. 2nd. The Association shall be represented by its President in all matters of a legal character.

ART. IV.

Sec. 1st. The Secretary shall have charge of the subscription list to the periodicals of the Association, and he shall mail all books, pamphlets, tracts, and papers, sent out by the Association. He shall keep a book containing the names of those who have taken shares in the Association, and also the names and amount of donations to the Association. He shall also prepare a statement for publication containing the names and amount received between each issue of the paper for shares, donations to the paper, or otherwise.

Sec. 2nd. The Secretary shall cause to be issued a certificate of shares in the Association to each individual having stock therein, containing the amount of stock and the number of votes each member is entitled to cast. Said Certificate shall be signed by the President and certified to by the Secretary.

Sec. 3rd. The Secretary shall make, or cause to be made, and presented at each annual meeting of the Association, a statement containing the financial condition of the Association, showing the amount received on subscription, shares, donations, or work, and also showing the amount expended, and for what purposes.

ART. V.

Sec. 1st. The Treasurer shall pay out money on the order of the President, certified to by the Secretary.

Sec. 2nd. The Treasurer shall be required to give such bond for the faithful performance of the duties of his office as the Publishing Association may determine, and said bond shall be deposited with the Secretary.

Sec. 3rd. The Treasurer shall at each annual meeting make a report of the amount received and expended during the term of his office.

ART. VI.

Sec. 1st. The columns of the periodical published by the Association shall be open and free for the dissemination of religious knowledge.

Sec. 2nd. It shall be within the province of the Editor to determine what matter would be suitable for the public good and well being of the periodical under his care, and to act accordingly; and all matter that he shall reject shall be submitted for final adjustment to the Publishing Committee, and should they decide averse to the decision of the Editor, the Editor shall cause the said matter to appear in the periodical for which it was intended.

ART. VII.

Sec. 1st. It shall be the duty of the Publishing Committee to decide what shall be the compensation of the officers and employees of the Association, and to determine the price of all periodicals, pamphlets, and books, that may be published by the Association.

Sec. 2nd. Whenever the wants of the Association demand material to publish books, papers, or tracts, the publishing Committee shall thereupon proceed to obtain the same and pay therefor from the funds of the Association.

Sec. 3rd. The Publishing Committee shall constitute an auditing board, who shall meet at the office of the Secretary once in 3 months to audit and settle all claims for and against the Association and such settlement shall be certified to by the Secretary.

ART. VIII.

Sec. 1st. Five dollars shall constitute one share in the Association.

Sec. 2nd. Each share entitles the holder thereof to one vote in the regular meetings of the Association.

ART. IX.

Sec. 1st. All voting shall be done by ballot.

Sec. 2nd. Persons holding certificates of shares not being present may vote by sending their ballots in a sealed envelope directed to the Secretary or by proxy.

Sec. 3d. The President shall appoint two tellers, whose duty it shall be to take and count the number of votes.

ART. X.

Sec. 1st. All business proceedings of any of the officers pertaining to the Association shall be sent to the Secretary daily certified to.

ART. XI.

Sec. 1st. These By-laws shall remain unalterable except by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1st. Prayer.
- 2nd. Reading of minutes.
- 3rd. Election of officers.
- 4th. Reports.
- 5th. Miscellaneous business.
- 6th. Adjournment.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

A Sister in Wisconsin in sending a donation to the Association, writes:

"We know the amount is small, but we send it praying it may do a little good. We hope to send more before winter. We are not laying up treasure on earth; but earnestly desire to lay up a little in heaven. We think it by far the best savings bank for us poor mortals. We deeply sympathize with you in your arduous labors, and fervently pray that God may make you valiant for truth. You are not sent a warfare at your own charges. Trus in God.
Much love from us all.

BRO. KIMBALL writes: I would say that the cause is prospering in this region, especially in Abington. One more has been recently converted and one arose last Sunday eve for prayer, a young man about twenty five, another who has been a scoffer in meetings, declared that he must yield his heart to God. Dear Bro. B. pray for us.

An exchange says: "I have seen a woman professing to love Christ more than the world, clad in a silk dress costing \$75; making up and trimmings of same, \$40; bonnet, (or apology for one,) \$35; velvet mantle, 150; diamond ring, \$500; watch, chain, pin and other trappings, \$200; total, \$1,100—all hung upon a frail, dying woman. I have seen her at a meeting in behalf of homeless wanderers in New York, wipe her eyes upon an expensive embroidered handkerchief at the story of their sufferings, and when the contribution box came round, take from a well-filled porte monnaie of costly workmanship, twenty-five cents to aid the society formed to promote their welfare. Ah, thought I, dollars for ribbons and pennies for Christ."

THE INDIANS AND THE PREACHERS.—Some years ago, three American ministers went to preach to the Cherokee Indians. One preached very deliberately and coolly; and the chiefs held a council to know whether the Great Spirit spoke to them through that man; and they declared he did not, because he was not so much engaged as their head men were in their national concerns. Another spoke to them in a most vehement manner; and they determined in council that the Great Spirit did not speak to them through that man, because he was mad. The third preached to them in an earnest and fervent manner; and they agreed that the Great Spirit might speak to them through him, for he was both earnest and affectionate. He was ever after kindly received.—*The Christian*.