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Annual Report of the Executive Board of the General Association.

DEAR BRETHREN: As your Board, we submit the following account of our work for the Associational year. In thankfulness of heart, we desire to express our gratitude to God for his goodness and mercy, in that none of our members have died during the year. We have held quarterly meetings in January, March and June, which were encouraging, being well attended by the members of the Board, and the people, where said meetings were held, reports of our missionaries showing fair success, both among the white people and the Indians. The summing up gives the following results: Bro. J. P. Johnston reports 11 days, 11 sermons, 22 baptized, 17 by letter, 1 restored, 1 minister and 2 deacons ordained, 1 church constituted, traveled 290 miles.

Bro. J. P. Merrett reports 158 days, 171 sermons, 32 baptized, 13 by letter, 3 restored, 1 deacon ordained, traveled 1613 miles.

Bro. J. M. Sammons reports 48 days, 49 sermons, 3 baptized, 4 by letter, 1 restored, 1 church constituted, and traveled 1332 miles.

Elder Jackson Choctaw reports 105 days, 75 sermons, 1 baptized, aided in ordaining 1 minister and constituting 1 church, traveled 1000 miles.

Bro. N. L. Clarke reports 16 days, 16 services, ordained 1 deacon, assisted in organizing one church, traveled 224 miles.

Bro. Davis reports 41 days, 39 sermons, 5 baptized, 18 by letter, 1 church constituted and 1 deacon ordained, traveled 617 miles.

Total work for the year, 423 days, 386 sermons, baptized 92, received by letter, 52, restored, 5, constituted 3 churches, ordained 2 ministers, deacons ordained 6, traveled, 5,484 miles.

In view of the blessings of God upon our past labors, we desire to feel thankful to the giver of all good and take courage for the future. We recommend the continuation of the domestic mission work wherever it is needed—especially among the Choctaw Indians in Mississippi. Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. THIGPEN, Secretary.

N. L. CLARKE, President.

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Baptist General Association of Mississippi in annual session for 1889, held with Oakland church October 26 to 29 inclusive, Newton county, Miss.

FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

According to previous appointment, introductory sermon by A. J. Freeman text, Acts 2d chapter, latter clause of 47th verse: And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Theme, the church and her relation to the work assigned her by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Said sermon was able and satisfactory to the hearers.

Intermission of one hour for dinner served on the grounds, after which the Association assembled, and was called to order by the President, N. L. Clarke, prayer by Elder J. E. Brunson, an address of welcome by Elder G. W. Rayner, responded to handsomely by Bro. L. A. Duncan.

Appointed Finance Committee: T. C. Viverett, Chairman, N. T. Johnson and J. W. Sullivan.

To read letters from churches and associations, T. L. Moore, Thomas Keith and A. J. Freeman. Representation as follows:

CHURCHES.

Oakland—W. R. Haily, A. W. Gressett.
Mount Zion—J. T. Lewis, B. W. Watson.
Bethel, N. C.—B. W. Deering, J. E. Chapman.
Decatur—N. T. Johnson, J. H. Keith and R. E. Lard.
Pine Bluff—S. R. Everett.
Bethlehem—D. C. Payne, J. H. Germany.
Sand Spring—E. G. Skinner.
Newton—T. C. Viverett.
Pinkney—J. W. Arnold, C. C. Roebuck.
Mount Vernon N. C.—J. K. Horn, T. B. Henderson.
Center Ridge—W. M. Saddler, J. S. Wells.
Bethel, S. C.—By letter.
Cross Roads—L. Haral, M. D. Russell.
Rock Branch—R. K. Cleavland, L. S. James.
Silverena—J. T. Simmons, J. W. Rooker, R. C. Smith.
Hickory—E. Biggs.
Good Hope—C. G. Johnston.
Zion Hill—N. J. Ware, J. W. Sullivan.
Fellowship—W. O. Kellum, D. J. Hambrick.
Good Water, L. C.—J. W. Tuckner, C. E. Allen.
Pleasant Hill—L. P. Murrell, John Keaver.
Poplar Springs—W. M. Yarborough, E. Deen.
Mount Nebo, N. C.—J. S. McAllister.
Union—W. L. Bassett, W. R. Moore.
New Prospect—J. B. Ishee, W. Kasey.
Liberty—J. A. Scott.
Macedonia—M. D. Blanks, W. C. Gressett.

DELEGATES.

- Garlandville—J L Hardy, Sr.
 2 Mount Nebo, J C—G E Risher, Benj. Thigpen.
 Mount Pleasant—W P Vaughn, A F Lindley.
 3 Antioch—J L Ainsworth, J N Montgomery.
 Mount Pisgah—J T Halford.
 Enon—G W Waldroop.
 4 Salem—J R Nealy, I D Arlidge.
 Shady Grove—W J Arington.
 5 Mount Vernon, J C—G W Boyd.
 6 Midway—J C McDowell.
 Calvary—J E Brunson, W S Culpepper, J G Flournoy.
 Linwood—J J Ingram.
 Enon, Nesohba county—F Clarke.
 County Line—P W Sansing, J W Gilbert.
 Suenlovie—O Robinson.
 Beulah—H O White.
 Pleasant Grove—B M Smith.

ASSOCIATIONS.

- Bethlehem—J E Brunson, J D Stone, W S Culpepper, A Gressett,
 H A Pickard, L A Duncan, W L Duncan and O Robinson.
 Ebenezer—Z K Gilmore and J P Merrett.
 New Liberty—J T Simmons, L J Caughman, J A Hitt and M E
 Manning.
 Red Creek—J P Johnson.
 Hobolochitto—J B Flannagin and R N Davis
 Mount Pisgah—G W Rainer, A J Freeman, L P Murrell, D T
 Chapman, D M Stroud, T W Kennedy, Thos. Keith, N L Clarke,
 J M Moore, B W Deering, T J Williams, T I Wells, J M Porter,
 T L Moore, William Graham, B W Sansing, H W. Lard.
 Bethel—J P Johnson.
 Salem—G W Boyd, J R Nealy, Benj. Thigpen.
 Oktibbeha—J F Gunn, C E Brame.
 Choctaw—J J N Nash.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP.

J A Hackett, T L Moore, J M Sammons, W K Red.
 Names of delegates enrolled, the Association proceeded to elect
 officers for the ensuing year by acclamation, to-wit: President,
 N L Clarke; first vice-president, J P Johnston; second vice-presi-
 dent, A J Freeman; Benj. Thigpen, Corresponding and Recording
 Secretary D T Chapman, Treasurer

CORRESPONDENCE FROM OTHER BODIES.

State Convention, J A Hackett and J B Gambrell; Springfield
 Association, Oliver Smith and C C Smith; Foreign Mission Board,
 W J David; Fair River Association, J H Gambrell.
 Proceeded to appoint committee as follows:
 On Temperance—J W Arnold, B W Deering, J F Gum, J A
 Scott.
 On Publications—A J Freeman, G W Boyd, R K Cleveland and
 T L Moore.
 Sabbath Schools—L A Duncan, W K Red, D M Stroud, J K
 Horn.
 Education—G W Rainer, J L Hardy, J T Halford, Thos
 Keith.

Missions—J E Chapman, L P Murrell, J E Brunson, J M Moore.
 Colportage—J G Flournoy, W S Culpepper, O Robinson.
 Nominations—D T Chapman, J L Hardy, Thos Keith, E Biggs.
 Requests—J L Ainsworth, W J Arington, N T Johnston, L J
 Caughman.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REPORT ON LITERATURE.

T I Wells, A J Freeman, J P Johnston, J T Simmons, D T
 Chapman. President added by motion.

COMMITTEE ON PREACHING REPORT.

That Elder J H Gambrell preach tonight, L A Duncan lecture on
 Sunday Schools at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning (Sunday,) W J
 David lecture on manners and customs in Africa at 10 o'clock, Bro.
 J P Johnston preach at 11 o'clock A. M., Bro. J A Hackett preach
 at 2 o'clock P. M., W S Culpepper at night, and Bro. C E Brame at
 11 A. M. on Monday. T. I. WELLS, Chairman.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by J T Sim-
 mons.

Monday morning, 9 o'clock, Association met as per adjournment;
 present as before; prayer by J T Halford. Resolution introduced
 to raise money for the wants of the body by prorating to the
 churches and associations composing the General Association, etc.,
 which was, after being discussed by J E Brunson, J P Johnston, L
 A Duncan, J E Chapman, W K Red, I D Stone, J A Hackett, J H
 Gambrell, N L Clarke, laid on the table.

The annual report of the Executive Board was read and approved
 and ordered to be printed in these minutes.

Report of Committee on Temperance read, discussed by J H
 Gambrell, W K Red and adopted, as follows:

Whereas, The liquor traffic is a most powerful hinderance to the
 gospel of Christ, and an aggressive enemy to social order, and

Whereas, This traffic seeks to destroy the Christian Sabbath and
 annihilate public morals and the public conscience, and

Whereas, The Supreme Courts of this country have declared that
 the liquor traffic is the fruitful source of insanity, pauperism and
 crime, and that the use of intoxicants deteriorates the human
 stock. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we favor the speedy and entire prohibition of the
 liquor traffic; that we oppose license for this traffic in any and all
 forms, through which men buy the right to destroy human hope
 and happiness, and blight human souls as an offense against public
 morals and sin against God.

Be it resolved further, That this subject is of such vital impor-
 tance that we feel it to be the duty of the pastors of the different
 churches composing this body to continue to earnestly present this
 cause to their congregations. J. W. ARNOLD,
 Chairman.

Report of committee on publications, read and discussed by W J
 David, J B Gambrell, J A Hackett, N L Clarke and adopted.

Your committee on publications recommend the Southern Bap-
 tist Record as a sound Baptist paper, also the Foreign Mission
 Journal, Published at Richmond, Va., monthly, the Home Field,
 published at Atlanta, Ga., and for our Sabbath Schools, Kind Words
 as worthy of our patronage. ANDREW J. FREEMAN, Chairman.

Report of committee on Sunday Schools, discussed by L A Duncan, J A Hackett, W K Red and adopted.

A separate report on Sunday Schools is scarcely needed now, as the matter has been fully laid before the churches, and is really but a branch of missionary work. Still, it would not be out of place, and surely not untimely to emphasize the importance of giving more attention to the subject. It is confidently hoped that the day is near at hand when the reports on Missions, Sunday Schools, and Colportage will all be embraced under the general head of church work.

There are still some churches in our bounds that have no Sunday Schools. They suffer loss. Pastors find them great aids, when properly conducted. Their value cannot be estimated, not only as a means of bringing the young under religious influences, but in training them for future usefulness, if God calls them for service in his kingdom.

Your committee are of the opinion that the Sunday School should be under church control; its superintendent and secretary, when practicable, to be elected hereby, and the expenses be borne by the church. Not that the school should give nothing, but that its offerings should go to the various objects fostered by the church, thus creating a habit of giving and cultivating a spirit to labor for the extension of the cause of Christ.

Let it not be supposed that a good Sunday School can be sustained without labor and sacrifice. Teachers are needed, and such as feel their responsibility. Money is needed for supplies. Care is needed in selecting sound literature. Much so-called is worse than trash. We can recommend Kind Words series and the periodicals and books of the American Baptist Publication Society. The question is not shall there be Sunday Schools, but who shall control them.

L. A. DUNCAN,
W. K. RED

Report of committee on education, read and discussed by G W Rainer, W S Culpepper and J B Gambrell and adopted.

Much might be said of Education—of the general education of the masses, the common people; much ought to be said and much ought to be done. To say and not to do is of little importance. Earnest, faithful activity in this work will result in success. Brethren, to reach these poorer classes, the common people should be our object and aim. If we do not educate our people, our children, others will do it for us; and in that work, while they disclaim all intention to sectarianism in their schools, it is but natural for young people to imbibe those principles, the atmosphere of which is prevailing, and in which they are continuously moving. We suggest, that as Baptists, we should be tire ourselves to greater zeal and activity in this direction. We should strive to support and maintain good schools under Baptist influence. We need such schools in every community accessible to the common people. We also need schools of a higher grade under the supervision of Baptists, where Baptist influence prevails. We have a few such schools, but we ought to have many more. We ought to patronize them more liberally and thus encourage and sustain them if we would foster and successfully promote our own educational and spiritual interests.

As a college, the Mississippi College at Clinton, with its past his-

tory and success, with its present prospects and outlook, with its worthy president and able, efficient faculty, commends itself to every Baptist in the land. We feel great interest in the effort being made to endow this college and would urge our people to do all they can to assist in this effort. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. RAINER, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Missions read. Thos. Keith offered an amendment, said amendment was discussed at length by J E Chapman, J A Hackett, C E Brame, J B Gambrell, J F Gun, Thos. Keith, J E Brunson, J P. Johnston, N L Clarke, after which the report was adopted as amended.

This is a subject that ought to attract the attention of every Christian because it is so plainly taught in the word of God. Therefore, it should have our most serious thought, our prayerful attention and best effort.

Nearly every foreign land has been explored, the Bible has been translated into hundreds of different languages. The door is open to us in every direction. The wonderful facility for rapid travel, and the indication of protection for our foreign missionaries.

Your committee thinks that at no time in the history of the world was the indication from God so plain to go and occupy the field as to-day. The Foreign Board needs help badly to liquidate its present indebtedness. The Home Board is begging for help. Our own General Association ought to have as much again money on hand as she has at present.

When we look around and see the fields suffering, and whitening ready to be harvested, sinners dying and going to the judgment bar of God without a hope, and the responsibility resting on us, to some degree at least.

In view of this fact, your committee would ask this association to consider what she has done in this direction. It is true we have done a good work; but, brethren, there are twelve or fifteen thousand Baptists in this association, and our contributions for the present year amounts to about \$1,500. This is a sad fact when we turn to the Bible and find what God has commanded us in this direction.

Therefore, your committee would earnestly and prayerfully recommend that this association consider this matter, and for the sake of our denomination, and for the sake of Christ, that this body adopt some systematic plan of raising money, so that there will be no delay in this blessed work of our blessed Lord.

J. E. CHAPMAN, Chairman.

The essay of Georgie Dees Phillips was read before the body and ordered to be printed in these minutes.

Report of Committee on Colportage adopted. The same committee continued for the ensuing year with T H Boykin and W S Culpepper added.

Your Committee on Colportage reports that immediately after their appointment, at your last meeting, a collection of \$5.45 was taken up for this colportage work, and at the first meeting of the committee for organization, Bro. L A. Duncan gave us a number of good books suitable for the work, amounting to \$5.40 in value, and in November we received forty-five Bibles, seventy-five Testaments, and 2,776 pages of Tracts from the A. B. P. S., the value of which was \$28.50, and with these Books and Tracts we commenced our colportage work.

We gave of these Bibles and Testaments free of charge to families and others who desired them and were unable to purchase, and have sold the others.

On February 8th we received \$8.00 from Elder J. P. Merritt, and on March 20th we received \$5.30 from Elder M. G. Turner.

On April 22d we purchased of the A. B. P. S. \$42.69 worth of denominational Books and Tracts and furnished them to such ministers as we could, and secured the services of Bro. J. E. Brunson as colporteur for five days, and in this way disposed of the most of the books on hand, and in the meantime the first church at Meridian gave us \$5.00, and a collection was taken up at Calvary Church amounting to \$5.60.

On October 4th we purchased Books and Tracts of the A. B. P. S. of the value of \$31.40, and again received about eighteen Bibles and twenty-four Testaments donated to us, but worth about \$5.40.

We have on hand books and tracts of the value of \$56.68, and \$4.12 in cash, and do not owe anything.

We have paid \$7.50 for colportage work, and \$2.65 for 500 circulars and 100 postal stamps and 100 envelopes each, and \$4.15 freight on books, and this is all the expense we have incurred.

RECAPITULATION.

Value of books donated by Bro. Duncan.....	\$ 5 40
“ Bibles and Testaments, first bill.....	28 50
“ Books and tracts, in second bill.....	42 69
“ Books, Tracts, Bibles and Testaments.....	37 10
Total value of Books and tracts.....	\$ 112 67
We have given away Bibles, Testaments and tracts to the value of about.....	\$ 12 00
Have sold Books and Testaments for about.....	39 87
Total donation and sales.....	\$ 51 87
And have on hand in books and tracts.....	\$ 56 68
And in cash.....	4 12
Total.....	\$ 60 88

We therefore recommend a continuance of the colportage work, and ask the prayers and earnest co-operation of the brethren and sisters in disseminating the Bible truths among the people.

J. G. FLOURNOY,
A. GRESSETT,
L. A. DUNCAN,
J. E. BRUNSON,
E. J. MARTIN,
Committee.

On motion, Resolved, That the pastors and ministers co-operating in or residing within the bounds of the Association, be requested to take up a collection for this colportage work at all their places for preaching during the month of November next, and if for any cause such collection is not taken up in November they will please attend to it in December; and send such collection to J. G. Flournoy, chairman, at Meridian, Miss.

Report on Nominations adopted.

Your Committee on Nominations recommend the following as the Executive Board for the ensuing year :

Elders L P Murrell, J T Simmons, L M Phillips, A Gressett, J E Chapman, G W Rainer, B W Deering, T I Wells, A J Freeman, G W Boyd, L J Caughman, and Brethren J R Nealy J B Ishee, A Pierce, J P Pace, N T Johnston, Larkin Davis, A M Cross, J W Sullivan, Warren Huff, E G Skinner, J E Graham.

We recommend that Elder L P Murrell preach the next introductory sermon, and Elder J B Flannagin his alternate. Respectfully submitted,
D. T. CHAPMAN, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REQUEST

We find two requests for the next meeting of the body—from Silvarena and Mount Nebo. We decline to make a decision between the two, but refer the matter to the decision of the Association by vote. Respectfully submitted,
W. J. ARRINGTON, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Request adopted, and by vote of the Association the request was granted to Mount Nebo.

Report of Special Committee on Religious Literature adopted.

We, your committee on the paper question, having had the matter under consideration, and having investigated facts in connection with the same arrive at the conclusion, that the course of our people within the bounds of the General Association with regard to religious reading, and especially the reading of Baptist papers, is such as to cause much regret. But few subscribe for the Record, and the number is growing continually less, so that we have nearly no medium of communication between us as to our work. Whatever may be the cause of this, we consider it an evil, and one that should be removed, if possible. We feel at least that an effort should be made to that end. We, therefore, recommend that the matter be recognized by this Association as claiming its attention, and that a committee of ten Brethren, be appointed by the body, who shall take the question under advisement, in every proper and available form, ascertain facts, and arrive at conclusions as to the cause of the evil and take steps to remove it, if, in their estimation, it is practicable. This committee to meet and adjourn at its own option, and report to the Executive Board, or to the body itself; any six of whom shall be a quorum for business.

Committee: A J Freeman, J P Johnston, D T Chapman, J M Moore, G W Rainer, T I Wells, J T Simmons Wm. Thigpen and L J Caughman, William Graham and N. L. Clark added.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE—MISSIONS.

CHURCHES.	Domestic	Indian.	Foreign.
Linwood, Neshoba County.....			
Ebenezer, ".....		\$1 90	\$1 85
Enon, ".....		1 75	1 75
Suenlovie, Clark, ".....			1 00
County Line, Neshoba, ".....	\$1 20		
Salem Association.....	1 00		
Bethlehem ".....	3 00	3 25	
Ebenezer ".....	26 15	7 60	13 20
New Liberty ".....	57 95	9 00	34 85
Red Creek ".....	53 91	4 65	4 95
Sylvarena Church.....	49 05	6 40	9 10
Choctaw Association.....	20 55		
Octibbeha ".....	5 25	2 00	2 50
Sylvarena Sabbath School.....		14 70	
Betael Church, Smith county.....	5 00	12 70	
Hobolochitto Association, R. N. Davis.....	3 80		
J. M. Sammons.....	82 00		12 60
Mt. Pisgah Association.....	1 00		
A. J. Hackett.....	44 35	10 35	
W. K. Red.....	1 00		
Chichasabay Association.....	1 00		
T. L. Moore.....		13 45	
Springfield Association.....	1 90		
Sister J. L. Hardy.....		23 40	
No name.....	1 00	1 00	2 00
Collected on Sunday.....			5 00
J. P. Merrett, collection on field.....	12 02	11 77	11 77
Calvary Church, Meridian.....	43 00		
Pleasant Grove, Newton county.....	12 50		
Corinth Church, Marion.....	30	20	90
Midway ".....	5 80		
Oral ".....	6 70		
Oakland, Newton county.....	3 85		
Hickory, Newton county.....	33 50		
Mt Sinai, Neshoba county.....	6 85		
Bethel, Newton county.....	10 65		
Decatur ".....	15 76	6 30	10 30
Bethlehem, ".....	60 20		
Pine Bluff, ".....	7 40		
Mt Vernon, Jasper county.....	2 50		
Sand Springs.....	2 00	3 00	2 15
Pinkney, Newton county.....	2 85		
Newton, ".....	5 50		
Mt Vernon, ".....	10 00	2 75	
Center Ridge, ".....	2 20		4 30
Cross Roads ".....	13 50		
Rock Branch, ".....	6 20		
Good Hope ".....	15 25	8 00	10 10
Zion Hill, Smith ".....	4 00		
Fellowship, Jasper ".....	10 00		
Goodwater, Lauderdale county.....	8 00	25	
Pleasant Hill, Newton ".....	7 60		
Mt Nebo, ".....	12 75		
Poplar Springs, ".....	1 50	1 50	
Union Springs ".....	7 25		
	13 00		1 00

REPORT ON MISSIONS—CONTINUED.

CHURCHES	Dom	Ind'n.	For'n
New Prospect, Lauderdale Co.	3 25		
Liberty, Jasper	2 00		
Macedonia, Lauderdale ".....	4 50		2 00
J W Harrison.....	4 00		
Garlandsville church, Jasper county.....	9 70		
Mt Nebo, Jasper county.....	12 05		
Mt Pleasant, Newton ".....			13 00
Antioch, Jasper ".....			5 25
Mt Pisgah, ".....	7 00	6 00	7 00
Enon, ".....	10 00	5 00	5 00
Salem, ".....	10 50		
Shady Grove, Jasper ".....			1 00
" " Sunday School.....	4 15	2 00	5 00
Beulah church, Newton county.....	11 00		
Midway, ".....	22 00		
Mt Olive Association.....		1 00	
Old Union Church.....		2 35	
Sulphur Springs church.....		5 65	
Union.....	12 75		
Received on Monday for Domestic Missions.....			
Total.....	791 64	168 92	167 75
Sabbath School (Calvary Church) Frank Ross.....	\$1 50		
" " A J Diaz.....	1 50		
Indian Sunday School, Gen'l Asso'n, Calvary Church.....	3 25		
Choctaw Assoc'n, for Choctaw Church at Center Ridge, Newton county.....	13 30		
From Mt. Pisgah Asso'n for House of Worship in Cuba.....	20 00		
L. B. Fancher.....	13 50		
Collected for Indian Church.....	18 65		
Indian Church.....	5 50		
Ministerial Education.....	3 90		\$81 10
Grand Total--For Domestic Missions.....	\$974 54		
" " Indian.....	200 82		
" " Foreign.....	219 42		
" " Sundry purposes.....	81 10		
Money borrowed.....	95 00		\$1570 88

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that we have examined the Treasurer's account and find it correct, and that he has received and disbursed from the Board meetings during the year:

For Domestic Missions.....	\$160 90
Foreign.....	51 85
Indian.....	32 90
Indian Church.....	5 50
Ministerial Education.....	3 90
Borrowed.....	95 00

Total.....	\$350 05
Disbursed.....	342 25
Balance on hand.....	\$7 80

We find that he has overpaid to the General and Foreign Mission fund \$4 65 from the Indian Church and Ministerial fund, and we recommend that the said amount \$4 65, be refunded from the general fund to the said stated funds.

T. C. VIVERETT, Chmn.

MISSIONARIES APPOINTED.

Elder Jackson Choctaw appointed for one-fourth of his time as of last year.

Elder Ben Williamson for three-fourths of his time to labor among the Indians in Mississippi.

All other appointments to be left to the Executive Board to meet with Decatur church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in December next, 1889.

Whereas, We consider the prosecution of Gospel work among the Choctaws of our State as a matter of first importance with this Association, and, whereas, an intelligent ministry is essential to this object, therefore

Resolved, That the Association take steps to have an institute held during the coming winter under the direction of suitable white ministers, and at a suitable place for the benefit of Choctaw ministers.

Resolved, further, That the Decatur church be requested to take charge of this work and carry it out

Resolved, That this body select a man of good reputation from among our Indian brethren and qualify him with a good English education, that the Scriptures may be explained to our poor Indian friends as early as practicable.

Resolved, That the treasurer of this body is hereby instructed to pay over the funds in his hands to the objects for which they are contributed.

Resolved, That the secretary have 1,200 copies of these minutes printed and distributed, inserting the Constitution and rules of order governing this body, and draw on the treasury for the expenses of the same, and also his usual fee for services as such.

Resolved, That the grateful thanks of this Association is hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends composing the Oakland church and community for their bountiful, hospitality to us in every way during our stay among them. May God bless them in soul and body for Christ's sake, Amen.

Resolved, That Elder L. P. Murrell preach the next introductory sermon, and that Elder J. B. Flanagin be his alternate.

Resolved, That we now adjourn to meet with Mount Nebo church, Jasper county, Miss., on Saturday before the last Sabbath in October, 1890.

Thus closed our annual meeting for 1889 in a good degree of harmony and entire good feeling, as we hope, etc.

BENJ. THIGPEN, Secretary.

N. L. CLARKE, President,

Note—The first meeting of the Executive Board to meet with Decatur church Saturday before the fifth Sunday in December, 1889.

The brethren all preached as per appointment of committee to large and attentive audiences, and both saint and sinner were edified and instructed, and as we hope, to the good of all and the advancement of the Master's cause.

Note—Hobolochitto Association sent to the General Association at annual meeting last year at Shady Grove the amount of \$102, which should have been inserted in the financial table of 1888

CLERK

Indian Missions in Mississippi, Read Before the Diaz Mission Society, Shubuta, Miss. by Georgie Dees Phillips.

As this society has agreed to appropriate the contributions of this quarter to Indian missions in Mississippi, it was thought something on this subject would be appropriate at this time. For the facts in regard to the Indian Mission work in this State, I am indebted to Rev. N. L. Clarke, one of the veteran ministers of the State, and one who has long been deeply interested in this Indian Mission work.

Over these broad United States there once lived and ruled another race of people. Where our flourishing cities rise in all their grandeur, only the wigwams of the savages stood. Long they roamed in unmolested freedom over our broad prairies, fished in our beautiful streams, darted in their swift canoes across our silvery lakes, and ascended our lofty mountains, perchance to hold communion with the Great Spirit whose voice they heard in the whisperings of Nature.

But, by and by, the Caucasian race, with their characteristic trait of conquest, came to these shores, and, by degrees, the Indians began to give up their natural inheritance and take up their solitary march towards the mighty Pacific, till now all that they can claim of their extensive hunting-grounds is a reservation not quite one-third as large as the State of Texas. Scattered here and there in different States may be found a small remnant of that once mighty and warlike people.

Though living among Christian people, very little has been done for their moral elevation and civilization.

In the organization of the Baptist General Association, one of its chief objects was to give the Gospel to the Choctaw Indians remaining in Mississippi. Steps were taken for their evangelization and a missionary appointed to labor among them, but on account of the difficulties in his way he declined. The war soon came on and everything in regard to that work was suspended till about the year 1878, when the subject was again agitated in the General Association, and an effort made to obtain the services of a Choctaw minister from the Indian Territory. Elder James, a Choctaw, was selected by the Chickasaw and Choctaw Associations, and agreed to come, but was taken sick and failed. Great was the disappointment to those in this country so much interested in the work. But they again appealed to the nation for a missionary, and this time Elder Peter Folsom, the first Baptist minister from the Choctaws, was selected. He was now old and feeble, but of fine reputation among his people. He arrived in this country in January, 1881, and after about eight months, preaching the Gospel, and during the time he baptized several persons, constituted one church, and ordained one minister.

In the summer of 1881, a young Choctaw minister from a Baptist college in Illinois, named Jesse Murrow, came to Mississippi and labored very successfully among his ignorant countrymen.

One who knew him well says of him: "Pious and intelligent, and amiable to admiration. He exerted a wonderful influence for the good of his people. Returning North he spent the winter there, but came again to Mississippi in 1882. Full of zeal and love, he

sacrificed himself for the good of his people, and sad to say, died in September at Hickory, Miss. Elder N. L. Clarke says of him: "I have known but few, if any, more interesting young men than Jesse B. Murrow."

Great advance had been made in the mission during the summer of 1882, and after the death of Murrow the brethren of the West were again appealed to for a minister to continue the work so well begun. They responded favorably, appointing Elder James Brown to the work. He arrived in this country early in 1883, but was sick when he came and died before entering upon the work.

Those interested in the mission felt that they could not again ask a man from the West. So they decided to put Elder Jackson, the minister ordained by Folsom, in the field. He accepted the work, and has been engaged in it ever since.

Though neither learned nor sprightly, much good has been done through his instrumentality for this poor and ignorant people. He is said to be very solemn and tender in his manner of preaching.

The following is about the present state of the mission: Eight churches; about two hundred members; four ordained ministers and three licentiates. The ministers all read and write their own language, and some read and write both Choctaw and English. The membership are fully up to what could be expected of them. They are said to wear their profession becomingly. Their women in appearance, are said to be models of Christian meekness and humility. Elder Ben Williamson is now employed by the General Association as missionary with Jackson.

Elder N. L. Clarke, of Decatur, Miss., has the oversight of the work. More funds are needed to carry on the work successfully, and the prayers of God's people are requested that many among these benighted and much neglected people may accept the Saviour of all mankind.

Christians, make the reparation that we, as a nation, owe them by giving them the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Think of the many thousands among them that have already gone down to Christless graves, and then remember the few that are still among us. With this reflection, can you throw off the responsibility resting upon you to help support the Gospel among them.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known by the name of "The General Association of Regular Baptists of Mississippi."

Art. 2. The objects of this Association shall be Domestic Missions in Mississippi, Indian Missions amongst us and in the Territories of the West, Foreign Missions in all parts of the world, the cause of Education generally, and especially to aid poor brethren preparing for the Gospel Ministry, and other works of christian benevolence.

Art. 3. Every Church and Association co-operating with, and contributing to the objects and work of this Association shall be entitled to membership as follows, viz: Churches to have one representative until their membership reaches fifty, then two until it reaches one hundred, then three and no more. Associations to have one delegate for every one hundred communicants; provided no one shall be entitled to a seat who is not a regular Baptist in good standing. Provided, further, that any regular Baptist in good standing making an individual contribution to any object fostered by the Association shall be entitled to a seat as a delegate if he so desires.

Art. 4. This Association shall never possess a single attribute of power or authority over any church or association. It absolutely and forever disclaims any right of this kind. Hereby avowing the cardinal principle ever dear to Baptists—that every church is sovereign and independent.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries and Treasurer, to be elected by ballot or otherwise, and to discharge the duties incumbent upon such officers, and twenty Directors, appointed by committee on nominations, all to be chosen annually, and to continue in office until their successors are duly qualified.

Art. 6. These officers, together with the directors, shall constitute a Board of Managers, with power to transact all business for which this Association was formed, during the recess of the same. The President to be chairman of the Board; any five of whom, with a presiding officer, shall constitute a quorum. Provided, in all cases of absence of any officer, a pro tem. appointment may be made, and to report annually to the Association.

Art. 7. The same individual may be both Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Art. 8. The meetings of this Association shall be annual, and on Saturday before the last Sabbath in October of each year, and at such place as may be agreed upon from time to time. The Board to meet as often as business may require.

Art. 9. This Association may at any time appoint a Special Board on any of the objects of christian benevolence embraced in this Constitution.

Art. 10. All moneys contributed for a specific object shall be faithfully applied in accordance with the wish of the donor.

Art. 11. This constitution may be altered or amended at any time by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; provided the fourth article be regarded as sacred, and never be altered or amended.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. At every sitting business shall be opened and closed with prayer by the President, or whomsoever he may request.
2. Correspondence from churches and other societies, and individuals friendly to the Association, shall be called for, and the names of delegates appointed enrolled, with a mark of absence affixed to those who are not present.
3. Visiting brethren shall be entitled to a seat, and shall be entitled to speak on all subjects, but to vote on none.
4. The election of officers shall take place immediately after the delegates names have been enrolled, and the Association organized.
5. No motion shall be discussed without it has been seconded, and reduced to writing if requested by any member.
6. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, unless so ordered at the time.
7. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.
8. Every speaker shall arise and address himself to the President, and no one shall speak more than twice on any motion, unless by permission of the Association.
9. The President is to judge as regards order in the discussion of subjects, except when an appeal is made to the body, which shall be done without delay or debate.
10. All committees appointed by this body shall be nominated by the President, subject, however, to the approval of the Association.
11. These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the organization of each Association.