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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Serman.
2. Intermission.
3. Association called to order by Moderator.
4. Appointment of the reading clerks, Finance Committee and Committee on Nominations.
5. Reading letters from the churches.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Reading Rules of Decorum.
8. Report of Nomination Committee.
9. Appointment of Committees:—District Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Sunday School, Education, Bible Institue Work, Prohibition, Orphanage, Publication, Queries and Request.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Adjournment.
12. Called to order by Moderator.
13. Report Called for in regular order.
14. Nw and Miscellaneous Business and Resolutions.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The association met with Mt. Vernon church Nev. 6, 1920 according to previous arrangements. The moderator being absent Elder J. E. Glenn was elected moderator pro-tem.

Eld. C. A. Gilbert preached the Introductory Sermon, which was very interesting, using as a text Jeremiach 18-4.

On motion the Body adjourned for dinner.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION

At 2 o'clock the house was called to order.

On motion J. C. Rogers, W. C. Boyd and W. T. Grayson was appointed to review the letters and enrole the messengers.

On motion the Body went into the election of officers for the coming year, which resulted in the election of Eld. J. E. Glenn, Moderator; D. H. Valentine, Clerk and Treasurer and Eld. W. A. Ball Assistant Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator made the following appointments:

Committee on Nomination—J. C. Rogers and the deacons of Mt. Vernon church.

Finance Committee—V. B. Hill and F. K. Daughdrill.

State Mission—Eld. S. A. Shoemake and M. E. Green.

Home Mission—Eld. W. A. Ball and J. M. Boyed.

Foreign Mission—Eld. R. M. Herring and J. M. Hammonds.

Sunday School—Eld. C. A. Gilbert and Eld. V. B. Hill.

Temperance—W. A. Grayham.

Publication—J. C. Rogers and W. T. Grayson.

Education—M. E. Green and W. C. Boyd.

On motion Eld. C. A. Gilbert talked 15 minues on Sunday School.

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Partial report of nomination committee. Eld. C. A. Gilbert to preach at 7:30 tonight and Eld. V. B. Hill Sunday 11 A. M.

On motion the Body adjourned to meet at 6 o'clock.

At 6 o'clock the house was called to order. Rev. C. A. Gilbert preached to a large crowd.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The house was called to order and after devotional exercises the following business was taken up. The report on Sunday School was read by Rev. E. Glenn and discussed by him and others and adopted.

Report on Sunday School—It is understood by the expression "Sunday School", a school taught on the Sabbath Day. A Sabbath School might be defined in the following words: A school in which the word of God is taught on the Lord's day, such schools should by all means be the supervision of the church, having for teachers men and women who are Christians and possessing ability to teach the word of God. We need no better proof or warrant for a Sabbath school than is found in the commission to make disciples. Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded them. There is within our fold enough power if developed to turn the world upside down. There can be no better place in our church work to develop our people into a mighty working force than is offered in our Sabbath School. We would earnestly request that all our churches have a Sabbath School. No church can be as efficient in Kingdom work as is our privilege to be without a Sabbath School. The statistics show that (1-10) nine-tenths of the conversions come from our Sabbath school. This is our argument in favor of the school. We would recommend that our teachers be given a course in the work of Sunday School pedagogy and such other training that will make them more efficient. We would further recommend that our people use the Baptist Sunday School literature, published at Texarkana, Ark., Texas.

C. A. GILBERT.

V. B. HILL,

J. E. GLENN.

At 11 o'clock Rev. V. B. Hill preached, after this a public collection was taken for associational purposes.

Partial report of nomination committee. S. A. Shoemaker to preach at 2 o'clock and M. Walters at 7:30 tonight. The body adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

At 2:00 o'clock the house was called to order. After prayer by J. C. Mayfield the report on Foreign Mission was read by R. M. Herring and discussed by him and others and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSION

We your committee on Foreign Mission submit the following report: Our Savior gave the command to his church to go tell all nations Baptising in the name of the Father and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe

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all things what soever I have commanded you and lo I am with you even unto the end of the world. So by observing all things the Lord will be with the church and the work will prosper and it is the duty of the church to work in the Master's cause this enjoins on the church to preach the gospel to every nation. The Lord told his apostle to go and preach the gospel to every creature and he that believe is Baptised shall be saved, and he that believe not shall be damned, so it is our duty to do what the Lord instructed his apostles to do.

R. M. HERRING,
J. M. HAMMONDS,
M. WALTERS.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION

This report was read by W. T. Grayson and discussed by him and others and adopted.

We your committee on publication submit the following report: In looking over the field as to our needs as a people we find that we are in need of information, for the better informed we are the more willing we are for service. First let us earnestly and prayerfully study God's eternal word, as it thoroughly furnishes us unto every good work. Next in importance is the need of good literature along the line of the principles for which our fathers stood, Bible principles, principals for which real Baptist now stand. We need to use every avenue possible to disseminate the great truth for which we as Baptist stand. We need to be more diligent in pushing our publication to the front, especially our paper and Sunday School literature, publication which are inferior to none. We should be more careful in regard to the class of literature our children read as well as to what we read. Therefore we earnestly urge that we as Baptist place in our homes such publications as the Baptist and Comenor, The Baptist Flag, and Sunday School literature as safe and sound faith and practice.

Respectfully,
J. C. ROGERS,
W. T. GRAYSON,
W. C. BOYD.

On motion the Body adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Monday morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Monday morning the house was called to order. After prayer by G. W. Boyd the following business was taken up:

Treasurer's Report—This report was read by D. H. Valentine and adopted as read.

Treasurer's report to the General Association of Baptist churches of Mississippi: Dear Brothren: I submit the following report of the funds passed through my hands during the associational year ending Nov. 5, 1920. Received from Financial Committee for Asociational purposes \$33.58

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Received from Pleasant Ridge Church	2.00
Received from Shilo Church	2.00

Total	\$37.58
Received from Financial Committee for State Mission	\$37.06
Mt. Olive Church	4.60
Executive Committee of the Land Mark Association	1.00

Total	\$42.66
Received from Finance Committee for Home Mission	\$ 4.00

DISBURSEMENT

Paid clerk for his service	\$10.00
Paid Clerk for expense last year	3.41
Paid Clerk for postage	1.00

Total	\$14.41
Balance in Treasury for Associational purposes	\$23.17
Paid M. Walters from State Mission	\$37.03
Balance in Treasury for State Mission	5.63
Balance in Treasury for Home Mission	4.00

Respectfully,

U. P. WALTERS, Treasurer.

Resolved that the Moderator of this Association appoint a committee of five to confer with a committee already appointed by our Local Association with a view of establishing a Bible Institute at once. Also that this Association in its present session elect for this work three or more teachers subject to the approval of the committee of our Local Association. The following committee was appointed: Rev. S. A. Shoemaker, G. L. Boyd, J. C. Rogers, V. B. Hill and D. H. Valentine. The following teachers were elected: A. S. Pondexter, Tiler Texas, J. E. Glenn, Bay Springs, Miss., and Ben M. Bogard, Little Rock, Ark.

Resolved that the Association take over the proposed paper to be published at Laurel, Miss., to be known as the Regular Missionary Baptist and appoint a committee of five to take charge of the paper. To appoint an editor and look after such other business as may come before them. The following committee was appointed: G. W. Boyd, S. F. Thigpen, S. A. Shoemaker, M. Walters and W. A. Ball.

The report on Home Mission was read by W. A. Ball and discussed by him and others and adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSION

We your committee submit the following report: We understand that home mission includes our home country, the U. S. A., including Cuba and Mexico. The needs of our home mission work are great, as we look out on the field today we see them already white unto harvest. Again we find that repentance and remission of sins should be preached to all the world, beginning at Jerusalem, (Luke 24-47.) Again we find that Peter

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standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and said unto them, "Ye men of Judea and all ye that dwell in Jerusalem be this known unto you and harken unto my word, Acts 2:14. We urge that we continue the home work and cooperate with each other in doing a greater work in our home land.

J. M. BOYED,
W. A. BALL.

On motion the committee composed of M. Walters, F. H. Bush and U. P. Walters to examine the expired Treasurer's books was granted more time for this work.

The report on State Mission was read by S. A. Shoemaker and discussed by him and others and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSION

The division of missions such as State, Home and Foreign are all of modern origin and are so used for the sake of convenience. The mission was given to disciple the nation and in so doing we logically would begin first at home, in fact all other departments of our work will answer to strength of stake at home. The brighter the light is made in the churches, the further the light will radiate and the more peering to the dark parts of the earth. Be it said to the shame of the Baptist of Mississippi we have no missionary for this and the year previous. Our district associations have in most places a missionary and are working in the most needy places within their bounds and have wrought well, but their work has been local and in the most destitute places. This work is not wide enough in its scope. We believe this State Association should put on the field an evangelist whose work should be largely enlistment work and at the same time disseminate information as to our work and needs, hold meetings and travel from church to church in this state and make our intire Baptist cause stronger because of the enthusiasm and information disseminated with regard to our work.

Respectfully,

S. A. SHOEMAKE,
M. E. GREEN.

REPORT ON FINANCE

This report was read by V. B. Hill and adopted. Received from the churches present the following amount:

Churches	For State Mission	Associational Purposes
	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00
Mt. Vernon		3.50
Mt. Olive		1.50
Big Creek	5.00	2.00
New Prospect	2.00	1.50
Mt. Nebo		1.00
Spring Hill		

Public Collection 11.31

Totals \$11.00 \$24.81

Respectfully Submitted,
V. D. HILL,
F. K. DAUGHDRILL.

On motion the Finance Committee was authorized to turn over their funds to the Treasurer.

Resolved that his Association authorize the clerk to write the churches who sent State Mission asking them to designate it to Bible Institute work as we have no State Missionary.

Motion that the expired Treasurer turn over his book to the Treasurer elected.

The report on Education was read by J. E. Glenn and discussed by him and others and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We your committee to report on Education submit the following: Education might be defined as a development of talents which lie within us to as to quicken enterlect giving ability to speak and a power to think and so express our thoughts in a clear and powerful way. Some one has said, "Where ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise." But we are not ready to believe the promises of this proverb. Ignorance causes decay and is a seed bed of superstition and ever evil. God says, "My people perish for want of knowledge," and this was never more true than now. We believe in schools and such schools as are made intencely religious where we may train our young not only the training of our hands and minds but the heart also. Our state school cannot do this. We must lok to our religious schools and colleges for this work. We regret to say for the present we have no school in Mississippi under the control of our State Association. We need a Baptist school and we must have one in the near future. We would recommend for our convenience at the present time Bible Institutes to be held in rotation over our local association. This Association electing the instructors and naming the time and place of such school and our preachers and Sunday school teachers urged to attend.

W. C. BOYD.
M. E. GREEN.

Resolved, That this Association appoint a committee of (12) twelve to be known as a Missionary Committee to look after the mission work between the sessions of this Body. The following committee was appointed: J. C. Rogers, S. A. Shoemake, A. J. Boyd, B. M. Breland, J. E. Glenn, V. B. Hill, J. C. Hayfield, M. Walters, M. H. Broadus, Lampkin Ladner and G. W. Boyd.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Body be and is hereby tendered the church and people of Mt. Vernon community for the hospitable manner in which they have provided for and entertained this Association while in

their midst.

Resolved, That the clerk have the minutes of this association printed and that he draw on the treasurer for the expense of printing and mailing of same, and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his service.

Report of Committee on Digest of Letters: This report was read by W. T. Grayson and adopted.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS

The following churches were represented: Oral and by letter: Big Creek, V. B. Hill; Mt. Olive, Troy Wilkinson, W. T. Winstead and Frank Mosley; Mt. Vernon, J. M. Boyd, W. C. Boyd and W. T. Grayson; New Prospect, Eld. J. E. Glenn; Liberty, Eld. S. A. Shoemake; Washington, M. E. Green and F. K. Daughdrill; Vallie Ridge, Rev. R. M. Herring; Union Seminary, W. A. Grayham; Mt. Nebo, Eld. J. E. Glenn and J. E. Rogers; Springhill, D. H. Valentine; Shady Grove, by letter.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. ROGERS,
W. C. BOYD.
W. T. GRAYSON.

On motion G. W. Boyd, V. B. Hill and D. H. Valentine were appointed on a committee to locate a place for the next meeting of this association. On motion the association adjourned to meet on Saturday before the third Sunday in November, 1921.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Each session of this body shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Correspondence may be opened with other Gospel mission organizations at such time and place as may be deemed proper.
3. Visiting brethren may be invited to seats, who may be invited to speak, but not to vote.
4. The election of officers provided for in the Constitution shall take place immediately after the enrollment of messengers.
5. Without a second, no motion shall be discussed, and motions lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.
6. Motions containing two or more points shall be divided at the request of any member voting.
7. Every one desiring to speak must rise and address the Moderator. No one shall speak more than once unless by permission from the body.
8. The Moderator shall be the judge of order. Any brother may appeal from the Moderator's decision.
9. All committees shall be nominated either by the Moderator or some other member, subject, however, to the approval of the body.
10. The rules may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the body, by a majority of the messengers present.
11. Immediately after the organization of the association, the Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

1. This Association shall be known as the General Association of Baptist Churches of Mississippi.

2. The object of this Association shall be to aid in giving the Gospel to all men on the Gospel or New Testament plan as exemplified by the example of the Apostolic Churches, as such Messengers only who are in hearty sympathy with this method are entitled to seats.

3. This Association shall never exercise a particle of authority over the churches of which she is composed or in any way interfere with their internal rights—always recognizing that to these are committed the glorious work of praching to every creature the glad tiding of salvation and eternal life. As such, this body shall remain in subordination to the churches—never exercising any power beyond that of an advisory council.

4. This Association shall faithfully apply all funds she may receive from the Churches, local Association or individuals to and designated by the contributors. Also money received not specified as to its disposition shall be given to the support of preaching the Gospel.

5. This Association is composed of such Baptist Churches as choose to send Messengers to the annual meetings, and such Churches as may wish to represent by letter endorsing the principles of this Association.

6. Each Church is sole judge as to the qualifications of its Messengers, and each Church is entitled to equal privileges in all its business transactions.

7. This Association may hold annual meetings with some sister Church at such times and places as may be suggested by the Messengers of the Churches.

8. That all things may be done in decency and in order, the Messengers of the co-operative Churches may elect a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer and an Auditor, to perform the duties of such office. For the purpose of service and information a committee of twelve on Finance and Information to be distributed over the State as the Messengers best think advisable, as set forth by example in II Cor., 8th Chapt., where the Churches jointly choose brethren to travel, collect and dispense funds for a specific purpose; give the Churches information by visiting, preaching, writing letters and encouraging the good work to the Churches. Such committee to have no authority to appoint or otherwise control Missionaries, but simply to serve the Churches if the Churches choose to use them.

9. The Committee on Information and Finance will inform the Churches of the needs of the Missionaries, of any Missionaries who may be appointed or endorsed by the Churches, of the amount of funds on hand, and of such Missionaries as may desire to go to the work. But this Committee will in no wise interfere with such Churches and Missionaries as may desire to work independently.

10. Duty of the Treasurer.—The Treasurer will receive and apply funds as designated, conduct such correspondence as his duties may require, render an annual audited report to the Messengers in annual meet-

ing, keep all accounts and records, turn the same over to his successor, and receive such compensation for his services as may be suggested by the Messengers and agreed upon by the Churches.

11. We suggest that all Churches and individuals contributing direct to the Missionaries on the field report the same to the Treasurer, that the amounts may be tabulated in his report.

12. This Association will assist in the support of Home and Foreign Missionaries who have been appointed by one of the co-operating Churches as fully as the funds of these Churches will justify.

13. This statement of principles is submitted to the Churches for their consideration, and such action as in their independence and wisdom they may desire to take, but it is explicitly understood that this meeting of Messengers has no authority to legislate for the Churches, or bind them in any manner, it being the desire of all to secure voluntary co-operation in the work contemplated, and the action and recommendation of the Messengers are subject to the endorsement of the Churches, it being the avowed sentiment of this meeting of Messengers that the Churches are absolutely free to work as the New Testament directs.

14. When a Church desires to aid of the Churches of this Association, in sending out a Missionary to any field, we suggest that said Church correspond with the nearest sister Churches, stating the amount necessary for full support, stating the amount the appointing Church will give and caling on sister Churches to adopt and help the same Missionary until his support is fully provided.

15. We would suggest that it be understood by the Churches co-operating that a sufficiency of the funds contributed be paid to the Treasurer for expenses of the term and in the transmission of the funds, each Missionary is requested to make duplicate reports, one to the church appointing him to the work, one to the Committee on Information and Finance.

16. This statement of principles may be changed by a majority of the messengers present at any regular meeting of this body, except the 3rd and 4th Articles, this shall never be changed.