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Order of Business

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Intermission.
3. Association called to order by Moderator.
4. Appointment of a Committee on Digest of Letters and Finance.
5. Committee on Nomination.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Reading Rules of Decorum.
8. Report of Nomination Committee.
9. Committee on Missions, Sunday School, Education and Bible Institute Work, Prohibition, Orphanage, Publication, Queries and Requests.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Adjournment.
12. Called to order by Moderator.
13. Reports Called for in Regular Order.
14. New and Miscellaneous Business and Resolutions.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

At 11 o'clock the Moderator called the house to order. Rev. J. W. Toler preached the introductory sermon which was very interesting. The body adjourned for one hour.

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FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION

At one o'clock the house was called to order. The following Committees were appointed:

Nomination Committee—B. S. Thigpen and N. Walker, with the deacons of Mineral Springs Church.

Committee on Digest of Letters and Finance—F. H. Bush, J. A. Boyd, J. H. Thrash and B. A. Anderson.

On motion the body went into the election of officers, which resulted in the election of Eld. S. A. Shoemake, Moderator; Eld. M. Walters, Assistant Moderator; D. H. Valentine, Clerk and Treasurer.

Committee on Missions—J. C. Rogers, S. A. Shoemake, M. Walters, M. H. Broadus and D. H. Valentine.

Sunday School—W. A. Ball, J. A. Boyd and W. C. Rogers.

Education and Bible Institute Work—W. C. Rogers, T. J. Clark and J. H. Thrash.

Prohibition—W. D. Howell, N. Walker, B. S. Thigpen.

Orphanage—B. A. Anderson, J. W. Toler, M. H. Broadus.

Publication—F. H. Bush, Dr. R. C. Johnston, G. D. Podgett, J. J. Turner.

Queries and Requests—M. H. Broadus, T. J. Clark, W. A. Ball.

On motion the body adjourned to meet Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The house was called to order after prayer and the following business was transacted.

On motion Article 5 of the Constitution was changed.

On motion the Moderator appointed a committee of twelve on Information and Finance—M. Walters, M. H. Broadus, S. A. Shoemake, George Lee, V. B. Hill, W. A. Ball, J. L. Hansorling, J. A. Davis, R. M. Herring, J. Q. Sones, H. D. Williams, J. L. Bryant.

REPORT ON MISSIONS—This report was read by M. Walters and adopted:

We your Committee report as follows: We employed Rev. J. W. Brewer of Enloe, Texas, to preach in our state. He spent about three months in our service. He did a good work. We are sorry to say our churches and preachers, many of them, did not give him the co-operation they should have given and consequently he could not do the work he would have done if all had come to his support. In view of the great need of work we recommend

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the endorsement of a strong man as an enlistment man to be put on the field to visit the churches, instruct them in our work, and enlist them in the work of our General Association and give such other information as may give inspiration to our brethren.

J. C. ROGERS,
S. A. SHOEMAKE,
M. WALTERS,
M. H. BROADUS,
D. H. VALENTINE.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL—This report was read by W. A. Ball and adopted:

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 be under 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 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.-Tex.

W. A. BALL,
W. C. ROGERS,
J. A. BOYD, Committee.

EDUCATION AND BIBLE INSTITUTE WORK.—This report was read by W. C. Rogers and adopted:

We your Committee report as follows:

We believe in a well rounded education. Since education gives one greater power, an education of the intellect without a heart or religious training might prove a curse instead of a blessing. We therefore recommend that only Christian teachers be employed in our schools. The greatest need of the hour is a Bible School for

our preachers in this State, as we haven't any school of this kind. The time is here that we must have a school where our preachers can more efficiently prepare themselves for the great work to which God has called them.

At the last meeting of both the Landmark and Red Creek Association a committee from each association was appointed to suggest to the State Association that a committee be appointed by it to look over the field for a high school with which arrangements could be made for the addition of a Bible teacher, so that our preachers can take both literary and Bible training. We therefore recommend that this Association appoint the committee as suggested by these associations.

W. C. ROGERS,
T. J. CLARK,
J. H. THRASH, Com.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Bible Institute Work: W. C. Rogers, G. A. Broadus, W. T. Grayson, S. A. Shoemaker and J. J. Turner.

PROHIBITION—This report was read by W. D. Howell and adopted:

We your Committee report as follows:

That we view Temperance as one of the chiefest things embraced in the Christian religion. It is not only immensely broad but very expansive from the fact that it covers and has to do with all our acts and duties that we owe to God ourselves and one another. We are admonished to be temperate in all things. We should be temperate in all we do, say or even think, for we are the light of the world, but we can put our lights under a bushel or upon a candlestick by our lives before men. But we wish in particular to emphasize the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. We are fully aware of the fact that whiskey is not so easily gotten hold of but still the damnable stuff can be had from moonshiners and we want to place ourselves as Baptists of the State of Mississippi as being four square against moonshine and moonshiners, and that we as Baptists want to put ourselves on record and take this method of urging the Baptists to aid all the officers in the state and elsewhere in completely putting this damnable traffic out of business. We further recommend that we as Baptists go on record as bitterly opposing the modern way the boys and girls dress to play ball. We believe that no teacher should allow his pupils to play ball so thinly clad or engage in match games. We further urge that damnable manner in which men and women go in bathing together be discontinued.

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W. D. HOWELL,
B. S. THIGPEN,
N. WALKER, Committee.

ORPHANAGE.—This report was read by J. W. Toler and adopted:

We your Committee report as follows: Whereas, our Lord and Master has submitted the care of needy orphans to the church, we recommend first, that as many of us as can conveniently and agreeably receive them into our homes and care for them as we would for our own children, or that we make it our business to assist their relatives in securing good homes for them in our country.

Second, where such good homes are not procurable we then recommend the Landmark Baptist Orphanage at Texarkana, Ark.-Tex.

J. W. TOLER,
B. A. ANDERSON,
M. H. BROADUS.

PUBLICATION.—This report was read by J. J. Turner 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, principles for which real Baptists now stand. We need to use every avenue possible to disseminate the great truth for which we as Baptists stand. We need to be more diligent in pushing our publications to the front, especially our papers and Sunday School literature, publications which are inferior to none. We should be more careful in regard to the class of literature our children read as well as what we read. Therefore we earnestly urge that we as Baptists place in our home such publications as the Baptist and Commoner, The Baptist Flag, and Sunday School literature as safe and sound in faith and practice.

J. J. TURNER,
G. D. PODGETT,
DR. R. C. JOHNSTON,
F. H. BUSH, Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.—This report was read by D. H. Valentine and adopted.

Treasurer's report to the General Association of Baptist

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churches of Mississippi: Dear Brethren—I submit the following report of the funds passed through my hands during the associational year ending Nov. 19, 1921:

Rec. from Fin. om. for associational purposes.....	\$24.81
Rec. from Exp. Treas.	23.17

Total	\$47.98
Rec. frm Fin. Com. for associational purposes	\$24.81
Rec. Exp. Treasurer	9.63

Total	14.63
Rec. from Fin. Com. for Foreign Missions.....	4.00

Grand Total	\$66.61
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Disbursements:	\$10.00
Clerk for his service	5.50
Postage and Express	28.00
Printing	

Total	\$43.50
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By order of New Prospect Church 'o V. B. Hill for Bible	5.00
Institute work of State Missions.....	4.00
T. A. Cross for Foreign Missions	

Total disbursements	\$52.50
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Bal. in treasury for associational purposes	4.48
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Bal. in Treasury for State Missions	9.63
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Respectfully,

D. H. VALENTINE.

On motion M. H. Broadus and S. A. Shoemaker were put on the field for half time and that they be allowed \$4.00 per day for the time rendered, and that they be authorized to take collections where they go to be applied on their salaries.

On motion the Clerk was authorized to write the churches of the Landmark Association asking them to transfer what District Mission money they have in the treasury to State Missions.

Motion to request the churches to say what they will give for missions.

Motion that the Clerk write the Washington Association telling them of the transactions of this Association.

The following messengers to the various Associations were appointed:

State Line—M. Walters; West Pearl—M. Walters; Landmark—J. C. Rogers and S. A. Shoemaker; Washington—J. J. Turner and

W. A. Ball; Bethel—M. H. Broadus and J. W. Toler; Black Creek—J. W. Toler and S. A. Shoemake. Red Creek—J. C. Rogers and S. A. Shoemake.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND DIGEST OF LETTERS.—The following churches were represented orally and by letters with funds as follows:

Churches	State Mis.	Assoc'l Purp.
Brushy Creek		\$ 3.00
Tbenezer		2.50
Hickory Grove		3.75
kLiberty	\$ 2.20	
Mt. Nebo	4.50	1.50
Mt. Vernon	7.00	
Mars Hill	2.75	
Midway		1.00
Spring Hill		5.00
Shiloh	3.50	2.25
Bethel		
Union		1.00
Enon		
Mineral Springs		
Public Collection		11.20
Total	\$19.95	\$31.00

We have also examined the Treasurer's book and found it correct.

B. A. ANDERSON,
J. H. THRASH,
F. H. BUSH,
J. A. BOYD, Committee.

Resolved, that the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered the people of Mineral Springs Church and community for their hospitality shown us while in their midst.

On motion the Committee on Digest of Letters and Finance was authorized to turn over the funds in their hands to the Treasurer of this Association.

Resolved, that the Clerk be authorized to have the minutes printed, and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his services and that he draw on the Treasurer for the same.

On motion the body adjourned to meet with Hickory Grove Church (at Laurel, Miss.) on Saturday before the third Sunday in November, 1922.

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 preaching to every creature the glad tidings 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 shall be composed of such Baptist churches and associations of Baptist churches as choose to elect messengers to represent in its annual meetings, which are in full accord with the principles for which this body stands, and this article shall not be construed to mean that the local associations shall elect messengers, but endorse those elected by the churches.

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 2 Cor. 8th chap., 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 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 meeting, 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 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 calling 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, which shall never be changed.