

MINUTES
of the
Eighty-Third Annual Session
of the
GENERAL ASSOCIATION
Of Regular Baptist

Held With
CROSS ROADS REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
OCTOBER 13, 14, 1937.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING
ANTIOCH REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH
JASPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
6 Miles S. E. of Louin, Miss.
OCTOBER 11, 12, 1938.

OFFICERS

REV. W. H. RAINER, President	Little Rock, Miss.
REV. A. N. THOMAS, 1st Vice-President ..	Philadelphia, Miss.
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REV. T. J. HARPER, Cor. Sec.	Newton, Miss.
M. R. JONES, Rec. Sec. and Treas.	Little Rock, Miss.

GENERAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS

The Eighty Third Annual Session of the General Association of Regular Baptist met with Cross Roads Regular Baptist Church, Neshoba County, October 13-14, 1937.

Met Tuesday night in a pastors conference. After singing "Amazing Grace," "How Tedious and Tasteless," prayer was offered by Bro. W. L. Collins. Devotional was conducted by Bro. S. E. McAdory, reading 2nd Chapter Eph. and after some timely remarks offered prayer. After a few words of welcome by the pastor, Bro. E. Stevens, the subject to be discussed was read by him. Subject as follows: What is the cause of the indifference on the part of church members and others evidenced by non church attendance? And what is the remedy? Discussed by Bro. W. L. McCardle, E. Stevens, B. B. Speed, D. M. Stroud, D. W. Miller, E. C. Gillentine, O. L. Watson, S. E. McAdory, J. W. Rooker.

On motion the conference adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Dismissed by Bro. J. W. Rooker.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

9:00 o'clock A. M. After song service devotional was conducted by Bro. L. G. Varnado, reading a part 2nd Chapter Acts, and after some remarks offered prayer.

The Association proceeded as follows:

Committees appointed:

Digest Committee: Bros. Charlie Phillips, F. B. Gardner, A. L. Speed.

Finance Committee: Bros. H. M. Thorne, H.G. Harrison, W.H. Wood.

Committee on Committees: Bros. O. L. Watson, E. A. Breland, L. C. Smith.

On motion visiting brethren and sisters were invited to seats with us.

VISITING BRETHREN

Oktibbeha Association: Bro. B. C. Tullos, Aussie Johnson, E. A. Breland, S. B. Sharp, A. N. Thomas and wife, A. B. Culpepper, C. E. McNeece.

Pearl Valley Association: E. M. Thomas.

Smith County Association: Bro. J. W. Rooker.

Lauderdale County Association: Bro. W. L. Collins, E. Stevens.

Mt. Pisgah Association: Bro. B. B. Speed, D. M. Stroud, G. W. Gardner, G. W. Myers, W. H. Rainer, M. R. Jones.

On motion a special prayer was offered in behalf of Bro. T. J. Harper led by Bro. E. Stevens.

The time to reofficer the body having arrived, owing to Bro. A. N. Thomas' health Bro. W. H. Rainer was elected President, Bro. A. N. Thomas, 1st Vice-President, Bro. H. T. Odom, 2nd Vice-President, Bro. T. J. Harper, Corresponding Secretary, Bro. M. R. Jones, Recording

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Secretary and Treasurer. After a few remarks by the newly elected officers they took their respective places.

The hour for the Annual Sermon: Bro. J. W. Rooker, the appointee being present, after singing "Brethren We Have Met to Worship," proceeded by reading 1st Chapter 2nd Thes. Text 3rd verse. Theme, "An Ideal Church." The entire discourse was very uplifting and inspiring to the Association.

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After singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," prayer was offered by Bro. B. B. Speed, after which Bro. E. C. Gillentine, Moderator of the Mississippi State Association, discussed the possibility of their Association and the General Association in some way coming together. Others discussing were Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, L. G. Varnado, D. M. Stroud.

Committees as follows:

Christian Education: Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, Davie Adkins.

S. S. and B. Y. P. U.: Bro. H. M. Thorne, Charlie Phillips, Bennie Chesney.

Temperance: Bro. B. B. Speed, R. L. Nelson, A. A. Winstead.

Hospitals: Bro. H. C. Bufkin, J. W. Rooker, D. M. Stroud.

Orphanage: Bro. N. B. Nicholson, A. A. Melton, W. H. Wood.

Missions: Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, W. L. Collins, H. G. Harrison.

W. M. U.: Bro. O. L. Watson, A. N. Thomas, E. Stevens.

Publications: Bro. E. A. Breland, L. Bradley, G. W. Gardner.

Nominations: Bro. W. H. Rainer, C. C. White.

On motion the messengers from Ephesus were excused.

Report of committees:

The S. S. and B. Y. P. U. report was read by Bro. H. M. Thorne, discussed by Bro. H. M. Thorne, D. M. Stroud and adopted.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. B. B. Speed, discussed by Bro. B. B. Speed, L. A. Gardner and adopted.

The report on Baptist Hospitals was read by Bro. H. C. Bufkin, discussed by Bro. H. C. Bufkin, D. M. Stroud, H. P. Yarbrough and adopted.

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THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

9:00 o'clock. After singing "What a Friend I Have in Jesus," prayer was offered by Bro. B. C. Tullos. Bro. N. B. Nicholson conducted devotional, reading 140th Psalm. After some timely remarks the Association proceeded as follows: There was a special prayer in behalf of Bro. A. A. McCraney led by J. W. Rooker.

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Report of committees:

The report on Christian Education was read by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, discussed by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, B. B. Speed, A. A. Winstead, O. J. Gordon and adopted.

The report on Orphanage was read by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, discussed by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, J. W. Rooker and adopted.

A contribution was taken at this time, amount \$7.00.

The report on Missions was read by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough.

The Sec.-Treas. report was read by Bro. M. R. Jones and discussed jointly by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, H. M. Thorne, O. V. Swearingen, D. M. Stroud, A. A. Winstead and adopted.

The W. M. U. report was read by Bro. O. L. Waston, discussed by Bro. O. L. Waston, A. N. Thomas, W. H. Rainer and adopted.

The report on Publications was read by Bro. E. A. Breland, discussed by Bro. E. A. Breland, and adopted.

The report on Nominations was read by Bro. W. H. Rainer and adopted.

The Finance report was read by Bro. W. H. Wood and adopted.

After reading and adopting the resolutions there was a motion carried by the Association to adjourn to meet with Antioch Regular Baptist Church, Jasper County, on Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday in October, 1938. Pastors conference on Tuesday night before. While singing the parting hand was given which closed a very successful meeting of the General Association. Dismissed by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough.

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Cedar Grove, Newton County: Bro. Cleveland Breland.

Cross Roads, Neshoba County: Bro. A. A. Winstead, D. A. Adkins.

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Ocobla, Neshoba County: Bro. L. C. Smith, C. A. Carter.
Pine Bluff, Newton County: Bro. H. E. Gibbs, D. W. Miller.
Pine Ridge, Newton County: Bro. A. A. Melton, Earl Gibbs.
Pleasant Ridge, Newton County: Bro. H. M. Thorne.
Pleasant Ridge, Jones County: Bro. O. L. Watson, W. H. Wood.
Pleasant Grove, Newton County: Bro. R. L. Nelson.
Runnelstown, Perry County: Bro. W. L. McCardle.
Rock Hill, Lauderdale County: Bro. J. E. Snowden, A. L. Speed.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We have a scripture given at a command which says, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" and the Saviour carried this scripture out by teaching first in Samaria and Jerusalem and unto the uttermost parts of the world.

We can only develop in college the ideals which are instilled in the life of a child at home and in our literary schools.

With Christian Education at a low eb in practically every Southern State, with moral and financial support for Christian Education falling steadily behind in alarming fashion, with these and other such considerations facing us, it is high time for us as Baptist to roll up our sleeves and meet the situation with a determination to stand firm for Christian Education, to help our children to fill their station.

Our colleges do not cooperate with the General Association, the students in college seem to be indifferent toward our work. The General Association helped to build Clark Memorial College, and we hope some plan can be worked out to bring about more cooperation between the college and the General Association.

Respectfully Submitted,
H. P. YARBROUGH,
DAVIE ADKINS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U.

We the Committee on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. submit the following report: We believe that the Sunday School is the proper auxiliary of the church to go forward in the teaching part of the church work. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and Lo I am with you you always even to the end of the world: Mat. 28:19-20. We claim as our Scriptural Authority for our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Our churches should be very careful as to whom they elect for teachers, and the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy- 2:2 verse. We find somewhere in Mat.

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A part of a verse that reads like this: For if the blind lead the blind they both fall into the ditch. So let us always try to have our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. taught by Christian people.

H. M. THORNE,
CHARLIE PHILLIPS,
BENNIE CHESNEY, Committee.

TEMPERANCE

Before national prohibition liquor sales were limited to the saloons. Sales were not allowed to be made to women and children. Sales were not allowed on Sundays, election days, nor holidays. Since the repeal of national prohibition many of the restrictions placed on liquor sales have been removed. Before national prohibition there were 177,790 saloons. By best estimates there are now more than 200,000 retail outlets. Beer is sold in grocery stores, restaurants, drug stores, filling stations and other places, to any one who wants to purchase it.

National repeal has not reduced crime, it has not eliminated the boot legger, kidnapper, the revenut has not helped the tax payer because for every dollar so received, eight or ten must be spent to purchase it.

A recent publication from our State Health Department gives the number of murders in Mississippi as over 500 for 1936. It states that in more than 50% of them one or both parties were under influence of liquor.

We urge that all Christian people continue their fight against the liquor traffic, and plead for abstaining from drinking liquor.

We urge all our pastors, Sunday School officers to persist in their teaching of the evils that come because of alcohol.

B. B. SPEED,
A. A. WINSTEAD,
R. L. NELSON, Committee.

HOSPITALS

Our Hospital has paid every note that it owes and we do not have any debts except our current bills for the month, and our bonded indebtedness of \$54,000.00. Our interest of \$1,350.00 on this indebtedness was paid before due date.

The third floor of our new annex was opened May 25th, giving us ten more additional rooms which we have designated as our Medical Floor, since it does not have elevator connection with the Operating Rooms. This floor cost us \$5,900.00. It was let on competitive bids, and the same Contractor who first built the annex was the successful bidder. This floor has been equipped with the very latest Simmons Hospital furniture, Springair mattresses, ceiling fans, and all that it takes

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REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows: We believe the Bible to be the Word of God and the only rule of our faith and practice. Therefore, we recommend it first, as the one book that should be read and studied. Other good books and papers are helpful. Religious periodicals, denominational papers are sources of information. Our State Baptist paper the "Baptist Record" should be read by all Mississippi Baptists.

Our country is flooded with dangerous literature, some of it claiming to be religious. We should seek to keep such out of our homes as much as possible. A man is largely a part of what he reads, so we should be careful what we read.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. A. BRELAND,
G. W. GARDNER,
L. BRADLEY.

NOMINATIONS

We your Committee on Nominations recommend the following Brethren as members of the Executive Board of the General Association for 1938: Ministers: Bros. J. W. Rooker, E. A. Breland, O. V. Swearingen, H. C. Bufkin, B. B. Speed, L. Bradley, D. M. Stroud, J. L. Comans, Truly Reynolds, N. B. Nicholson and Brethren: J. T. Dean, H. R. Clark, J. I. Robinson, A. M. Valentine, C. A. Jones, W. W. Adams, O. L. Watson, C. C. White, H. M. Thorne, J. A. Smith, H. G. Harrison.

We recommend that Eld. H. C. Bufkin preach the Annual Sermon and O. V. Swearingen be his alternate. We also recommend that the next session of the Association meet with Antioch Regular Baptist Church, Jasper County, 6 miles S. E. of Louin, Miss., and that the December meeting of the Executive Board meet with Greenland Regular Baptist Church, 4 miles S. E. of Union, Miss., on Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday in December. The April meeting be held with Rock Hill Regular Baptist Church, 3 miles north of Meehan, Lauderdale County, Miss., on Wednesday after the 3rd Sunday in April 1938. Pastor's Conference to be on Tuesday night before each Board Meeting.

W. H. RAINER,
C. C. WHITE.

TREASURERS REPORT

Funds received after minutes were printed:
Smith County Association: By M. Y. Miley—S. M. \$34.72.
December Board Meeting:
Poplar Springs—S. M. \$3.20.
Ebenezer—S. M. \$1.00.

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Pine Ridge—S. M. \$2.20.
Bro. W. W. Adams—S. M. 50c.
Bro. H. M. Thorne—S. M. 50c.
Oktibbeha Association by Bro. B. W. Perkins—S. M. \$60.03; H. M. \$15.65; F. M. \$24.50; Bap. Orp. \$42.49.

Funds Received at April Board Meeting:

Mt. Carmel—S. M. \$3.00.
Pine Ridge—S. M. \$3.25.
New Providence—S. M. \$1.70.
Antioch—S. M. \$4.85.
Ephesus—S. M. \$3.30.
Ebenezer—S. M. \$1.45.
Hazel—S. M. \$2.15.
Poplar Springs—S. M. \$8.00.
New Home—S. M. \$4.35.
Bro. H. R. Clark—S. M. \$1.00.

Funds received at Mt. Pisgah Association September 20, 1937:
S. M. \$13.06; Baptist Orphanage \$8.36.

Funds paid out for the Associational Year 1936-37:

For last Quarter 1936:	\$5.00
Bro. E. A. Phillips	\$9.00
Bro. R. J. Johnston	\$6.25
Bro. G. W. Gardner	\$7.50
Bro. Truly Reynolds	\$15.00
Bro. E. A. Breland	\$8.75
Bro. W. H. Rainer	\$6.25
Bro. R. C. Barham	
First Three Quarters of 1937:	\$18.75
Bro. L. Bradley	\$30.00
Bro. T. J. Harper	\$18.75
Bro. N. B. Nicholson	\$37.50
Bro. E. A. Breland	\$32.72
Otis B. Ray, Zama building fund	\$41.00
M. R. Jones, salary and postage	\$56.00
Union Appeal, printing minutes	\$25.32
Home Missions	\$34.60
Foreign Missions	\$61.34
Baptist Orphanage	\$140.25
Balance	

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New Home—S. M. \$7.00.
Rock Hill—S. M. \$10.50.
Antioch—S. M. \$3.50.

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Pleasant Ridge—S. M. \$15.00; H. M. \$15.00; F. M. \$19.50; Orp. \$5.00.
 Greenland—S. M. \$4.60.
 Ebenezer—S. M. \$4.08.
 Ocobla—S. M. \$10.00; F. M. \$6.55; Orphanage \$6.55.
 Pleasant Ridge—S. M. \$10.25.
 Pine Bluff—S. M. \$1.58.
 Beat Line—S. M. \$2.25.
 Mt. Carmel—S. M. \$1.00; F. M. \$3.80.
 Mt. Olive—S. M. \$2.60.
 Cedar Grove—S. M. \$3.00.
 Pine Ridge—S. M. \$5.70.
 Ephesus—S. M. \$5.25.
 Pleasant Grove—S. M. \$7.50; H. M. \$7.50; F. M. \$20.00; Orp. \$21.94.
 Enon—S. M. \$2.10; H. M. \$3.00; F. M. \$1.00; Orp. \$3.00.
 Leaf River—S. M. 65c; H. M. 60c; F. M. 60c; Orphanage 60c.
 Runnelstown—S. M. 50c.
 Good Hope—F. M. \$3.25.
 New Providence—S. M. \$1.75.
 Cross Roads—S. M. \$5.50.
 Hebron: S. M. \$19.81; F. M. \$1.53.
 W. W. Adams—S. M. \$1.00.
 Free will offering at this meeting for the Orphanage \$7.00.

Building fund for Zama Baptist Church: Runnelstown, Perry County, \$4.00; Indian Springs, Jones County, \$1.00; Indian Hill, Green County, \$1.00.

Funds received after the Association met:

Pearl Valley Association, by Bro. J. S. Clark—S. M. \$8.83; F. M. \$3.25;
 H. M. \$3.59; Orphanage \$10.79.
 Indian Hill, Green County—S. M. \$2.00.
 O. L. McMullan—S. M. \$1.00.
 W. Harvy McMullan—S. M. \$1.00.
 Mrs. Lillie McMullan—S. M. \$1.00.
 Mrs. Earline Reeves—S. M. 50c.
 Hellen McMullan—S. M. \$1.00.
 L. B. Smith—S. M. \$3.00; F. M. \$2.00.
 Mrs. L. B. Smith—S. M. \$3.00; F. M. \$2.00.
 Mrs. Parala White—S. M. 25c.
 Hazel—S. M. \$9.00; For Rev. J. S. Laird's Tomb, \$5.00

CHAIRMEN TO WRITE REPORTS FOR E938.

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 Nominations: Bro. H. M. Thorne.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, First: That our Board direct their attention more to the work of developing the undeveloped churches.

Second: Immediately after calling the body together the Moderator shall appoint a committee on Digest of Letters, to whom all letters should be handed that messengers' names may be enrolled. Also a Finance Committee be appointed to take care of the finance.

Third: That the Association extend its hearty thanks to the people of Cross Roads Regular Baptist Church and community for their kindness and generous hospitality during the sitting of this Association.

Fourth: That the Recording Secretary have 600 copies of minutes printed for distribution, that he have \$35.00 for his services and that he draw on Treasurer for salary and expense of printing and mailing.

W. H. RAINER, President.

M. R. JONES, Recording Secretary.

LICENTIATES

W. W. Clark	Neshoba, Miss.
H. C. James	Louin, Miss.
D. Smith	Ovett, Miss.
Ira Elam	Hickory, Miss.
G. V. Smith	Ovett, Miss.
B. G. Fulton	Philadelphia, Miss.
A. A. Melton	Lake, Miss.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. A. Hitt	Lake, Miss.
W. H. Rainer	Little Rock, Miss.,
J. H. Herrington	Louisville, Miss.
A. N. Thomas	Philadelphia, Miss.
J. L. Comans	Union, Miss.
T. C. Bankston	Mize, Miss.
E. A. Breland	Route 4, Union, Miss.
J. W. Rooker	Bay Springs, Miss.
J. L. Story	Philadelphia, Miss.
S. E. McAdory	Union, Miss.
J. T. Bates	Philadelphia, Miss.
E. L. Taylor	Noxapater, Miss.
D. M. Stroud	Lake, Miss.

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R. C. Barham	Carthage, Miss.
R. J. Johnson	Carthage, Miss.
J. R. Gordon	June Burr, Miss.
G. W. Gardner	Forest, Miss.
G. M. Rucker	Union, Miss.
J. B. Jones	Route 9, Philadelphia, Miss.
Jas. W. Jones	Route 9, Philadelphia, Miss.
H. W. Froshour	Louin, Miss.
N. T. Sikes	Neshoba, Miss.
W. W. Spears	Edinburg, Miss.
I. J. Blocker	Edinburg, Miss.
B. B. Speed	Newton, Miss.
N. B. Nicholson	Union, Miss.
Truly Reynolds	Union, Miss.
H. T. Odom	Ovett, Miss.
B. C. Tullos	Noxapater, Miss.
W. L. McCardle	Richton, Miss.

GENERAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

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

Article 2. The object 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, and especially to the poor brethren preparing for the Gospel Ministry, and other works of Christian benevolence.

Article 3. Every church cooperating with and contributing to the objects and works 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 messenger to every one hundred communicants, provided no one entitled to a seat who is not a regular Baptist in good standing. Provided further, that any regular Baptist in good standing making individual contribution to any object fostered by the Association shall be entitled to a seat as messenger, if he so desires.

Article 4. This Association shall never possess a single attribute of power over any church or association. It absolutely and forever disclaims any rights of this kind, avowing the cardinal principles ever dear to Baptist—that every church is sovereign and independent.

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

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

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

Article 8. The meeting of this Association shall be annually and on Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, and at such places as may be agreed upon from time to time, the Board to meet as often as business may require.

Article 9. This Association may at any time appoint a special board on any of the objects or Christian Benevolence embraced in this Con-

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stitution.

Article 10. All monies contributed for a special object shall be faithfully applied, in accordance with the wish of the doner.

Article 11. The 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 can never be altered or amended.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed with prayer by the President of whoever he may appoint.

2. Correspondence from churches and other societies and individuals friendly to the Association shall be called for, the names of delegates appointed enrolled, with a mark of absence affixed to those who were not present.

3. Visiting brethren 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 in the Minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

7. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

8. Every speaker shall rise 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 by this body shall be nominated by the President, subject, however, to approval of the Association.