

MINUTES

of the

Eighty-Fourth Annual Session

of the

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST

Held With

ANTIOCH REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH

JASPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

OCTOBER 12, 13, 1938

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

MT. CARMEL REGULAR BEPTIST CHURCH

NLEHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Seven Miles S. W. of Philadelphia, Mississippi

OCTOBER 11, 12, 1939.

OFFICERS

REV. W. H. RAINER, President	Little Rock, Miss.
REV. A. N. THOMAS, 1st Vice-President	Philadelphia, Miss.
Rev. O. V. SWEARINGEN, 2nd Vice-President	Chunky, Miss.
REV. T. J. HARPER, Cor. Sec.	Newton, Miss.
M. R. JONES, Rec. Sec. and Treas.	Little Rock, Miss.

GENERAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS

The Eighty Fourth Annual Session of The General Association of Regular Baptist met with Antioch Regular Baptist Church, Jasper County, Oct. 12-13, 1938.

Met Tuesday night, Oct. 11, in a pastors conference and after song service prayer was offered by Bro. M. E. Childers and Bro. J. W. Rooker. Just at this time Bro. J. W. Rooker stated that his daughter was in the hospital at New Orleans for a serious operation which would take place tomorrow and requested that we have a special prayer in her behalf. Prayer led by Bro. A. N. Thomas, after which Bro. T. J. Harper, the pastor, announced the subject to be discussed as follows: "What should be the attitude of the Church toward the present day amusements?" Discussed by Bro. A. N. Thomas, B. B. Speed, H. P. Yarbrough, L. T. Simmons, M. E. Childers, J. W. Rooker, W. H. Rainer.

On motion the conference adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, Bro. L. Bradley to conduct the devotional. Dismissed by Bro. Ira Elam.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

9 O'clock. After song service devotional was conducted by Bro. L. Bradley. Prayer by Bro. J. S. Clark. Bro. Bradley continued by reading John 4th Chapter 3-23 verses; Ezekiel 3:18-19. After some timely remarks prayer was offered by Bro. J. W. Rooker.

The Association proceeded as follows: The following committees were appointed:

Digest Committee: Bro. W. W. Clark, A. L. Speed, F. B. Gardner.

Finance Committee: Bro. J. H. Clark, C. C. White, F. G. Harris.

Committee on Committees: Bro. S. H. McMahan, H. C. James, J. I. Robinson.

On motion that visiting Bros. & Sisters be invited to seats with us.

VISITING BRETHREN

Pearl Valley Ass'n: Bro. E. M. Thomas.

Mt. Pisgah Ass'n: Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, W. H. Rainer, B. B. Speed, M. R. Jones.

Oktibbeha Ass'n: Bro. A. N. Thomas and wife.

Smith County Ass'n: Bro. J. W. Rooker.

Mississippi State Ass'n: Bro. L. T. Simmons, M. E. Childers, S. M. Crocker.

The time to re-officer the body having arrived there was a motion to elect the same officers for another year and elect by acclamation,

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which was carried and after a few remarks the newly elected officers present took their respective places.

On motion that as Bro. Odom, 2nd vice-president not being present, that the Association declare this office vacant for the present, which was carried.

On motion Bro. O. V. Swearingen was elected 2nd vice president.

There was 10 minutes intermission.

The hour for the Annual Sermon. Bro. H. C. Bufkin, the appointee, present. After song service prayer by Bro. Bufkin. The choir sang "Near the Cross" and "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Bro. J. W. Rooker. Bro. Bufkin continued by reading 12th chapter Romans. Text 10th verse, 3rd chapter Philipians. The discourse was very inspiring and was enjoyed by all present. On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock. Dismissed by Bro. B. B. Speed.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 O'clock. After singing "There Is A Fountain", prayer by Bro. L. T. Simmons.

Report of Committee on Committees:

Christian Education: Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, J. E. Snowden, G. F. Henley.

S. S. & B. Y. P. U: Bro. T. J. Harper, H. O. White, F. G. Harfis.

Temperance: Bro. H. C. Bufkin, H. G. Harrison, Dock Gibbs.

Hospitals: Bro. J. G. Hendry, E. H. Windham.

Orphanage: Bro. B. B. Speed, O. V. Swearingen, J. A. Gregory.

Missions: Bro. E. M. Thomas, Charlie Phillips.

W. M. U: Bro. A. N. Thomas, P. J. Bishop, Tolbert Montgomery.

Publications: Bro. M. R. Jones.

Nominations: Bro. M. R. Jones and wife, Ira Elam.

Committee reports called for.

The report on Christian Education was read and discussed by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, O. V. Swearingen and adopted.

The report on S. S. & B. Y. P. U. was read by Bro. S. H. McMahan, discussed by Bro. A. N. Thomas, S. E. Sumrall and adopted.

The report on Baptist Hospitals was read by Bro. J. G. Hendry, discussed by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough and adopted.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. H. C. Bufkin, discussed by Bro. H. C. Bufkin, O. V. Swearingen, B. B. Speed, E. M. Thomas and adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 o'clock this evening. Dismissed by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION

7:30 O'clock. After song service, prayer was offered by Bro. L. Bradley.

The report on Missions was read by Bro. E. M. Thomas, discussed by Bro. L. Bradley, O. V. Swearingen, H. P. Yarbrough, L. T. Simmons, W. H. Rainer, M. E. Childers, S. M. Crocker, M. R. Jones and adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Dismissed by Bro. O. V. Swearingen.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

9:00 O'clock. Song service, prayer by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough. Proceeded as follows:

The report on Orphanage was read by Bro. B. B. Speed, discussed by Bro. B. B. Speed, H. P. Yarbrough, O. V. Swearingen and adopted.

The report on W. M. U. was read by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, discussed by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, P. J. Bishop, B. B. Speed and adopted.

The Finance report was read by Bro. C. C. White and adopted.

The Treasurer's report was read by Bro. M. R. Jones and adopted.

At this time there was an offering taken for Bro. J. S. Laird's tomb. Amount \$3.88.

On motion that the Association adjourn to meet with Mt. Carmel Regular Baptist church, Neshoba County, on Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday in October, 1939. While singing, the parting hand was given which closed a very harmonious session of the General Association. Dismissed by Bro. O. V. Swearingen.

REV. W. H. RAINER, Pres.

M. R. JONES, Rec. Sec. & Treas.

DIGEST REPORT

Antioch, Jasper Co.—Bro. P. J. Bishop, H. C. James, Robert Montgomery.

Cross Roads, Neshoba Co.—Bro. Linton Savell, F. B. Gardner.

Ebenezer, Newton Co.—Bro. J. I. and C. E. Robinson.

Enon, Neshoba Co.—Bro. Will Eldridge, Geo. Henley.

Enon, Jasper Co.—Bro. E. H. Windham, J. Z. Hendry.

Ephesus, Scott Co.—Bro. Albert Bryant, R. M. Gordy, Walter Hines.

Greenland, Newton Co.—Bro. L. Bradley.

Good Hope, Neshoba Co.—Bro. J. R. Cannon.

Hazel, Newton Co.—Bro. Jessie Gibbs, Levi Gibbs, F. G. Harris.

Hebron, Newton Co.—Bro. S. H. McMahan, Mrs. M. R. Jones.

Leaf River, Smith Co.—By Letter and Funds.

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Mt. Carmel, Neshoba Co.—Bro. J. H. Clark, W. W. Clark.
New Providence, Newton Co.—Bro. L. J. Buckley, C. M. Vick.
New Home, Smith Co.—Bro. R. A. Gilmore, C. H. Stringer, J. G. Gilbert.
Pleasant Ridge, Newton Co.—Bro. Ira Elam.
Pine Ridge, Newton Co.—Bro. J. R. Gibbs.
Pine Bluff, Newton Co.—Sis. Ruth Valentine, Ruby Everett.
Poplar Springs, Newton Co.—Bro. J. W. Saterfield, N. S. Bruner, R. M. Adams.
Rock Hill, Lauderdale Co.—Bro. A. L. Speed, J. E. Snowden.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

What do we mean by "Christian Education?" It is that education that trains the whole man, viz: the mind, the hand and the heart. That school that not develop these three is failing in a great measure.

Solomon said, "Wisdom is the principle thing, therefore get wisdom, and with all thy getting, get understanding."

When in a human's life does wisdom begin? It is in the early period of life, and then is the time that foundation of character is laid. The first impressions made upon a child's mind are most lasting and most deeply implanted. How important then should this beginning be started right. It is around the mother's knee that the foundation of character is laid.

We should be careful about these early impressions we make in our children, for these first seeds sown are thoughts, and often stamps the destiny of a soul. We saw a thought and reap an action. we sow an action and reap a character. We sow a character and reap a destiny.

We are admonished to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6:4. The child's mind is active. If we do not provide Christian training to consume the energy of the child's mind, he will use that energy in some other way.

We should be very careful in selecting colleges for our boys and girls. To young men and young women who should go to college we recommend Clarke Memorial College at Newton, Miss.

Respectfully submitted,

H. P. YARBROUGH,

J. E. SNOWDEN,

G. F. HENLEY.

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S. S. 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, and should be considered, as the teaching auxiliary of the church with the great commission ever before us as we strive to teach our people the will and purpose of God in our lives.

We believe that the Bible should be the foundation of our teaching and that our S. S. Literature should be based solely on the Bible, with it as the authority for all our teaching.

We believe that S. S. teachers should and must be consecrated Christians of our S. S. meets the purpose of it in a successful way that will please God.

We consider the B. Y. P. U. to be the training auxiliary of the church in which our church members are trained to better carry on the work of our churches.

Since the B. Y. P. U. is a Christian work, it should be lead by consecrated Christian leaders with 2nd Timothy 2:15 as a splendid admonition to lead us along.

T. J. HARPER,
C. C. WHITE,
FLOYD HARRIS.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL

We greet the Association in a spirit of deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father for a year of unparalleled service to suffering humanity; a year which has shown a marked advance in the development of the Baptist Hospital as a denominational agency.

We have admitted to our hospital 4,833 patients who remained in the hospital, and more than 2,000 who were treated in our X-Ray, Laboratory and Operating Rooms.

Our work for the various orphanages of the city amounts to \$2,388.00, our charity work amounts to \$53,770.00.

We received from the Baptist State Convention Board \$801.66.

We received from Brother and Mrs. S. E. Lackey of Forest, \$5,000.00, from Brother and Mrs. Hardy Wilson of Hazlehurst. \$1,000.00, and from interested friends \$297.25.

We had 42 ministers whom we have served this year and many of their families. We have had several missionaries who received treatment in our hospital and from each we received a blessing.

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We are grateful to the W. M. U's. of the state for setting aside the month of August as Hospital Month, and every gift they send us will enable us to serve in a greater way.

We are conscious of a Leadership and Guidance far beyond that of our abilities and we covet your continued, earnest, heartfelt prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HENDRY,

E. H. WINDHAM.

MISSIONS

In John 3, 16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son that whosoever believed on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Chapter 17 and 18th verse: "As thou hast sent me into the world I also send them into the world." We believe that Missions is to give, go, and do. So it behoves us to give ourselves, our time, and our means too, and for the service of our God go preach to the uttermost part of the world.

Humbly submitted,

E. M. THOMAS,

CHARLIE PHILLIPS.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

We wish to thank the State Convention Board, our churches, W. M. U's., B. Y. P. U. and individuals for contributions of money, clothing and farm products they have made during the year. We thank the Baptist Hospital for service rendered. We have in the home 318 children that we are training to take their place in the world.

We have admitted 88 children during the year and adopted 76 into homes where the persons would assume the responsibility of giving them an education and religious training.

The Lord has blessed us this year for which we are thankful.

Respectfully submitted,

B. B. SPEED,

O. V. SWEARINGEN,

A. J. GREGORY.

W. M. U. REPORT

At the close of the first six months of this calendar year we have 1941 societies and auxiliaries in our state with approximately 35,000 women and young people. We are grateful for those and also for their

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splendid accomplishments in study, personal service, enlistment and offerings.

We believe they are firmly established in the fundamentals of Woman's Missionary Union and will aid their pastors and the entire membership of their respective churches in providing missionary leaven for these churches.

We are concerned, however, about the large number of Baptist churches in our state without any missionary organizations. True it is that these churches are giving little or nothing to missions.

These are our opportunity this jubilee year. Another grave responsibility is the keeping alive and strong our existing organizations. We do not want to have the loss of one this year.

"Bring an offering", expresses our interest in the great missionary cause. Last year our women and young people gave \$75,158.71 to all causes; and had 1971 classes in mission study.

With grateful hearts we repeat our watchword, "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; bring an offering and come into His courts."

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. THOMAS,

P. J. BISHOP.

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 made 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, there are more than 200,000 retail outlets at present. Several thousand people are killed daily throughout the nation in many ways by drinking.

We should try to elect Christian men for county, state and federal officers and do our best to help them carry out the law.

H. C. BUFKIN,

H. G. HARRISON,

J. R. GIBBS.

PUBLICATIONS

We believe the Bible to be the word of God and should be the rule of faith and practice, therefore we recommend it to be taught in our

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Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U. and B. T. U. We are admonished to "Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they that testify of me."

Along with the Bible we have religious literature of different kinds, such as The Baptist Record, The Home and Foreign Field that will keep us posted as to what Baptist are doing.

There is quite a bit of literature being distributed over the country that is not wholesome and we should see to it that it is not left in our homes. It has been said as a man thinketh so is he. So we usually think about what we read about. Let us be careful to read good wholesome literature.

Respectfully submitted,
M. R. JONES.

NOMINATIONS

We your committee on nominations submit the following:

For the Executive Board for 1939, Ministers: Bro. J. W. Rooker, E. A. Breland, H. C. Bufkin, L. Bradley, B. B. Speed, D. M. Strowd, J. L. Coman, Truly Reynolds, N. B. Nicholson, Ira Elam.

Brethren: J. T. Dean, H. R. Clark, J. I. Robinson, A. M. Volentine, W. W. Adams, C. C. White, H. M. Thorne, H. G. Harrison, A. L. Speed, J. E. Snowden, F. G. Harris, Charlie Phillips.

We recommend that Bro. O. V. Swearingen preach the next annual sermon and Bro. N. B. Nicholson be his alternate. We also recommend that the next session of the Association meet with Mt. Carmel Regular Baptist Church, 7 miles S. W. of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Miss., about 3 miles west of Highway No. 15, and that the December Board meeting be held with Poplar Springs Regular Baptist Church, 4 miles S. E. of Newton, on Wednesday after 2nd Sunday in December, 1938, and the April meeting to be held with Pine Ridge Regular Baptist Church, Newton County, Miss., on Wednesday after 3rd Sunday in April, 1939. Ministers Conference on Tuesday night before each meeting.

M. R. JONES AND WIFE,
IRA ELAM.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT

As your Corresponding Secretary I wish to report that the work is moving forward with much good being accomplished, and the outlook for our work is bright.

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We have not accomplished what we had hoped to, due to ill health, but plans are being formed for a drive in the work that will be of great benefit. This plan will be announced in the near future.

During the year I have been privileged to visit many churches, pointing out the needs of our work and find those churches responding in a nice way to our work.

We have a fine outline for the coming year and hope to see or contact every church in the bounds of the General Association and present the plans in view with the expectation of every church putting their shoulder to the wheel and make our work soar to a new high level for the on-going of the Kingdom work.

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. HARPER, Cor. Sec.

FINANCE REPORT

Hazel, Newton County—S. M. \$3.00.
Mt. Carmel, Neshoba County—S. M. \$3.35; H. M. \$3.35; F. M. \$3.30.
Good Hope, Neshoba County—S. M. \$3.88; H. M. \$3.88; F. M. \$3.89.
New Providence, Newton County—S. M. \$3.65.
Pleasant Ridge, Newton County—S. M. \$8.00.
Enon, Neshoba County—S. M. \$2.00; Bap. Orp. \$2.25.
Ephesus, Scott County—S. M. \$7.80.
Rock Hill, Lauderdale County—S. M. \$5.80.
Pine Ridge, Newton County—S. M. \$3.60.
Hebron, Newton County—S. M. \$29.02; F. M. \$1.06.
Greenland, Newton County—S. M. \$8.67.
Cross Roads, Neshoba County—S. M. \$6.00.
Hopewell, Newton County—S. M. \$2.50.
New Home, Smith County—S. M. \$7.25.
Antioch, Jasper County—S. M. \$2.25.
Poplar Springs, Newton County—S. M. \$6.50.
Ebenezer, Newton County—S. M. \$3.85.
Leaf River, Smith County—\$0.50.
Oktibbeha Association—By Bro. B. W. Perkins—S. M. \$51.88; H. M. \$25.73; F. M. \$21.14; Orphanage \$32.59.

J. H. CLARK,
C. C. WHITE,
F. G. HARRIS.

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SECRETARY-TREASURERS REPORT

Funds received after Association met, 1937.
 Hopewell—S. M. \$6.00.
 Oktibbeha Ass'n., by Bro. B. W. Perkins—S. M. \$47.45; H. M. \$11.10;
 F. M. \$21.14; Orphanage \$28.75.
 Hebron—J. S. Laird Tomb, \$5.00.
 H. R. Clark—S. M. \$2.00.
 Mrs. Nancy P. Graham—S. M. \$2.00.
 J. A. Alexander—S. M. \$0.50.
 Nolan Alexander—S. M. \$0.25.
 For J. S. Laird Tomb \$0.95.

Funds received at April Board Meeting, 1938:
 Pine Ridge, Newton Co.—S. M. \$2.12.
 Poplar Springs, Newton County—S. M. \$15.55.
 M. R. Jones—S. M. \$0.50.
 New Home, Smith Co.—S. M. \$5.35.
 For J. S. Laird Tomb—\$0.85.
 Mrs. Nancy Graham—S. M. \$4.00.
 High Hill, Neshoba Co.—S. M. \$2.14.
 Pleasant Grove, Newton Co.—S. M. \$24.50; F. M. \$24.50.

AMOUNT PAID OUT 1937-38.

Baptist Orphanage	\$63.24
Home Missions	\$29.07
Foreign Missions	\$63.48
Zama Building Fund	\$6.00
Rec. Sec. Salary and Postage	\$39.00
Union Appeal Printing Minutes	\$47.00

FOR LAST QUARTER 1937

Bro L. Bradley	\$6.25
Bro. T. J. Harper	\$10.00
Bro. N. B. Nicholson	\$6.25
Bro. E. A. Breland	\$12.50

FOR THIRD QUARTER OF 1938

Bro. T. J. Harper	\$70.00
Bro. E. A. Breland	\$27.00

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Bro. A. N. Thomas	\$27.00
Bro. N. B. Nicholson	\$37.50
Bro. B. C. Tullos	\$15.00
Balance	\$74.79

CHAIRMEN TO WRITE REPORTS FOR 1939.

Christian Education: Bro. H. C. Bufkin.
 S. S. and B. Y. P. U: Bro. W. W. Clark.
 Temperance: Bro. G. W. Gardner.
 Hospitals: Bro. N. B. Nicholson.
 Orphanage: Bro. H. G. Harrison.
 Missions: Bro. A. N. Thomas.
 W. M. U: Bro. H. P. Yarbrough.
 Publications: Bro. E. A. Breland.
 Nominations: Bro. A. M. Volentine.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, First: That our Board direct their attention more to the work of developing the underdeveloped 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 Antioch 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.
Ira Elam	Hickory, Miss.
G. V. Smith	Ovett, Miss.
B. G. Fulton	Philadelphia, Miss.
A. A. Melton	Lake, Miss.

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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.
L. Bradley	Union, Miss.
B. L. Herrington	Seminary, Miss.
R. C. Barham	Carthage, Miss.
R. J. Johnson	Carthage, Miss.
J. R. Gordon	June Burr, Miss.
G. W. Gardner	Forest, Miss.
G. M. Rucker	Route 5, 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.
O. V. Swearingen	Chunky, Miss.

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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, than any regular Baptist in good standing making individual contributions 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 right 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

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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 constitution.

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 or 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.