

MINUTES

Of The

EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

General Association of Regular Baptist

Held With

BEAT LINE REGULAR MISSION- ARY BAPTIST CHURCH

NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

OCTOBER 13-14, 1943.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

ANTIOCH REGULAR MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
JASPER COUNTY, MISS.

Six Miles Southeast of Louin, Miss.

OCTOBER 11-12, 1944.

OFFICERS

REV. E. A. BRELAND, President	Union, Miss.
REV. L. BRADLEY, 1st Vice-President	Union, Miss.
REV. A. N. THOMAS, 2nd Vice-President ..	Philadelphia, Miss.
REV. W. H. RAINER, Cor. Sec.	Little Rock, Miss.
M. R. JONES, Rec. Sec. and Treas.	Little Rock, Miss.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Eighty-Ninth Annual Session of the General Association of Regular Missionary Baptists met with Beat Line Regular Missionary Baptist Church, Neshoba County, Oct. 13, 1943.

The Pastors Conference met on Tuesday night before and after song service prayer was offered by Rev. W. L. McCardle, after which Bro. E. A. Breland, the 1st Vice-President, introduced Rev. W. H. Rainer who in turn introduced the subject to be discussed which was as follows: "What is the State of Religion", which was discussed by the following Brethren: W. H. Rainer, W. L. McCardle, H. P. Yarbrough, E. A. Breland, M. R. Jones, L. Bradley.

On motion the Conference adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Dismissed by H. C. Keen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

After song service prayer was offered by Bro. W. H. Rainer. Bro. Elton Winstead proceeded to conduct devotional by reading a part of the 21 chapter St. John, 15-17 verses. After a few timely remarks prayer was offered by Bro. McCardle.

The following committees were appointed:

Digest Committee: Bro. F. B. Gardner, Obie Phillips, A. L. Speed.
Finance Committee: Bro. Arthur Breland, E. J. Gordon, Roscoe Laird.

Committee on Committees: Bro. H. M. Thorn, H. G. Harrison, J. H. Clark.

On motion visiting Brethren and Sisters were invited to seats with us.

Visiting Brethren. Bro. H. R. Clark and wife, B. W. Smith and G. L. Bates of Neshoba County Association.

Time to re-officer the body. There was a motion carried by the Association to go into the election of officers.

On motion that the Association elect by nomination and acclamation which resulted in the election of Bro. E. A. Breland, President; Bro. L. Bradley, 1st Vice-President; Bro. A. N. Thomas, 2nd Vice-President; Bro. W. H. Rainer, Corresponding Secretary; Bro. M. R. Jones, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. After a few remarks by the newly elected officers they took their respective places.

After singing "Uncloudy Day" and "There is a Fountain," prayer was offered by Bro. A. N. Thomas. The appointee not being present, his alternate Bro. W. H. Rainer, proceeded to preach the Annual Sermon, reading 20th verse of the 1st chapter Romans. The entire discourse was enjoyed by the Association. Dismissed by Rev. G. W. Gardner.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Christian Education: Bro. L. M. Skinner, H. P. Yarbrough, Arthur Breland.

S. S. and B. T. U.: Bro. Martin Nelson.

Temperance: Bro. O. V. Swearingen, H. C. Keen, H. P. Yarbrough.

Baptist Hospitals: Bro. A. N. Thomas, G. W. Gardner.

Baptist Orphanage: Bro. M. R. Jones, H. R. Clark, H. P. Yarbrough.

Missions: Bro. A. P. Sharp, W. H. Rainer, W. L. McCardle.

W. M. U.: Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, L. Bradley, O. V. Swearingen.

Publications: Bro. N. B. Nicholson, E. A. Breland, O. C. Gibbs.

Nominations: Bro. H. M. Thorne, J. H. Clark, H. G. Harrison.

1:30 o'clock. After song service, prayer was offered by Bro. N. B. Nicholson.

The report of committees were called for:

The report on Christian Education was read by Bro. L. M. Skinner, discussed by Bro. Skinner and adopted.

As there wasn't any report on Hospitals it was suggested that the subject be discussed and that the secretary get a statistical report from Jackson and insert in the minutes, and adopted.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. O. V. Swearingen, discussed by Bro. Swearingen, F. B. Gardner, M. R. Jones, L. Bradley, A. A. Winstead, N. B. Nicholson, E. A. Breland and adopted.

The report on Publications was read by Bro. N. B. Nicholson, discussed by Bro. Nicholson and adopted.

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

There was a motion carried by the Association that Bro. W. L. McCardle preach tomorrow at 11:30 o'clock.

On motion that Bro. O. V. Swearingen be paid by the day, counting one or more sermons a days work.

On motion that the Association adjourn to meet at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning. Bro. H. C. Keen to lead the devotional. Dismissed by Bro. L. Bradley.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

9:30 o'clock. After song service, prayer by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough. Bro. H. C. Keen proceeded to conduct the devotional by reading a part of the 3rd chapter Lamentations and a part of 2nd chapter of Job. After some timely remarks the choir sang "All Hail the Power." Prayer was offered by Bro. H. M. Thorne.

The Association proceeded as follows:

The report on S. S. & B. T. U. was read by Bro. M. R. Jones. Discussed by Bro. Jones, H. P. Yarbrough and adopted.

The report on Baptist Orphanage was left to the Rec. Sec. At this

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time there was a public offering taken for the Baptist Orphanage. Amount \$14.22.

The report on Missions was read by Bro. A. P. Sharp. The report of the Cor. Sec. was read by Bro. W. H. Rainer.

The report of Bro. O. V. Swearingen was read by Bro. Swearingen. The three reports were discussed jointly by the following brethren, A. P. Sharp, W. L. McCardle, O. V. Swearingen, and adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned until 1:30. Dismissed by Bro. L. Bradley.

1:30 o'clock. After song service prayer by Bro. W. H. Rainer. The discussion on the above reports were continued by Bro. Rainer, L. M. Skinner, N. B. Nicholson, F. B. Gardner, M. R. Jones, E. A. Breland, L. Bradley, A. A. Winstead, and adopted.

The report on Nominations was read by Bro. H. M. Thorne and adopted.

On motion carried by the Association the time for the April Board was changed from Wednesday after the third Sunday to Wednesday after the second Sunday in April.

The Treasurers report was read by Bro. M. R. Jones and adopted.

The Finance report was read by Bro. E. J. Gordon and adopted.

On motion that our missionaries, Bro. Swearingen and Bro. McCardle, continue their work until the December Board meeting. After reading the resolutions and adopting the same the Association adjourned to meet with Antioch Regular Missionary Baptist Church, Jasper County, Miss., 6 miles S. E. of Louin, October 11 and 12, 1944.

After the Association was adjourned the congregation sang "When I Can Read My Titles Clear."

Bro. W. L. McCardle, according to previous arrangements, proceeded to preach, first offering prayer then reading from 7th through th 12th verses of 2nd chapter Phillipians. Theme, "The Great Saviour." His message was enjoyed by the entire congregation. After singing "God Be with You Till We Meet Again," was dismissed by Bro. O. V. Swearingen, which closed a very successful meeting of the old General Association.

REV. E. A. BRELAND, President.
M. R. JONES, Rec. Sec. and Treas.

CHAIRMEN TO WRITE REPORTS FOR 1944.

Christian Education—Bro. E. A. Breland.
S. S. and B. T. U.—Bro. Charlie Phillips.
Temperance—Bro. H. M. Thorne.
Baptist Hospitals—Bro. O. V. Swearingen.

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Baptist Orphanage: Bro. O. C. Gibbs.
Missions—Bro. N. B. Nicholson.
W. M. U.—Bro. H. P. Yarbrough.
Publications—Bro. L. M. Skinner.
Nominations—Bro. H. G. Harrison.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We your committee on Nominations submit the following report:
For the Executive Board for 1944, we recommend the following:
Ministers: J. W. Rooker, J. L. Comans, Truly Reynolds, L. A. Gardner,
W. L. McCardle, J. C. Sansing, N. B. Nicholson, H. C. Keen, Elton
Winstead, W. W. Clark. Brethren: J. T. Dean, W. W. Adams, J. I. Rob-
inson, A. M. Valentine, H. G. Harrison, H. M. Thorne, J. H. Clark, A.
L. Speed, J. E. Snowden, L. M. Skinner, O. C. Gibbs, Roscoe Laird, F.
B. Gardner.

We recommend that the 1944 session of the Association be held
with Antioch Regular Missionary Baptist Church, 6 miles S. E. of
Louin, Jasper County, Miss., Oct. 11, 12, 1944, and that the December
Board Meeting be held with Pleasant Ridge Church, 4 miles north of
Hickory, Newton County, Miss., on Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday,
and the April Meeting be held with Rock Hill Church, 5 miles north of
Meehan, Lauderdale County, Miss., on Wednesday after the 2nd Sun-
day in April, 1944. We also recommend that Rev. N. B. Nicholson
preach the annual sermon and that Rev. W. L. McCardle be his alter-
nate.

TEMPERANCE

We believe in being temperant in the things we are permitted to do.
We do not believe that drinking whisky and taking God's name in
vain should come under the name of temperance. The word sometimes
used, "be temperate in all things," you won't find in God's word. We
are permitted to cuss, but we should be temperate in the way we dress
and the other things we are permitted to do.

O. V. SWEARINGEN,
H. P. YARBROUGH,
H. C. KEEN, Committee.

PUBLICATIONS

We your committee on Bible and Publications highly recommend
the home reading of the Holy Bible, because Paul said in 2nd Tim. 3:15

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"And that from a child thou has known the Holy Scriptures which are
able to make thee wise unto salvation." Also in 2nd Tim. 2:15, "Study
to retain thy self approved unto God a workman that needeth not to
be ashamed." Rightly dividing the word of truth and also Jesus said in
St. John 5:39 to search the scriptures which are able to make us wise
unto salvation.

We also warn people not to read J. F. Ruthfords books.

N. B. NICHOLSON,
O. C. GIBBS,
E. A. BRELAND.

DIGEST REPORT

Antioch: Bro. H. L. Montgomery, O. J. Phillips, A. A. Phillips.
Beat Line: Bro. R. B. Smith, S. N. Winstead, Chester McNece.
Cross Roads: Bro. A. A. Winstead, F. B. Gardner.
Cedar Grove: Bro. O. C. Gibbs, J. L. Lewis.
Center Hill: Bro. D. L. Thrash, Hardy Lundy.
Ephesus: Bro. R. M. Gordy, Lee Graham.
Ebenezer: Bro. Martin Nelson, Sis. B. L. Nelson, Sis. Joe Williams.
Enon: Bro. L. D. Killen, E. C. Richardson, Audrey Boler.
Greenland: Bro. E. J. Gordon, Jessie Smith.
Herbert: Bro. J. H. Adams, C. F. Breland.
Hebron: Bro. Roscoe Laird, James Eshee.
Hopewell: Bro. Thad Beemon, W. D. Williamson, Ottis Ward.
Mt. Carmel: Bro. M. Clark, J. H. Clark.
New Prospect: Bro. J. L. Comans.
Pleasant Ridge: Bro. H. M. Thorne.
Pleasant Grove: Bro. Lee Moore, M. C. Nelson.
Pine Grove: Bro. Arthur Breland, A. Q. M. Collins.
Pine Ridge: Bro. H. G. Harrison.
Poplar Springs: Bro. N. S. Bruner, S. Edwards, G. Edwards.
Poplar: Bro. Banks McNair, Daniel French.
Rock Hill: Bro. J. E. Snowden, A. L. Speed.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

To the General Body,
Dear Brethren: The Lord has permitted us to meet again. We have
many opportunities for doing good. Our greatest needs are men and
means. The field is already white unto harvest. The laborers are few.
We have two missionaries on part time work besides your Correspond-
ing Secretary. My report is as follows: Days of actual service up to

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now, 2; number miles traveled 80; number of sermons preached, 2;
money collected for State Missions, \$10.00.

W. H. RAINER, Cor. Sec.

FUNDS RECEIVED AFTER MINUTES WERE PRINTED

Rock Hill, Lauderdale Co.—S. M. \$2.41.
Mt. Nebo, Newton Co.—S. M. \$10.00.

FUNDS RECEIVED AT APRIL BOARD MEETING

Cross Roads, Neshoba County—S. M. \$5.00; H. M. \$2.00.
W. H. McMullan—S. M. \$1.50.
Amos McMullan—S. M. \$1.00.
H. M. Thorne—S. M. \$1.00.
H. G. Harrison—B. F. \$1.00; Sup. F. -1.00.
Rev. W. L. McCardle—S. M. \$1.50.
Mrs. W. H. McMillan—S. M. \$1.50.
L. B. Smith—S. M. \$5.00.

FUNDS RECEIVED THIS FALL

Public Offering at Mt. Pisgah Ass'n.—S. M. \$25.87; Bap. Orp. \$20.52.
County Line, Newton Co.—S. M. \$4.60.
Pleasant Ridge, Scott Co.—F. M. \$3.50.
Hebron—S. M. \$44.45; H. M. \$11.80; F. M. \$19.84; Bap. Orp. \$6.97;
B. F. \$2.50; for church \$14.24; Bro. Rainer \$4.70; Bro. Nicholson \$.50.

PAID OUT ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR OF 1942-43

Home Mission Board	\$102.97
Foreign Mission Board	\$99.32
Baptist Orphanage	\$123.03
Union Appeal, printing minutes	\$50.00
M. R. Jones, Sal. and Postage	\$38.50
W. H. Rainer, Sal. and Expenses	\$24.00
W. L. McCardle, Sal. and Expenses	\$64.83

FUNDS ON HAND AT THE CONVENING OF ASS'N. 1943.

State Missions	\$405.10
Home Missions	\$18.65

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Foreign Missions	\$38.01
Baptist Orphanage	\$27.49
Building Fund	\$19.82
Supt. Fund	\$4.45
Total	\$513.52

FINANCE REPORT

Antioch, Jasper Co.—S. M. \$12.00
Beat Line, Neshoba County—B. F. \$3.87; S. M. \$3.88.
Cross Roads, Neshoba County—S. M. \$13.00.
Cedar Grove, Newton Co.—S. M. \$2.00; H. M. \$2.00; F. M. \$1.00;
Baptist Orphanage \$2.00.
Ephesus, Scott Co.—S. M. \$3.00; H. M. \$3.00; F. M. \$1.00; Orp. \$1.00.
Ehenezer, Newton Co.—S. M. \$5.76.
Enon, Neshoba Co.—S. M. \$10.00; H. M. \$3.00; Orp. \$1.00 Ch. B. F.
\$3.10.
Greenland, Newton Co.—S. M. \$13.50.
Hebron, Newton Co.—S. M. \$44.45; H. M. \$11.80; F. M. \$19.44; Bap.
Orp. \$6.97; B. F. \$2.50.
Hopewell, Newton Co.—S. M. \$13.75.
Mt. Carmel, Neshoba Co.—S. M. \$2.50; H. M. \$2.50; Orp. \$2.00 Ch.
B. F. \$3.85.
New Prospect, Newton Co.—S. M. \$3.00; H. M. \$3.00; F. M. \$2.00.
Poplar, Newton Co.—S. M. \$1.00; Bap. Orp. \$1.00; F. M. \$1.00.
Poplar Springs, Newton Co.—S. M. \$22.88.
Pleasant Grove, Newton Co.—S. M. \$10.50; F. M. \$20.00; Orp. \$10.00;
Ch. B. F. \$10.00; Sup. F. \$10.00.
Pine Grove, Neshoba Co.—S. M. \$8.50; B. F. \$10.00; Sup. F. \$6.00.
Pleasant Ridge—S. M. \$13.09.
Pine Ridge, Newton Co.—B. F. \$3.50.
H. G. Harrison, Newton Co.—Bapt. Orp. \$2.00.
Rock Hill, Lauderdale Co.—S. M. \$8.70; F. M. \$1.50.
Public offering taken for Baptist Orphanage—\$14.22.
Pearl Valley Association, by Bro. Roger Wilcher—S. M. \$8.50; H. M.
\$6.00; F. M. \$5.66; Orp. \$18.15.
Rev. W. L. McCardle—S. M. \$10.00.
Ocobla, Neshoba Co.—S. M. \$8.00; H. M. \$2.00; F. M. \$2.00; Orp.
\$2.00.
Oktibbeha Ass'n., By Bro. B. W. Perkins—S. M. \$125.00; H. M.
\$75.00; F. M. \$54.77; Papt. Orp. \$100.00.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We believe that Christian Education means a Christ like education or the wisdom and knowledge that comes from God by the Holy Spirit. Paul says, 1 Cor. 2:13-14, "Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritual discerned." Christ proves the above statement in Matt. 16-23, "But he turned and said unto Peter, get thee behind me Satan, thou art an offense unto me, for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men."

We recommend our Missionary Baptist School to those who desire higher learning, but warn you that an unsaved man, tho he can quote the Bible from Genesis to Revelations, has only educated the carnal mind and is a very dangerous weapon in the hands of Satan. II Cor. 11:13-15, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into an angle of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works." Do not count a man's worth by the honors or degrees that the world may give, but by the Christian Education that he receives from God by the Spirit.

Let us all take John's warning. 1st John 4-1, "Behold, believe not every spirit but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

Respectfully submitted,
L. M. SKINNER,
H. P. YARBROUGH,
ARTHUR BRELAND.

MISSIONS

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following:

The hope of the world lies in the united Christ.

There is no solvent for sin, save the blood of Christ. There is no redemption for man apart from the atonement of Christ. Social adjustments do not heal the ills of the human race. Education falls short of the spiritual needs of man, if it ignores the great teachings of Christ.

Christ, and him crucified, alone can redeem and save the world. There is no substitute for the gospel. It is fatal to offer to the hungry hearts of men, science for the scripture, reason for revelation, theories for truth, intellectualism for inspiration, culture for conviction, good-

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ness for grace, reformation for regeneration, and social reform for personal repentance.

We must give the world the Christ of the Bible.

The task of missions is to lift Christ up and make him Lord of Lords and King of Kings in the life of men.

As in Matthew 28 chapter 18- 19 20 verses and Mark 16:15-16-17.

Last words he said, Acts 1-8, Who will carry the mission if we fail to carry it.

Your committee,
W. L. McCARDLE,
W. H. RAINER,
A. P. SHARP.

W. M. U.

Baptist women of this Association feel that it is with deepest gratitude in their hearts that they could be, "Laborers together with God, that His way be known upon the earth, His salvation among all people," during this the darkest hour this generation has known. "The love of Christ constraineth us," and we feel that we have been constrained to do more personal work this year than heretofore and this has been more varied, reaching many hearts and homes.

Mission study is being appreciated more each year.

We would recommend the study and methods of missions that are being used in this Association to the brotherhood of the churches.

Respectfully submitted,
H. P. YARBROUGH,
O. V. SWEARINGEN,
L. BRADLEY.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

"The fatherless . . . which are within thy gates, shall come and shall eat and be satisfied; that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest."—Deut. 14:29.

We are deeply grateful to the Lord for all of the accomplishments and achievements of the Orphanage and are pleased to give a report of the general work for the past year. The total number of children cared for during the year was 213. Forty-nine new children were admitted, these coming from 21 different counties. Many have gone out from the Orphanage, some to live with relatives and friends who were in position to give them a good home. Others have completed their education and are now employed, enabling them to make their own

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living. These boys and girls no longer live at the Orphanage but are frequent visitors. Ten girls and one boy completed their eighth grade course of study in our own school on the campus. This group will enter Bailey Junior High School of Jackson in the Fall. Seven girls graduated from Central High School in Jackson, two of these have entered the School of Nursing at the Baptist Hospital, one will enter Blue Mountain College, the other four will take a business course or secure positions. One of our girls will be a senior at Blue Mountain this Fall and will graduate with the class of 1944. One boy who finished his Freshman year at Mississippi College has been called to serve his country and is in the U. S. Navy, now stationed at the University of Oklahoma. You will note that we did not have any boys in our graduating class as they are being called into service as soon as they are old enough and many volunteer before reaching the age for registration. The Orphanage is proud of the long list of sons who have entered service in defense of their country. They are ready to do their bit to protect and preserve the freedoms that have made possible their protection in time of need and provided them with the opportunities of life. Many hold commissions as Second and First Lieutenants. Some fifty or more who have gone out from the Orphanage in recent years are among the number. One of our fine girls is now a Second Lieutenant in the Army Nurses Corps. As a parent and sort of foster parent of a large number from the Orphanage, great concern is felt for these young men and girls and concern for the success of this terrible enterprise upon which we have been forced to embark.

The splendid support from our Church folk means so much to the administration. It makes it possible for us to continue to pay our bills promptly the first of each month. Under such conditions, we can naturally plan more wisely and execute our plans with more efficiency. This means our children are getting better service than ever before. The Orphanage has no indebtedness. This has been made possible because of your generous gifts on the two special days. Mother's Day and Thanksgiving and also because of the increased gifts from the Cooperative Program.

Respectfully submitted,
M. R. JONES.

HOSPITAL REPORT

It is with thanksgiving and pleasure that we observe from this special phase of the Association work, The Mississippi Baptist Hospital, what the past year has brought to us. Let us note first our fiscal

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growth. In the last ten years our hospital has grown from 85 to 205 beds, making it now the largest hospital in Mississippi. We admitted to the hospital last year 7674 patients. We had only 195 deaths. Eight hundred and five babies were born within our walls. Our charity work amounted to \$52,942.71. The free work for the colored people amounted to \$5632.04. We cared for 90 children from the Orphanage at a cost of \$1159.90. We cared for 324 crippled children over and above what the state paid at a cost of \$10,747.05. We cared for 132 blind men and women at a cost of \$2492.40. We cared for 87 mothers and children from the maternal and child health clinic at a cost of \$496.40. We have cared for 32 ministers which amounts to \$2382.72. We received from the Convention Board \$2042.72. We have given to armed forces 28 of our doctors and 46 nurses. We now have 87 white student nurses and 16 colored nurses. Two of our girls attended the Y. W. A. assembly at Ridgecrest this summer and report a splendid convention.

Never in the history of the hospital have we served so many people. Our hospital is crowded to the utmost at all times. While we have not turned people away, we have had to put beds in every hall and seek the cooperation of our physicians in order to care for the patients who came. Our greatest need at this time is more room. May the dear Lord put it into the hearts of those who have been blessed to give a bond to the Hospital to be added to our building fund, that we may add another unit of fifty rooms as soon as the war is over.

Respectfully submitted,
M. R. JONES.

S. S. & B. T. U.

We have authority from God's word for Sunday School. Isaiah 54-13 says, "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be the peace of thy children." Prov. 22-6, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." 2nd Tim. 3-15, "That from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which is able to make the wise in Christ Jesus." We feel that a good Sunday School carried on according to God's word is a great work teaching our children about a Saviour. Rom. 10-13 says, "How then shall they believe in him in whom they have not believed and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard." We have authority for teaching in the church from God's word. 1st Cor. 12-28 says, "God sent teachers in the church." We feel that the purpose of the B. T. U. is to learn us more about God's word and what He wants us to do.

MARTIN NELSON.

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REPORT OF REV. W. L. McCARDLE, PART TIME MISSIONARY ON THE FIELD

Beginning April 14th, 1943, ending October 13th, 1943. Field of labor, South Mississippi. Days of actual service 22, No. of miles traveled 640, No. of stations 1, No. of sermons preached 27, church prayer meetings attended 10, religious visits 88, Sunday School addresses delivered 9, money collected for personal services \$43.46, money collected for State Missions \$2.00.

REV. W. L. McCARDLE.

REPORT OF REV. O. V. SWEARINGEN, PART TIME MISSIONARY ON THE FIELD

No. days actual service 6, miles traveled 485, No. sermons preached 13, money collected for personal services \$61.25, turned back to the Association S. M. \$26.85.

REV. O. V. SWEARINGEN.

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 enrolltd. Also a Finance Committee be appointed to take care of the finance.

Third: that the Association extend its hearty thanks to the people of Beat Line 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 expenses of printing and mailing.

E. A. BRELAND, President.

M. R. JONES, Recording Secretary.

LICENTIATES

H. C. James Louin, Miss.
B. G. Fulton Philadelphia, Miss.
L. A. Gardner Rt. 5, Meridian, Miss.
Conrad Keen Union, Miss.

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Elton Winstead Union, Miss.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

R. L. Horne	Newton, Miss.
J. T. Harper	Newton, Miss.
W. W. Clark	Neshoba, Miss.
J. A. Hitt	Lake, Miss.
W. H. Rainer	Little Rock, Miss.
J. H. Herrington	Louisville, Miss.
A. N. Thomas	Philadelphia, Miss.
J. L. Comans	Conehatta, Miss.
E. A. Breland	Rt. 4, Union, Miss.
J. W. Rooker	Bay Springs, Miss.
S. E. McAdory	Union, Miss.
J. T. Bates	Philadelphia, Miss.
L. Bradley	Union, Miss.
R. C. Barham	Carthage, Miss.
R. J. Johnson	Carthage, Miss.
J. R. Gordon	June Burr, Miss.
G. W. Gardner	Forest, Miss.
J. B. Jones	Rt. 9, Philadelphia, Miss.
Jas. W. Jones	Rt. 9, Philadelphia, Miss.
H. W. Froshour	Louin, Miss.
W. W. Spears	Edinburg, Miss.
B. B. Speed	Newton, Miss.
N. B. Nicholson	Union, Miss.
Truly Reynolds	Union, Miss.
O. V. Swearingen	Chunky, Miss.

CONSTITUTION

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

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and no more. Associations to have one messenger to every 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 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 to the cardinal principles ever dear to Baptists—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, and 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 Benevolences embraced in this constitution.

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

Article 11. The Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by a vote of two-thirds of the membership 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

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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.