

MINUTES

Of The

NINETIETH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

General Association of Regular Baptist

Held With

ANTIOCH REGULAR MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

JASPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

OCTOBER 11-12, 1944.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

POPLAR SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWTON COUNTY, MISS.

Six Miles Southeast of Newton Station

OCTOBER 17-18, 1945.

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. L. McCARDLE, Cor. Sec. Richton, Miss.
M. R. JONES, Rec. Sec. and Treas. Little Rock, Miss.

Cross Road - Nebraska Co.

April Board meeting
Tuesday night and Wednesday
Mt. (Cammel) after 2nd Sunday

6 or 7 miles South-west
of Philadelphia, Miss.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Ninetieth Annual Session of the General Association of Regular Missionary Baptists met with Antioch Regular Missionary Baptist Church, Jasper County, Oct. 11, 12, 1944.

The Pastors' Conference met Tuesday night before and after song service prayer was offered by Bro. W. L. McCardle. The President, Rev. E. A. Breland, called for the subject to be discussed, read by the secretary as follows: "When and Where Was the New Testament Church Established?" and "What Are the Possibilities of the Country Church After the War?" The discussion was lead by Rev. J. T. Harper, followed by Bro. O. V. Swearingen, H. P. Yarbrough, J. L. Comans. Charlie Phillips, L. C. Smith, M. R. Jones. Bro. Sam Jones was appointed to conduct devotional Wednesday morning. On motion the conference adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

9:30 o'clock. After singing "How Firm a Foundation," "Amazing Grace," devotional was conducted by Bro. Sam Jones, reading 3 verses, 21st Chapter St. John, beginning at 3rd verse. After a few timely remarks a special prayer was offered in behalf of Sister Montgomery, who was in the hospital. Prayer led by Bro. T. J. Harper.

The following committees were appointed:

Digest: Bro. J. E. Snowden, F. B. Gardner, N. S. Bruner.

Finance: Bro. Charlie Phillips, C. S. Laird, J. G. Hendree.

Com. on Com.: Tolbert Montgomery, H. G. Harrison, H. M. Thorne.

On motion visiting brothers and sisters were invited to seats with us. Called for visitors. Rev. T. J. Harper was present from the Newton 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 carried by the Association to elect by acclamation which resulted in the election of Rev. E. A. Breland, President, Rev. L. Bradley, 1st Vice-President, Rev. A. N. Thomas, 2nd Vice-President, Rev. W. L. McCardle, Cor. Sec., Bro. M. R. Jones, Rec. Sec. and Treas. After a few remarks by the brethren they took their respective places.

After 10 minutes intermission the body came together and after singing "How Tedious and Tasteless," and "Savior More Than Life to Me." Rev. N. B. Nicholson, the appointee to preach the annual sermon being present, proceeded by reading six verses of the 12th chapter Romans, beginning with the 1st verse. Text, the 1st verse, preaching a very forceful sermon which was enjoyed by all present. The Associa-

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tion was adjourned one hour for lunch. Dismissed by Rev. Truly Reynolds.

1:30 o'clock. After song service prayer was offered by Rev. B. B. Speed.

The reports of committees were called for.

The report on Publications was read by Bro. L. M. Skinner, discussed by Bro. Skinner, L. T. Simmons, B. B. Speed, F. B. Gardner and adopted.

The report on Baptist Hospitals was read by Rev. O. V. Swearingen, discussed by Bro. Swearingen, B. B. Speed and adopted.

The report of S. S. and B. T. U. was read by Bro. Charlie Phillips, discussed by Bro. Phillips, L. Bradley, O. V. Swearingen and adopted.

The report on Christian Education was read by Rev. E. A. Breland, discussed by Bro. Breland, L. T. Simmons and adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock. Dismissed by Rev. W. H. Rainer.

Preaching service at 8 o'clock P. M. Wednesday night. After song service prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Rainer. Rev. O. V. Swearingen proceeded to bring his message, reading a part of the 24th chapter St. Matt. The discourse was very uplifting. Dismissed by Rev. L. Bradley.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

9:30 o'clock. After song service prayer was offered by Rev. W. L. McCardle. Bro. W. O. Mapp led the devotional, reading the first 15 verses of r3d chapter St. John. After a few timely remarks, prayer was offered by Bro. Thad Beemon.

The Association proceeded as follows:

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. H. M. Thorne, discussed by Bro. Thorne, W. L. McCardle, B. B. Speed and adopted.

The report on Orphanage was read by Bro. J. L. Comans, discussed by Bro. Comans and at this time there was an offering taken for the Orphanage. Amount \$15.00. Discussed further by Bro. M. R. Jones, W. O. Mapp, B. B. Speed and adopted.

The report on Missions was read by Bro. N. B. Nicholson, discussed by Bro. W. H. Rainer, W. L. McCardle, J. L. Comans and adopted.

The report of Rev. W. L. McCardle, as missionary, was read by Bro. McCardle.

The report of Rev. O. V. Swearingen in his mission work was made.

On motion the reports of the missionaries were adopted.

Rev. O. V. Swearingen offered his resignation to the Association as missionary. On motion his resignation was accepted by the Ass'n.

The report of W. M. U. was read by Bro. O. V. Swearingen. discuss-

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ed by Bro. Swearingen and adopted.

The report on Nominations was read by Bro. H. G. Harrison and adopted.

The Finance report was read by Bro. Charlie Phillips and adopted.

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

There was a motion carried by the Association to pay Rev. W. B. Hammonds \$20.00 out of the Old Ministers fund.

On motion carried by the Association that Bro. McCardle be allowed \$5.00 per day and expenses.

On motion carried by the Association, Rev. J. L. Comans was elected as missionary and that he be allowed \$5.00 per day and expenses.

The resolutions were read and adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Poplar Springs, Newton County, 6 miles S. E. of Newton station, on Wednesday after 2nd Sunday in October, 1945. Dismissed by Rev. W. H. Rainer.

REV. E. A. BRELAND, President.

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

CHAIRMEN TO WRITE REPORTS FOR 1945

Christian Education—Bro. L. M. Skinner.

S. S. & B. T. U.—Bro. P. F. Stroud.

Temperance—Bro. N. B. Nicholson.

Baptist Hospitals—Bro. Martin Nelson.

Baptist Orphanage—Bro. Thad Beemon.

Missions—Bro. J. L. Comans.

W. M. U.—Bro. H. P. Yarbrough.

Publications—Bro. Charlie Phillips.

Nominations—Bro. R. M. Gordy.

RT. 1, Louisa, miss

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

No. of sermons preached, 17; Miles traveled, 620; Funds collected on the field, \$17.20; Prayer meetings attended, 11; Visits made 18.

REV. W. L. McCARDLE.

HOSPITAL REPORT

I am thankful to our Lord that we have the Baptist Hospital, that

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we have the opportunity to help support through our church work, and when our loved ones get sick we have the opportunity of carrying them to a place where they will be in the hands of Baptist people and according to the information I have, it is worthy of our support. We read from God's word in Mt. 25:36, Jesus is going to say to His children on His right, "I was sick and ye visited me."

Then we hear Him say through His word in the 40th verse of Mt. 25, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." So we recommend that we support the Baptist hospital more. That in sending money to the hospital we are helping some of God's children and that in helping some unsound person when they are sick might help lead them to Christ. While an unsound person is sick is a good time to reach him. Jesus left us an example by helping the sick and afflicted while He was here on earth. We recommend that you read carefully the report of the hospital given in the 1943 minutes of the General Association to find out some of the things that the hospital is doing.

Respectfully submitted,

O. V. SWEARINGEN,

B. B. SPEED,

W. L. McCARDLE.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, is to visit the widows and fatherless in their afflictions and keep themselves unspotted from the world. We are grateful for the work that our Baptist Orphanage is doing. The total number of children cared for last year 213. The more funds that is turned in for this work the more children will be cared for. We are glad to report larger contributions is going in but we can do much better. We recommend that we do all we can in this great work. Mother's Day and Thanksgiving are set to send in our contributions.

J. L. COMANS,

O. C. GIBBS,

C. S. LAIRD.

DIGEST REPORT

Enon: E. H. Windon, J. G. Henry.
Center Hill: D. L. Thrash, Jim Spears.
Cedar Grove: O. C. Gibbs, J. S. Lewis.

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Antioch: Tolbert Montgomery, G. T. Montgomery, Walter Shoemaker.
Pleasant Grove: Lee Moore, Millard C. Nelson.

Cross Roads: D. A. Adkins, F. B. Gardner.

Ephesus: R. L. Culpepper, James Harrison, R. M. Gordy.

Hopewell: W. H. Rainer, J. J. Williamson, Orin Mapp, Thad Beemon.

Rock Hill: J. E. Snowden, A. L. Speed.

Ocoila: L. C. Smith, Jimmie Thrash.

Ebenezer: Martin Nelson, Mrs. Lida Williams, Mrs. Mildred Miley.

Pine Ridge: A. L. Wheeler, C. P. Boutwell, H. G. Harrison.

Enon: A. P. Sharp, M. M. Savell, L. M. Skinner.

Greenland: E. J. Gordon.

Hazel: John Hensley, Pete Clark.

Hebron: C. S. Laird, M. B. Jones.

Providence: By Letter.

Poplar Springs: Simmons Dean, N. S. Bruner, Mrs. N. S. Bruner.

Rock Creek: Tommie Crocker.

Pleasant Ridge: H. M. Thorne, J. T. Caldwell.

Pine Grove: Hugh Winstead, Other Adkins, L. L. Burnette.

Enon, Jasper County: J. G. Hendree, E. H. Windham.

Beat Line, Neshoba Co: N. B. Nicholson, S. A. Sharp.

Herbert: Frank Breland, Howard Kilpatrick.

J. E. SNOWDEN.

F. B. GARDNER,

N. S. BRUNER.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We believe in being temperate in all things. We learn from the Blessed Bible, we are taught from Proverbs 25th Chapter, 19, 20, 21 verses: "Hear thou my son and be wise; guide thine heart in the way. Be not among winebibbers, among riotous eaters of flesh. For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags."

When we speak of temperance in our Association, we commonly think of alcohol, and I feel like there is plenty of teaching to be done on strong drink.

H. M. THORNE,

L. BRADLEY.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

Baptists believe that the Bible is a priceless gift from God to man and the only book ever printed that does not have a material error.

Poplar Springs, misspelled

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A great man once said of the Bible, "The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of life, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Read it to be wise; believe it to be safe; practice it to be holy. It gives light to direct you; food to sustain you; comfort to cheer you. It is the travelers map by which he daily walks. It is the soldiers sword, the Christians chart by which he guides his way to eternity. Here Heaven is opened, paradise is regained and the gates of hell described."

There are many books and papers printed to read in the world today. Some are good, others very bad. We recommend all Baptist literature as wholesome reading. However, we suggest that you choose the cream of the crop which is the bible.

Respectfully submitted,
L. M. SKINNER,
A. L. SPEED,
J. E. SNOWDEN.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U.

The Sunday School, we believe, is the part of our church work which endeavors to teach God's word to our people, both young and old.

Isaiah 54-13 says "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be the peace of thy children." We believe that the more our children know about the Bible the better able they will be to meet and solve the problems of life.

It seems that the near future holds many serious problems for our youth and in the words of Prov. 22-6, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

We appreciate the fact that more of our churches are carrying on a good live Sunday School for the teaching of God's word in our church life. Happy is the church in providing a good Sunday School for the youth and adults of the community.

The B. T. U. is our training work of the church. For several years the idea was to train only the young people of the church hence it was called the B. Y. P. U. Now we see the great need for training our adults into more efficient ways of carrying on the Lord's work. Therefore we feel that a better name would be B. T. U., which indicates our desire to train every one possible both young and old.

Paul's instructions to Timothy was, "Study to show thy self approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

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We recommend that every church in the bounds of this Association have a real live Sunday School and B. T. U.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLIE PHILLIPS.
WALTER H. SHOEMAKER,
TRULY REYNOLDS, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Christian Education: Bro. E. A. Breland, Sam Jones, Martin Nelson. S. S. and B. T. U.: Bro. Charlie Phillips, Truly Reynolds, Walter Shoemaker.

Temperance: Bro. H. M. Thorne, J. T. Harper, L. Bradley.
Baptist Hospitals: Bro. O. V. Swearingen, B. B. Speed, W. L. McCardle.
Baptist Orphanage: Bro. O. C. Gibbs, J. L. Comans, C. S. Laird.
Missions: Bro. N. B. Nicholson, W. H. Rainer, L. C. Smith.
W. M. U.: Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, M. R. Jones, C. T. Boutwell.
Publications: Bro. L. M. Skinner, J. E. Snowden, A. L. Speed.
Nominations: Bro. H. G. Harrison, H. M. Thorne, A. A. Phillips.
TOLBERT MONTGOMERY,
H. G. HARRISON,
H. M. THORNE.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We must have a person who is a Christian before we can give him a Christian education. We first of all recommend the Bible, the book of all books. When you leave the Bible out, God's word, you have left the instruction of God's words out also, the foundation of our faith. Also recommend Baptist literature.

We recommend the Clarke College of Newton, Miss., Blue Mountain and Clinton, or anywhere the Bible is taught.

Signed,
E. A. CLEVELAND,
MARTIN NELSON,
SAM JONES.

W. M. U. REPORT

I believe that God gives all His children some work to do in His Church.

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I believe that the Christian girls and women in the church have their part in carrying on the Lord's work.

We read in Acts 16-13 where Paul, when he was preaching went out to a prayer meeting where the women had gathered together for prayer.

We read in 1st Tim. 2-12, Jesus says "But I suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp authority over the man but to be in silence." Any part of the Lord's work that a woman would be usurping authority over man God forbids, but there is plenty of work in the Lord's service that the Christian woman can do that will not be usurping authority over man.

Respectfully submitted,
O. V. SWEARINGEN.

NOMINATIONS REPORT

We your committee on Nominations submit the following report:

For the entire board for 1945 we recommend the following ministers: J. W. Rooker, J. L. Comans, B. B. Speed, Truly Reynolds, W. L. McCardle, J. C. Sansing, N. B. Nicholson, H. C. Keen, Elton Winstead, W. W. Clark, W. H. Rainer, Brethren J. T. Dean, W. W. Adams, J. I. Robinson, A. M. Volentine, H. G. Harrison, H. M. Thorne, J. H. Clark, A. L. Speed, J. E. Snowden, L. M. Skinner, O. C. Gibbs, Rosco Laird, F. B. Gardner, A. A. Phillips, Charlie Phillips, Arthur Breland.

We recommend the 1945 session be held with Poplar Springs Baptist Church, 5 miles southeast of Newton Station, Newton County, Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1945, and that the April Board meeting be held with Greenland Church, 5 miles Southeast of Union, Newton County, Miss., on Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday in April, 1945.

We also recommend that W. L. McCardle preach the Annual Sermon and that J. L. Comans be his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
H. G. HARRISON,
H. M. THORNE,
A. A. PHILLIPS.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

We the committee, beg to report on missions, which is the commission Christ gave to his church when he said in Mathews 28-19-20:

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"Go ye therefore and teach all nations of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, teaching to observe all things that have been commanded of you and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Then we find again in Matt. 24-14, "And the Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come." Acts 1-8, "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea and in Samaria and unto the utmost parts of the earth." We see by this that Christ left the church here to witness for him both at home and abroad and in witnessing for him every person that becomes a part of his church can witness by giving of their means, enabling those whom God has called to give their lives continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.—Acts 6-4.

With the scripture as evidence that Christ did commission his church to carry the gospel of His Kingdom to all the world, let us who are a part of the church give and give more liberally to the support of missions.

Signed, Your committee,
N. B. NICHOLSON,
W. H. RAINER,
L. C. SMITH.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April Board meeting, 1944, and thereafter:

Ephesus—S. M. \$3.00; H. M. \$1.00; F. M. \$1.00; Orph. \$1.00.
Pine Grove—(Neshoba County)—H. M. \$28.50.
Greenland—By L. Bradley—S. M. \$1.00.
Pine Ridge—By H. G. Harrison—S. M. \$1.00; Orph. \$1.00; Bldg. Fund \$1.00; Old Ministers \$.50.
H. M. Thorne—Old Ministers \$1.00.
W. L. McCardle—S. M. \$2.00; Old Ministers \$3.00.
L. M. Skinner—S. M. \$1.00.
W. T. Davidson—Old Ministers 50c.
A. L. Speed—Old Ministers 50c.
Mrs. W. L. McCardle—Old Ministers \$1.00.
J. R. Davidson—S. M. 50c.
Mrs. A. P. Wilson—Old Ministers 50c.
Hellen McMullan—S. M. \$23.00; H. M. \$12.00; F. M. \$12.00; Old Ministers \$12.00; Bldg. Fund \$7.00; Sup. Fund \$7.00 Orph. \$7.00.

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At Mt. Pisgah Association, 1944.

Beat Line—S. M. \$2.50; H. M. \$2.50.
 County Line—Orph. \$4.25.
 Ephesus—S. M. \$5.00; Orph. \$4.02.
 Ebenezer—S. M. \$2.20; H. M. \$2.20; F. M. \$2.18.
 Pleasant Ridge—F. M. \$7.16; Orph. \$5.00.
 Hebron—S. M. \$34.46; H. M. \$7.67; F. M. \$8.23; Bldg. Fund 97c; Old Ministers \$21.97; Orph. \$1.54; For church \$7.07.

PAID OUT ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR OF 1943-44.

W. L. McCardle, Sal. and Expenses	\$64.88
Home Mission Board	\$115.15
Foreign Mission Board	\$136.94
Baptist Orphanage	\$180.86
Union Appeal, printing minutes	\$55.00
M. R. Jones, Salary and Postage	\$38.50
W. H. Rainer, Salary	\$50.00

BALANCE ON HAND TO DATE, OCT. 11, 1944.

State Missions	\$702.39
Home Missions	\$59.09
Foreign Missions	\$29.60
Orphanage	\$40.22
Sup. Fund	\$19.32
Building Fund	\$56.17
Old Ministers	\$41.89
Total	\$948.68

FUNDS RECEIVED AFTER ASSOCIATION MET

Mt. Carmel—S. M. \$3.50; H. M. \$4.28; F. M. \$3.50; Bldg. F. \$3.50; Old Ministers \$3.50.
 Pearl Valley Ass'n.—S. M. \$12.00; H. M. \$4.00; F. M. \$3.00; Orph. \$18.25.
 Providence, Lauderdale County—S. M. \$2.00; H. M. \$2.00; F. M. \$2.00; Orph. \$2.00; Old Ministers Fund \$2.60.
 New Prospect—S. M. \$4.00; H. M. \$4.00; F. M. \$3.15.

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FINANCE REPORT

Ocobla—S. M. \$4.75; H. M. \$4.00; F. M. \$4.00; Orph. \$4.00.
 Hopewell—S. M. \$10.00.
 Hazel—S. M. \$4.11; H. M. \$2.00; F. M. \$2.00; Orph. \$2.00; Old Ministers \$2.00.
 Rock Hill—S. M. \$6.00.
 Ephesus—Scott Co.—S. M. \$11.75.
 Cross Roads—S. M. \$3.00; H. M. \$3.00; Orph. \$2.00; Bld. F. \$2.00; Sup. F. \$1.00.
 Ebenezer—S. M. \$2.13; H. M. \$2.02; F. M. \$2.02.
 Pine Grove—S. M. \$6.00; H. M. \$6.00; F. M. \$6.00; Orph. \$6.56; Bldg. Fund \$6.00; Old Ministers \$6.00.
 Center Hill—S. M. \$3.16; H. M. \$3.00; F. M. \$3.00.
 Pleasant Ridge—S. M. \$12.50; F. M. \$4.00; Orph. \$2.00; Old Min. \$2.50.
 Cedar Grove—S. M. \$4.00; H. M. \$2.00; F. M. \$2.00.
 Pleasant Grove—S. M. \$4.25; H. M. \$5.00; F. M. \$40.00; Orph. \$20.00.
 Greenland—S. M. \$5.00; H. M. \$3.00; F. M. \$3.00; Orph. \$3.00 Bldg. Fund \$3.00; Old Ministers \$3.00.
 Pine Ridge—S. M. \$7.70; Bldg. F. \$2.00; Old Ministers \$2.00.
 Enon—S. M. \$10.00; H. M. \$2.00; Bldg. F. \$4.23; Hosp. \$3.00.
 Providence: S. M. \$5.00; Bldg. F. \$3.30; Old Ministers \$5.00; Cop. Pro. \$25.00.
 Antioch—S. M. \$20.78.
 Enon—S. M. \$2.00; H. M. \$2.00; F. M. \$2.00; Orph. \$3.00; Bldg. F. \$3.00.
 Rock Creek—S. M. \$1.00; Bldg. F. \$1.00.
 Beat Line—Orph. \$1.75; Bldg. Fund \$1.75.
 Poplar Springs—S. M. \$6.13; H. M. \$3.00; F. M. \$3.00; Orph. \$3.00.
 Herbert—S. M. \$9.50.
 Bro. W. L. McCardle—S. M. \$5.00.

REPORT OF OKTIBBEHA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

State Missions	\$186.16
Home Missions	\$37.00
Foreign Missions	\$39.85
Hospitals	\$17.00
Orphanage	\$69.75
Total	\$349.76

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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 expenses of printing and mailing.

E. A. BRELAND, President.

M. R. JONES, Recording Secretary.

LICENTIATES

W. O. Mapp	Little Rock, Miss.
H. C. James	Louin, Miss.
B. G. Fulton	Philadelphia, Miss.
L. A. Carter	Rt. 5, Meridian, Miss.
Conrad Keen	Union, Miss.
Elton Winstead	Union, Miss.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. W. Rooker	Laurel, Miss.
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	Conchatta, Miss.

Rt. 1, Laurel

Sam L. Jones, Rt. 3, Newton, Miss.

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E. A. Braland	Rt. 4, 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.
W. B. Hammons	Lawrence, Miss.
W. L. McCardle	Richton, 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 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 the cardinal principles ever dear to Baptists—that every church is sovereign and independent.

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Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be President, two Vice-Presidents, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, 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 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

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reduced to writing, if required 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.

Paul said in his letter to the Philippians Church, "And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the Gospel." Phil. 4:3. In Rom. 16:1, 2 we find that Paul spoke of Phoebe as "a servant of the Church which is at Cenchrea", and asked the Church at Rome to "assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you."

This clearly sets forth the fact that women should labour in the Gospel.

The records show that those churches which have women's work baptise more converts, and do more to support the cause of Christ. This is proof that God is blessing their work.

The women have a great work to do and they are doing it well. May we encourage and help them in their work.