

MINUTES

Of The

NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

General Association of Regular Baptist

Held With

*Poplar Springs Regular Missionary
Baptist Church*

NEWTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

OCTOBER 17-18, 1945.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

CROSS ROADS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

NESHOPA COUNTY, MISS.

Seven Miles Southwest of Philadelphia, Miss.

OCTOBER 16-17, 1946.

OFFICERS

REV. L. BRADLEY, President Union, Miss.
REV. A. N. THOMAS, 1st Vice-President Philadelphia, Miss.
REV. N. B. NICHOLSON, 2nd Vice-President Union, Miss.
REV. W. L. McCARDLE, Cor. Sec. Richton, Miss.
M. R. JONES, Rec. Sec. and Treas. Little Rock, Miss.

PROCEEDINGS

The subject to be discussed was announced by Bro. W. L. McCardle which was as follows: The Growth, Persecution and Triumph of the New Testament Church. Bro. B. C. Tullos led the discussion, followed by Bro. O. V. Swearingen, A. N. Thomas, T. J. Harper, L. T. Simmons, W. L. McCardle. There was a motion carried by the conference to adjourn to meet at 9 A. M. Wednesday morning. Bro. Sam Jones was appointed to conduct devotional. Dismissed by Bro. A. N. Thomas.

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Bro. McCardle which was enjoyed by the entire Association.
On motion the Association adjourned one hour for lunch. Dismissed by Bro. O. V. Swearingen.

1:00 o'clock. After song service, prayer by Bro. J. L. Comans. After singing "Revive Us Again," a special prayer was offered in behalf of Bro. W. H. Rainer, who was not able to attend the Association. Prayer was led by Bro. N. B. Nicholson.

The report of committees called for.

The report on Christian Education was read by Bro. L. M. Skinner. Discussed by Bro. Skinner, H. T. McLaurin, A. N. Thomas and adopted.

The report on S. S. and B. T. U. was read by Bro. P. F. Strowd. Discussed by Bro. Strowd, L. T. Simmons, O. V. Swearingen, H. T. McLaurin, W. L. McCardle and adopted.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. N. B. Nicholson. Discussed by Bro. L. T. Simmons, H. T. McLaurin, M. R. Jones, H. M. Thorne, J. L. Comans, B. B. Speed and adopted.

The report on Orphanage was read by Bro. Thad Beemon, and without any discussion there was an offering taken at this time. Amount \$19.00.

The report on Publications was read by Bro. Charlie Phillips. Discussed by Bro. Phillips, F. B. Gardner, B. B. Speed, B. C. Tullos, P. F. Strowd, E. A. Breland and adopted.

On motion that the Association adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, Bro. B. C. Tullos was appointed to lead the devotional. Dismissed by Bro. H. T. McLaurin.

THURSDAY MORNING

9:00 o'clock. After song service prayer was offered by Bro. F. B. Gardner. Bro. L. T. Simmons led devotional by reading 1st Cor. 3rd Chapter, 1-15 verses. After some timely remarks, led in prayer.

The Association proceeded as follows:

On motion that Bro. Hagan Winstead from Cross Roads, Neshoba County, was seated with us as a messenger.

The report on Baptist Hospitals was read by Bro. O. V. Swearingen. Discussed by Bro. Swearingen and adopted.

The report on Missions was read by Bro. J. L. Comans and the Missionaries report was read and discussed jointly with Missions by the following Brethren: J. L. Comans, W. L. McCardle, B. C. Tullos, B. B. Speed, and adopted.

The report on W. M. U. was read by Bro. L. T. Simmons. Discussed by Bro. Simmons, O. V. Swearingen and adopted.

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

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The Finance report was read by Bro. Charlie Phillips and adopted.
The Treasury report was read by M. R. Jones and adopted.

There was a motion carried by the Association to continue Bro. J. L. Comans as Missionary for another year.

The resolutions were read by the secretary and adopted.

There was a motion carried by the Association to adjourn to meet with Cross Roads Regular Baptist Church Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday in October, 1946. Dismissed by Bro. E. A. Breland.

L. BRADLEY, President.

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

CHAIRMEN TO WRITE REPORTS FOR 1946

Christian Education: Bro. A. N. Thomas.

S. S. and B. T. U.: Bro. L. M. Skinner.

Temperance: Bro. F. B. Gardner.

Baptist Hospitals: Bro. Thad Beemon.

Baptist Orphanage: Bro. N. B. Nicholson.

Missions: Bro. Charlie Phillips.

W. M. U.: Bro. H. P. Yarbrough.

Publications: Bro. Arthur Breland.

Nominations: Bro. J. E. Snowden.

REPORT OF REV. W. L. MCCARDLE, COR. SEC.

Fourth Quarter 1944 and First Quarter 1945.

No. days service, 16; No. miles traveled, 740; No. sermons, 14; No. church prayer meetings attended, 9; No. religious visits, 37; No. Sunday School addresses, 9; Money collected for personal service, \$9.02; Money collected for State Missions, \$13.04; Paid on salary and expenses \$33.48.

Second Quarter 1945

No. days service, 20 (at \$5.00) \$100.00; No. miles traveled 1080; No. stations, 16; No. sermons, 16; No. church prayer meetings attended, 10; No. religious visits, 43; Money collected for personal service, \$17.50; Paid on salary and expenses \$33.48.

Third Quarter 1945

No. days service, 34 (at \$5.00) \$170.00; No. miles traveled 2020; No. sermons, 14; No. baptized by others in meetings where I labored, 6; No. S. S. addresses, 10; Money collected for personal service \$3.45; Money collected for State Missions, \$10.45; Expenses \$28.25; Paid on salary and expenses, \$189.80.

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REPORT OF REV. J. L. COMANS, MISSIONARY ON THE FIELD

Last Quarter 1944

No. days service, 3 (at \$5.00) \$15.00; Collected for personal service, \$4.00; Expenses, \$6.00; Paid on salary and expenses \$17.00.

First Quarter 1945

No. days service, 5 (at \$5.00) \$25.00; No. miles traveled, 400; No. stations, 2; No. sermons, 5; Collected for personal services. \$7.00; Paid on salary and expenses, \$18.00.

Second Quarter, 1945

No. days service, 5 (at \$5.00) \$25.00; Miles traveled, 250; No. of stations, 2; No. of sermons, 5; Religious visits, 2; Received by letter, 2; Money collected for personal service, \$5.00; Money expended for house of worship, \$50.00; Paid on salary and expenses, \$20.00.

Third Quarter 1945

No. days service, 12 (at \$5.00) \$60.00; No. miles traveled, 200; No. stations, 3; No. sermons, 14; No. religious visits, 6; Received by letter, 2; Money collected for personal service, \$38.40; Money collected for State Missions, \$8.70; Expenses, \$2.15; Paid on salary and expenses, \$23.75.

DIGEST REPORT

Cross Roads: Bro. Jack Page, F. B. Gardner, A. L. Savell.
Rock Hill: Bro. G. W. Archie, J. E. Snowden.
Pine Ridge: Bro. A. Wheeler, H. G. Harrison.
Antioch: Bro. Charlie Phillips, A. A. Phillips, F. W. Montgomery.
New Providence: Bro. J. L. Peavy.
Pine Grove: Bro. L. L. Ridgon, G. C. Breland, Hugh Winstead.
Cedar Grove: Bro. W. L. Gibbs, Henry Jones.
Enon: Bro. M. M. Savell, T. L. Smith, Auburn Knight.
Mt. Carmel: Bro. J. M. Matthews, I. W. Johnson.
Hazel: Bro. Levi Gibbs, Jessie Gibbs.
County Line: Bro. Bennie Smith.
Beat Line: Bro. N. B. Nicholson.
Hebron: Bro. C. C. White, M. R. Jones.
Pleasant Ridge: Bro. H. M. Thorne.
Enon: Bro. J. G. Hendree and wife.
Hopewell: Bro. Thad Beemon, Ivan Burton, J. J. Williamson, Margaret Keen.
Pleasant Grove: Bro. Lee Herrington, F. S. Jones.
Ephesus: By letter and funds.

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REPORT ON HOSPITALS

We read in Jesus' word in St. Matthews 25-36: "I was sick and ye visited me." Then in the 40 verse he says: "Because ye have did it unto the least of these my Brthren ye did unto me." In the report from the hospital I find they had to turn many away for lack of room. I find in the report that the Baptist Hospital did \$12,690.60 free work for the crippled children. In giving to the Hospital we will be helping little crippled children that can't help themselves and be helping other of God's children which Jesus will richly bless us for. I have visited the hospital. I think it is a fine institution for God's children to help suffering humanity. When Jesus was here on earth he never passes by the sick and suffering. Jesus says if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

O. V. SWEARINGEN,
A. A. PHILLIPS,
W. L. GIBBS.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We the Committee on Temperance report the following:
The word of God teaches us to be temperate in all things, but our fight should be made more directly at strong drink because it is the same horrible, cruel monster that it has always been. It has wrecked thousands of homes and lives, caused much poverty and distress, heartaches and grief, and pain, and we Baptist sit idly by and let that cruel monster roam our fair land almost at his own will and are not doing anything much about it except write a report on it and talk about it at our Associations. There are few communities but that has this awful tragedy in it to threaten and danger the up-growing generation. Let's take courage to do something about it.

N. B. NICHOLSON,
SAM JONES,
B. R. SMITH.

THE REPORT ON MISSIONS

The command of our Lord was to go preach the gospel to every creature and this was given to his church, and as the church is in building this is an unfinished work. It is to go on until the gospel is preached in all the world and become a witness. Then shall the end come.

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First, we need more preachers and second, those that we have be more active. Third, more Christian workers. These together with an increase of funds may reach out to broader fields, state, home and foreign.

J. L. COMANS,
W. L. McCARDLE,
B. B. SPEED.

NOMINATIONS

We your Committee on Nominations submit the following report:
For the entire Board for 1946 we recommend the following Ministers: Rev. 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: O. M. Rasberry, W. L. Gibbs, J. J. Williamson, J. T. Dean, W. W. Adams, J. I. Robinson, A. M. Valentine, H. G. Harrison, H. M. Thorne, J. H. Clark, A. L. Speed, O. C. Gibbs, J. E. Snowden, L. M. Skinner, Roscoe Laird, F. B. Gardner, A. A. Phillips, Arthur Breland, Charlie Phillips.

We recommend that the 1946 session of the Association be held with Cross Roads Regular Baptist Church, Neshoba County, 4 miles N. E. of Union, Miss., Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1946, and the April Board meeting be held with Mt. Carmel Regular Baptist Church, Neshoba County, 7 miles S. W. of Philadelphia, Miss., on Tuesday night and Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday in April 1946. We also recommend that Bro. O. V. Swearingen preach the annual sermon and that Bro. J. L. Comans be his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
H. M. THORNE,
O. M. RASBERRY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Christian Education: Bro. L. M. Skinner, M. M. Savell, Lester Rigdon.

S. S. and B. T. U.: Bro. P. F. Strowd, C. C. White, H. G. Harrison.

Temperance: Bro. N. B. Nicholson, Bennie Smith, Sam Jones.

Baptist Hospital: Bro. O. V. Swearingen, A. A. Phillips, W. L. Gibbs.

Baptist Orphanage: Bro. Thad Beemon, J. J. Williamson, Ivan Burton.

Missions: Bro. J. L. Comans, B. B. Speed, W. L. McCardle.

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W. M. U.: Bro. L. T. Simmons.

Publications: Bro. Charlie Phillips, N. S. Bruner, G. C. Breland.

Nominations: Bro. H. M. Thorne, O. M. Rasberry.

N. S. BRUNER,
F. B. GARDNER,
THAD BEEMON.

W. M. U. REPORT

Paul said in his letter to the Philippian 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 Phebe 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 labor in the Gospel. They lingered at the cross, showing their love and devotion to Christ. They were the first to visit the tomb, showing their loyalty to Christ. They were the first to worship the risen Lord, showing their reverence to Christ. Matt. 28:9. They were the first to receive a commission from the risen Lord, showing their place of influence in the work of Christ. Matt. 28:10. They were the first to tell the story of the risen Lord, showing their willingness to obey Christ and to serve both God and humanity.

The records show that those churches which have W. M. U. work baptize 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.

L. T. SIMMONS.

REPORT ON S. S. and B. T. U.

The Lord gives His Church the authority to train young Christians for service in His Kingdom work.

1st Peter we read "As new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word that they may grow thereby." Also in II Timothy 2-3 "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

In order for a soldier to be a good soldier he must be trained. In order for us to be a good soldier for Jesus Christ we must be trained, and the church is the home or training place for both the young and old people. Jesus saves our children for service.

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I believe Jesus' church in every community has talented young men and young ladies for all of his work and the Lord will hold us responsible if we do not train them. The older Christians should take the lead and teach the young people how sacred a place the church of Jesus Christ is, that it was purchased with Jesus' own blood. It is a place of prayer. When Jesus left His church He gave them all something to do. St. Mark 13-34. Our young Christians should be trained so if they move in another community they will be a help to the community instead of a hindrance. God loves to see His children at work. The Bible is the training Book, the Holy Spirit the Guide, the church the training place.

Respectfully submitted,

P. F. STROUD,
C. C. WHITE,
H. G. HARRISON.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE REPORT

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20-35.

A small sum will help more in the early years of a child's life than a fortune that comes to him in old age.

We are proud of the splendid work our Baptist Orphanage is doing. The Orphanage has ministered to the needs of more than 200 children during the year. Many of these are pre-school age children. Some 125 are grammar school age, about 25 are high school age, and two in college.

The Orphanage is having many calls to admit new children. Most of these are small children.

No doubt there are many children getting an elementary and spiritual training through the Orphanage that would otherwise be deprived of this privilege.

We recommend that we make a generous contribution for the Orphanage on Thanksgiving Day. Nov. 25.

The more funds the Orphanage has the more children they can care for.

May God bless the Superintendent and other workers of the institution.

Signed,

THAD BEEMON,
IVAN BURTON,
J. J. WILLIAMSON.

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REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

We your Committee on Publications highly recommend the Bible as the book of all books, because it is the book of truth given by divine inspiration of God. We Baptist believe that the Bible should be studied daily and taught to our children. Paul said in 2nd Tim. 2:15: "Study to retain thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Also Jesus said in St. John 5:39, to search the Scriptures which are able to make us wise unto salvation.

There are many good books and papers that have lots of valuable reading. We recommend all Baptist literature as wholesome reading. We should guard against all literature that is not based upon the whole truth, the Holy Bible.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLIE PHILLIPS,
N. S. BRUNER,
G. C. BRELAND.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The word Christian means a believer in the religion of Christ. The word education means the training of the mental or moral powers. Therefore, we believe that no one can receive a Christian Education except he be regenerated and born of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

We believe the first lesson in Christian Education was taught in the Garden of Eden with God the Teacher; Adam and Eve as students. God did not leave man in the dark, but spoke to him directly and explained to him the way of Life and the way of Death, and gave man the privilege of choosing the way that he wanted to go. From this first lesson on God has taught many lessons to the world in His own Word, through preachers, prophets, Jesus Christ, and His church. God has made it possible for everyone to receive a Christian Education if His word had only been obeyed.

We all have been well informed of the destructive power of the new weapon—the atomic bomb. Many claim that this is the most powerful weapon in the world today. I say that it is not. The sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God is the most powerful weapon in the world today and always will be regardless of what man produces in the future.

All power was given unto Jesus and when He was tempted by the devil forty days He used the most powerful weapon that He had

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against Him—the Sword of the Truth.

Many desire the secrets of the atomic bomb which we trust is safely guarded. Not many seem to care for hidden truths in the Word of God. Why do not all homes have family altars? Why do not all churches have Sunday School and full time preaching? Why do not all the associations have a plan to aid its churches in teaching a Christian Education? Why I ask these questions is found in Deut. 6:6-9: "and these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up, and thou shall bind them for a sign upon thine hand and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes, and thou shall write them upon the post of thy house, and on thy gates."

Let us take new courage and teach God's word in our homes and churches and help spread the Gospel to the uttermost part of the world.

Respectfully submitted,
L. M. SKINNER,
M. M. SAVELL,
L. L. RIGDON.

FUNDS RECEIVED AT APRIL BOARD MEETING 1945

Enon, Jasper Co.: S. M. \$6.00.
Vardaman, Neshoba County: S. M. \$6.13.
County Line, Neshoba Co.: S. M. \$4.25.
Beat Line, Newton Co.: S. M. \$3.24.
Rock Creek, Newton Co.: S. M. \$2.00.
Pine Ridge, Newton Co.: S. M. \$9.61.
Cross Roads, Neshoba Co.: S. M. \$7.50.
Greenland, Newton Co.: S. M. \$5.00; H. M. 2.79; F. M. 2.79; Aged Ministers Fund \$3.00.
Rock Hill, Lauderdale Co.: S. M. \$1.50.
Pleasant Ridge, Newton Co.: S. M. \$4.56; Aged Mins. Fund \$2.00.
H. G. Harrison: Aged Ministers Fund \$1.00.
Rev. W. L. McCardle: Aged Ministers Fund \$5.00.

FUNDS FORWARDED FROM MT. PISGAH ASS'N. 1945

Beat Line: S. M. \$3.00; H. M. \$3.00; F. M. \$2.00; Orphanage \$3.00;
Aged Ministers Fund \$1.00.

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County Line: S. M. \$5.50.
Duffee: S. M. \$8.25; F. M. \$6.00.
Ephesus: S. M. \$10.00.
Ebenezer: S. M. \$4.00.
Hazel: S. M. \$6.00; H. M. \$6.75.
Providence: S. M. \$5.15; H. M. \$5.00; F. M. \$4.00.
Pleasant Ridge: F. M. \$4.00.
Poplar: S. M. \$6.00; F. M. \$5.00.
Pine Grove: S. M. \$24.00.

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

State Missions	\$134.91
Home Missions	78.83
Foreign Missions	112.81
Hospitals	13.68
Orphanage	37.23
Old Ministers Fund	6.75
Total	\$384.21

L. M. SKINNER Treasurer.

PAID OUT ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1944-45

Rev. W. B. Hammond, Aged Ministers Fund	\$10.00
Rev. J. W. Rooker, Aged Ministers Fund	\$10.00
Rev. G. W. Gardner, Aged Ministers Fund	10.00
Rev. R. C. Barham, Aged Ministers Fund	10.00
Rev. W. H. Rainer, Aged Ministers Fund	5.00
Rev. W. H. Rainer, Bal. on Sal.	408.39
Rev. W. L. McCardle, Sal. and Expenses for the Associational Year 1944-45 as Cor. Sec.	90.65
Rev. J. L. Comans, Sal. and Expenses	38.50
M. R. Jones, Sec. Sal. and Postage	147.39
Home Missions	156.22
Foreign Missions	180.47
Baptist Orphanage	25.00
Co-operative Program	55.00
Union Appeal, printing minutes	733.64
Bal. on hand, State Missions	21.00
Baptist Orphanage	88.95
Building Fund	

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Supplemental Fund	22.32
Aged Ministers Fund	5.49

FINANCE REPORT

Antioch, Jasper Co.: State Missions \$19.00.
 Beat Line, Neshoba Co.: S. M. \$2.00; Aged Ministers Fund \$2.00.
 Cross Roads, Neshoba Co.: S. M. \$7.75; Ch. Bld. Fund \$1.00; Sup. Fund \$1.00.
 County Line, Neshoba Co.: S. M. \$7.77; Aged Ministers Fund \$7.00.
 Cedar Grove, Newton Co.: S. M. \$2.55; H. M. \$2.00; Bap. Orph. \$2.00.
 Ephesus, Scott Co.: S. M. \$8.00; Bap. Orph. \$4.00.
 Enon, Jasper Co.: S. M. \$11.50.
 Enon, Neshoba Co.: S. M. \$13.00; H. M. \$3.00; F. M. \$3.00; Baptist Orph. \$382; Bap. Hosp. \$3.00.
 Ebenezer, Newton Co.: S. M. \$3.72; H. M. \$3.72.
 Hazel, Newton Co.: S. M. \$1.50; F. M. \$1.00; Aged Min. Fund \$2.00.
 Hopewell, Newton Co.: S. M. \$26.00.
 Hebron, Newton Co.: S. M. \$64.64; H. M. \$17.00; F. M. \$18.27; Bap. Orph. \$8.00; Ch. Bldg. Fund \$12.94; Bap. Hosp. \$6.00; Aged Ministers Fund \$8.00; Sup. Fund \$4.00.
 Herbert, Neshoba Co.: S. M. \$7.00.
 Mt. Carmel, Neshoba Co.: S. M. \$10.00; H. M. \$10.00; F. M. \$10.00; Bap. Orph. \$1.52.
 New Prospect, Newton Co.: S. M. \$8.00; H. M. \$8.00; F. M. \$9.00.
 New Providence, Newton Co.: S. M. \$6.80; Ch. Bldg. Fund \$17.00.
 Pleasant Ridge, Newton Co.: S. M. \$110.00; H. M. \$3.00; F. M. \$3.00; Aged Ministers Fund \$3.00.
 Pine Ridge, Newton Co.: S. M. \$11.51.
 Pine Bluff, Newton Co.: S. M. \$26.50.
 Poplar Springs, Newton Co.: S. M. \$5.00; H. M. \$15.00; Bap. Orp. 6.50.
 Pine Grove, Neshoba Co.: S. M. \$26.00.
 Pleasant Grove, Newton Co.: S. M. \$4.21; H. M. \$4.20; F. M. \$40.00; Bap. Orph. \$32.00.
 Rock Hill, Lauderdale Co.: S. M. \$2.25; Bap. Orph. \$1.50; Aged Ministers Fund \$1.00; Bap. Hosp. \$1.00.
 Rev. A. N. Thomas and wife: S. M. \$2.00.
 Mission Field by Rev. W. L. McCardle: S. M. \$10.45; Aged Min. \$5.00.
 Rev. W. L. McCardle: S. M. \$10.00.
 Free Will Offering for Bap. Orph. at Ass'n. \$19.00.
 Pearl Valley Ass'n., By Bro. Roger Wilcher; S. M. \$6.75; H. M. \$13.00; F.M. \$4.00; Orphanage \$28.50.

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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 Poplar Springs 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.

L. BRADLEY, 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. Gardner	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	Conehatta, Miss.
E. A. Breland	Rt. 4, Union, Miss.
J. T. Bates	Philadelphia, Miss.
L. Bradley	Union, Miss.
R. C. Barham	Carthage, Miss.

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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. McCordle	Richton, Miss.

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 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 Baptist—that every church is sovereign and independent.

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 con-

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tinue 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 was 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 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.

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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.