

MINUTES

Of The

NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

General Association of Regular Baptist

Held With

Mt. Carmel Regular Missionary Baptist Church

NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

OCTOBER 17-18, 1951

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

PLEASANT RIDGE REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH

Newton ~~NESHOBA~~ COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Four Miles North of Hickory, Miss.

OCTOBER 15-16, 1952

OFFICERS

REV. H. C. KEEN, President	Union, Miss.
REV. O. M. RASBERRY, 1st Vice Pres.	Collinsville, Miss.
REV. W. E. BUTLER, 2nd Vice Pres.	Union, Miss.
REV. E. A. BRELAND, Cor. Sec.	Union, Miss.
M. R. JONES, Rec. Sec. and Treas.	Little Rock, Miss.

PROCEEDINGS

The Ninety Seventh Annual Session of the General Association of Regular Baptists met with Mt. Carmel Regular Baptist Church, Neshoba County, Miss., October 17 and 18, 1951.

The pastors conference met on Tuesday night before. After song service prayer was offered by Bro. E. A. Breland. Singing "How Firm A Foundation." Prayer was offered by Bro. J. L. Comans. Then singing "Amazing Grace." Bro. H. C. Keen, the president, introduced Bro. Cecil Laird, who was to lead the discussion. The subject was as follows: Is there too much worldliness in our Baptist churches that it hinders the cause of Christ and kills the spiritual influence the church should have on a lost and dying world? And what is worldliness? Bro. Laird continued by reading some verses in the 12th Chapter of Hebrews. He was followed by Bros. E. A. Breland, J. L. Comans, J. A. Hitt, W. E. Butler, D. L. Hand, John Clark, L. C. Smith, R. O. Bounds, M. R. Jones, N. B. Nicholson, H. C. Keen. The conference adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Dismissed by W. E. Butler.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

After song service prayer was offered by Bro. J. A. Hitt. Singing, Brethren We Have Met To Worship." Bro. H. C. Keen, the President in the chair, announced the Association open and ready for business.

A motion was carried by the Association inviting visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance Committee: Bro. R. E. Winstead, J. E. Thrash, A. G. Robinson.

Committee on Committees: Bro. S. H. McMahan, Clinton Livingston, H. G. Harrison.

The Time to re-officer the body having arrived there was a motion carried by the Association to go into the election of officers for the ensuing year. There was a motion carried by the Association to elect the same officers for another year, which were as follows: Rev. H. C. Keen, President; Rev. O. M. Rasberry, 1st Vice President; Rev. M. E. Butler, 2nd Vice President; Rev. E. A. Breland, Corresponding Secretary; M. R. Jones, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. After a few

remarks by the brethren they proceeded to fill their respective places.

Visiting brothers and sisters from other associations: Bro. R. J. Johnson, Madison County Association; Bro. A. B. Culpepper, Lauderdale County Association; Bro. and Sister Huey Clark, Neshoba County Association; Bro. Truly Reynolds and O. L. Scitzs, Lauderdale County Association.

After 10 minutes intermission the Association came together singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes". Prayer by Bro. O. M. Rasberry, then singing "The Great Physician." Bro. W. E. Butler, the alternate of the appointee being present proceeded to bring the annual sermon on missions, reading a part of the 21st Chapter of Numbers, beginning at the 4th verse and reading through the 9th verse. Text, the 8th verse. Bro. Butler delivered a fine message which was enjoyed by the entire association. At this time the free will offering for State Missions was taken. Amount 30.64.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock. Dismissed by Bro. R. J. Johnson. 1:30 o'clock. After song service, prayer was offered by Bro. E. A. Breland. The report of committees were called for.

The report on Christian Education was read by Bro. W. E. Butler, discussed by Bro. Butler and adopted.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. I. W. Johnson, discussed by Bro. Johnson, O. M. Rasberry, A. B. Culpepper, and adopted.

The S. S. & B. T. U. report was read by Bro. S. H. McMahan, discussed by Bro. McMahan and adopted.

The report on Baptist Hospitals was read by Bro. O. V. Swearingen, discussed by Bro. Swearingen, J. C. Sansing, S. H. McMahan and adopted.

On motion that the Association adjourn at 3:30 o'clock P. M.

The report on Publications was read by Bro. J. C. Sansing, discussed by Bro. Sansing, S. H. McMahan and adopted.

On motion that the Association adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Bro. S. H. McMahan was appointed to conduct devotional. Dismissed by Bro. O. V. Swearingen.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

After song service prayer was offered by Bro. W. E. Butler. Singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer," Bro. S. H. McMahan proceeded to conduct the devotional by reading Matthew 28:18. Theme, "An All Powerful Christ," offering some timely remarks and led in prayer.

Report of committees called for.

The report on Missions was read by Bro. Cecil Laird, discussed by Bro. Laird, W. E. Butler, S. H. McMahan, E. A. Breland, O. V. Swearingen, H. C. Keen, T. I. Reynolds, R. O. Bounds, and adopted.

After discussing the subject of missions at length there was a motion carried by the Association instructing the pastors of the different churches that go to make up the General Association to present the matter to their respective pastorates and find out as to the probability of raising funds to support a missionary on the foreign field and report at the April Board meeting.

The report on W. M. U. was read by Sister Huey Clark, discussed by Sister Clark, Bro. Arthur Breland, O. L. Scitzs, S. H. McMahan and adopted.

The report on Baptist Orphanage was read by Bro. Martin Nelson, discussed by Bro. Nelson, J. A. Hitt, W. E. Butler. At this time there was a free will offering for the Orphanage. Amount \$30.09. Report adopted.

The report on Nominations was read by M. R. Jones and adopted.

The Treasurers Report was read by M. R. Jones and adopted.

The Finance report was read by Bro. Gill Robinson and adopted.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was read by Bro. E. A. Breland, discussed by Bro. Breland and adopted.

After reading and adopting the resolutions there was a motion carried by the Association to adjourn to meet with Pleasant Ridge Regular Baptist Church, Newton County, Miss., 4 miles north of Hickory, Miss., on Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1952. The closing prayer was led by Bro. Huey Clark, making special mention of our soldier boys overseas.

This closed a harmonious session of the old General Association.

REV. H. C. KEEN, Pres.

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

CHAIRMEN TO WRITE REPORTS FOR 1952

Christian Education: Bro. N. B. Nicholson.

S. S. and B. T. U.: Bro. W. E. Butler.

Temperance: Bro. Arthur Breland.

Baptist Hospitals: Bro. S. H. McMahan.

Missions: Bro. O. V. Swearingen.
 W. M. U.: Sister Olen Ferguson.
 Publications: Bro. R. O. Bounds.
 Baptist Orphanage: Bro. Gill Robinson.
 Nominations: Bro. H. M. Thorne.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

Christian Education: Bro. W. E. Butler, S. H. McMahan, O. V. Swearingen.
 S. S. and B. T. U.: Bro. S. H. McMahan, Emanuel Stevens, John Clark.
 Temperance: Bro. I. W. Johnson, E. A. Breland, R. O. Bounds.
 Baptist Hospitals: Bro. O. V. Swearingen, J. F. Harrison.
 Missions: Bro. Cecil Laird, Martin Nelson, J. L. Comans.
 W. M. U.: Sister, Huey Clark, Arthur Breland.
 Publications: Bro. J. C. Sansing, D. L. Hand, H. G. Harrison.
 Baptist Orphanage: Bro. C. E. Robinson, N. B. Nicholson, Martin Nelson.
 Nominations: M. R. Jones, A. M. Valentine.
 Committee,
 S. H. McMAHAN,
 CLAYTON LIVINGSTON,
 H. G. HARRISON.

DIGEST REPORT

Cedar Grove: Bro. R. O. Bounds, E. L. Bounds.
 Center Hill: Bro. R. E. Winstead, Alex Spears, Sis. Mattie Spears.
 Cross Roads: Bro. Jack Page, F. B. Gardner.
 County Line: Bro. Arthur Breland, Joe Richardson.
 Ebenezer: Bro. C. E. Robinson and Martin Nelson.
 Ephesus: Bro. J. F. Harrison, T. L. Matthews.
 Hebron: Bro. D. L. Hand, M. R. Jones.
 Herbert: A. C. Harbour, Mrs. Sadie Warren.

Hazel: Bro. John Henley, Pete Clark.
 Hopewell: Bro. W. P. Dean, W. W. Dean.
 Mt. Carmel: Bro. J. H. Clark, Marzine Clark, F. M. Lundy.
 Ocobla: Bro. W. C. Woodard, M. L. Williamson.
 Pine Ridge: Bro. Gill Robinson, Emanuel Stephens.
 Pleasant Ridge: Bro. Calvin Boswell, Robert Everett, Elvin McNeil.
 Pine Bluff: Bro. W. P. Valentine, Ernest Valentine.
 Pine Forest: Rev. O. M. Rasberry, Omer Phillips.
 Pleasant Grove: Lee Howington, W. L. Cooksey.
 Rock Hill: Bro. George W. Archie, A. P. Wilson.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION

"Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."
 Matt. 28: 19-20.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Pro. 22:6.
 The way is plain and upon the authority of God's word it seems that no person could go wrong at this point. For some reason many fail to heed God's word. The Sunday School is the medium of teaching God's word to others and is not to be separate from the church but a vital part.

The Training Union is not to train individuals into the church as a way to be saved but to train saved persons to be better servants to advance God's kingdom.

Our churches need more and better Sunday Schools and Training Unions.

S. H. McMAHAN
 J. H. CLARK

REPORT ON MISSIONS

But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come

upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth—Acts 1:8.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matthew 28: 19-20.

This is a work that the Lord gave to the church to carry on, and we, as a committee, feel that this work has not been carried in its fullness and will not be finished until Christ comes back.

C. C. LAIRD
MARTIN NELSON
J. L. COMANS

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

We read in God's word where Jesus said in Matt. 25, "I was sick and in prison and you visited me. I was hungry and you fed me."

The righteous will say Lord when saw we you sick and in prison and visited you. Jesus said unto them, because you did it unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it also unto me.

If I understand correct, when we give to the Baptist Hospital, we are helping some one to get free treatment that are not able to pay their bills. The message Jesus gave about the good samaritan should cause us to think of the Baptist Hospital. When we are helping one of God's children, we are helping Jesus.

I do not have the report on how many patients were treated in the Hospital in 1950.

O. V. SWEARINGEN
J. F. HARRISON

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

In Isaiah 34: 16 we read, "Seek ye out of the book of the Lord

and read." No doubt every family of our Baptist Churches would proudly say, "yes, we have a Bible," if asked if one were in the house. And yet the majority of our Baptist People go on day after day without opening the book. Let us consider the first Psalm as a guide to a happy life. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the council of the ungodly, nor standeth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

How can we keep informed about mission work if we fail to read some of the publications in that phase of the Lord's work? The Foreign Mission Board publishes "The Commission," and the Home Mission Board publishes the "Home Missions" magazine. Paul said, "Bring...the books, but especially the parchments."

J. C. SANSING
D. L. HAND
H. G. HARRISON

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The board of trustees, superintendent, faculty and children are grateful to every church with all organized departments and each individual for their liberal contributions to the work of the orphanage.

Every Mississippi Baptist is a stockholder in the Baptist Orphanage, and should make as liberal contributions as possible to this worthy institution. For the Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad. The Orphanage is supported by individual gifts designated through various organizations of the church and through Thanksgiving offerings with other special day offerings.

Brethren, let us not forget our unfortunate children whose well-being both religiously and physically depends upon our support.

C. E. ROBINSON,
N. B. NICHOLSON.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We the committee on Temperance, report the following: We know

that God wants us to be temperate in all of our indulgence in the necessities of life, such as eating, sleeping, dressing, work, resting, and speech, but since Temperance means moderation we can not place it on strong drink, for God's word teaches us to totally abstain from such.

Proverbs 23:31-32 says, "Look not though upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. 32 verse. At last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."

We see then that strong drink will poison the body, damn the soul and do many other harmful things to our lives here in this world.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. JOHNSON,
E. A. BRELAND,
R. O. BOUNDS.

W. M. U. REPORT

"Oh send out thy light and thy truth," was the cry of the Psalmist ages ago during a period when his people were in captivity, that the women would catch the vision and say, "Thy will be done on earth." How fitting that our women and young people be led to study the influence of Jesus as the way, the truth and the life, as he has been made known among all nations, including our own, during this generation has known. At the same time we have come face to face with the responsibility that our denomination has in carrying the light to the dark places. What a dynamo all our women and young people could be if our energies were harnessed for the purpose of sending the light and the truth to a sin-sick world.

We plead with pastors and laymen to assist us in organizing our possibilities into a throbbing, moving organism that will change hate into love, darkness into light as Jesus gave his commission to his church to go into all the world.

Let the W. M. U. as a part of his church do as Jesus commands, Go tell the lost.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. H. R. CLARK.
ARTHUR BRELAND.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Matt. 5: 14-16.

14. Ye are the Light of the World. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

15. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

The world is saying today, "I cannot hear what you say, for seeing what you do." In order to teach God's word we must live it. Our homes are the best place to begin educating in the way Christ would have. So why not put into action what we say we believe about God's word and plan. In 2nd Timothy 2: 15, we find also, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."

W. E. BUTLER
S. H. McMAHAN
O. V. SWEARINGEN

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We your committee on Nominations submit the following report: The Executive Board for 1952: Ministers, Bro. W. L. McCardle, J. L. Comans, J. C. Sansing, H. G. Kilpatrick, O. M. Rasberry, E. R. Killen, B. C. Tullos, J. E. Turner, D. L. Hand, N. B. Nicholson, S. H. McMahen, O. V. Swearingen; Brethren, O. C. Gibbs, W. L. Gibbs, F. B. Gardner, H. G. Harrison, H. M. Thorne, Robert Everett, Elisha Sharp, C. A. Smith, O. M. Polk, Cleveland Moore, C. C. Kilpatrick.

We recommend that the 1952 session of the General Association meet with Pleasant Ridge Regular Baptist Church, Newton County, 4 miles north of Hickory, Miss., on Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday in October, 1952.

We also recommend that Bro. J. C. Sansing preach the Annual Sermon on Missions. Bro. J. L. Comans to be his alternate. and that the April Board Meeting be held with Cross Roads Regular Baptist Church, Neshoba County, 5 miles N. E. of Union, Newton County,

GENERAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Miss., on Wednesday after the second Sunday in April, 1952.

REPORT OF OKTIBBEHA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1951

To the Treasurer of the General Association:

State Missions	\$105.45
Home Missions	78.40
Foreign Missions	77.75
Orphanage	76.40
Hospitals	12.00
Old Ministers Fund	5.00
Total	\$355.00

ARTHUR BRELAND, Clerk.

REPORT OF PEARL VALLEY ASSOCIATION, 1951

Salem: H. M. \$10.00 ; F. M. \$9.00.
 Remus: H. M. \$2.00; Orphanage \$3.00.
 Mt. Pleasant: Asso. M. \$1.00; H. M. \$1.00; Orph. \$2.00.
 New County Line: H. M. \$5.00; Orphanage \$5.00.
 Mars Hill (W.): Asso. M. \$2.00; Orphanage \$3.00.
 East County Line: Asso. M. \$2.00; H. M. \$1.50; F. M. \$1.50. Orphanage \$2.00.

ROGER H. WILCHER, Clerk and Treas.

FINANCE REPORT

Cedar Grove: S. M. 8.00; Bapt. Orph. 4.00; Old Min. Fund 4.00.
 Center Hill: S. M. 9.15.
 Cross Roads: S. M. 1.00; H. M. 1.00; F. M. 1.00.
 County Line: S. M. 13.00; H. M. 3.00; F. M. 3.00; Bapt. Orph. 2.00;
 Old Min. 2.00; Bapt. Hospt. 2.50; Building Fund 2.00.
 Ebenezer: S. M. 13.00; H. M. 12.00; F. M. 12.00.
 Ephesus: S. M. 25.00; H. M. 5.00; F. M. 5.00; Bapt. Orph. 5.00; Old

GENERAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Min. 5.00; Bapt. Hospital 5.00.
 Hebron: S. M. 29.00; H. M. 28.03; F. M. 28.04; Bapt. Orph. 6.00;
 Bapt. Hospital 5.00; Old Min. Fund 5.00.
 Herbert: S. M. 1.50; H. M. 1.00; F. M. 1.00; Bapt. Orph. 1.00; Old
 Min. 1.00; Sup. Fund 1.00; Bapt. Hosp. 1.00; Christian Ed. 1.00.
 Hazel: S. M. 20.00; F. M. 20.00; Bapt. Orph. 10.00.
 Mt. Carmel: S. M. 8.00; H. M. 8.00; F. M. 8.00; Papt. Orph. 2.50;
 Old Min. 5.00; Sup. Fund 2.50; Bapt. Hospital 2.50; Bldg. Fund 5.00;
 Christian Education 2.50.
 Ocobla: S. M. 9.10; Bapt. Orphanage 7.01.
 Pine Ridge: S. M. 3.25; F. M. 3.25; Bapt. Orph. 3.25; Old Min. Fund
 3.25.
 Pleasant Ridge: S. M. 29.31; H. M. 29.31; F. M. 29.38.
 Pine Bluff: H. M. 19.00; F. M. 19.00.
 Pine Forest: S. M. 10.00.
 Pleasant Grove: H. M. 10.00; F. M. 20.00; Bapt. Orph. 20.00; Bapt.
 Hospital 7.10.
 Providence: S. M. 5.00.
 Rock Hill: S. M. 10.00; F. M. 5.00; Bapt. Orph. 9.32; Bapt. Hospital
 5.00.
 S. H. McMahan and wife: Ten for Thirty Club 10.00; Miss. College
 Endowment Fund 50.00; Clarke College Endowment Fund 25.00.

REPORT OF REV. E. A. BRELAND, CORRESPONDING SEC.

1st quarter 1951: No. of days worker⁴, sermons preached 4, religi-
 ous visits 10, No. miles traveled 120, salary \$34.80.
 2nd and 3rd quarter, 1951: Days service 11, No. miles traveled 197,
 No. sermons preached 12, No. religious visits 12, salary \$92.80.

PAID OUT ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1950-51

Home Mission Board	\$126.11
Foreign Mission Board	137.05
Baptist Orphanage	184.28
Baptist Hospital	37.85
Rev. E. A. Breland, Sal. 1st. Quarter 1951	34.80
Rev. James W. Jones	15.00

GENERAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Sister J. S. Laird	15.00
Sister R. K. Cleveland	15.00
Rev. J. C. Jolly	15.00
Rev. W. L. McCardle	15.00
Rev. R. D. Stokes	15.00
Rock Creek Church	25.26
Union Appeal, printing minutes	85.00
M. R. Jones, Rec. Sec. and Treasurer, postage	63.50
Rev. E. A. Breland, Sal. for 2nd and 3rd Quarters 1951	92.80

TREAS. REPORT 1951. BALANCE ON HAND

State Missions	\$291.93
Foreign Missions	11.35
Orphanage	24.83
Old Ministers Fund	31.49
Sup. Fund	8.00
Cooperative Program (Good Hope Church)	60.00
Building Fund	2.00

FUNDS RECEIVED AT APRIL BOARD MEETING

State Missions	\$12.75
Foreign Missions	11.35
Old Min. Fund	12.35
Building Fund	1.00
W. H. McMullan, S. M.	1.00
Mrs. Erline Tisdale, S. M.	2.15

LICENTIATES

Bro. Junior Jacob	Lawrence, Miss.
D. L. Hand	Union, Miss.
S. H. McMahan	Union, Miss.

GENERAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

L. A. Gardner	Rt. 5, Meridian, Miss.
Bro. Fred Cass	Lake, Miss.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. W. Hays	Collinsville, Miss.
O. M. Raberry	Union, Miss.
Howard Kilpatrick	Union, Miss.
W. W. Clark	Neshoba, Miss.
J. A. Hitt	Lake, Miss.
Elton Winstead	Union, Miss.
E. R. Killen	Philadelphia, Miss.
J. H. Herrington	Louisville, Miss.
A. N. Thomas	Philadelphia, Miss.
J. L. Comans	Lawrence, Miss.
E. A. Breland	Rt. 4, Union, Miss.
L. Bradley	Union, Miss.
W. L. Hofmister	Camden, Miss.
R. J. Johnston	Forest, Miss.
G. W. Gardner	Rt. 9, Philadelphia, Miss.
J. B. Jones	Rt. 9, Philadelphia, Miss.
Jas. W. Jones	Carthage, Miss.
P. L. Carter	Union, Miss.
N. B. Nicholson	Collinsville, Miss.
T. I. Reynolds	Little Rock, Miss.
Crecil Laird	Chunky, Miss.
O. V. Swearingin	Richton, Miss.
W. L. McCradle	Philadelphia, Miss.
Joseph E. Turner	Chunky, Miss.
J. C. Sansing	Lake, Miss.
A. E. Hollingsworth	Union, Miss.
W. E. Butler	Carthage, Miss.
R. C. Barham	

Sam Foy Duffee, Miss.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved First: That our board direct their attention more to the work of developing the under developed churches.

Second: Immediately after calling the body together the Moderator shall appoint a committee on digest of letters, 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 Mt. Carmel 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 \$60.00 for his services and that he draw on Treasurer for salary and expenses of Printing and mailing.

REV. O. M. RASBERRY, 2nd Vice.Pres.
M. R. JONES, Recording Secretary.

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 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 object and works of this Association shall be entitled to membership as follows, viz: Church 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, provide no one entitled to a seat who is not a regular Baptist in good standing. Provided further, that any regular

Baptist in good standing make 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 principals very 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 thirey directors appointed by a Committee on Nominations, all to be chosen annually, and to 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 presiding officer a protem appointment may be made and it reported 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 on Christian Benevolences embraced in constitution.

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

Article 11. The Constitution will 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. Correspondance from churches and other societies and individuals friendly to the Association shall be called for, the names of delegates appointed enrolled with the mark of absence affixed to those who were not present.

3. Visiting brethern 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.

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 the judge as regards order in the discussion of subject, except when an appeal is made to the body, which shall be done without debate or delay.

10. All Committees by this body shall be nominated by the President, subject, however, to approval of the Association.