

MINUTES

Of The

NINETY NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

General Association of Regular Baptist

Held With

Ebenezer Regular Missionary Baptist Church

NEWTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

OCTOBER 14-15, 1953

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

OCOBLA REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Six Miles East of Philadelphia Mississippi, On Highway No. 16
OCTOBER 13-14, 1954

OFFICERS

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| REV. W. E. BUTLER, President | Union, Miss. |
| REV. C. C. LAIRD, 1st. Vice Pres. | Little Rock, Miss. |
| REV. O. V. SWEARINGEN, 2nd. Vice Pres. | Chunky, Miss. |
| REV. E. A. BRELAND, Cor. Sec. | Union, Miss. |
| M. R. JONES, Rec. Sec. and Treas. | Union, Miss. |

PROCEEDINGS

The Ninety Ninth Annual Session of the General Association of Regular Baptist met with Ebenezer Regular Baptist Church, Newton County, Mississippi, October 14, and 15, 1953.

The Pastors Conference met on Tuesday night before. After song service, prayer was offered by Bro. Clifton Gibbs, continuing in song for awhile, after which Bro. W. E. Butler led in prayer.

Bro. W. E. Butler, 1st Vice President, acting as moderator, announced the subject to be discussed. Subject as follows: "How should God's Kingdom Work be Financed" and that Bro. W. L. Hofmister should lead the discussion, followed by Bro. L. A. Gardner, J. A. Hitt, E. A. Breland, O. V. Swearingen, W. L. Gibbs, H. C. Keen, M. R. Jones, R. O. Bounds, W. E. Butler, B. F. Gardner and H. C. Bufkin.

The conference adjourned to meet at nine o'clock Wednesday morning. Bro. Elton Winstead was appointed to conduct the devotional. Dismissal was by Bro. H. C. Bufkin.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

At nine o'clock, after song service, prayer was offered by Bro. J. T. Crane. Bro. Elton Winstead proceeded to conduct the devotional, reading a part of the 14th Chapter of St. Mark, beginning at the 34th, verse and reading the remainder of the chapter; also St. John 34-36. After a few timely remarks, prayer was led by Bro. W. L. Hofmister.

Bro. W. E. Butler, 1st Vice President in the chair, announced the Association in order for the transaction of business.

The following committee was appointed.

Finance committee as follows: Bro. J. T. Crane, R. O. Bounds, and D. L. Savell.

The time to re-office at hand, owing to a funeral to be held this morning, some of the brethren could not be present. The election of officers was deferred until afternoon.

On motion, visiting Brethren and Sisters were invited to sit with us in our deliberation's. Visiting Brethren from other Associations were Bro. Truly Reynolds, Lauderdale County Association; and Bro. Ollie Seitzer, Oktibeha Association.

The committee's reports were called for.

The report on Sunday School and B. T. U. was read by Bro. Martin Nelson; discussed by Bro. Nelson, L. A. Gardner, S. H.

McMahan and adopted.

The report on temperance was read by Bro. J. F. Harrison; discussed by Bro. Harrison, L. A. Gardner, and adopted.

At this time there was a ten minute intermission.

The Association came together singing "How Firm A Foundation" and "Oh For A Closer Walk With God." Bro. O. V. Swearingen, the appointee, being present, proceeded to bring the message, reading Daniel, 7th. chapter, 9th. verse through the remainder of the chapter. A part of the 11th. chapter of Revelations, a part of the 14th. chapter of Luke. Text: "The time has come that the Saints will possess the Kingdom." Bro. Swearingen delivered a fine message which was enjoyed by all present.

At this time there was a free offering taken for State Missions; the amount was \$71.28.

The Association adjourned to meet back at 1:15 o'clock. Dismissal was by Bro. Elton Winstead.

One fifteen o'clock, after singing "All Hail the Power." Prayer was led by Bro. James Savell.

At this time the Association went into the election of officers. Bro. W. E. Butler was nominated for President; Bro. C. C. Laird for 1st Vice President; Bro. O. V. Swearingen for 2nd Vice President; Bro. E. A. Breland for Corresponding Secretary and M. R. Jones for Secretary and Treasurer.

There was a motion that nominations cease. There was a motion carried by the Association to elect each of the nominees to their respective places, which are as follows: Bro. W. E. Butler, President; Bro. C. C. Laird, 1st Vice President; Bro. O. V. Swearingen, 2nd. Vice President; Bro. E. A. Breland Corresponding Secretary; and Bro. M. R. Jones, Secretary and Treasurer.

After a few remarks by the newly elected officers each of them proceeded to fill their respective places. The report of Committees continued.

The report on Christian Education was read by Bro. S. H. McMahan; discussed by Bro. Matthews, W. L. Gibbs and adopted. Breland and adopted.

The report on Baptist Hospitals was read by Bro. T. L. Matthews; discussed by Bro. Matthews, W. L. Gibbs and adopted.

The report on Missions was read by Bro. J. T. Crane; discussed by Bro. Crane, A. N. Thomas, Sam Foy, S. H. McMahan, H. C. Keen. L. A. Gardner, and adopted.

The report on W. M. U. was read by Sister Lillian Gibbs, discussed by Bro. G. A. Smith, J. A. Hitt and adopted.

On motion that the Association adjourn to meet at nine o'clock Thursday morning with Bro. J. A. Hitt to conduct. Devotional and dismissal was by Bro. H. C. Keen.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Nine o'clock; after song service, prayer was offered by Bro. Lewis Eichelberger. Bro. O. V. Swearingen, 2nd Vice President in the chair, Bro. J. A. Hitt proceeded with the devotional by reading 37 Psalm and offering prayer, then making some fine remarks. Prayer was led by Bro. J. T. Crane.

The report of committees was called for.

The report on Publications was read by Bro. H. G. Harrison; discussed by Bro. Harrison, J. T. Crane, R. O. Bounds and adopted.

The report on Baptist Orphanage was read by Bro. A. L. Speed; discussed by Bro. Speed and Martin Nelson. On motion there was a free will offering taken for the orphanage; the amount was \$20.96. Their was further discussion by Bro. R. O. Bounds, H. C. Bufkin, M. R. Jones and adopted.

The report on nominations was read by the Secretary and adopted the necessary admendments.

On motion that Bro. E. A. Breland's report be adopted as discussed. On motion that the Secretary Treasurers report be adopted as a whole. On motion that the number of minutes be reduced to 600 copies.

After reading and adopting the resolutions, the Association adjourned to meet with Ocobla Regular Baptist Church 6 miles East of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, on Highway number 16, on Wednesday and Thursday, after the second Sunday in October, 1954; which closed a very harmonous session of the Old General Association.

After singing "God be with you till we meet again" we were dismissed by Bro. O. V. Swearingen.

BRO. C. C. LAIRD, Moderator

M. R. JONES, Secretary and Treasurer

NOMINATIONS REPORT

We your committee on nominations submit the following report: That the Executive Board for 1954 be as follows: Ministers,

W. L. McCardle, H. G. Kilpatrick, O. M. Rasberry, E. R. Killen, B. C. Tullos, D. L. Hand, N. B. Nicholson, S. H. McMahan, O. V. Swearingen, H. C. Keen, Elton Winstead. Brethren: A. M. Valentine, Martin Nelson, Arthur Breland, W. L. Gibbs, F. B. Gardner, H. G. Harrison, H. M. Thorne, Robert Everett, Elisaha Sharp, C. C. Kilpatrick, and Armorus Robinson.

We recommend that the 1954 session of the General Association meet with Ocobla Regular Baptist Church, Neshoba County, Mississippi, six miles East of Philadelphia, Mississippi, on Wednesday after the second Sunday in October 1954. We also recommend that Bro. H. C. Keen preach the Annual Sermon on Missions and Bro. H. G. Kilpatrick be his alternate.

We also recommend that the April Board meeting be held with Pine Ridge Regular Baptist Church, 3 miles North of Lawrence, Mississippi, April 14th., 1954, Pastors conference on Tuesday night before.

A. M. VALENTINE
H. M. THORNE
J. J. MATTHEWS

FINANCE REPORT

Cedar Grove: S. M. \$4.50; F. M. \$4.50; Baptist Orphanage \$4.50; Old Ministers Fund \$4.50.
Cross Roads: S. M. \$4.00; F. M. \$4.00; Baptist Orphanage \$4.00; Old Ministers Fund \$3.85.
Ebenezer: S. M. \$16.65; H. M. \$16.65; F. M. \$16.70; Baptist Orphanage \$10.00.
Ephesus: F. M. \$50.00; S. M. \$20.00; H. M. \$5.00; Baptist Orphanage \$10.00; Old Ministers Fund \$10.00; Baptist Hospital \$5.00.
Enon: S. M. \$6.00; H. M. \$6.00; F. M. \$6.00; Baptist Orphanage \$6.00; Old Ministers Fund \$1.00; Sup. Fund \$1.00; Baptist Hospital \$6.00; Building Fund \$1.00.
Good Hope: S. M. \$37.70; F. M. \$60.54.
Hopewell: S. M. \$25.00; Baptist Orphanage \$25.00; Baptist Hospital \$25.00.
Hazel: F. M. \$18.00; H. M. \$18.00; Baptist Orphanage \$18.00.
Mt. Carmel: S. M. \$5.00; H. M. \$18.00; Baptist Orphanage \$18.00.
Old Ministers Fund \$4.00; Sup. Fund \$3.00; Baptist Hospital \$5.00; Building Fund \$3.59; Christian Education \$2.00.

Ocobla: S. M. \$25.00; F. M. \$10.00; Baptist Orphanage \$15.00.
Pleasant Ridge: S. M. \$34.00; H. M. \$34.00; F. M. \$34.00.
Pine Bluff: H. M. \$19.00; F. M. \$19.00.
Pine Ridge: F. M. \$8.10; Baptist Orphanage \$8.10; Old Ministers Fund \$8.10; Baptist Hospital \$8.10.
Pleasant Grove: S. M. \$5.00; F. M. \$6.00; Baptist Orphanage \$5.00.
Providence: S. M. \$21.64.
Rock Hill: S. M. \$15.00; F. M. \$5.00; Baptist Orphanage \$10.00.
Hebron: S. M. \$49.11; H. M. \$47.11; F. M. \$52.11; Old Ministers Fund \$32.11; Baptist Orphanage \$20.00; Baptist Hospital \$5.00.
S. H. McMahan and wife: Ten for Thirty Club \$10.00; Mississippi College Endowment Fund \$50.00; Clarke College Endowment Fund \$25.00.

CHAIRMEN TO WRITE REPORTS FOR 1954

Christian Education—Bro. L. M. Skinner.
Sunday School and B. T. U.—Bro. J. T. Crane.
Temperance—Bro. A. L. Speed.
Baptist Hospital—Bro. Lee Herringston.
Missions—Bro. Martin Nelson.
W. M. U.—Sister J. J. Matthews.
Publications—Bro. S. H. McMahan.
Baptist Orphanage—Bro. J. J. Matthews.
Nominations—Bro. H. G. Harrison.

REPORT OF REV. E. A. BRELAND, CORRESPONDING SEC. 1953

4th quarter 1952: Days of service 4, number sermons preached 2, number miles traveled 184, number visits made 8. Collected for State Missions \$3.50; Salary \$35.60.
1st quarter 1953: number days service 3, number sermons preached 3, number visits made 4, number miles travelled 129, collected for State Missions \$5.00; Salary \$26.40.
2nd quarter 1953: days service 5, miles traveled 146, sermons preached 5, visits made 5, collected for state missions \$14.11; Salary \$42.70.
3rd quarter 1953: days of service 6, sermons preached 10, visits made 10, miles traveled 116, collected on mission field \$6.50, State

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Missions and Salary \$51.24.

REPORT OF OKTIBBEHA ASSOCIATION

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| State Mission | \$144.29 |
| Foreign Mission | \$77.29 |
| Home Mission | \$69.74 |
| Baptist Hospitals | \$71.24 |
| Baptist Orphanage | \$168.52 |
| Old Age Ministers Funds | \$56.77 |
| Cooperative Program | \$10.35 |
| Total sent to General Association | \$598.20 |

ARTHUR BRELAND

REPORT OF PEARL VALLEY ASSOCIATION

East County Line: S. M. \$4.00; Baptist Orphanage \$3.00; Baptist Hospital \$3.00.

Remus: H. M. \$2.00; S. M. \$4.00; F. M. \$2.00; Baptist Orphanage \$6.00.

Salem: Association M. \$1.00; H. M. \$1.00; S. M. \$1.00; F. M. \$1.00.

Antioch: Baptist Orphanage \$1.00; Baptist Hospital \$1.00; S. M. \$1.00.

Mars Hill: S. M. \$2.10; H. M. \$3.00; Baptist Orphanage \$5.00; Baptist Hospital 25 Cents.

New County Line: H. M. \$2.00; S. M. \$2.00; Baptist Orphanage \$10.00.

MRS. LEE CARTER, Clerk and Treasurer

FUNDS RECEIVED IN 1953

January 6, 1953: S. M. by Bro. E. A. Breland Corresponding Secretary on Mission field \$5.00.

March 30, 1953: S. M. By Bro. E. A. Breland from Salem Church, Pearl Valley Association \$3.50.

June 29, 1953: S. M. By Bro. E. A. Breland Corresponding Secretary from Greenland Church \$7.36 and Beat Line Church \$6.75.

September 29, 1953: S. M. by Bro. E. A. Breland Corresponding Secretary on Mission field \$6.50.

September 18, 1953: Mt. Pisgah Association Free will offering

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for State Missions \$27.39.

Providence Church \$5.21 S. M., \$5.21 H. M., \$5.21 F. M.

Received at April Board meeting 1953.

Pleasant Ridge Church F. M. \$9.30; S. M. \$4.65; Old Ministers Fund \$4.65.

Bro. H. G. Harrison S. M. \$1.00; Baptist Orphanage \$1.00; Old Ministers Fund \$1.00.

Bro. Otho Dearing, Old Ministers Fund \$1.00

Bro. Elton Winstead, S. M. \$5.00.

Bro. W. L. McCardle, S. MF. \$2.00.

Funds sent by Bro. S. H. McMahan and wife to General Association 1952, too late to get in minutes of 1952.

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| State Missions | \$20.00 |
| Home Missions | \$20.00 |
| Foreign Missions | \$20.00 |
| Baptist Orphanage | \$20.00 |
| Baptist Hospital | \$ 5.00 |
| Old Minister Fund | \$ 5.00 |
| TOTAL | \$90.00 |

FUNDS PAID OUT ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1952-53

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| Home Missions | \$167.47 |
| Foreign Missions | 288.95 |
| Baptist Orphanage | 210.55 |
| Baptist Hospital | 76.27 |
| Union Appeal, Printing Minutes | 100.00 |
| M. R. Jones, Salary and Postage | 78.50 |
| Bro. E. A. Breland (Salary for four quarters) | 155.64 |
| Bro. J. W. Jones (Old Minister Fund) | 12.66 |
| Bro. R. D. Stokes (Old Minister Fund) | 12.66 |
| Bro. W. L. McCardle (Old Minister Fund) | 12.66 |
| Sister Laura Laird (Old Minister Fund) | 12.66 |
| Sister R. K. Cleveland (Old Minister Fund) | 12.66 |
| Sister J. C. Jolly (Old Minister Fund) | 12.66 |
| Bro. A. N. Thomas (Old Minister Fund) | 12.66 |

FUNDS ON HAND OCTOBER 14, 1953

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| Home Missions | \$20.00 |
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| Foreign Missions | 20.00 |
| Baptist Orphanage | 21.00 |
| Baptist Hospital | 5.00 |
| Old Minister Fund | .05 |
| Building Fund | 17.00 |
| Sup. Fund | 3.50 |
| Christian Education | 2.00 |
| State Missions | 330.63 |

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. REPORT

We read in Ephesians 6:4 "Ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

We feel that the Sunday School should begin at home and that through the supervision of the church, be taught the Bible by Christian men and women and the B. T. U. is also a church program supervised by the church. The more people speak and study God's word the better Christians they make. We urge each pastor and delegate to encourage a Sunday School and B. T. U. in their church. The judges of the courts of our land tell us that children brought up in Sunday School form a very small per cent of the juvenile delinquents.

MARTIN NELSON
ELTON WINSTEAD
D. L. SAVELL

W. M. U. REPORT

We find in the Scripture that women have had a great part in Christian Church work since its beginning, and we are grateful for their work as given in Gods Word.

We find in St. Matt. 26: 6 through 13, when Jesus was in Bethany in the house of Simon, there came to him a woman having an Alabaster box of precious ointment and poured it on his head, when his disciples saw it they ask what purpose is this waste? Jesus said unto them, "why trouble ye the woman for she hath wrought a good work upon me, for in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial." St. John 20: 17th. through 21st., Jesus saith unto Mary Magdalene "go to my brethren

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and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and and to my God, and your God." Then Jesus said to them again, "Peace be unto you. As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

We see from the Divin Record there is great work that God has commissioned to the Sisters of our Church, let us always work for our Master until he comes again.

MRS. LILLIAN GIBBS
MRS. CLARENCE CALDWELL
MR. G. A. SMITH

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following report. God's word teaches us to be temperent in all things, which are essential to our physical well being, and totally abstained from those which are detrimental to humanity. "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup where it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Proverbs 23: 31-32. We should not use strong drinks at all, because God's word teaches to abstain from such. We therefore, recommend that our churches endeavor to teach our members by example and precept to abstain from the use of strong drink.

J. F. HARRISON
L. A. GARDNER
ROY THORNE

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The greatest commission ever given is recorded in Matthew 28: 19 and 20 and was given to the church by Christ himself.

Your Committee feels that some of our Baptist Churches are very lax in regard to this commission of preaching the Gospel, which perhaps is due largely to a lack of Bible study.

We your Committee recommend that the pastors of churches stress more earnestly the need of Bible study.

How can we ever know our duty without information, which comes only from God's word.

J. T. CRANE
A. N. THOMAS
W. L. HOFMISTER

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

We, your committee on publications do recommend the Bible as the greatest of our books. It gives us light and is a guide for us to travel down the ways of life.

In Psalms 119: 105 we find this, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

We believe all Baptist Churches should use only Baptist Literature in their Sunday School and Training Union.

H. G. HARRISON

J. C. CALDWELL

R. M. GORDY

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Christian Education: Bro. S. H. McMahan, Hagan Winstead and E. A. Breland.

Temperance: Bro. J. F. Harrison, L. A. Gardner and Roy Thorne.

Baptist Hospital: Bro. W. L. Gibbs, R. O. Bounds and T. L. Matthews.

Missions: Bro. J. T. Crane, A. N. Thomas and W. L. Hofmister.

W. M. U.: Sister Lillian Gibbs, Sister Clarence Caldwell and G. A. Smith.

Publications: Bro. J. C. Caldwell, R. M. Gordy and H. G. Harrison.

Baptist Orphanage: Bro. A. L. Speed, Martin Nelson and C. E. Robinson.

Nominations: Bro. A. M. Valentine, H. M. Thorne and J. J. Matthews.

DIGEST REPORT

Cross Roads: Bro. Lonnie Adkins.

Cedar Grove: Bro. M. E. Tillman, R. O. Bounds.

Ebenezer: Bro. C. E. Robinson, Otis Nelson, A. Q. Parker.

Ephesus: Bro. J. F. Harrison, R. M. Gordy, T. L. Matthews and wife.

Enon: Bro. J. N. Henly, A. P. Sharp and wife.

Good Hope: J. T. Crane, Lewis Eickelberger.

Hebron: Bro. James Eshee, M. R. Jones.

Hopewell: Bro. C. A. Holyfield, M. F. Harrison.

Hazel: Bro. Seth Pace, Hilton Crosby.

Mt. Carmel: Bro. J. H. Clark, J. M. Anderson.

Ocobla: Bro. F. A. Mills, A. N. Thomas.

Pleasant Ridge: Bro. Shelby Everett, Jee Caldwell, Roy Thorne.

Pine Bluff: Bro. Sidney Gibbs, Durwood Vance.

Pine Ridge: Bro. Curtis Nelson, Algie Hollingsworth.

Pleasant Grove: Bro. Walter Cooksey, Lee Herrington.

Providence: Bro. Nolan Alexander, G. A. Smith.

Rock Hill: Bro. A. L. Speed, A. P. Wilson.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

We your committee on Baptist Orphanage wish to submit the following report.

At the beginning of the Associational year the home had one hundred and fifty eight children, and during the past twelve months, has admitted sixty eight from thirteen counties. At present there are one hundred sixty three children in the home. With the cooperation of the Baptist Churches these children have received both spiritual and physical food and care. The expenses for the orphanage were \$92,645.67, which was taken care of through the co-operative program and various gifts and offerings.

All the boys and girls have had a two weeks vacation during the last two weeks of July and the first two weeks of August. The Junior boys and girls were privileged to attend vacation Bible School at Crestwood Baptist Church, where the children attend Sunday School and B. T. U.

The Senior boys dormitory has been completed and is now being used.

We are deeply grateful to the Lord for all the accomplishments and achievements of the Baptist Orphanage during the past year.

"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. It is our duty as Christian people to care for the orphan children.

We read in James 1: 27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Matthew

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10: 42 says "and whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a deciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward". Then again in Matthew 25: 40 we read, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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

A. L. SPEED, Chairman
MARTIN NELSON
C. E. ROBINSON

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

15,000 people were ministered to by the Baptist Hospital in the last 12 months. We praise God for this glorious opportunity

Hospitalization in the amount of \$115,898.81 and an additional \$72,535.41, because of people who were expected to pay. \$28,164.27 was contributed by Mississippi Baptist. Two challenges dominate this year; one is the new 100 bed addition, now in progress; to complete, \$400,000 must be forth coming. The other challenge is the acquisition and development of the six acre plot known as the blind institute property. \$325,000 had to be borrowed and paid back over an extended time.

Together with Christ let us "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

W. L. GIBBS
T. L. MATTHEWS
R. O. BOUNDS

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN

One meaning of education is "the art of learning". With this in mind while thinking of Christian Education we think of Christ like learning or learning to be more like Christ.

In considering the subject "Christian Education" we must be christian in order to help others to become christian.

The beginning of a christian education should be a study of

God's word in the home. As the child grows older he needs Christian teachers in the public schools as well as in Sunday School.

Christians should be happy. In Proverbs 3. 13 we read "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding." Then in Proverbs 22: 6 we read "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The way a child should go is the christian way. Our christian colleges are good places to continue christian training when children are preparing themselves for the problems of life that are sure to come to them.

S. H. McMAHAN
HAGAN WINSTEAD
E. A. BRELAND

LICENTIATES

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| Bro. Junior Jacob | Lawrence, Miss |
| D. L. Hand | Union, Miss. |
| S. H. McMahan | Union, Miss. |
| L. A. Gardner | Rt. 5, Meridian, Miss. |
| Bro. Fred Cass | Lake, Miss. |

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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| W. W. Hays | Collinsville, Miss. |
| O. M. Rasberry | Collinsville, 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. |
| E. A. Breland | Rt. 4, Union, Miss. |
| L. Bradley | Union, Miss. |
| W. L. Hofmister | Camden, Miss. |
| R. J. Johnston | Rt. 9, Philadelphia, Miss. |
| J. B. Jones | Rt. 9, Philadelphia, Miss. |
| Jas. W. Jones | Rt. 9, Philadelphia, Miss. |

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| P. L. Carter | Carthage, Miss. |
| N. B. Nicholson | Union, Miss. |
| T. I. Reynolds | Collinsville, Miss. |
| Crecil Laird | Little Rock, Miss. |
| O. V. Swearingin | Chunky, Miss. |
| W. L. McCradle | Richton, Miss. |
| Joseph E. Turner | Philadelphia, Miss. |
| J. C. Sansing | Chunky, Miss. |
| A. E. Hollingsworth | Lake, Miss. |
| W. E. Butler | Union, Miss. |
| 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 \$75.00 for his services and that he draw on Treasurer for salary and expenses of Printing and mailing.

REV. CECIL LAIRD, 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 Gos-

pel 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 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.

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.