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PROCEEDINGS

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RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

PARIS BAPTIST CHURCH,

Commencing Friday, the 1st day of September, 1882.

The next annual meeting will be held with Annona Church,
commencing on Friday, before the 1st Sunday
in September, A. D. 1883.



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Red River Baptist Association met with the Paris Baptist Church on Friday, the 1st day of Sept., 1882 at 10 o'clock A. M. The Moderator of the preceeding year, being absent, Elder T. W. Anderson, on motion, was chosen moderator pro tem., who called the Association to order and the clerk being absent, on motion, B. F. Fuller was elected Clerk pro tem.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. E. Horner, after which the Association adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

FIRST DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Association called to order by moderator and letters from the different churches being called for and Gen. S. B. Maxey and Elder S. J. Anderson oppointed Reading Clerks. The letters were read and delegates enrolled as follows :

Annona—T. W. Anderson, sr., T. W. Anderson, jr., E. C. Martin, B. H. Beadle.

Mt. Pleasant—E. F. Smith, Z. T. Hignight, J. H. Holt, T. J. Bryant.

Pine Springs—Wm. Blake, W. W. Gray, H. Dennison.

Providence No. 2—J. K. P. Roach, S. J. Francis, J. E. Horner.

Union Grove—Silas Crain, J. C. Price, W. Prim.

Blossom Prairie—G. T. Sanders, G. B. Eades, J. J. Martin, W. T. Crain.

Clarksville—H. C. Hooks, T. A. Carter, Mrs. M. Dew.

Hepsebah—John M. Hale, H. M. Terry, James Jeffries.

Sylvan—J. M. F. Graves, Mrs. J. H. Campbell, M. D. Bray.

Paris—S. B. Maxey, B. F. Fuller, J. Y. Snead, J. M. Fort,

W. Clark, H. Petty, J. H. Boyet, L. J. Burton, J. D. Williams.

Providence No. 1—J. L. Ethridge, Tobias Mullins, J. M. Crain.

The Association then proceeded to elect permanent officers, which resulted as follows:

For Moderator, J. E. Horner.

“ Clerk, B. F. Fuller.

“ Treasurer, J. D. Williams.

Messengers from corresponding bodies called for and the following responded.

From Rohoboth Association, S. J. Anderson.

“ Sister Grove, W. H. Robert.

“ North Sulphur, S. W. Wood.

Visiting brethren, M. Root from Denison, and H. Duncan and G. W. Thompson from Sham Rock, invited to seats.

The Pastor and Deacons of Paris church were appointed committee on divine service.

J. Y. Snead and T. W. Anderson were appointed to write corresponding letter.

Called for report of Executive Committee. J. D. Williams of the committee reported verbally, that nothing had been done during the past year by the committee.

Treasurers report called for: on motion, further time was granted.

By motion, it was agreed that the election of an Executive Board be postponed till to-morrow, and that a committee be appointed by the moderator to nominate that board.

Committee on divine services, reported that M. Root will preach in this house to-night, and S. J. Anderson at Colored Baptist church.

Annona church having asked for the next meeting of the Association, on motion the rules were suspended and Annona was chosen by acclamation.

J. H. Boyet was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at next meeting, Silas Crain alternate.

Corresponding messengers were appointed as follows:

To Rehoboth Association, T. W. Anderson, sr.

“ Sister Grove, H. Petty.

“ North Sulphur, J. H. Boyet, H. M. Terry, H. Petty and B. F. Fuller.

To General Association, J. E. Horner, J. H. Boyet, S. B. Maxey, H. Petty, T. W. Anderson and J. M. Fort.

To Texarkana Association, W. Blake, T. W. Anderson, sr. Adjourned till after preaching to-night.

EVENING SESSION.

After preaching moderator called house to order, and announced the following committees:

Support of the Ministry—H. C. Hooks, E. C. Martin and Z. T. Hignight.

Colored population—J. M. Fort, T. W. Anderson and J. M. F. Graves.

Religious Literature—J. H. Boyet, W. W. Gray and W. S. Francis.

Home Missions—J. H. Boyet, W. H. Prim and W. H. Dennison.

Sunday Schools—J. S. Ethridge, T. Mullins, H. Petty.

Foreign Missions—S. B. Maxey, H. M. Terry, and H. C. Hooks.

To nominate a Missionary Board—S. B. Maxey, T. W. Anderson, Wm. Blake, J. Y. Snead, and M. D. Bray.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock in the morning.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday Morning, Sept. 2nd, 1882, 9 o'clock, Moderator called the Association to order, and after prayer proceeded to business.

REPORTS.

Treasurer presented his report as follows.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee, - - - -	\$32.45.
Paid to J. L. Wright, clerk, - - - -	\$ 7.50.
“ on order of clerk for minutes, - - - -	32.50.
	<u>\$40.00.</u>

J. D. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee on Ministerial Support beg leave to report that we are in great need of a more earnest effort for the support of the ministry than has been made the past year. We hear of _____ church that is without a pastor, and other settlements that have had regular preaching heretofore that are now without any one to preach for them. Therefore, we recommend that pastors preach at least one sermon a year to their churches on the duty of contributing to the support of the ministry, thinking that churches would do more if they were generally instructed on that subject.

And knowing that the Bible abundantly teaches the duty of supporting the Gospel, we therefore would say, let us arise and go to work, remembering that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

H. C. HOOKS, Ch'm.
E. C. MARTIN,
Z. T. HIGNIGHT.

Bro. Moderator and Brethern:

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Colored Population, beg to submit the following:

REPORT ON COLORED POPULATION.

You will remember, brethern, that but seventeen years have elapsed since the colored people of the south were emancipated from a state of slavery and endowed with the rights and liberties enjoyed by their white bretheren, and notwithstanding we recognize the hand of God in his dealings with this people, yet, still we are astonished at the grand forward movement which they have made in this short period of time in the christian life and chirstian work.

See what they have accomplished in our midst in these few years. They have well organized, prosperous churches, good working Sunday-Schools and creditable church buildings in our cities, towns and villages, but in almost every neighborhood in the bounds of this Association and throughout this entire southern country, they are also making laudable efforts to educate their children and to fit and qualify them for a more elevated and useful position as citizens in our midst.

With these facts before us, who will not say that it is clearly the duty of this Association and the Baptist denomination to give them encouragement and as for as we can, to aid them with our means in every good word and work.

In taking a survey of their present and past work it is apparent that this people prefer to have their own separate church organizations with pastors of their own color, and

their own houses of worship. In view of this fact, in the opinion of your committee, the most effectual way for this Association and the denomination to advance the cause of Christ and to subserve the Baptist interest among them, is to get access to the minds and hearts of the masses and to elevate them above the plane of ignorance, superstition and vain imaginings in which the boon of freedom found them, and from which they have not been able to extricate themselves, and by the power of the Gospel to lead them to an intelligent experimental acceptance of Jesus, the blessed Savior.

That their ministry may be fed with the sincere "Milk of the Word" and become fit instruments in the hands of God through which the minds of this people may be enlightened and their hearts electrified by God, the Spirit, supplanting the vague dreams, delusive visions, and imaginary journeyings which they so often mistake for the dealings of God with their souls.

To bring about this happy result we should give every encouragement in our power to their ministry, and aid them as far as we can in the acquisition of a more liberal and thorough education, and a more perfect understanding of the grand and glorious plan of salvation.

As an Association, we bid our colored brethren God speed, and pray God's blessings upon their efforts in the Sunday School work, and heartily tender them our assistance in selecting, and if need be, in purchasing such Baptist Sunday School literature as will aid them in inculcating in the minds of their children sound and wholesome doctrine.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. FORT, Ch'm.
T. W. ANDERSON,
J. M. F. GRAVES.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your committee on Religious Literature, beg leave to make the following report:

We esteem it of the greatest importance that our people take a greater interest in circulating and reading the Bible, which is the book of all books and the pure gold without any dross.

Next to that, we urge all our people to take our paper, THE TEXAS BAPTIST, as a reliable medium through which we can get an accurate knowledge of the great work in which our people are engaged, both as to home and foreign work. We also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., and for our sunday-schools, we heartily recommend Kind Words as the best help for our young people to understand the Bible.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. H. HOLT, Chairman,
W. W. GRAY,
W. S. FRANCIS.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee finds great reason to lament the fact that for the past seven years very little mission work has been done in our bounds. That while we have been enjoying the light of a pure Gospel, thousands around our very doors have been starving for the bread of life. But while these facts should cause us to blush with very shame, we are glad to know that it is not yet too late to do good.

It is true that our Association is now weak, but even this is not a cause of despair, for God hath chosen the weak things of this world to confound the mighty, and we believe the time is come when God is ready to use us in our weakness to rebuild the waste places in Zion.

It is the confident belief of your committee that with a properly matured plan, and a vigorous effort all along the lines, there will be a glorious harvest from our Home Mission work during our next associational year.

We would, therefore, submit for the consideration of your body the following recommendations:

1st. That an Executive Board consisting of seven be appointed, and located with a quorum at Paris, whose duty it shall be to appoint and direct the mission work for the Association during the year; making a full report of its entire work at the next meeting of this body.

2nd. That as an auxiliary to said board, there be one member appointed by each church whose duty it shall be to raise funds in their several churches for the support of a missionary, and report to the board the first of every month.

3d. That a Corresponding Secretary be appointed to correspond with the different parts of the field, and learn the most important points to be occupied; and also to encourage the work by frequently urging its claims in the columns of THE TEXAS BAPTIST, and thus endeavor to bring the whole strength of the Association into closer sympathy with the board and its work.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. BOYET,
W. H. PRIMM,
W. H. DENNISON. } Com.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator called house to order, and, after prayer, the following reports were presented:

TO NOMINATE MISSIONARY BOARD.

To REV. J. E. HORNER, Moderator Red River Baptist Association:

The undersigned Committee appointed by your body to

nominate an Executive Board, respectfully recommend the following:

J. M. Fort, postoffice, Paris, Chairman; U. Hearon, B. F. Fuller, J. Y. Snead, Paris: Rev. Wm. Blake, Walker Station, Red River county; E. F. Smith, Bennet Station, Lamar county; Rev. J. E. Horner, Bogota, Red River Co.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. H. Boyet, Paris.

The committee further respectfully recommend that each church connected with the Association, appoint an auxiliary for and on behalf thereof, to correspond with the Executive Board in making their work effective, to the end that the great work devolved on the Board may, by the blessing of God, redound to the spread of the Gospel and to the honor and glory of the Master's cause.

We cannot too strongly urge upon the Board correct, faithful work, and under the blessing of Divine Providence, we believe that if this course is pursued lasting good will result in the advance of the cause of Christ.

S. B. MAXEY,
T. W. ANDERSON
WM. BLAKE,
J. Y. SNEAD,
M. D. BRAY, } Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Rev. J. E. Horner, Moderator Red River Baptist Association:

The undersigned committee on Foreign Missions, respectfully submit the following report:

We are deeply impressed with the bounden duty of the Church militant to do all in their power to aid in the spread of the Gospel to the uttermost ends of the earth, but we submit that the Association is in a languishing condition. Earnest, energetic, intelligent, prayerful missionary work within the bounds of the Association is an immediate and pressing necessity.

We are fully impressed with the belief that by the time the necessary calls on the brethren for our home work are filled, it will be prudent to delay pressing just now, aid to Foreign Missions, but we do believe that after our churches are impressed with the great duty of providing for preaching within our bounds, and especially in the destitute places where now there is no regular preaching by ministers of our church, that such a spirit will pervade the churches as will not only keep up home work, but that our church and members will feel not only able but willing and anxious to continue home work, but to extend their efforts and aid in helping to keep up Foreign Missions and especially the missions to Brazil and Mexico in which the Baptists of Texas are directly associated.

We do earnestly hope that every member will do his whole duty toward all the missions. But as reported, we

can but think the first and paramount duty now, is to provide for the destitute in our bounds. Sept. 2nd, 1882.

S. B. MAXEY, H. M. TERY, H. C. HOOKS

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

With regard to the Sabbath School, or the teaching of the Word of God to the children and the people generally on the Lord's day in the Sabbath School capacity, it is a work that cannot be over estimated, and that is not duly appreciated by many of us. It is a privilege of the church to impart instruction, and if a privilege, then it is a duty that we ought to perform, for God does not grant us privileges to be slighted. Wholesome instruction in the Sabbath School is as necessary to spiritual growth and fruitage as the careful preparation of the soil is to the production of a bountiful temporal harvest. The Sabbath School is a blessing because in it simple, yet great truths can be taught the children which they would not perhaps learn so soon waiting upon the pulpit ministrations. We believe a majority of the churches of this Association have enjoyed the Sabbath School this year, and if they have not they have neglected a great duty.

Respectfully, J. S. ETHERIDGE, T. MULLINS, H. PETTY, } Committee.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to report that we have received

Table with financial items: For minutes, \$15.10; Missions, 2.50; Associational purposes, 3.00; Total, 20.60

Total, 20.60 Annona to send to clerk, \$2.00.

WILLIAM BLAKE, D. K. P. ROACH, J. J. MARTIN. } Committee.

Committee on Divine Services reported Missionary Mass meeting at 8 o'clock this evening and addresses by several brethern. Adjourned to 9 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Missionary Mass Meeting was well attended, and stinging appeals were made in behalf of Home Missions and much

zeal and lively interest was manifest, and the following pledges were made in behalf of Home Missions:

Paris church, \$75; Annona church, \$25; Mt. Pleasant church, \$10; Delegates of Pine Springs, \$15; Providence (No. 2) church, \$25; Clarksville church, \$20; Blossom Prairie church, \$25; Sylvan church, \$15; Bro. Terry of Hefsebah \$10; S. B. Maxey, \$25; F. P. Webster, \$10; Total, \$255.00. Cash, \$14.50; grand total, \$269.50.

Association called to order by Moderator.

On motion the clerk is directed to have printed such number of minutes as the funds on hand will pay for.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, that the Executive Board investigate the claim of Rev. J. F. Mayer against the Association, and report the result of their investigation at next session.

Resolved, that we tender our sincere thanks to the church at Paris, and to the citizens of this community, for their kind hospitality during the session of this body.

On motion, the Association then adjourned to next annual meeting, extending to each other the parting hand during the singing of the closing hymn.

J. E. HORNER, Moderator.

B. F. FULLER, Clerk.

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TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Name of Church.	Post-office.	County.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Rec'd by Letter	Baptized	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total Members.....	A soc'n'al Purposes.		Pledges for Home Missions.....
											Am't for Minutes....	
Annona	Annona	Red River.	T. W. Anderson, Sr.	T. W. Anderson, Jr.	2	3	1		39	\$ 2 00	\$25 00		
Blossom Prairie.	Blossom Prairie.	Lamar	S. J. Burton	J. O. Brewer.....		1	3	1	121		25 00		
Clarksville	Clarksville.....	Red River.		T. A. Carter.....		2	1	2	30	3 00	20 00		
Center Springs..	Paris	Lamar	J. C. Price	T. K. Blaylock		13			67				
Hepzebah	Mintau	Lamar	Jos. McCulloch	H. M. Terry	1		5		33	1 00			
Mt. Pleasant	Dee Port	Lamar	Jos. McCulloch	K. F. Smith.....	9	2	2	1	26	1 50	10 00		
Providence No. 1	Paris	Lamar	Silas Crain	J. R. Givens.....	2	1	3		32	1 00			
Providence No. 2	Bogota	Lamar	Jos McCulloch	B. F. Neal.....	5				36	2 00	25 00		
Pine Springs	Annona	Red River.	Wm. Blake	J. L. Clowers.....	7	4	4	2	44	2 00	15 00		
Paris	Paris	Lamar	J. H. Beyet	B. F. Fuller.....	32	3	11	5	226	2 00	75 00		
Shamrock.....													
Sylvan	Blossom Prairie.	Lamar	Silas Crain.....	M. D. Bray.....	7		8	1	2	1 50	15 00		
Union Grove.....	Paris	Lamar	J. C. Price	T. J. Anderson	4	1	3		40	1 60			

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