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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Red River Baptist Association

—HELD WITH THE—

ANNONA BAPTIST CHURCH

Commencing Friday August 3d 1883

OFFICERS

D. W. PERKINS	-	-	Moderator
TOM W. ANDERSON, Jr	-	-	Clerk
H. PETTY	-	-	Treasurer

The next Annual Meeting of this Association will be held with the Mount Pleasant Church commencing Friday before the 1st Sunday in Sept'r. 1884.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Red River Baptist Association met with the Annona Baptist church on Friday the 31st day of August, 1883, at 11 o'clock A. M. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Silas Crain; after which the Association adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

FIRST DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

As the moderator being absent Eld. Silas Crain was called to the protom, and Tom W. Anderson, jr., appointed clerk pro- Letters from different churches were called for and Eld. J. Holt and S. J. Anderson appointed reading clerks; the churches were represented by delegates present as enrolled wit :

- Paris—H. Petty, Mrs. Mary Nearthery.
Sylvan—A. S. Mazy, Mrs. E. Campbell, Miss Tollie Campbell.
Hepsehah—A. L. McMurry, H. M. Terry, S. Bennett.
Clarksville—Represented by letter.
Union Grove—Elder S. Crain, G. P. Champster.
Annona—Eld. T. W. Anderson, E. C. Martin, Geo. F. Mayer
Tom W. Anderson jr., B. A. Beadle.
Mr. Pleasant—Elds. D. W. Perkins, C. P. Pearson, Bro. J. H. Holt,
Blossom Prairie—W. T. Crain, J. B. Crain, J. J. Martin.
Pine Springs—J. L. Clowers, F. L. Fox, C. Smith, W. H. Mayse, James Ash.
Providence No. 2—Eld. Z. T. Eaton,
Providence No. 1—Represented by letter.
Shamrock—Harmon Duncan.
Association then proceeded to elect permanent officers which resulted as follows :

D. W. Perkins, Moderator,
Tom W. Anderson, jr., Clerk.
Henry Petty, Treasurer.

The following corresponding Messengers were admitted to seats:

Eld. S. J. Anderson from Rehoboth Association, Eld. A. J. Holt Superintendent of Mission of General Association.

Report of Executive Committee received. (See report No. 1.)

Eld. T. W. Anderson, Silas Crain and H. Petty were appointed a special Committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the Executive Committee relative to G. F. Mayer, said committee instructed to report to this session of the Association.

The pastor and delegates of Annona Church were appointed a committee on Divine service.

J. H. Holt, B. A. Beadle and C. P. Pearson were appointed committee on Finances.

D. W. Perkins Tom W. Anderson, jr. Z. T. Eaton A. S. Mazy and J. H. Holt were appointed a committee to draft Rules of Decorum.

Mount Pleasant church was chosen as the place for holding the next session of this body.

Eld. J. H. Holt was elected to preach the introductory sermon and Z. T. Eaton his alternate.

The committee on divine service reported that Bro. Eaton would preach to-night.

Adjourned till after preaching to-night.

EVENING SESSION.

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

On Support of the Ministry—Z T Eaton, G H Champster, H Duncan, and J B Crain.

On Colored Population—H M Terry, H Petty, J J Martin.

On Religious Literature—Eld T W Anderson, A L McCurry, B A Beadle, and W H Mayer.

On Home Mission—Eld. Silas Crain, E C Martin, J H Holt and James Ash.

On Sunday-school—C P Pearson, A S Mazy and J L Clower.

On Foreign Mission—B A Beadle, G F Mayer and C Smith.

To nominate an Executive Board—Tom W Anderson jr., Silas Crain, W T Crain, F L Fox and S Bennett.

Adjourned till 8:30 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met and opened with prayer by Eld. Wm Blake. Minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and adopted.

Committee on Divine service reported that Eld C P Pearson would preach at the Methodist church at 11 o'clock a. m, to-day, Eld. A J Holt at same same church at night and Eld. S J Anderson to colored people at their church.

The following corresponding messengers were appointed, to-wit :

To Rehoboth Association, H Petty, Elds. T W Anderson and H M Terry.

To Sister Grove Association, H Petty.

To North Sulphur Association, Elds. Silas Crain, Z T Eaton H M Terry.

To Texarkana Association, Eld. Silas Crain,

To General Association. H Petty, Z T Eaton and Tom W Anderson jr.

Eld. Silas Crain was appointed to write Letters of correspondence.

The former Treasurer not having sent up his report, Bro. H Petty agreed to have him forward it at once to clerk of Association that it might be inserted in the minutes.

The following committees reported with appended results, to-wit :

Rules of Decorum, adopted see report No 2.

Ministerial Support, adopted see report No 3.

Home Mission, adopted see report No 4.

On motion a Missionary Mass Meeting was called to be held at 10:30 o'clock a. m. to-morrow at the Methodist church and the following programme was adopted:

1. Eld. Silas Crain as chairman.
2. Reading singing and prayer.
3. Address by Eld. Z T Eaton.
4. Song.
5. Address by Eld. S J Anderson.
6. Song.
7. Address by Eld. J H Holt.
8. Adjourn.

Adjourned to 2 :30. p m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met and was opened with prayer by Eld. C P Pearson.

The following reports were presented and acted on as stated:

Colored Population, amended and adopted. (See report No. 5.)

Religious Literature, adopted. (See report No. 6.)

Foreign Mission, adopted. (See report No. 7.)

A collection of \$19.00 for Foreign Missions was taken up.

Sunday Schools, amended and adopted. (See report No. 8.)

To Nominate a Missionary Board, adopted. (See report No. 9.)

A Special Committee, adopted. (See report No. 10.)

Committee on Finance, adopted. (See report No, 11)

The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That the clerk be requested to superintend the printing and distribution of 300 copies of the minutes, and that he receive \$5.00 for his services.

RESOLVED, That we tender our thanks to the brethren and citizens of Annona for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during our stay among them.

RESOLVED, That this body is in hearty sympathy with the management of the Buckner Orphan Home and urge upon our brethren and sisters the importance of aiding in the support of those 50 orphan children now in the Home.

Adjourned to meet at Mass Meeting, at 10:30 a. m., tomorrow.

SUNDAY'S SERVICE.

The mass meeting was very well attended and after the above published programme had been gone through with, the following amounts were raised for Home Mission in cash and pledges to-wit:

Cash \$16.95. W E Conly \$10 00; Tom W Anderson jr. \$10 00; Eld. T W Anderson and wife \$25 00; Mrs. Lou Clark \$10 00; Eld. Silas Crain \$10 00; J J Martin \$10 00; J M Anderson \$10 00; G H Champster \$10 00; Z T Eaton \$5 00; Mrs. E J Conley \$5 00; Mrs. Addie Pope \$10 00; Paris church (per Mrs. Neathery and A J Holt) \$100 00; Eld. E C Martin \$5 00; H Petty \$5 00; Providence church No. 2, (per Z T Eaton) \$10 00; Union Grove church (per Eld. S Crain) \$25 00; Sylvian church

(per S Crain) \$15 00; Providence church No. 1 (per S Crain) 20 00; Eld. D W Perkins \$5 00; Mrs. S Crain \$2 50; B A Beadle \$5 00. Total amount of cash and pledges, \$324 45.

After preaching at night by Eld. S J Anderson the Moderator called the house to order and adjourned the Association in due form to meet with the Mt. Pleasant church Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1884.

D. W. PERKINS, Moderator.

TOM W. ANDERSON, JR., Clerk,

REPORTS.

NO. 1.—THE EXECUTIVE.

We, the Executive Board of Red River Association, submit the following report:

The Board met and organized September 3rd, 1882, and employed Eld. M Root as missionary for one month at \$50 00 per month, and determined to meet monthly at Paris.

Oct. 4th. The Board met and received the report of the missionary as follows: No. of sermons preached, 22; No. of exhortations, 15; No. of prayers, 40; No. of visits, 58; Miles traveled, 130; Churches organized, 1; Amount collected on the field, \$2.25. Continued the missionary in the field on same terms.

Nov. 17. The Board met and received report of missionary as follows: No. of sermons preached 18; No. of visits, 66; No. prayers, 35; No. of exhortations, 20; miles traveled, 100; amount collected on the field, \$4 00.

Dec. 17th. Board met and received missionary's report as follows embracing 17 days: No. of sermons, 5; Prayers, 11; Exhortations 12; Miles traveled, 62; Amount collected on the field, \$6.00. In view of the disagreeable weather the Board determined to suspend missionary operations till May next.

The Board was not able to get a quorum at the May meeting and nothing done and no other meeting was held.

The following amounts have been received by the Board:

From Sylvan church.....	\$ 9 50
" Mt. Pleasant church.....	1 00
" H M Terry, (per Hephsebeth church).....	10 00
" Annona church.....	15 00
" Providence church No. 2.....	9 25
" Union Grove church.....	1 10
" Paris church.....	67 15
" Treasurer.....	4 00
Collected by misionary in the field.....	12 25

Total\$128 25

By amount paid to missionary for two month, and seventeen days \$128 25.

Our missionary has been paid up in full and no other liabilities have been incurred by the Board.

The Board has made some effort to arrive at the truth in reference to the claim of the Rev, G F Mayer former missionary, but have been assured by the members of the former Board that employed him that there is nothing due him and your Board reports as their best information that there is nothing due said G F Mayer from Red River Association.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. FORT, Chairman,

B. F. FULLER, Secretary.

NO. 2.—RULES OF DECORUM.

Your Committee to whom was referred the business of drafting Rules of Decorum to govern this Association respectfully submit that this Association has regular Rules adopted at a previous meeting, and are to be found published in the minutes of 1880 and we recommend that they be published in our minutes each year hereafter.

D. W. PERKINS, Chairman.

NO. 3.—MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We, your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Ministerial Support would respectfully rebort the following:

Your Committee has not been able to ascertain the amount paid the pastors by all the churches.

The following show the amounts paid pasters as far as we have been able to determine: Paris \$480 00. (for half time); Blossom Prairie \$150 00. (for one-fourth time); Union Grove \$60 00 and Shamrock \$65 00.

In view of the fact that God has made it the duty of the church to preach His Gospel (through her ministers;) See Matt. 28:19. And whereas the "Lord has ordained that they that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel" 1 cor. 9:14, and whereas God has made it the duty of His people to contribute to His cause "as the Lord has prospered them," 1 cor. 16:2. We would therefore recommend that each church in this Association adopt a uniform system of contribution, so that our pastors and missionaries may be better supported and thereby enabled to give themselves "wholly to the work," wherever God has called them.

Resp'y. submitted.

Z. T. EATON, Chairman.

NO. 4.—HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission work is undergoing a crisis. More demands are now upon us for money and men than ever before. The General Association has twenty-two missionaries actively engaged at work, and there is a call for many more. Thousands of people on our frontier are entirely without Gospel preaching

and are crying unto us for assistance. In our own Association the apathy is deplorable. God will help us if we try to help ourselves. Your Committee is of the decided opinion that a more active and progressive missionary work should be inaugurated. We therefore recommend the following:

RESOLVED. That this Association try to raise Five hundred dollars for missionary work and that we invite the Superintendent of Missions to assist us in raising that amount, and that we ask the General Association to regard our association as missionary grounds and try to supply it.

Respectfully submitted.

SILAS CRAIN, Chairman.

NO. 5.—COLORED POPULATION.

Your Committee on Colored Population report as follows:

We are glad to know that our colored brethren have made such rapid progress since they have become free citizens among us in the way of Literature and Religion, but we think it is the duty of this Association to assist them in every way possible to enlighten their minds to become useful citizens among us. We accept the following amendment:

Whereas, The General Association has appointed Bro. W. H Parks to hold Ministerial Institutions among the colored brethren in the State of Texas: Therefore,

RESOLVED 1. That we heartily approve the action and pledge our co-operation in the work.

RESOLVED 2. That we cheerfully recommend Bro. Parks to the confidence of our colored brethren and urge them to give him their moral support and co-operation in the work.

Respectfully submitted.

H. M. TERRY, Chairman.

NO. 6.—RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Undoubtedly there is nothing that effects the spirituality of a christian's usefulness as religious reading, and in his devotion to God, his own welfare and his usefulness in promoting the cause of Christ. Let him select his literature properly and devote himself to reading and it is calculated to develop the highest type of a christian life. But make a mistake in this respect and the direst consequences to his spirituality may follow.

The Bible should be first in the love of a christian the prayerful study of its precious truths which is the first moment of his spirituality.

We look with pleasure upon the great success of the "Texas Baptist" in holding up the true principles of the Bible, which is the ground and pillow of the Baptist church. We also recommend the "Christian Reporter" as a periodical of great value to Baptist, and the publications of the American Baptist Publication House at Philadelpia, for Sabath-School and general reading. All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. W. ANDERSON Sr., Chairman.

NO. 9.—TO NOMINATE A BOARD.

We your Committee to select or nominate an Executive Board would recommend the following brethren: B F Fuller, Dr. J M Fort, U Hearron, J Y Sneed, J H Campbell, J R Givens H Petty.

We would further recommend Eld. J H Boyet as corresponding secretary of said Board. We would also recommend the board be located at Paris.

We would further suggest that the Association request each church to appoint (as auxillary to the Board) an agent to collect missionary money.

Respectfully submitted.

TOM W. ANDERSON, Jr., Chairman.

NO. 10.—SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Your Committee to whom was referred the investigation of the claims of Eld. G F Mayer former missionary, beg leave to report that not having the report of the Board that employed him we cannot arrive at any correct conclusion concerning the justice of his claim, and would recommend that the Association continue the Committee until it can confer with the above named Board and then report the result of said conference to the Association at its next session.

Respectfully submitted.

T. W. ANDERSON, Sr., Chairman.

NO. 11.—FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that we have received for minutes \$14 95; for Home Missions \$4 00; also voluntary contribution for minutes of \$3 70, making in all for minutes \$18 65. To which we append the Treasurer's receipt.

J. H. HOLT, Chairman.

Received of the Finance Committee the above amount.

H. PETTY, Treasurer.

NO. 12.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Treasurer at the meeting in 1882 presents the following report:

To amount received from Finance Committee	\$20 60
By cash paid for minutes.....	\$16 60
" " " Executive Board.....	4 00
Total	\$20 60

J. D. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

NO. 7.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions report that the work has peculiar claims on Texas at the present time for the following reasons, to-wit:

1. We have in Brazil Bros. Bagby and Taylor and their wives who are laboring in the Sunny clime to bring the inhabitants to Jesus, and are dependent upon their brethren and sisters in Texas to uphold them with their prayers and contributions.

2. We have in Mexico, our sister Republic, Bro. Powell and wife and Miss Maybray who have given their lives to the dusky inhabitants of that nation and are meeting with grand success, receiving numbers at almost every meeting, and having a continual revival in the church at Saltillo.

3. Bro. Keifer has sold his farm to go to Germany to preach Christ to the Germans. Within ten months of last year he had 1800 conversions and the natives flock to him in crowds to hear the Gospel preached. All these have left our own beloved State and God has placed before us an open door which we should delight to enter and thus assist by prayer and contribution to carry out the great commission of our Lord.

We recommend that these matters be laid before each of our churches and a contribution be taken in November and sent to Bro. A J Holt, Dallas, to be appropriated to our Texas Missions in Foreign Fields.

B. A. BEADLE, Chairman.

NO. 8.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

With regard to Sabbath-Schools, the teaching of the Word of God to the children and the people generally on the Lord's day in the Sabbath-school capacity, is a work that cannot be over-estimated, and that is not duly appreciated by many of us. It is the privilege of the church to impart instruction, and if a privilege, then a duty 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 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. We accept the following amendment:

Whereas, L W Coleman has been appointed by the S. S. Board, at Waco, as the S. S. Evangelist. Therefore,

RESOLVED. That we recommend Bro. Coleman to our churches and Sunday-Schools as worthy of their co-operation and confidence.

Resp'y. submitted.

C. P. PEARSON, Chairman.

Rules of Decorum.

1. After the introductory sermon shall have been preached the moderator of the next preceeding year (if present or if he be absent a moderator protem) shall call the delegates together and after prayer cause the letters from the churches to be read and a list taken of the churches and delegates by the clerk of the preceeding year if present, if not present' then by a clerk protem.

2. The Association shall elect a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer by private ballot.

3. Letters and Messengers from new churches called for.

4. Letters from corresponding Associations and visitors called for.

5. A Committee on divine service shall be appointed who shall arrange for preaching during the Association and report to the moderator who shall make a public announcement of it.

6. A committee shall be appointed to write a corresponding letter to sister Associations.

7. Call for report of Executive Committee and dispose of same.

8. Treasurer's report and settlement with Executive Board.

9. Elect an Executive Board for next year.

10. Appointing various committees by moderator.

11. Select some one to preach next introductory sermon, and a place for holding the next meeting.

12. Appoint corresponding messengers to sister Associations.

13. Every person desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject, or indulges in personal reflections; in either case, the moderator shall call him to order, and no one shall speak on the same subject oftener than twice without leave of the moderator or Association.

14. No delegate shall absent himself from the Association without permission of the moderator or Association.

15. All business shall be introduced by motion and second or in form of a resolution and decided by a majority except in anything touching fellowship in which unanimity shall be required.

16. A call shall be made for motions and resolutions.

17. These Rules may be amended at any regular meeting by a vote of a majority of the Association.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Name of Church	Post Office.	County	Pastors.	Clerks.	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Relation	Baptized	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Am't for Minutes	Am't Pledged for Home Missions	Day of Meeting
Annona.....	Annona.....	Red River.	Eld. T. W. Anderson.	T. W. Anderson, Jr	4		3				40	\$2 00	*\$90 00	2 and 4 Sunday
Blossom Prairie.	Blossom Prairie..	Lamar.....	Eld. J. H. Boyet.....	J. A. Brewer.....	2	1	3			2	65	1 75		2 Sunday
Clarksville.....	Clarksville.....	Red River.		Tom A. Carter.....				1	1	1	26			
Hepzibah.....	Minter.....	Lamar.....	D. W. Perkins.....	R. M. Smith.....	4						38	1 35		4 Sunday
Mt. Pleasant.....	Bennetts.....	Red River.	D. W. Perkins.....	E. F. Smith.....	23		3				51	2 00		1 Sunday
Paris.....	Paris.....	Lamar.....	Eld. J. H. Boyet.....	B. F. Fuller.....	2			14			2212	2 00	100 00	1 and 3 Sunday
Providence No. 1	Paris.....	Lamar.....	Silas Crain.....	J. R. Givens.....	10	2	15	2			58		20 00	3 Sunday
Providence No. 2	Bogota.....	Red River.	Z. T. Eaton.....	D. A. Morief.....	6		1	2		1	32	2 00	10 00	2 Sunday
Pine Springs.....	Isaaca.....	Red River.		J. L. Clowers.....		1		21			2	23	1 00	
Shamrock.....	Bagwell.....	Red River.	J. E. Horner.....	George Thompson..								35		4 Sunday
Sylvan.....	Sylvan.....	Lamar.....	Silas Crain.....	M. D. Bray.....				1	1	1	35	1 50	15 00	1 Sunday*
Union Grove.....	Paris.....	Lamar.....	Silas Crain.....	T. J. Anderson.....	5	22	2	4	2	59	1 00		25 00	2 Sunday

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