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PROCEEDINGS.

Red River Baptist Association met with the Baptist church at Bennett, Texas, Saturday, Sept. 5th. at 11 o'clock a. m. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. D. W. Perkins appointee, after which the Association adjourned to 2 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met with Eld. Z. T. Eaton moderator presiding. Letters from the several churches were called for and the following delegates enrolled, to wit:

Hopewell—H. J. Smith.

Shamrock—G. W. Thompson, H. Duncan, R. J. Dillon and J. F. Newsom.

Providence No. 1—Eld. W. H. Walker, Joseph Evans and J. Cisson.

Bethlehem No. 1—Elders Wm. Blake, J. T. Ashly and J. R. Jennings.

Paris—Eld. H. C. Rosaman, J. M. Fort, B. F. Fuller, H. Petty, Eld. F. E. Beck and J. Y. Sneed.

Dodson—Eld. Thomas Whitten, C. C. Whitten and W. W. Welch.

Mission Grove—Elder Silas Crain and W. H. Anderson.

Mt. Pleasant No. 1—Elders D. W. Perkins, C. P. Pearson, A. B. Veteto, J. E. Han, J. Holt and S. F. Smith

Kelcedonia—Eld. N. B. Terry, T. M. Garret and T. C. Davis.

Little Pine Creek—Robt. Stewart, J. W. Robertson and J. M. Upchurch.

Red Oak—G. W. Davis, E. C. Allen and B. P. Roark, and J. E. Anderson, alt.

Bennett—R. W. Freeman, R. D. Moody and J. M. Nix.

Liberty—Devi Carter, L. C. Taylor, J. W. Patterson,

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On Temperance.—Elds. N. B. Terry, F. E. Beck, Wm. Blake and Bro. S. W. Harman.

The committee on temperance were instructed to report at 3 o'clock p. m. to-morrow, which report was made the special order of business at that hour. Adjourned to 3 p. m. to-morrow.

SUNDAY SESSION.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met at appointed time and proceeded to the special order of business which was the reception of the report on Temperance, which was discussed by S. W. Harman, C. H. Hobbs, J. W. Albright et. al. On motion of C. H. Hobbs pending the discussion of said report, at 4 o'clock the rules were suspended and the hour then granted to Dr. J. S. Burton, for the purpose of a prohibition speech, and after a very interesting and enthusiastic discourse of an hour the Association resumed business and the report was adopted. Adjourned to 8:30 p. m. to-morrow.

Divine service on Sunday was conducted as follows: Elder S. J. Anderson preached at the Baptist church and Elder E. A. Puthuff at the Methodist church at 11 a. m., and at night, Elder A. J. Holt at Baptist church and Elder A. B. Veteto at Methodist church.

MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Association met at 8:30 a. m. Elder J. M. Madding from Olney (Ill.) Association, was invited to a seat with us as a visitor. The minutes of previous meetings were read and adopted. Elder Thomas Whitten was elected to preach the next introductory sermon and Elder Silas Crain his alternate.

Center Springs church was selected as the next place for holding the next annual meeting of this association.

The missionary report which had been laid over from Saturday was read and adopted. Report on religious Literature was read and adopted. Report on Executive board, read and adopted. Report on queries and resolutions adopted. Report on foreign missions ably

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discussed by Elders E. A. Puthuff and S. J. Anderson after which a collection of cash \$6.85 and pledges (see elsewhere) was taken up and the report unanimously adopted. Report on Home Missions discussed by Elders Crain, Holt and Anderson and a collection of cash \$7.25 and pledges to be paid quarterly (see list elsewhere) was taken up and the report adopted. On motion the cash collections for Home Missions was turned over to the Executive Board.

Adjourned to 2:30 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met at 1:30 p. m.

The committee on Sunday schools reported, which report was amended by requesting each church to send a report of Sunday-Schools in their letters to the association hereafter.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that where the cause for discord, disunion and disruption has been removed from any Baptist church within the bounds of this Association we cordially invite all such Baptists within our bounds to join us in the great work incumbent upon us as Baptists.

Report on correspondence read and adopted and the following messengers were appointed: To Sister Grove Association, H. Petty; To North Sulphur Association, Elder J. W. Albright and J. H. Holt; To Texarkana Association, Elder Z. T. Eaton; To Rehoboth Association, Elders C. P. Pearson and W. H. Walker; To General Association, Elders Silas Crain, Z. T. Eaton, J. W. Albright, and H. Petty. Report on Ministerial support read and adopted. Report on colored population read and adopted. Report on finance read and adopted. The following resolutions read and adopted.

Resolved, that we authorize and request our clerk to publish the minutes of our call session last March with the minutes of this session and that he have 600 copies of our minutes published and distributed among the churches.

Resolved that the Treasurer be instructed to turn

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REPORT ON EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your committee to whom was entrusted the appointment of an Executive Board would respectfully recommend the following:

S. W. Harman, Chairman; Tom A. Carter, J. P. Dale, Tom W. Anderson, Jr., J. H. Sharp, J. M. Nix, J. H. Holt, B. F. Fuller.

We would further recommend the Board to be located at Clarksville.

Respectfully submitted,
T. W. ANDERSON, Sr., Chairman.

To the Red River Association:

Your Committee on Queries and Resolutions beg leave to make the following report:

QUERY.—1st. What should be done with a member of our church when grave charges have been brought against him and he duly notified of the fact, and never comes about, but goes and joins another church, after the knowledge that he was excluded?

2nd. What of a preacher, who is acquainted with the fact, that will receive and lay hands on him in ordination.

ANSWER.—1st. We recommend that the church who received said member should rescind her action in accepting him into membership, placing the brother back where he was when accepted by the second church.

2nd. A preacher who was cognizant of such fact and who would receive and lay hands on him in ordination, in the opinion of your committee, would act illegally and unbaptistic, and should be severely reprimanded.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom A. Carter, D. W. Perkins, J. F. Sneed, R. W. Draper, C. C. Whitten, Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Red River Baptist Association:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to say that although we, as a body, have not made any organized effort in the great field of Foreign Missions, still as individuals and as Baptists, we have not lost sight of this great work. We have beheld with great joy and satisfaction, and thankfulness to God that the bearers of the cross, borne by Baptist hands and supported by Baptist funds, and sustained by Baptist prayers, have reached every clime and every shore, but especial interest has centered in our missions on our own continent, and we believe that Bagby and Taylor,

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in Brazil, and Powell, in Mexico, have kindled a flame that shall not cease to glow, but shall light up the whole land of the Empire and of the Republic.

We believe that men are saved alone through belief and faith in Christ, and how shall those people that sit in the region and shadow of darkness believe on Him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear unless we send the message of salvation to them? We hope this Association will never lose interest in this heavenly work, but whenever occasion offers substantial aid may always be afforded, as one of our highest duties as Baptists and lovers of Christ.

B. F. FULLER, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN: We, your committee on Home Missions, beg leave to submit the following: That, while we recognize it as our duty to aid in carrying the glad news of salvation to all the world, we feel under especial obligation to put forth a united effort to carry the gospel to the destitute parts of our own Association. We therefore recommend the following: That this Association resolve to raise sufficient money to sustain a missionary in our own bounds, and that our Association have or take charge of its own mission work, to the extent that our executive board have power to appoint its own missionary and the said missionary make report to said board. And in view of the fact that our mission work under the superintendency of the General Association has been exceedingly prosperous, we, therefore, recommend that our association invite the hearty co-operation of the General Association in this grand work, and to aid us if necessary to occupy this territory, and we hereby express our willingness and determination to co-operate with that body in the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

SILAS CRAIN, Chairman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We, your committee, report as follows: Inasmuch as we consider that the Sunday-school is the mission of the church, if properly conducted, we recommend to every church so far as is practicable to organize a Sabbath-school, consisting of all the adults and children that are available, and that a superintendent and teachers that are sound in the faith as delivered to the saints be selected to conduct them. And we would further recommend that the Bible or such literature as teaches the pure doctrine of the Bible be selected as their literature.

Respectfully submitted,
C. P. PEARSON,
Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows: That, as the Scriptures clearly teach that the ministry is of Divine appointment, and that they who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the ministers of this Association preach at least one sermon during this Associational year on the support of the ministry, and instruct their people generally on this subject according to the Scriptures of Divine truth. W. H. WALKER, Chairman.

REPORT ON COLORED POPULATION.

We, your committee, report the following: That we recognize it as a fact that the colored people among us are in great need of religious training, and that it is our duty as God's people to put them in the way of life; and we recommend that our ministers preach to them when they have an opportunity to do so, and that our lay-brethren be requested to sustain them with their influence when they thus attempt to instruct them.

Respectfully submitted, SILAS CRAIN, Chairman.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, report that we have received for minutes, \$39 35.

Respectfully submitted. F. E. BECK, Chairman.

AMOUNTS PLEDGED FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Sulphur Springs Church	2 50
T W Anderson, jr., Annona	10 00
J H Holt, Deepport	10 00
Eld T W Anderson, Annona	10 00
Mrs Columbia Anderson, Annona	10 00
Eld Silas Crain, Sylvan	10 00
Eld N B Terry, Woodland	10 00
Robt Steward, Woodland	10 00
Eld J E Horner, Bogota	10 00
T A Carter, Clarksville	10 00
Dr R D Moody, Bennett	10 00
J N Miller	5 00
Eld A J Holt, Dallas (paid)	5 00
Eld Z T Eaton, Davis	5 00
J M Cagle	5 00
Eld R Blanchard	5 00
Eld R Wharton, Paris	5 00
R W Draper, Chicota	5 00
G W Cavis, Bennett	5 00
H J Smith, Clarksville	5 00

M H Hull, Clarksville	5 00
S J Perry, Deepport	5 00
Sister J M Rayburn	5 00
J T Buckhannan, Chicota	4 00
R J Dillen, Bagwell	5 00
J W Patterson, Bennet	5 00
E F Smith, Deepport	5 00
J L Wright, Mosely	5 00
Chas Hoover	5 00
J W May	5 00
A P Rhoads, Deepport	5 00
E C Allen, Blossom Prairie	5 00
B P Roark, Bennett	5 00
J K Hardcastle	5 00
P D Hall, Annona	5 00
J L Clowers, Isaaca	5 00
N O Maseey, Mosely	5 00
D B White, Chicota	5 00
H M Terry, Pattonville	5 00
J F Cagle, Bennett	5 00
J W Aibright, Blossom Prairie	5 00
J W Barnett	5 00
Jas Lamb	5 00
Sister S E Crain, Sylvan	5 00
Sister S F Terry, Woodland	5 00
Sister R W Draper, Chicota	5 00
" E F Smith, Deepport	5 00
" Z T Eaton, Davis	5 00
" S A Wright, Mosely	5 00
" M P Gatlin	5 00
Miss Hallie Moody, Bennett	2 00
Sylvan Church	15 00
J W Robertson	2 00
R W Freeman, Bennett	2 00
J E Han, Deepport	2 00
D W Perkins, Deepport	2 00
J Q Allison, Paris	5 00
Sister J Q Allison	5 00
Eld A B Veteto, Deepport	2 00
S Whitly, Bennett	2 00
J J Fortner, Fulbright	2 00
J M Upchurch, Woodland	2 00
Eld Wm Blake, Clarksville	2 00
J M Nix, Bennett	5 00
W J McLain, Bagwell	2 00
Paris Church	20 00

Total pledged for Home Mission.....\$ 368 50

AMOUNTS PLEDGED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Antioch Church, Mosely.....	\$ 10 00
Davis Lenox, Bennett.....	10 00
Annona Church, Annona.....	10 00
Hopewell Church.....	10 00
Providence No 2.....	5 00
Bennett Church.....	10 00
Paris Church.....	10 00
Mt Pleasant No 1 (paid \$1).....	10 00
Clairmount.....	5 00
Blanton's Creek (paid \$1).....	5 00
Horse Prairie.....	2 00
Red Oak.....	10 00
Pine Springs.....	3 00
Slate Shoals.....	5 00
H M Terry, Pattenville.....	5 00
Liberty Church.....	10 00
Little Pine Creek, Woodland.....	5 00
Bethlehem No 1.....	5 00
New Home.....	2 50
J M Rayburn.....	2 50
Mt Pleasant No 2.....	4 00
Providence No 1.....	10 00
Dodson Church.....	2 50
Pilgrim's Rest, Garretts.....	1 50
Silas Crain (paid \$1).....	5 00
Center Springs, Chicota.....	5 00
Shamrock, Bagwell.....	5 00
Clarksville, Clarksville.....	10 00
J P Rhoads, Deepport.....	5 00
Eld Wm Blake, Clarksville.....	2 00
Eld Z T Eaton, Davis.....	5 00
Total pledges for Foreign Mission.....	\$190 00

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1st. Preaching the introductory sermon.
- 2nd. Call for letters from different churches and enroll delegates.
- 3rd. Election of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
- 4th. Appointing Committee on Divine Service and Finance.
- 5th. Call for letters and messengers from new churches.
- 6th. Call for corresponding Messengers and visitors.
- 7th. Appoint committee on correspondence.
- 8th. Call for report of Executive Committee.

- 9th. Call for treasurer's report and settle with Executive Board.
- 10th. Missionary report.
- 11th. Appointing various committees by Moderator.
- 12th. Elect by ballot some one to preach next introductory sermon.
- 13th. Select a place for holding the next annual meeting.
- 14th. Appoint corresponding messengers.
- 15th. Call report of different committees.
- 16th. Motions and resolutions.
- 17th. Adjournment.

 CALLED SESSION

March 28, 1885.

Pursuant to call previously made by the Executive Board and concurred in by the Moderator, Red River Association met in call session with Antioch Church at 10 o'clock a. m.

Elder J W Albright, Missionary for the Association, preached the introductory sermon; at the close of which the following members were found to be present from their respective churches:

Annona---Elders Z T Eaton, and G F Mayer, T W Anderson, Jr., and J G Cornett.

Blossom Prairie---Elders A R Willett, J W Albright and J J Martin.

Hepsibah---Eld H M Terry.

Mt Pleasant---Elders D W Perkins, C P Pearson T J Bryant, J H Holt and Bro. A B Veteto.

Paris---Elder F E Beck and Henry Petty.

Providence No. 1.---Eld W H Walker.

Shamrock---H Duncan.

Sylvan---A S Mazy.

Union Grove---W H Primm, E Sanders and T J Anderson.

Dodson---C C Whitten.

Little Pine Creek---Robert Steward.

Red Oak---E C Allen, J L Kennedy and T J Williams.

Bennett---H Thompson.

Clarksville---By letter.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats and the following were enrolled:

Eld Thomas Whitten, North Sulphur; Elders S J Anderson and A J Holt, Dallas; Eld Thomas H Potts, Bonham

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator announced the following committee on Divine Service, to wit: The pastor and deacons of Antioch church and J H Holt, of Mt Pleasant church. The object of the call was stated by the Moderator as being to receive and consider the application of certain churches, who wished to unite with us, whereupon petitionary letters from the following churches were presented by the delegates as enrolled below:

Bethlehem---Eld R R Fry, J Cagle, James Cater and W R Groves.

Hopewell - J A Collins, G W Mowery, George Mowery. William Roberts and Aaron Cookston

Liberty---L C Taylor, J Scaggs, Glen Hollingsworth, J W Pitruan; E A Conly and J H Sharp Alternates.

Blanton's Creek---Elders T Martin, R Blanchard, J W Patterson, James Cagle; John Biven, Alternate.

Kelcedonia---J M Whittle, Eld N B Terry, Thomas Garrett and T C Davis; Thomas Hunt and W J Knight, Alternates.

Antioch-- S B Ridge, J W Barnett, J L Wright and R Story.

Lone Pilgrim--- --- Raynes, --- Tigue, A J Grimmet and J L Morgan.

The churches were received in the order in which they were presented and the Association extended the hand of fellowship to the delegates just received.

Addresses upon the subject of Unification were made by Elders S J Anderson, A J Holt, N B Terry and Z T Eaton.

The business of the call session being ended, the Association adjourned.

Z T EATON, Moderator,
T W ANDERSON, Jr. Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES.	P. O.	COUNTY	PASTORS	CLERKS.	Time of Meeting.....	Baptized.....	Received by Letter.....	Received b Relation.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Excluded.....	Deceased.....	Total Membership.....	Amount for Minutes.....		
Annona	Annona	Red River	Z T Eaton	J M Willburn	2 & 4	2	9	2	2	62	12	80			
Antioch	Mo. e. v	Red River	R Blanchard	J L Wright		42	17	6	3	118	2	55			
Blossom Prairie	Blossom Prairie	Lamar		G T Saunders	1st	4	3	1	2	95					
Bethlehem No 1	Clarksville	Red River	William Blake	J R Jennings	4th	17	1	2	1	85	1	50			
Bethlehem No 2	Clarksville	Red River	R Blanchard	M G McCorver	4th			2	2	28	2	0			
Bennett	Bennett	Red River	Z T Eaton	R W Freeman	1st	6	7	1	2	41	1	50			
Blanton's Creek	Bagwell	Red River	N B Terry	W J McLain		12	4	1	1	34	2	0			
Clal mont	Fujorignt	Red River	A B Vet-to	C M Patton	1st	4	2	15	3	46	1	50			
Clarksville	Clarksville	Red River	A R Willett	Tom A Carter	4 & 1	4	10			37					
Center Springs	Chicota	Lamar	Silas Crain	John Reason	1st	12	4	2	2	70	1	50			
Dodson	Emberson	Lamar	W H Walker	W W Welsh		5	10	4	1	24	1	25			
Hopewell	Clarksville	Red River	N B Terry	W W Mowsry		12		8	9	2	51	1	80		
Hephzibah	Minter	Lamar	D W Perkins	R M Smith	2nd	5	1	4	2	55	1	15			
Horse Prairie	Paris	Lamar	R Wharton	L C Lamb	3rd					5		50			
Kelceonia	Woodland	Red River	T T Martin	T M Garrett	3rd	1		3	1	66	2	0			
Liberty	Ben. ett	Red River	N B Terry	L C Faylor	2nd	15	4	2	3	4	1	78			
Little Pine Creek	Woodland	Red River	W H Walker	J M Upchurch	3rd	11	1			29		1	00		
Mt. Pleasant No 1	Deepport	Lamar	D W Perkins	E F Smith	1st	33	23		9	1	114	2	00		
Mt. Pleasant No 2	Machest r	Red River	N B Terry	J P Martin	3rd	11	0	2	4	1	24	1	85		
New Home	Paris	Lamar	Robt Wharton	J T Gatlin	1st	3						7	100		
Providence No 1	Paris	Lamar	Silas Crain	A M Lockard		17	4		4			57	1	00	
Pine Springs	Isaaca	Red River		J L Clowers								25			
Providence No 2	Bogota	Red River	J E Horner	J V Mc oil ch	4th	21	4		3			53	1	25	
Paris	Paris	Lamar	H C Roseman	B F Fuller	all	14	6		25	1	224	2	00		
Pilgrims Rest	Garretts	Lamar		A J Hartgroves								11	50		
Red Oak	Blossom Prairie	Lamar		B P Rourk	4th	9	9	4	5	5	1	52	1	00	
Shamrock	Bagwell	Red River	Z T Eaton	G W Thompson	4th	8	6		1	1		37	1	50	
Sylvan	Sylvan	Lama	Z T Eaton	J M F Graves	3rd				1			32	1	00	
State Shoals	Paris	Lamar	R Whorton	J B Billingy	2nd							31	1	50	
Sulphar Springs	Clarksville	Red River	T T Martin	Z T Edmonds	3rd							10	50		
Union Groves	Paris	Lamar		T J Anderson	2nd					10	2	2	41	1	50

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