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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Reading letters and enrolling names of messengers.
3. Election of officers.
4. Petitioning letters.
5. Invite and return correspondents.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE—DIVINE SERVICE.

1. On local or home missions.
2. On education.
3. On religious literature.
4. On Sunday schools.
5. On temperance.
6. On finance.
7. On state missions.
8. On foreign missions.
9. On aged minister's relief.
10. On nominations.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

- A. Hearing treasurer's report.
- B. Hearing report of executive board.
- C. Hearing report of committees in their order.
- D. Miscellaneous business.

MINUTES OF THE RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

FIRST DAY.

The Red River Baptist association met for its annual meeting with Pilgrims Rest Baptist church.

The meeting was called to order by the former moderator and Eld. F. M. McConnell who had been appointed to preach the introductory sermon being absent and his alternate also absent the body appointed Eld. E. B. Hardie to preach the sermon, who preached from John xvii chap., 15th verse. "I pray not that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil." Adjourned until 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 o'clock p. m., met pursuant to adjournment.

The former clerk being absent, the moderator appointed Eld. C. A. Worley clerk pro tem. Prayer by Eld. J. E. Whitson, Eld. T. C. Holt and Rev. Geo. B. Dean were appointed reading clerks. The letters from the churches were read, and the messengers names enrolled as appears in the statistical table After which the association was organized by electing George B. Dean, moderator; Eld. C. A. Worley, clerk; and W. B. Terry, treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for, when Oak Grove, Binion Lake and Wards Lake churches presented letters, and being found sound in doctrine, the churches were received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to their messengers by the moderator and they took seats in the body.

By motion the association agreed to suspend business for preaching at 7:30 p. m., also at 11 a. m. The

moderator appointed the Deacons of Pilgrims Rest churche with Eld. N. B. Terry a committee on Divine service.

Rev. J. F. Cagle requested a committee to investigate the condition of Blantons Creek church, pending discussion on this motion Eld. T. C. Holt offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, This association in its functions can only be advisory in matters of discipline in local churches, and whereas, there is a complaint against Blanton's Creek church by a member of Midway church. Be it resolved, that it is the advice of this body that it is the duty of Midway church to appoint a committee to labor with said Blanton's Creek church, and if necessary ask aid from sister churches to settle their trouble.

The committee on Divine service reported that Eld. Charles Hoover preach at night. Adjourned until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by Eld. I. N. Franks.

Friday morning 8 o'clock all met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. C. P. Pierson.

Visiting brethren were invited to give their names and take seats with us; Eld. J. G. Nash, president of the Sherman female institute; Eld. E. B. Hardie, agent of the Texas Baptist and Herald of Dallas and Eld. Chas. Hoover from Lamar association gave their names and took seats with us.

The moderator appointed the following committee:

On Religious Literature:—E. M. Posey, B. Kilmer and G. W. Barns.

On Local Missions:—J. F. Whitson, J. H. Sharp, and J. McGreger.

On State Missions:—T. S. Lennox, G. H. Campster and B. F. Neal.

On Foreign Missions:—E. C. Martin, G. J. Flippo and L. R. Medford.

On Aged Missions:—I. H. Lawson, W. H. Lee and G. W. Pinson.

On Home Missions:—S. W. Harman, J. W. Patterson and S. W. Lindsay.

On Sunday Schools:—W. W. Lawson, K. L. Keen and J. S. Stephens.

On Education:—C. P. Pierson, A. G. Pittman and G. W. Thompson.

On Temperance:—T. C. Holt, J. F. Cagle and R. N. Edwards.

On Finance.—W. F. Dodd, S. S. Gardner, J. P. Martin and H. C. Hill.

On Nominations:—N. B. Terry, P. H. Senter and I. N. Franks.

On Revolutions:—S. W. Harman, John Atkinson and J. M. Senter.

On Obituaries:—P. H. Senter, T. S. Lennox and W. B. Terry.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the committee on Divine Service reported that Eld. C. P. Pierson

would preach, the association adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m., prayer by Eld. T. C. Holt.

The association then listened to a sermon from Rev. Pierson, from Genesis 32 chap., 17th vers. "Whose art thou? and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee?"

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock p. m., met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. Whitson. Called for report of the missionary board who reported as follows:

Shortly after the adjournment of the last session of the association three members of the board met and organized by electing Tom A. Carter, Chairman and Judge H. H. Lennox, Secretary; and requested the secretary to notify all the churches and request them to forward to the secretary the amount of their pledges, responses came slowly and we failed until after repeated efforts to collect money sufficient to employ a missionary until late in the season, we also decided not to employ one until we had means sufficient to pay, we also tried to raise a fund to buy literature and connect the missionary work with the colportage, but in this we failed. We finally employed Eld. N. B. Terry at fifty dollars per month, who went immediately into the field, and we refer to his report for particulars. We required him to report to the board monthly, which he did, and his work being satisfactory he was continued until now.

C. A. WORLEY,
T. S. LENNOX,
T. C. HONEYCUTT.

Missionaries report called for and he reported as follows:

I was employed by the board on the 15th day of June at fifty dollars per month. I commenced work on the 30th and have worked 58 days, traveled 460 miles, preached 72 sermons, made 20 religious visits, witnessed 44 conversions, baptised 32, organized one church, received 25 members into other churches. I collected on the field \$49.00, the board has settled with me for my work.
N. B. TERRY.

Reports of committees were then called for and received in following order:

COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We your committee on associational missions beg leave to report that the subject demands our sympathy and most serious consideration. From facts gathered, we learn of our work the last year that Brother Terry has labored 58 days, traveled 460 miles preached 72 sermons, witnessed 44 conversions, baptised 32, made 20 visits, collected on the field \$48.00, received from the board \$64 50. Our destitution is great and we recommend greater efforts and that the work be prosecuted to a greater extent and that we try to keep an efficient worker in the field all the time.

J. F. WHITSON,
W. T. MCGREGER,
J. II. SHARP.

COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

We are happy to say that the state mission work has greatly increased the last associational year, it is as follows:

Missionary employed 143 increase over last year,	- - - -	22
Days labored 27,365, increase over last year	- - - -	4223
Stations supplied 730, increase over last year	- - - -	20
Miles traveled 237,460, increase over last year	- - - -	37,411

Sermons preached 19,778, increase over last year	- - - -	1,418
Churches organized 107, increase over last year	- - - -	4
Members received 6,041, increase over last year	- - - -	1,928
Conversions 3,812, increase over last year	- - - -	1,193
Prayer meetings 3,447, increase over last year	- - - -	255
Pages literature distributed 814,693, increase over last year	- - - -	291,884
Religious visits 31,682, increase over last year	- - - -	3,071
Church houses built	- - - -	33
Cost	- - - -	\$22,426.00
Books and Bibles distributed	- - - -	\$ 2,555.00
Collections for state missions	- - - -	\$35,510.35

The work in the west especially in the Panhandle has been greatly blest. So with these gratifying results let us take courage and not forget to thank and praise God. We recommend a hearty co-operation of this association with the state work.

T. S. LENNOX,
G. H. CAMPSTER,
B. F. NEAL.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on home missions submit; that the field occupied by the home mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention includes the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Cuba, about 10,000 people were added to the Baptist church during the last year under and through the immediate work of the home mission board. While we do not disparage nor do we wish to cripple any other department of our denominational work, yet we humbly believe that the work of the home mission board is the paramount work of our denomination. Our reasons for so believing are the following. The body of Baptist composing the Southern Baptist Convention is said to be and in our humble judgment is the soundest in doctrine and practice of the Baptist church of any people on earth. And from this field must be drawn our foreign missionaries and should be sound in the Baptist faith to teach and inculcate the doctrine in heathen and papal lands. And because the Roman Catholics are concentrating all their forces in America especially in the United States, therefore it is the duty of this association and every one in it to do all in our power to assist the home mission board in holding up our saviour and him crucified so that our deluded Catholic friends may see the

true religion of Jesus and the result will be instead of America being converted to Rome, Rome will be converted to Christ. And we hope and pray that this association will do more than ever before.

S. W. HARMAN,
J. W. PATTERSON,
S. W. LINDSAY.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

That we consider foreign missions of vast importance and we believe each one should feel interested in the enterprise and contribute cheerfully for its support, and we recommend pastors to preach to their churches on the subject and take collections at least once a year.

E. C. MARTIN,
G. J. FLIPPO,
L. R. MEDFORD.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

From what we can learn from the letters from the church, the Sunday interest is greatly increasing. We recommend that the pastor and the churches be still more zealous, we believe that each church, when rightly working is a school in itself and should meet regular to instruct and teach the scriptures, and if they have no pastor let them teach as a school and let them use the Bible as their text-book and that much good will result from the practice.

W. W. LAWSON,
K. L. KEEN,
J. F. STEPHENS.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the committee on Divine Service reported that there would be a Sunday school mass-meeting at 9:30 in the morning to be conducted by W. W. Lawson and K. L. Keen, to be followed by an address by Judge Harmon, also appointed J. F. Whitson to preach at candle light. Adjourned with prayer by J. M. McGregor.

EVENING SESSION.

After listening to a very able sermon by J. F. Whitson from 2nd Cor., 3 chap., 1st, 2nd and 3rd vers., the association was called to order by the moderator and reports of committees heard.

TREASURER REPORT AS FOLLOWS.

In hands of treasurer October 13th 1890,	- - - - -	\$ 103 00
Received of Liberty Church,	- - - - -	2 50
Received of New Hope Church,	- - - - -	60

Total, - - - - - \$ 106 10

Paid former clerk	- - - - -	\$ 10 00
Paid J. C. Cranfield agent of state missions,	- - - - -	26 30
Paid J. M. Carrott agent of foreign missions,	- - - - -	87 00
Paid Stanley & Myers for printing minutes,	- - - - -	21 50
Balance on hand,	- - - - -	11 30

Total, - - - - - \$ 106 10

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS.

For Foreign Missions,	- - - - -	\$ 29 90
For Home Missions,	- - - - -	30 60
For Orphans Home,	- - - - -	18 40
For State Missions,	- - - - -	16 55
For Associations Missions,	- - - - -	14 30
For Aged Ministers Relief,	- - - - -	2 25
For Printing Minutes,	- - - - -	31 43

Total, - - - - - \$142 55

Upon the adoption of the several reports on missions collections were taken up, also a collection at the close of the sermon on Sunday which amounts are included in the finance report—

CLERK.

The committees on aged ministers and temperance presented the same reports that had been presented and printed in the minutes of last year, which were adopted.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

The committee on nominations presented their report which after being amended was adopted as follows :

We recommend that the missionary board be located at Annona, and that it be composed of B. Hardison, I. H. Lawson, T. A. Honeycutt and F. M. Crow, and that they meet monthly, and that any member of a church belonging to this association who may be present at any meeting with a contribution from his church may be, and is recognized as a member of the board for that meeting, and any three members present shall constitute a quorum to transact business upon the adoption of this report, the following pledges were given.

Lonè Oak Church,	- - - - -	\$ 2 00
Pilgrims Rest Church,	- - - - -	50 00
T. A. Honeycutt,	- - - - -	2 50
Binion Lake,	- - - - -	2 00
Concord Church,	- - - - -	10 00
Hopewell Church,	- - - - -	2 50
Providence No. 2,	- - - - -	5 00
Savannah,	- - - - -	1 00
Deans Chaple,	- - - - -	15 00

N. B. TERRY, FOR THE COMMITTEE.

The association then selected White Oak church for the next meeting to be held on Saturday, October 1st 1892, at 10 o'clock a. m. J. F. Whitson to preach the introductory sermon and D. P. Mace to be his alternate.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee on education reported as follows: "In view of the growing necessity for education in every department business in life, we recommend the use of all the available to increase education among us, and especially in view of the prevalence of false doctrine, and heresy disseminated in the country do we recommend a thorough education for the ministry, and also that they be educated thoroughly in theology as well as a scientific course, we also recommend the support of our high schools and colleges under the control of the Baptist denomination."

C. P. PIERSON,
A. G. PITTMAN,
G. W. THOMPSON.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We hold and recommend that the Bible should be read and studied, and obeyed in preference to and above all other books. We further recommend the patronage and reading by our people of religious books and papers published by our denomination.

G. W. BARNES.
B. KILMER.

The missionary board was requested and authorized to correspond with the agent of state missions and cooperate with said state board in the missionary work. The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, that this association tender a vote of thanks to the members of Pilgrims Rest church, and the citizens of Annona, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have maintained and supported this association.

On motion we agree to have the minutes printed and the clerk was appointed to superintend the printing, and distribute them, and was allowed ten dollars for his services.

The committee on Divine Service appointed C. A. Worley to preach at 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday morning and Eld. E. B. Hardie at 3 o'clock p. m. Adjourned to meet with the White Oak church ten miles south of Clarksville, on Saturday, October the 1st, 1892.

GEO. C. DEAN,

MODERATOR.

C. A. WORLEY,

CLERK.

Sunday Services at 9:30. A Sunday school mass-meeting. Judge S. W. Harman delivered an able address on the voyage of life, and pointed out the dangers incident to the youth, and the necessity of proper training. At 11 o'clock C. A. Worley preached from Proverbs xxx chap., 18 and 19 verses.

The sermons throughout the meeting were delivered with zeal and ability. The congregations were large, and appreciative, and we hope much good to result as throughout the business harmony, characterised the proceedings.

The clerk was sick on Sunday and was not present to hear Brother Hardie, and did not learn his subject.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES	NAMES	POSTOFFICES
N B Terry, Detroit.		T M Garrett, Manchester.	
G W Barnes, Detroit.		E C Martin, English.	
G W Duncan, Detroit.		John McElroy, English.	
C A Worley, Clarksville		J E Horner, Bogota.	
J F Whitson, Detroit.		C P Pearson, Deport.	
I N Franks, Manchester.		R Wharton, Deport.	
J N Cagle, Detroit.		D P Mace, Lydia.	
A G Pittman, Cuthand.		G W Braddock, Manchester.	
W F Beadle, Manchester.		G B Ferguson, Bogota.	
K L Keen, Isaaca.		J B Stanfield, Box Elder.	
Eld. Oldham, Clarksville.		J W Bell, Fulbright.	
R R Fry, Rosalie.		J B Traylor, Clarksville.	
J M Wilson Clarksville.		F M McConnell, Clarksville.	
T C Holt, Annona.			



OBITUARIES.

Brother R. A. Guthrie died February 3rd, 1891, a member of Liberty church six years, and a Zealous Christian.

Sister Sealey Causey died September 29th, 1891 had been a consistent member for ten years.

Brother T. A. Carter, a member of Clarksville church was clerk of the church at the time of his death; had been moderator of Red River association several times, and was its last clerk; he was Deacon of the church, and a useful and zealous worker in the church.

Sister Lukie Rabeliff a member of Wards Lake church died August 26th, 1891.

Martha J. Harris died November 22nd, 1890, aged 78 years; had been a member of the Baptist church over 60 years.

Brother N. B. Duncan died September 23rd, 1891, a member of Sham Rock; age 48 years.

Brother T. W. Bruce, clerk of White Oak church, died last February, had been a member of the church fifteen years.

Sister Mattie B. Gaines, a member of Pilgrims Rest church twelve years, aged twenty-four.

Sister S. F. Terry, wife of Eld. N. B. Terry, died January 28th, 1891, a member of Deans Chapel, had been a member for fifteen years, the church and the denomination sustains a great loss in the death of so zealous a worker.

Sister Elizabeth Moore, a member of Kelsedonia, died March 6th, 1891. She was 80 years old, had been a member over fifty years.

Brother Geo. E. Richardson, a member of Midway, died in October, 1890.

Brother J. R. Richardson, a Deacon of Midway church died March 9th, 1891, had been a member sixteen years, age 36.