

MINUTES
OF THE
Fifty-Seventh Annual Session
OF THE
RED RIVER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with the Bogata Baptist Church at Bogata,
Texas, Sept. 6-7-8, 1900.

OFFICERS :

C. A. WORLEY, Moderator,
W. W. LAWSON, Clerk,
I. H. LAWSON, Treasurer.

The next annual session of this Association will be
held with Lydia Baptist Church, beginning at 10 a. m.
on Thursday before 2nd Lord's day in September, 1901.

Order of Business.

- 1st. Introductory sermon.
- 2nd. Reading letters and enrolling names of messengers.
- 3rd. Election of officers.
- 4th. Petitionary letters.
- 5th. Invite and return correspondence.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES—DIVINE SERVICE.

- 1st. On County Missions.
- 2nd. On Home Missions.
- 3rd. On Education.
- 4th. On Denominational Literature.
- 5th. On Sunday Schools.
- 6th. On Temperance.
- 7th. On Finance.
- 8th. On State Missions.
- 9th. On Foreign Missions.
- 10th. On Aged Ministers Relief.
- 11th. On Nominations.
- 12th. On Buekner Orphan Home.
- 13th. On State of Religion.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

- (a) Hearing Treasurer's Report.
- (b) Hearing report of Executive Board.
- (c) Hearing reports of committees in their order.
- (d) Miscellaneous business.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Red River Baptist Association met in its fifty-seventh annual session with the Bogata church at 10 o'clock A. M., on Thursday, Sept. 6th, 1900, and was called to order by the Moderator, G. B. Dean, who read the 12th chapter of Romans and Elder C. A. Worley led in prayer.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. T. Durham, from Nehemiah 6-3.

C. A. Worley and W. C. James were appointed reading clerks and letters from the following churches were read and their messengers enrolled as follows:

Fulbright:—Elder R. Blanchard, Elder J. M. Bell, J. N. Miller and T. R. Lassiter.

Bogata:—Elder J. E. Horner, C. J. Moore, C. M. Patton and M. L. Warren.

Annona:—Elder Thomas C. Holt, Elder N. B. Terry, Billie Woods and R. C. Mahon.

Valley Grove:—Elder E. C. Martin.

Clarksville:—Elder S. B. Caloway, S. W. Harmon, W. C. James and Sister W. C. James.

Salem:—Elder W. J. Bell, H. C. Hill, J. C. Burge, J. W. Clifton, W. C. Lum and Eddie Burge.

White Oak:—J. M. Wright.

Pine Branch:—Elder C. A. Worley and B. F. Dickson.

Bethlehem:—R. Kidd.

Bethel:—W. F. Brooks, Joe Hutchinson and E. A.

Snell.

Lydia:—R. Stewart.

Concord:—Sisters Lula Clark and S. E. Barnett,

and W. M. Barnett and J. T. Pace.

Shamrock:—J. W. Martin and Sister M. C. Martin.

Albion:—George Terry and F. J. Miller.

Liberty:—W. S. Causey.

Pilgrim's Rest:—I. H. Lawson, W. W. Lawson, E.

K. Russell, P. W. Stovall, W. M. Parker and Sister M.

O. Brown.

Bethany:—B. Kilmer and Emma Kilmer.

Brewster Prairie:—J. F. Shiry, J. M. Hubbard

and Sister Ford.

Mount Pleasant:—W. H. Lee, B. F. Neal, A. J.

Neal and Sister E. J. Lee.

Macedonia:—W. H. Dodd, Lee Hinson, Elder

Charles A. Powell.

Rehoboth:—A. S. Crow and S. McDaniel.

Manchester:—Jack Whittle and Elder J. T. Dur-

ham.

Hopewell No. 1:—Elder J. T. Jones and G. F.

Brown.

Collier Springs:—J. W. Price and George Cook.

On motion the Association adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder Thomas C. Holt.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 2 o'clock and after

engaging in singing, Elder T. C. Pearson led in prayer.

Went into the election of officers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows: Elder C. A. Worley, Moderator; W. W. Lawson, Clerk; and I. H. Lawson, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters called for, whereupon the following churches were received and their messengers enrolled as follows:

Maple Creek—Rheubin McConnell and A. Alexander.

Woodland—D. A. Moncrief, E. R. Chamblis and Elder G. B. Furgeson.

Aikin Grove—G. W. Prescott and J. E. Jenkins. On invitation of the Moderator the following corresponding and visiting brethren took seats in the body: Elder E. D. Grady, of the Rehoboth Association; E. F. Smith, F. C. Pearson, James Barnett and Prof. Guthrie, of Lamar Association; Elder G. M. Stone, of Hopewell Association; Elder E. R. Bell, of the _____ Association; Elder W. A. Tunnage now of this county but recently from Mississippi; Dr. S. A. Hayden, of Texas Baptist Herald; B. Taylor, representing the Baptist Standard and Elder J. M. Gaddy, of Waco, General Missionary representing the Baptist State Convention.

The Moderator appointed, as a committee on divine service, the messengers of the Bogata church.

On motion the time for assembling and adjourning was fixed as follows: Meet at 9 a. m., adjourn at 12; meet at 2 P. M., adjourn at 5; meet at 8 P. M. and

adjourn at pleasure.

On motion all speeches were limited to fifteen minutes.

As there was no further business before the association until the moderator could announce the committees, Brother J. M. Gaddy conducted devotional exercises until the hour of adjournment.

The committee on divine service announced that Elder W. A. Turnage would preach at night and Elder S. B. Caloway at 11 A. M., tomorrow.

On motion the following additional committees were ordered appointed: Ministers within the Association and their postoffice addresses, Obituaries and Resolutions. Adjourned to 8 o'clock P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

After preaching by Elder W. A. Turnage the moderator announced the following committees:

On County Missions---G. B. Furgeson, J. E. Horner and E. M. Posey.

On Home Missions---B. F. Dickson, T. R. Lassiter and W. M. Parker.

Foreign Missions---J. T. Durham, W. C. Linn and D. A. Moncrief.

Education---Prof. Miller, G. L. Terry and W. C. James.

Denominational Literature---S. W. Harmon, I. H. Lawson and J. W. Dickson.

Sunday Schools---Charley Powell, J. T. Jones and G. F. Brown.

Temperance---J. E. Jenkins, W. M. Barnett and R. Blanchard.

Finance---G. B. Dean, T. C. Holt and N. B. Terry.
State Missions---W. C. James, P. W. Stovall and H. C. Hill.

Aged Ministers Relief---J. W. Clifton, N. J. Bell and R. C. Mahon.

Nominations---S. B. Caloway, C. M. Patton and C. J. Moore.

Buckner's O. H.---Messdames W. C. James, Lu Clark and M. O. Brown.

On State of Religion---E. C. Martin, J. N. Miller and J. C. Burge.

Resolutions---J. W. Dickson, S. W. Harmon and J. M. Hubbard,

Obituaries---B. Kilmer, J. F. Shiny and J. W. Prescott.

Ordained Ministers---S. M. Stewart, J. T. Price and J. W. Martin.

Adjourned to 9 A. M., Friday. Prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY---MORNING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 9 A. M., and the Moderator read the 119th Psalm and Elder Thomas C. Holt led in prayer.

Report on State of Religion read and adopted.

On motion agreed to take up a collection for benefit of County Missionary, Brother Furgeson, after the sermon by Brother Caloway. Cash \$29.50 and the following list of pledges:

C. J. Moore	\$5 00	C. M. Patton	\$5 00
H. C. Hill	5 00	Bogata Church	5 00
Clairmount Church	5 00	Macedonia Church	5 00
Clarksville	5 00	Lydia Cr'ch (Pd. \$1.25)	2 50
B. F. Dickson	5 00	C. F. Buster	5 00
J. W. Clifton	2 50	E. K. Chambles	2 50
W. S. Lamm	2 50	Sister Holt	1 00
E. J. Powell	1 00	Dr. S. A. Hayden	5 00
W. J. Bell	1 00	M. L. Warren	1 00

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 p. m. Reading of the 1st Psalm and prayer by the Moderator.

Report of Treasurer read and adopted.

As per report of committee on nominations, S. B. Caloway, chairman, the Association agreed to meet with the Lydia church at 10 o'clock a. m., on Thursday before the second Lord's day in September, 1901, Elder W. A. Turnage to preach the introductory sermon.

Report on Denominational Literature read and adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions read and pending its adoption a cash collection of \$15.00 and the following pledges were taken for this work:

Albion church	\$ 2 50	J. T. Jones	\$ 1 00
Brewster Prairie C'h	6 00	Manchester church	2 50
R. Kidd, Rosalie	1 00	Pilgrim's Rest C'h.	5 00
B. Kilmer, Clarksve	2 50	Pine Branch church	2 50
Clarksville church	25 00	Shamrock church	1 00
Clairmount	2 50	Salem church	11 00
Fowler	1 00	G. W. Prescott, Clk	1 00

J. E. Jenkins, Clk	\$ 1 00	W. J. Bell	\$ 1 00
Maple Creek church	2 50	M. L. Warren, Bogata	1 00
E. C. Martin, Clk	2 50	Miss Irene Horner, "	2 50
A. Alexander, Cut-		Miss Anna Paterson	
hand	1 00	Bogata	2 50
J. M. Hubbard, Clk	1 00	Emily Phillips	1 00
W. D. Wiley, Bogata	1 00	Hontus Dickson	1 00

Report adopted.

Report on County Missions read and adopted.

Report on State Missions read and its adoption moved and seconded, whereupon Elder Thomas C. Holt offered a substitute for said report, which was, by the Moderator, ruled out of order. An appeal from the Moderator's ruling was taken and pending the vote on the appeal, the Association adjourned.

Preaching at night by Elder J. M. Gaddy, after which he took a collection for State Missions. Cash \$4.65, and following list of pledges:

Albion Church	\$1 00	Bogata Church	\$10 00
Clairmount Church	5 00	Clarksville Church	25 00
Macedonia	2 00	Manchester	5 00
Pilgrims Rest "	5 00	Pine Branch "	5 00
Salem	5 00	H. C. Hill, Box El-	
W. C. Lamm, Boxelder	2 50	der	5 00
W. D. Moncreif	1 00	G. B. Furgerson, Bo-	
E. C. Martin	1 00	gata	2 50
Sister Holt	1 00	J. M. Gaddy, Waco	5 00
T. J. Fowler	1 00	B. Taylor, Waco	2 50
Sister Pearson	1 00	Sister Chambles	1 00
E. R. Chambles	1 00	M. L. Warren	1 00

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Saturday.

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THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 9 A. M. with the Moderator in the chair, and after devotional exercises, the vote on the appeal from the Moderator's ruling was put and his ruling sustained. The previous question was moved and carried by a vote of 34 to 32, and the report adopted by a vote of 35 to 34.

Report on Sunday Schools read and adopted.

Report on Buckner Orphan Home read and pending its adoption a cash collection amounting to \$27 and the following pledges were taken for the Home:

Annona Church	\$ 5 00	Albion Church	\$ 5 00
Brewster Prairie	10 00	E. A. Snell	2 50
Bethlehem, per R. Kidd	\$ 5 00	Concord	10 00
Bogata	10 00	Bethany, by Emma Kimmer	5 00
Concord	10 00	Clarksville	25 00
Clairmont	10 00	J. T. Jones	2 50
Macedonia	10 00	Mount Pleasant	5 00
Manchester	10 00	Pilgrim's Rest	25 00
Salem	20 00	White Oak	5 00
Aikin Grove	5 00	Woodland	5 00
Maple Creek	5 00	Valley Grove	5 00
Bogata Sunday School	2 00	Maple S. S.	1 00
E. J. Kirkley	2 50	Pilgrim's Rest S. S.	2 50
W. D. Willey	1 00	T. J. Fowler	.50
		Liberty	2 50

Report adopted.

Report on Education read and adopted. Cash \$1.65.

Report on Home Missions read and adopted. Cash taken, \$2.80; and pledges as follows:

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R. Kidd	\$1 00	Bogata Church	\$5 00
Clairmont Church	2 50	Pine Branch	1 00
Salem	10 00	W. C. James	1 00
C. A. Worley	1 00	Pilgrim's Rest	5 00

Report adopted.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted.

On motion and second the Executive Board was located at Clarksville with S. W. Harman, W. C. James and B. A. Beadle as central committee, and each church requested to select a member at its first regular meeting and send his name to Chairman at Clarksville.

Report on Temperance read and adopted.

Report of Finance committee read and adopted.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay to Brethren Bell and Barnes the money on hand for Aged ministers' relief.

Report of Executive Board read and adopted.

The report of committee, on list of Ministers, was read and adopted.

Report on Aged Ministers read and adopted.

On motion went into the election of Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist State Convention which election resulted as follows:

To Southern Baptist Convention, Elder C. A. Worley; to Baptist State Convention, Elder Charles A. Powell and W. W. Lawson.

On motion adjourned to meet with the Lydia Baptist Church at 10 o'clock on Thursday before the 2nd Lord's Day in Sept. 1900. Prayer by Elder E. D. Gaddy.

C. A. WORLEY, Moderator
W. W. LAWSON, Clerk.

*REPORT OF COMMITTEES.**County Missions.*

We, your Committee on County Missions, report as follows:

We find but little real destitution in the county now. But we recommend that an efficient minister be put in the field to do missionary work in the county, and that he be engaged for his full time—with Red River county for his field of labor; to be governed by his own judgment as to where he shall labor, with instructions to take collections for general missionary purposes at all convenient times.

Home Missions.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, desire to make this report:

Knowing the greatness of the work, and the vast territory included within the bounds of the Home Mission field, we respectfully urge that the pastors and churches within the bounds of the Red River Association use every effort to raise means to further the work of the Home Board.

“The field is white, the laborers are few.” Millions are dying without the gospel.

It is the duty of every Baptist to give of their means, as the Lord has prospered them, that the glad tidings of Salvation be preached to benighted men and women within the entirety of the vineyard.

B. F. DICKSON, Chairman.

Denominational Literature.

As men cannot realize the darkness and degradation of sin until they see the light and beauty of the religion of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, we most heartily recommend not only the reading of the Holy Bible but a most careful and prayerful study of the word of God. The bible is not only a book of unlimited information, but it possesses a life giving power not possessed by any other book. We further recommend that our Baptist brethren procure and keep in their homes one or more of our denominational papers. Also that they supply their homes with sound Baptist books such as Grace Truman, Theodosia Earnest, Little Baptist and the like. Some books are not only entertaining and instructive, but they are sound in doctrine and great helps in the study of God's work. I. H. LAWSON, Chairman.

Education.

Whereas, there are located in different parts of the State, nine or more Baptist schools and colleges, six of which are under control of Baptist State Convention, we very earnestly advise our people to encourage and to support these institutions by entrusting to them the instruction of their children. Thus will they be brought in contact with men and women of strong moral and spiritual endowment, and will therefore be better qualified for the high duties of American citizenship.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. MILLER, Chairman.

Report On Foreign Missions.

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report. Our new relation to the Philippine Islands, and other nations, which by the providence of God, have thrown open the doors to gospel truth, clearly manifests the fact that God is in the work and that our responsibility is daily increasing, and the day of opportunity is now.

And the condition of affairs in China leads us to believe that the time for the Gospel of Christ to evangelize the world, is near at hand. And we know that the church of Christ is the divine and only authorized agency for carrying the light of the gospel into the regions of these benighted heathens, and if China yields by compulsion or otherwise, to the claims of the humble Nazarene, it will doubtless be a lesson to the world that the time of the great harvest is at hand.

Now seeing that the galling yoke of catholicism has been thrown from the neck of Cuba, the Eastern Islands and partially from Spain and Mexico, which has enslaved them for hundreds of years and doomed their subjects to ignorance, idols, superstitions and sin, teaching them to worship the crucifix and not Christ, and that salvation depends upon being a member of the Catholic church instead of christianity, and forbidding the reading of the word of God, and that the idols of heathenism are to some extent giving way to the true worship of God, this should increase our energy and zeal to push forward the work which our master has honored us with the privilege of doing, but yet

brethren we have only made a beginning. In China and Brazil we have only introduced the gospel into some of the important cities, while the teeming millions in the interior of these nations have never heard the good news of salvation through Christ.

Have we as the Church of Christ, the true gospel? Are we responsible for the last request and demand of our Master to go and disciple all nations? Can we, as individual christians, claiming that we have the Lord Jesus and his cause above all things, turn a deaf ear to the claims of christian duty, to the demands of Christ and to the cry of lost souls sinking without the gospel.

Then the time for work is short, the opportunities great, and the privilege is a glorious one, and while others are giving their time and their lives to the work let us respond liberally with our means, and thereby assist in saving souls, honoring Christ and laying up for ourselves treasures in Heaven.

J. T. DURHAM, Chairman.

Temperance.

Realizing as we do, that more money is spent in the United States for whiskey, than there is for bread, and this in direct opposition to the command of God, and further realizing that Baptists have been passing resolutions year after year, and that they never heed them, but go home and patronize and vote for the saloon, therefore, we recommend that churches withdraw from every member who persists in the use of intoxicants as a beverage, and that we pledge our

heartly support to our officers in the suppression of the nefarious crime.

J. E. JENKINS, Chairman.

Aged Ministers Relief.

We, your Committee on Aged Ministers Relief, submit the following report:

We believe it to be the duty of the churches to assist needy aged ministers with their means.

Therefore, we recommend and urge Pastors of the churches of this Association to take up collections in their churches for this important work and should there be any such needy aged ministers in our bounds, we recommend that the pastors of the various churches report the same to the County Board for relief.

J. W. CLIFTON, Chairman Committee.

Sunday Schools.

We your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report as follows:

We believe the Bible school, or Sunday school, as it is called in modern times, is as old as the law of Moses, and that Baptists above all other people should be engaged in its work, because we believe in a thorough knowledge of the Bible. We realize that truths instilled in the minds of youths are lasting. We believe furthermore that Bible truths are the only safe ones to instill, and if followed out invariably lead to everlasting life. We hail with gladness the grand work which our Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is doing in sending out her fourscore Mis-

sionaries. We commend the work to your body. The Lord has been with it in great power. We announce it with shame facedness that the majority of the churches of Red River Association are doing comparatively nothing in the way of Sunday school work.

We recommend that all our Churches organize and maintain Sunday schools and report them to the Association giving their statistics in full.

We object to union literature, and recommend that all our Sunday schools use Baptist literature and the Holy Bible.

Baptist parents, carry your children out to Sunday School.

Respectfully Submitted,
CHARLES R. POWELL, Chairman.

State of Religion.

We your Committee of the State of Religion wish to submit the following:

In some parts of our county there has been glorious revivals of Religion but in other parts there is a great coldness, and a great need of Spiritual life and we would advise more consecration among the Ministers and members generally; and brethren let us pray for more devoted laborers in God's vineyard.

E. C. MARTIN, Chairman.

Executive Board.

Report of the Executive Board of Red River Association for the Associational year of 1899 and 1900:

Your Executive Board begs leave to make the following report:

16 RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

You met and organized on --- day of Oct. 1899 and elected Brother G. B. Furguson as your County Missionary to begin work on the first day of January, 1900, and continue up to the meeting of this session of the Association, at a salary of \$50 per month, the State Board agreeing to pay one third of the salary. The State Board has faithfully complied with its agreement and paid its part of the salary.

Your Board, at the beginning of the year, entertained the hope that all of our churches would enter heartily into our county work, but we regret to say that they have not all done so. Some of the churches never did send their Board members to any of our meetings. Neither has the Board had the cooperation of the ministers of the Association that should have been given by them.

Two Mission churches, Albion and Manchester, agreed to pay \$66.66% for eight months services of our County Missionary as their pastor for one Sunday each in each month.

The following will show the work of our Missionary during the year, to-wit:

Began work January 1st, 1900, and continued up to September 1st, 1900.	
Stations filled regularly and irregularly	15
Days Lost	18
Sermons preached	213
Exhortations and other addresses	30
Total sermons and addresses	243
Churches organized	2
Number of charter members	21

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Baptized into Mission churches	32
Received by letter and otherwise, Mission churches	36
Total number of members received	68
Prayer meetings assisted in organizing	2
Sunday Schools assisted in organizing	2
Deacons assisted in ordaining	2
Preachers assisted in ordaining	1
Religious visits	573
Miles traveled about	2500
Pages Religious literature distributed about	6000
Teachers bibles sold	5
Copies of Theodosia Earnest sold	8
Copies of Grace Trueman sold	4
Copies of Little Baptist	4
Copies of cheap Bibles	4
Copies of small testaments sold and given away	60
Copies of large print testament	6
Copies of Baptist Annals sold and given away	12
Copies of Harvest Bells sold	6
Copies of Church Records sold	5
Total money received on all books	\$32 90
This wholly at the expense of County Missionary.	
Due on County Missionary's salary	\$400 00
Amount assumed by State Board	\$133 33%
Eighteen days lost time	28 15
Amount paid Co. Board and collection	145 55
Am't assumed by Albion and Man'r	66.66%

To remainder of debt due last year..... 19 95

Total due Missionary..... \$419 95

Total amount credits..... \$373 95

Balance due Missionary..... \$46 25

S. W. HARMAN, Chairman.

Buckner Orphan's Home.

We your Committee on Buckner Orphan's Home, beg to submit this report:

Buckner Orphan's Home is a home formed some-thing over twenty years ago with twelve children as a beginning. It has increased until there are now over four hundred children. For food alone it requires fifty-five dollars per day. While the object of Baptist solici-tude, children from all denominations are admitted, con-sequently the Home should be supported by all persons interested in orphans and we earnestly recommend it to the care and support of all the churches of this Associa-tion. There has been lately erected a building for boys at the Home and an annex in the city of Dallas for crippled and deformed children. Since the Orphanage has no endowment it is wholly dependent upon voluntary support and we therefore recommend that several times during the year contributions in money, clothing and provisions be taken by every church within the bounds of the Association.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. W. C. JAMES, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

September 1909	To amount received of finance committee.....	\$106 05
	To amount received of Elder Thomas C. Holt	2 50
	To amount received of W. W. Lawson.....	1 00
	To amount received of Pine Branch Church	2 50
	To amount received of White Oak Church.....	1 75
	By amount paid J. B. Riddle.....	\$38 65
	By amount paid W. W. Lawson, Clerk.....	31 60
	By am't paid Co. Missionary, G. B. Furgeson	23 05
	By amount paid Aged Minister, J. M. Bell.....	5 00
	By amount paid Dock Pegues, S. S. missionary	1 50
	By amount paid Foreign Mission Board.....	4 15
	By amount paid for postage and exchange.....	4 20
	By amount on hand.....	4 65
6 1900	To balance on hand.....	\$113 80
		\$113 80
		4 65

Finance.

We, your committee on finance, report as follows:

Received for County Missions.....	\$28 75
Received for State Missions.....	7 15
Received for Foreign Missions.....	12 45
Received for Home Missions.....	4 40
Received for Buckner Orphan Home.....	31 55
Received for Aged Ministers Relief.....	4 75
Received for Sunday School Missions.....	1 50
Received for Educational Commission.....	50
Received for Printing Minutes.....	32 60
Total.....	\$123 65

N. B. TERRY, Chairman Committee.

Ministers.

We, your committee, find that the ministers of this Association and their P. O. addresses are as follows:

Ordained Ministers: A. G. Pittman, Catland;

N. B. Terry, English; T. C. Holt, English; G. B. Ferguson, Bogata; R. R. Fry, Rosalie; S. B. Caloway, Clarksville; J. T. Jones, Weary; Charles A. Powell, Rosalie; J. L. Rich, Weary; W. A. Turnage, Annona; H. E. Duffee, Cuthand; C. A. Worley, Clarksville; J. F. Cagle, Bagwell; Robert Blanchard, Fulbright; J. M. Bell, Fulbright; J. E. Horner, Bogata; J. H. Brown, Lydia; K. L. Keen, Box Elder; W. J. Bell, Box Elder; L. A. Thomson, Madras; E. C. Martin, Clarksville; G. W. Barnes, Kanawha; J. T. Durham, Manchester; I. F. Swartz, Clarksville. Unordained Ministers: J. L. Terry, Cuthand; G. W. Houston, Fulbright; E. G. Bell, Box Elder; E. A. Snell, Isaca. R. STEWART, Chairman.

Resolutions.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Association be and the same is hereby tendered to this church and community for their kind and hospitable entertainment since we have been among them.

S. W. HARMAN.

Resolved, that it is the sense of this Association that no person should be made a member of this body who does not come as a messenger sent as such by some regular Baptist church, for the following reasons, to-wit:

1st. Art. II of the Constitution of this Association says: "This Association shall be composed of representatives from such Baptist churches as are in regular standing and contribute to its funds and cooperate in its objects." Said article of the Constitution is a guarantee to the churches that no one who is not sent as a messenger by a regular Baptist church shall become a member and

holds that fact to the churches as an inducement to contribute to its funds and cooperate in its objects.

2nd. The Constitution limits the total membership of any meeting of the Association to not exceeding four to each church that has messengers in the meeting and one additional messenger to each church for every twenty-five members over one hundred; so that should there be the full delegation present that each church is entitled to, any addition would exceed the constitutional limit to the total membership.

3rd. It deprives the churches of the constitutional protection of the minority. In this way the Constitution cannot be amended without "the concurrence of two thirds of them members." If membership can be conferred on one person whether he is a messenger from any church or not, membership can be conferred upon any number of persons, and should a bare majority desire to amend the constitution they could confer membership upon enough visitors present who would vote with them and in that way assure the two-thirds, thereby depriving the minority of its power to prevent the amendment.

State Missions.

Your Committee on State Missions desires to submit the following report:

1st. It may not be improper to state that the Baptist General Convention of Texas which controls our State Mission work is composed of messengers from regular Baptist churches, Associations and Missionary

Societies.

2nd. This Convention performs its work through a Board of Directors, which Board is composed of 38 members chosen annually by the Convention.

3rd. This Board of Directors neither makes nor carries into effect any policy of its own, but its members are the servants of the Convention which elects them, being committed to and carrying out the policy of the Convention.

4th. We desire to emphasize the fact to which attention was called in the last report on State Missions submitted to this body, namely that the members of this Board do not handle a dollar of the Convention's money, and that in traveling to and from Dallas, four times a year, to perform the duties assigned to them by the Convention, they pay their own railroad fare and also their own expenses while they are in Dallas carrying out the will of the convention.

As we judge of a tree by its fruits, and of any institution by its results, so we know of no better way to ascertain whether the mission work of The Baptist General Convention should merit our approval or disapproval than by a consideration of facts and figures showing what work has been done.

There were last year in the service of the Convention 149 missionaries and missionary pastors. These missionaries and missionary pastors labored 24,293 days, preached 17,144 sermons, made 7,265 religious addresses. They assisted in organizing 60 churches with a constituent membership of 1,263 as against 47

churches with a constituent membership of 870 the year before. They baptized for mission churches 1,641 as against 997 the year before. They received by letter and restoration 2,073 as against 1,276 received the year before. They assisted in organizing 200 prayer-meetings and in ordaining 106 deacons. They distributed 343,822 pages of religious literature as against 217,540 pages distributed the year before. They distributed 4,470 books and Bibles and made 26,954 religious visits.

The amount of money which last year passed through the hands of the Superintendent of Missions for Home, Foreign and State Missions and for the Ministers' Relief reaches a total of \$52,188.24 as against \$36,964.80 for the previous year. In addition to this there was raised through the work of this Board and expended in church lots, church houses and church improvements on Mission fields the sum of \$27,550 as against \$24,146.90 the previous year, making a grand total of all money received and expended in the operations of the Board for last year of \$79,738.24 as against a grand total of \$61,111.70 for the previous year.

All this work was done at an expense of a little over 7 per cent. as against an expense of not quite 10 per cent. for the previous year.

The logic of these facts and figures seems to your committee irresistible and leads us unhesitatingly to pronounce the work of the State Mission Board as at present conducted, to be worthy of our prayers and of our most cordial support. And since Baptist churches are independent bodies recognizing no man as Master

and Lord, subject only to Jesus Christ, regarding him as their only Sovereign and Lawgiver and looking upon themselves as executors of His will and fully authorized to carry out His divine purposes, and enjoying full liberty to co-operate or not to co-operate with the State Board as the churches in the exercise of their sovereignty may deem best, we, your committee, most respectfully commended the work of the State Board as an important factor, approved of God, in disseminating Baptist doctrine and thereby securing honor for our common Lord.

Respectfully submitted by the committee,
 W. C. JAMES,
 H. C. HILL,
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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	DAYS OF MEETING	INC.	
					Letter	Baptism
Albion.....	G. B. Furgerson.	W. T. Rawlinson.	Albion.....	3rd	11	1
Antioch.....	not represented.	J. L. Wright.	Depoit			
Annona.....	J. B. Sellman.	R. Grant	English	3rd	4	2
Aiken Grove.....	not given.	Thos. E. Jenkins.	Clarksville	1st	12	1
Brewster Prairie.....	N. B. Terry.	C. T. Wilson.	Clarksville	3rd	6	1
Binion Lake.....	not represented.	Robt. Forester.	Halesboro	2nd	6	1
Bethlehem.....	H. E. Duffee.	R. Kidd.	Bogata	4th	17	1
Bethany.....	N. B. Terry.	J. H. Edwards.	not given	4th	17	1
Bethel.....	K. L. Keen.	W. F. Brooks.	Annona	3 & sat. bef.	1	1
Bogata.....	A. C. Flemister.	Irene Horner.	Bogata	4th	1	1
Bagwell.....	not represented.	D. H. Lindsey.	Bagwell			
Bianton Creek.....	reported by J. F. Cagle.	D. H. Lindsey.	Madras	2nd	1	1
Concord.....	W. A. Turnage.	W. M. Barnett.	McCulloch	4th	3	1
Collier Springs.....	not represented.	J. W. Price.	Clarksville	1, 2, 3, 4th	3	1
Clarksville.....	S. B. Caloway.	W. C. James.	Clarksville	1, 3rd	3	1
Clairmont.....	C. A. Worley.	W. S. Evans.	Fulbright	4th	1	1
Detroit.....	not represented.	I. Nolen Norris.	Detroit	4th	1	1
Dean's Chapel.....	not represented.	F. A. Powell.	Clann	4th	1	1
Hopewell No. 1.....	not represented.	G. F. Brown.	Dalby Springs	2nd	3	1
Hopewell No. 2.....	not represented.	N. B. Terry.	Detroit	1st	3	1
Liberty.....	N. B. Terry.	W. A. Patterson.	Lydia	4th	3	1
Lydia.....	J. B. Merchant.	R. Stewart.	Lydia	1st	3	1
Macedonia.....	Thos. C. Holt.	W. S. Richardson.	Rosalie	4th	7	1
Mount Pleasant.....	J. F. Cagle.	T. W. Offutt.	Negley	3rd	7	1
Manchester.....	J. T. Durham.	A. B. Carter.	Manchester	1st	10	1
Maple Creek.....	Chas. A. Powell.	G. W. Wilson.	Cuthand	3rd	12	1
New Haven.....	reported by J. F. Cagle.	W. W. Lawson.	Annona	2nd	8	1
Pilgrim's Rest.....	J. B. Lambley.	J. L. Smith.	Rosalie	4th	2	1
Pine Branch.....	C. A. Worley.	G. P. Bolt.	Isaaca	4th	2	1
Renoboth.....	J. T. Jenkins.	I. E. Bloodsworth.	Clarksville	4th	3	1
Shamrock.....	Ho. Crain.	E. M. Posey.	Box Elder	2nd	9	1
Salem.....	G. B. Furgerson.	Katie Spangler.	Clarksville	3rd	4	1
Valley Grove.....	Chas. A. Powell.	J. A. Pittman.	Cuthand	3rd	4	1
White Oak.....	Chas. A. Powell.	E. R. Chamblis.	Woodland	3rd	13	1
Woodland.....	G. B. Furgerson.	E. R. Chamblis.	Woodland	3rd	8	1

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	DAYS OF MEETING	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	Pastor's Salary	Home Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	County Missions	B. O. H.	A. M. R.	Minutes
					Baptism	Letter	Statement	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion									
Albion	G. B. Furgeson.	W. I. Rawlinson.	Albion.	3rd	11	6	1	1	1	31									\$ 1 00
Antioch	not represented.	J. L. Wright.	Deport							44									1 00
Anna.	J. B. Sellman.	J. B. Grant	English	3rd	4	2	2	3	1	46					\$ 2 30				1 00
Aiken Grove	not given.	Thos. E. Jenkins.	Clarksville							14					8 75				1 25
Brewster Prairie	N. B. Terry.	C. T. Wilson	Clarksville	1st	12	6	3	14	2	68									1 00
Binion Lake	not represented.	Robt. Forester	Halesboro	3rd	6	4	4	4		80									1 50
Bethlehem	H. E. Duffee.	R. Kidd.	Bogata	2nd	17	1	7	3	2	114									1 30
Bethany	N. B. Terry.	J. H. Edwards.	not given	4th	1	1	1	1	4	22									1 00
Bethel	K. L. Keen.	W. F. Brooks.	Anna.	3 & sat. bef.	1	6	1	1	1	49					11 25	\$ 6 25			1 00
Bogata	A. C. Flemister.	Irene Horner.	Bogata	4th	1	1	1	1	1	100									1 00
Bagwell	not represented.	D. H. Lindsey	Bagwell.																
Blanton Creek	reported by J. F. Cagle.	Cagle.																	
Concord	W. A. Turnage.	W. M. Barnett.	Madras	2nd						100					10 00				1 25
Collier Springs		J. W. Price.	McCulloch	4th						18									
Clarksville	S. B. Caloway.	W. C. James.	Clarksville	1, 2, 3, 4th	3	2	1	1	1	77	650 00	7 00	110 95	7 00	16 65	63 85			
Clairmont	C. A. Worley.	W. S. Evans.	Fulbright		6	1	1	1	2	89					3 00	8 05	2 50		1 05
Detroit	not represented.	J. Nolen Norris.	Detroit.	1, 3rd						38									
Dean's Chapel	not represented.	F. A. Powell.	Detroit.	4th						18									
Hopewell No. 1	not represented.	G. F. Brown.	Clann	4th	1	1	4	7	4	55	21 20								90
Hopewell No. 2	not represented.	W. A. Patterson.	Darby Springs																
Liberty	N. B. Terry.	R. Stewart	Detroit	2nd	3	3	1	18	3	79									1 45
Lydia	J. B. Merchant.	Thos C. Holt.	Lydia	1st	11	5	1	1	4	84									1 55
Macedonia	Thos C. Holt.	W. S. Richardson.	Rosalie	4th						45									1 50
Mount Pleasant	J. F. Cagle.	T. W. Offutt	Negley	3rd	7	10	4	1	3	52					4 70				1 00
Manchester	J. T. Durham.	A. B. Carter.	Manchester	1st	3	10	4	1	1	30									60
Maple Creek	Chas. A. Powell.	G. W. Wilson.	Cuthand		10	4				24									60
New Haven	reported by J. F. Cagle.																		
Pilgrim's Rest	J. B. Lumbley.	W. W. Lawson.	Anna.	3rd	6	12	1	8	4	164	150 00	5 50	23 75	5 50	22 00	1 50	1 50		2 50
Pine Branch	C. A. Worley.	J. L. Smith.	Rosalie	2nd	7	8		1	1	90									1 50
Rehoboth	J. T. Jenkins.	G. P. Bolt.	Isaca	4th	2	2		2		21									1 00
Shamrock	Ino. Crain	J. E. Bloodsworth.	Clarksville	4th	3	2	1	1	1	36					3 25				1 00
Salem	G. B. Furgeson.	E. M. Posey.	Box Elder	2nd	18	9	7	14	4	172				18 90	5 55				2 00
Valley Grove	Chas. A. Powell.	Katie Spangler.	Clarksville	3rd	4	6	2	13	1	9									30
White Oak	Chas. A. Powell.	J. A. Pitman.	Cuthand	3rd	13	8		1	25	80	55 00				10 00				1 00
Woodland	G. B. Furgeson.	E. R. Chamblis.	Woodland.		8										5 75				1 00

Rules of Decorum.

- 1st. 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 oftener than twice on the same subject without leave of the moderator or Association.
- 2nd. No messenger shall absent himself without permission of the moderator or the Association.
- 3rd. All business shall be introduced by motion and second, or in the form of a resolution, and shall be decided by a majority vote except in anything touching fellowship, in which case unanimity of action shall be required.
- 4th. A call shall be made for motions and resolutions.
- 5th. These rules may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the Association.

Standing Rule.

member of our body whose name occurs in the four Association, bearing a copy of the same, after associations with whom we correspond, considered by us as our correspondent.

REASSE.		DECEASE.		Total Membership	Pastor's Salary	Home Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	County Missions	B. O. H.	A. M. R.	Minutes
Statement	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion									
1	1	1	1	31			\$ 2 65					\$ 1 00
2	2	3	1	44					\$ 2 30			1 00
3	3	14	2	14					8 75			1 25
4	4	3	2	80								1 00
5	4	4	3	114	60 00							1 50
6	7	4	1	22	100 00	\$ 1 75			11 25	\$ 6 25		1 00
7	1	1	1	49								1 00
8	1	1	1	100	50 00				10 00			1 25
9	1	1	1	18					16 65	63 85		1 05
10	1	1	2	77	650 00	7 00	110 95	\$ 7 00	3 00	8 05	\$ 2 50	1 05
11	1	1	1	89			7 00					1 05
12	1	1	1	38								1 05
13	1	1	1	18								1 05
14	1	4	1	55	21 20							90
15	1	7	4	1								90
16	1	18	3	79								1 45
17	1	1	1	84								1 55
18	1	1	4	45								1 50
19	1	1	1	52					4 70			1 00
20	4	1	3	30								60
21	4	1	1	24								60
22	1	8	4	164			5 50	5 50	22 00	1 50		2 50
23	1	1	1	90	150 00		23 75			1 50		1 50
24	1	1	1	21								1 00
25	2	2	1	36					3 25			1 00
26	1	1	1	172			18 90		5 55			2 00
27	7	14	4	9								30
28	2	13	1	80	55 00				10 00			1 00
29	1	25	1	1					5 75			1 00