

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

Held with the Lydia Baptist Church at Lydia,
Texas, Sept. 5-6-7, 1901.

OFFICERS:

G. B. DEAN, Moderator,
W. W. LAWSON, Clerk,
I. H. LAWSON, Treasurer.

THE NEXT ANNUAL SESSION OF THIS ASSOCIATION
WILL BE HELD WITH THE HOPEWELL No. 1 BAPTIST
CHURCH, BEGINNING AT 10 A. M. ON FRIDAY BEFORE
1ST LORD'S DAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1902.

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 Finances.
 - 8th. On State Missions.
 - 9th. On Foreign Missions.
 - 10th. On Aged Ministers Relief.
 - 11th. On Nominations.
 - 12th. On Buckner Orphan Home.
- 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-eighth annual session with the Lydia church at 10 o'clock a. m. on Thursday, September 5th, 1901, and was called to order by the moderator, Elder C. A. Worley.

After devotional exercises, by order of the Association the introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. H. Crain. Brethren J. E. Horner and S. W. Harmon were appointed reading clerks and letters from the following churches were read and their messengers enrolled as follows:

Calcutonia—Albert Davis and M. Hull.
Bogata—Elder J. E. Horner, Elder E. C. Martin, C. J. Moore and Irene Horner.
Brewster Prairie—R. S. Edwards, J. M. Hubbard, Martin Terry, and Sister Ford.
Hopewell No. 2—Carroll Houston and Sister S. E. Houston.
Bethel—Wm. Obannon, J. C. Hutchinson and L. Obannon.
Lydia—Geo. W. Taylor, Tom Smith, R. Stewart and W. R. Lum.
Pilgrim's Rest—Elder J. C. Vannoy, P. W. Stovall, E. K.

- Russell, C. D. Swann, I. H. Lawson, W. W. Lawson and W. M. Parker.
- Detroit—Elder A. N. Pledger and Sisters Pledger and Waters.
- Maple Creek—A. W. Alexander, I. A. Bond and H. L. Terry.
- Dean's Chapel—Geo. B. Dean.
- Mount Pleasant—B. F. Neal, A. J. Neal and I. J. Neal.
- Rehoboth—Elder K. L. Keen, W. E. Brookshire, Chas. Medford and T. H. Bolt.
- Providence No. 1—B. J. Crews.
- Clairmount—Elder Robt. Blanchard, Lillie Futrel, T. J. Fowler, Elder J. M. Bell and Sister S. G. Bright.
- Hopewell No. 1—G. F. Brown, J. H. Dryden, J. F. Roberts and R. Monkhouse.
- Albion—W. T. Rawlinson, G. L. Terry and Bob Roberts.
- Collier Springs—W. A. Ingle and T. V. Ingle.
- Woodland—W. F. Chambliss and Sister A. E. Chambliss.
- Liberty—J. S. Patterson, C. R. Patterson, G. H. Hollingsworth, R. N. Edwards and John Edwards.
- Salem—H. C. Hill, J. W. Clifton, Nannie Clifton, Zula Hill, Louis Spradin, E. M. Posey, W. J. Bell and W. H. Hill.
- Manchester—J. F. Harming and Elder J. T. Durham.
- Bethany—G. W. Richardson, W. H. Mays, B. Kilmer, J. W. Campbell, A. C. Stringer and Cora Richardson.
- Concord—J. A. Fulks, W. M. Barnett and J. T. Pace.
- Blanton Creek—W. E. Tegue and J. J. Dunlap.
- Clarksville—Elder J. H. Taylor, S. W. Harmon, B. A.

- Beadle and Sister J. H. Taylor.
- Aiken Grove—J. E. Jenkins, G. W. Prescott, G. H. Davis and Elder J. A. Moore.
- On motion adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Elder Robt. Blanchard.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 2 o'clock and after devotional exercises conducted by Brother Dock Pegues the reading of letters was continued.

- Annona—Elder N. B. Terry, Elder Thos. C. Holt and Sister Addie Pope.
- White Oak—J. A. Pittman.
- Pine Branch—Elder C. A. Worley, Elder J. A. Raby and W. R. Smith.
- The Association went into the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: G. B. Dean, Moderator; W. W. Lawson, Clerk; and I. H. Lawson, Treasurer.
- Petitionary letters called for, whereupon the following named churches were received into the Association and their messengers enrolled as follows:
- Pean Grove—Jas. Snell and R. McElroy.
- Bethlehem (Bowie county)—M. M. Robertson, W. S. Mills and G. A. Haibin.
- Cross Roads—F. M. Stringer, John Harris and W. R. Labin.
- Line Branch—J. G. Towns, T. J. Derrick, W. M. Towns and W. T. Andrews.
- New Hope (Bowie county)—G. E. Pinkham and B. B. Randolph.

The Association extended to the above named messengers the right hand of fellowship.

On motion and second the committee on State of Religion was dispensed with.

The following named visiting and corresponding brethren were invited to seats in the Association: Dock Pegues, representing the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; J. M. Crowell, of Ennis, representing the Texas Baptist and Herald; A. P. Scofield, representing the Baptist Missionary Association; Elders J. H. Crain and W. A. Turnage, of the Lamar County Association; J. O. Green, representing the Baptist Standard Publishing Co.; J. M. Gaddy, representing the General Convention; and B. L. Owen, of the Columbus Association, Mississippi.

On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock Friday. Preaching at night by A. P. Scofield, and after preaching the Moderator announced the various committees: (See reports of committees in their order.)

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9 a. m. on Friday, September 6, and was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. J. II. Taylor.

On motion and second the 11 o'clock preaching was dispensed with and the hour 10:30 was set for taking up the report on State Missions.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Report on County Missions read and on motion was referred back to committee.

Report on Home Missions read and pending adoption the hour for considering the State Mission report having arrived, the said report on State Missions was read and after several hours discussion by Brethren Harmon, Moore, Scofield, J. M. Gaddy and others the report was adopted, and in compliance with the terms of said report, Bro. J. M. Gaddy, for the State Convention, and Bro. A. P. Scofield, for the Baptist Missionary Association, took the following lists of pledges.

For the State Convention:

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| Clarksville church (S. W. Harmon)..... | \$100.00 |
| Detroit church (A. N. Pledger)..... | 10.00 |
| Bogata church (J. E. Horner)..... | 10.00 |
| Pilgrim's Rest church (P. W. Stovall)..... | 25.00 |
| Clairmount church..... | 25.00 |
| Salem church (H. C. Hill)..... | 10.00 |
| G. B. Furgeson..... | 5.00 |
| J. T. Durham..... | 2.00 |
| H. C. Hill..... | 5.00 |
| G. F. Cole..... | 5.00 |
| J. W. Clifton..... | 2.50 |
| G. O. Green..... | 5.00 |
| J. M. Gaddy..... | 5.00 |
| For the Missionary Association: | |
| Rehoboth church (T. H. Bolt)..... | \$10.00 |
| Annona church (Thos. C. Holt)..... | 10.00 |
| Brewster Prairie church..... | 10.00 |
| Bethel church (Wm. Obannon)..... | 5.00 |
| Concord church (W. M. Barnett)..... | 20.00 |

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| Dean's Chapel church (G. B. Dean)..... | 10.00 |
| Liberty church (R. N. Edwards)..... | 15.00 |
| Lydia church (C. A. Powell)..... | 25.00 |
| Pine Branch church (J. A. Raby)..... | 25.00 |
| Bethany church..... | 20.00 |
| Aiken Grove church..... | 20.00 |
| Albion church (Geo. Terry)..... | 5.00 |
| Pecan Grove church (R. McElroy)..... | 5.00 |
| Cross Roads church (T. C. Holt)..... | 2.50 |
| New Hope church (G. E. Pinkham)..... | 5.00 |
| Thos. C. Holt..... | 5.00 |
| J. M. Hubbard..... | 5.00 |
| W. W. Lawson..... | 5.00 |
| Ida Banks..... | 5.00 |
| Cash..... | 9.45 |

On motion the Association adjourned until 8 p. m. Preaching at the Presbyterian church at night by Bro. J. M. Gaddy.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 8 o'clock p. m. and after singing and prayer the report on education was read and adopted.

Report on Home Missions again called up and pending its adoption a cash collection amounting to \$5.86 and the following list of pledges was taken for this Home Board:

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| Clairmount church..... | \$10.00 |
| Detroit church..... | 5.00 |
| Bogata church..... | 5.00 |
| Line Branch..... | 5.00 |

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| Clarksville..... | 10.00 |
| Albion..... | 5.00 |
| Pilgrim's Rest..... | 5.00 |
| H. C. Hill (Box Elder)..... | 5.00 |

Report on Buckner Orphan Home read and adopted. The following pledges were taken for the Home.

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| Bogata church..... | \$ 5.00 |
| Clairmount church..... | 10.00 |
| Detroit church..... | 10.00 |
| Clarksville church..... | 10.00 |
| Albion church..... | 5.00 |
| Aiken Grove church..... | 5.00 |
| Annona church..... | 5.00 |
| Dean's Chapel church..... | 5.00 |
| Pilgrim's Rest church..... | 25.00 |

Report of Executive Board read and adopted. On motion adjourned until 8 o'clock a. m. Saturday. Prayer by Elder E. C. Martin.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and after devotional exercises proceeded to business.

Report on County Missions read and adopted. On motion and second Bro. Dock Pegues was allowed the hour of 11 o'clock to present the work of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Report on Aged Ministers Relief read and adopted. A cash collection amounting to \$14.05 was taken for this

work, which on motion was ordered paid to our aged brethren, J. M. Bell and E. C. Martin.

On motion the clerk of this Association was instructed to report the names of our aged ministers, E. C. Martin and J. M. Bell, to the State Board for relief.

Report on nominations read and after being amended by striking out that part in regard to the selection or formation of the Executive Board of the Association the report was adopted.

Went into the election of a place to hold the next annual session of this Association, which resulted in the choice of Hopewell No. 1.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, and the report on Sunday Schools having been read, in connection with discussing of said report Bro. Dock Pegues presented the work of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and took a cash collection of \$8.75. The report was ably discussed by other brethren and adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions read and pending its adoption the Association adjourned to 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Moderator.

Report on Foreign Missions adopted.

Report of Finance committee read and adopted.

Report on Temperance read and after a lively discussion was adopted as read.

Went into the election of a preacher to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of the Association, which

resulted in the choice of Elder C. A. Powell with Elder J. H. Taylor as alternate.

Complying with the Constitution the Association proceeded to elect an Executive Board composed of one member from each church as follows:

Calcedonia church—M. Hull.

Bogata church—C. J. Moore.

Brewster Prairie church—J. M. Hubbard.

Hopewell No. 2—Carroll Houston.

Bethel—W. F. Brooks.

Lydia—Geo. Taylor.

Pilgrim's Rest—Ed Russell.

Salem—E. M. Posey.

Bethany—B. Kilmer.

Concord—W. M. Barnett.

Blanton Creek—W. E. Teague.

Clarksville—B. A. Beadle.

Aiken Grove—J. E. Jenkins.

Detroit—J. Nolen Norris.

Dean's Chapel—F. A. Powell.

Mount Pleasant—B. F. Neal.

Rehoboth—T. H. Bolt.

Providence No. 1—W. A. Speagle.

Clairmount—T. R. Lassiter.

Hopewell No. 2—George Brown.

Albion—W. T. Rawlinson.

Collier Springs—J. W. Price.

Woodland—W. F. Chambliss.

Liberty—James Patterson.

Amnona—R. C. Mahon.
 White Oak—J. W. Wright.
 Pine Branch—J. A. Raby.
 Macedonia—Lee Henson.
 Pecan Grove—James Snell.
 Bethlehem (Bowie county)—W. S. Mills.
 Cross Roads—John Harris.
 Line Branch—J. G. Towns.
 New Hope (Bowie county)—G. E. Pinkham.
 Maple Creek—A. W. Alexander.
 Manchester—D. F. Harming.
 New Haven—N. F. Thompson.
 Shamrock—J. W. Martin.

The Clerk was on motion instructed to have printed and distributed to the church 600 copies of the Minutes of this session of the Association, and to have printed in the Minutes the Articles of Faith and also Constitution.

There being no further business claiming the attention of the Association, and after adopting resolutions of thanks to the citizens of Lydia and surrounding country for their kind and hospitable entertainment during our meeting, amid a general hand shaking the Association adjourned to meet with the Hopewell church No. 1, at 10 o'clock a. m., on Friday before the first Lord's Day in September, 1902.

GEORGE B. DEAN,

MODERATOR.

W. W. LAWSON,

Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

COUNTY MISSIONS.

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

We find real destitution in the bounds of this Association, and we recommend that the Association appoint an Executive Board, according to the Constitution, and recommend that said Board put a missionary in the field. Respectfully submitted,

R. BLANCHARD,
 G. B. FURGESON,
 J. F. JENKINS,

Committee.

HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home Missions, submit the following for your consideration:

1. Statement in regard to what Home Missions have done in the past year. 2. Statistics are as follows: Missionaries in the field, 811; sermons preached, 68,722; baptisms, 6,671; received by letter, 7,229; total additions, 13,800; Sunday schools organized, 511; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 19,485; total amount received on last year, \$86,964.68; increase above the previous year, \$11,598. Brethren, seeing our work has been prospered under the Lord, he it resolved, 1. That we urge every pastor to see to it that Home Missions is not neglected. 2. That we

recommend to this Association that each member stand in line with this God-given work.

A. N. PLEDGER,
W. M. BARNETT,
Committee.

EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, desire to make the following report :

Whereas, we have a number of schools and colleges of our own in Texas, we would suggest that our people patronize these schools and avoid poisoning the minds of our children with false teachings, and where they can get the truth of the gospel without the higher criticism which discredits the word of God. And we further urge upon our people a more faithful reading and study of the word of God.

THOS. C. HOLT,
B. F. NEAL,
Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to adopt the report of last year as being full, which is 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 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 work which our Sunday School Board tist Convention is doing in sending on sionaries. We commend the work to has been with it in great power. W shame-facedness that the majority of River Association are doing comparat way of Sunday school work.

We recommend that all our church tain Sunday schools and report their giving their statistics in full.

We object to union literature, and our Sunday schools use Baptist lite Bible.

Baptist parents, carry your cl school. Respectfully submitted,"

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STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We believe to preach the gospel to every creature is a duty just as binding on us as it has ever been.
2. We realize that Texas affords the greatest sphere for mission work of any state of the Southern Baptist Convention.

3. We find that there are two state-wide missionary bodies in this state desiring the support of the churches. The first is the Baptist General Convention and the other is the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas. We recommend that all possible care be taken to preserve peace and harmony and fellowship of this Association. We urge all the brethren to cultivate the highest missionary spirit and to abound in the grace of giving, and that it be left to each church to make her own choice as to the channel through which she sends her gifts.

4. We recommend that the brethren and sisters be persuaded by all means to make the largest donations this year to State Missions, and on no account to fail to make this matter the subject of intense prayer.

5. We recommend that a collection be taken for State Missions, suggesting that Brother J. M. Gaddy take the collection for the Baptist General Convention, and that Brother A. P. Scofield take the collection for the Baptist Missionary Association.

J. A. MOORE,
T. C. HOLT,
Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

After calling your attention to the appalling fact that there are only ten churches in this Association that have given to Foreign Missions, and that these have not given \$50 in all, and that there are pastors who have not raised one cent for this needy work in all that time, your committee on Foreign Missions submit the following:

There is one single consideration which is alone an all-sufficient reason for pressing the claims of the world's evangelization upon every individual Christian and upon every Church of Christ.

That one consideration is the definite and specific commandment of the Lord Jesus Christ himself. He has declared that the whole world shall be evangelized by the preaching of the gospel. Sitting on Mount Olivet a few days before his death he said:

"For this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations and then shall the end come."

The last words uttered by the Son of God before he ascended to heaven were: "Ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

No command of our blessed Lord Jesus given in His Holy Word is more plainly, specifically and imperatively given than is the command to evangelize the whole world by the preaching of the gospel. No individual has a scriptural right to claim discipleship to Christ who willfully and persistently refuses or neglects obedience to the great

commission. No body of men, whether few or many, can scripturally claim to be a Church of Jesus Christ if they willfully and persistently neglect and set aside for any cause whatever this great command of our risen and glorified Lord.

The Church of Jesus Christ is a divine agency for "holding forth the Word of Life" and for sending the gospel into "the regions beyond." This, and this alone, is the mission of the Church of Christ. Obedience to this Divine injunction always brings the richest blessings of God upon both individual Christians and upon the Church of Christ.

Failure to obey Christ is always followed by barrenness, coldness and death.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. TAYLOR,

E. M. POSEY,

H. L. TERRY,

Committee.

AGED MINISTERS RELIEF.

We, your committee, beg to insist that our churches, who have these veterans of the cross in their fellowship, forcibly present their claims to our Association each year, that these fathers, who have worn out their lives in the interest of the cause so dear to their hearts, may be better cared for during their days of feebleness and need.

J. T. DURHAM,

J. S. PATTERSON,

COMMITTEE.

NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on Nominations, submit the following:

We recommend that this Association board of three (composed of the pastoral central church), and that each church elect one of her most efficient deacons as one of the members of the County Mission River Baptist Association.

We recommend that this central board perfect the organization of the board for the next place of the meeting Rest church and Hopewell No. 1. . . J

The above report was amended nothing, except the part in regard to the as being contrary to the constitution

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BUCKNER ORPHAN

To the Moderator of the Red River Your committee on Buckner Orphan to make the following report:

1. The facts in this report are taken report of the condition of the Homes of the Baptist General Convention session at Waco in 1900.

2. During the Conventional year made there were between 300 and 400 some coming in and others going found by Dr. Buckner.

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| 3. The Home now has \$200,000 worth of excellent property, consisting of lands and improvements, free from debt. | |
| 4. The Home received during the year from all sources \$36,890.61 and paid out for all purposes \$36,090.80, leaving \$799.81 on hand at the meeting of the Convention in 1900. | |
| 5. The religious influence of the Home is most excellent. It has a church, a Sunday school and a day school. | |
| 6. We recommend that this Association do all it can in the support of the Home and that we recommend its support to our churches. | |
| Respectfully submitted, | |
| | S. W. HARMON, |
| | G. W. PRESCOTT, |
| | J. T. PACE, |
| | Committee. |
| FINANCE. | |
| We, your committee on Finance, submit the following report: | |
| Received for Home Missions..... | \$ 5 00 |
| Received for State Missions..... | 5 00 |
| Received for Foreign Missions..... | 13 00 |
| Received for County Missions..... | 8 20 |
| Received for Buckner Orphan Home..... | 30 00 |
| Received for Aged Ministers Relief..... | 5 50 |
| Received for Minutes..... | 48 90 |
| Received per collection Aged Ministers Relief..... | 14 05 |
| Received per collection Sunday School Board..... | 8 15 |
| Total..... | <u>\$137 80</u> |

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| By amount paid Executive Board..... | \$ 8 20 |
| By amount paid Aged Ministers Relief..... | 14 05 |
| By amount paid Dock Pegues..... | 8 15 |
| By amount paid Treasurer..... | 107 40 |
| Total..... | <u>\$ 137 80</u> |

Jim FULKS,
J. C. VANNON,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Sept. 8, 1900. To balance on hand last report..... | \$ 4 25 |
| " " To am't rec'd of finance com..... | 121 75 |
| " " By am't pd. G. B. Furgeson.. | 28 75 |
| " " By am't pd. J. M. Gaddy..... | 24 00 |
| " " By am't pd. J. M. Bell..... | 4 50 |
| " " By am't pd. Bro. Barnes..... | 4 50 |
| " " By am't pd. B. O. H..... | 31 55 |
| " " By am't pd. W. W. Lawson.. | 32 60 |
| " " By am't pd. exchange..... | 10 |
| Sept. 5, 1901. To am't rec'd from churches... | 42 70 |
| " " By am't pd. Ex. Board..... | 42 70 |
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I. H. LAWSON,
Treasurer Red River Association.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this Association adopt Mell's Parliamentary Law to govern this body and that the clerk be instructed to have this resolution inserted in the Minutes.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the members of the Lydia church and surrounding country for kind and hospitable entertainment while convened in this session.

W. M. BARNETT.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your committee begs leave to report as follows:

Your committee met and organized on the day of November, 1900, and elected Bro. N. B. Terry county missionary, but he declined the work. We then at the 5th Sunday meeting in December elected Bro. Thos. C. Holt at a salary of \$1.50 per day and he labored 71 days to the 31st of March, 1901, and resigned. His report is as follows: Miles traveled, 511; sermons preached, 14; religious visits, 183. Bro. Holt has been paid \$106.50 in full. On May 1st the board employed Brethren G. B. Furgeson and C. R. Powell as county missionaries and colporters, each for one half his time, at \$25.00 each per month, and they both labored up to the first day of September under the employment of the Board. At the same meeting the Board borrowed \$25.06 from Bro. J. A. Moore and \$25.00 from Bro. T. R. Lassiter, with which to purchase books and religious literature.

Books sold by Bro Furgeson:

Eight volumes of New Testament and Psalms.

Twenty volumes of New Testaments.

Five volumes of New Testaments, given away.

Six volumes of Theodosia Earnest.

Three volumes of Grace Truman.

Three volumes of Little Baptist.

Three volumes of All of Grace.

Two volumes of Resurrection.

One volume of According to Promise.

Eight volumes of Pendleton's Church Manual.

Eleven volumes of Black Beauty.

One volume of Beautiful Joe.

One volume of Short History of Baptist.

Four volumes of Life of Jesus.

Six volumes of Blood of Jesus.

Two volumes of Pilgrim's Progress.

Five volumes of Prince of the House of David.

Three volumes of Fuller's History of Texas Baptist.

Brother Furgeson has turned over to the Board 17 books and a lot of religious tracts furnished him by the Board.

The Board furnished Brother Furgeson \$20 worth of books with which to do the above work. We also furnished Brother Powell \$5.00 worth of books and \$20.00 in cash. He has returned the Board \$28.50 in cash and seven volumes of books.

Brother Powell's report shows work done as follows: Days labored, 60; miles traveled, 1000; religious visits, 120; sermons preached, 63; religious addresses, 9; stations filled regularly and irregularly, 12; conversions, 109; baptisms as result of meetings, 72; received by letter, 27.

Brother Furgeson's report shows work done as follows: Days labored, 71; miles traveled, 640; religious visits, 190; sermons preached, 86; religious addresses, 25; stations filled regularly, 8; baptisms, 48; received by letter, 46; cash

collected on the field, \$60.50; balance on work, \$39.50; amount due on last year's work, \$21.50; total amount due, \$61.00 Brother Powell collected \$65.00.

S. W. HARMON,

Chairman Executive Board.

At the Association a collection was taken and all the above indebtedness was paid in full, and the Board begins a new year free from debt.

CLERK.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This organization shall be called the Red River Baptist Association.

ART. II. This Association shall be composed of representatives from such Baptist churches as are in regular standing, and contribute to its funds and co-operate in its objects.

ART. III. Churches applying for membership, or the right of representation, must send by their messengers letters containing satisfactory evidence of their soundness in the faith, and their desire to assist in the missionary work.

ART. IV. Each church shall be entitled to four delegates, and an additional one for every twenty-five members above one hundred.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of each church to furnish her delegates with an annual letter to the Association containing her statistics, contributions for associational purposes, and such other items of interest as she may wish to

communicate, not contrary to the constitution nor foreign to the business of the Association.

ART. VI. The business of the Association shall be to promote the cause of missions within her bounds, and to the extent of her ability assist in the same work in such places as Providence may indicate, always being governed by the teachings of the Bible. And it shall be her duty at her several meetings to adopt and carry into effect such measures as may appear most likely to advance this great work. She may, at any time she may think expedient, establish an associational school.

ART. VII. This Association is to have no ecclesiastical authority, recognizing the fact that each church is complete and independent, being responsible to God only for her faith and practice.

ART. VIII. The Association shall at each meeting elect by ballot a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, and shall appoint a committee consisting of one member from each church, which committee shall constitute a Missionary Board for the management of the business of the Association during the recess of its annual meetings, three of which Board shall constitute a quorum.

ART. IX. The Moderator shall perform the duties usually required of the presiding officer of other deliberative bodies. The clerk shall take and preserve a correct account of the proceedings of this body in an associational book, which he is required to deliver to the Association at the expiration of his term of office. The Treasurer and Executive Board shall make a report in writing annually.

ART. X. Any visiting brother in good standing shall be entitled to sit in counsel in this Association, but shall not be entitled to vote.

ART. XI. At each meeting of this body some brother shall be appointed to preach an introductory sermon at the next annual meeting. And a letter of correspondence may be written and corresponding messengers appointed for sister Associations.

ART. XII. The annual meeting of this Association shall be Friday at 10 o'clock, before the first Sunday in September.

ART. XIII. This Constitution may be amended and altered (the 6th and 7th articles excepted) at an annual meeting by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I. We believe that the Holy Bible, written by men divinely inspired, and full of unmix'd truth, is a perfect rule of faith and practice.

II. We believe in one God—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

III. We believe that man, once holy, fell by voluntary transgression from that happy state, and is now utterly void of holiness.

IV. We believe that sinners are saved by grace alone.

V. We believe that men are justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

VI. We believe that salvation is free to all who will accept the Gospel.

VII. We believe that except a man Holy Spirit, he is not qualified or prepared for Christ on earth, or to enjoy his glory.

VIII. We believe that repentance to God in the Lord Jesus Christ are the duties which hears the Gospel.

IX. We believe that election is the gift of God, by which he graciously regenerates and saves sinners.

X. We believe that sanctification, begun at conversion, and ever progressive, is the process by which the believer partakes of God's holiness.

XI. We believe in the preservation of the church, and that they are kept by the power of God through the Holy Spirit.

XII. We believe that God's law is the rule of life, and unchangeable rule of his church and world.

XIII. We believe that a church of God is constituted by the baptism of believers, united in the Lord Jesus Christ, observing the ordinances of the Gospel, observing the ordinances of the Gospel; and that its officers are I

XIV. We believe that Christian baptism is in water of a believer, by a properly qualified minister, into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

XV. We believe that only such as are truly penitent, and received into the fellowship of the church, should partake of the Lord's Supper.

XVI. We believe that the Lord's

Sabbath should be devoutly observed, and sacredly devoted to religious services.

XVII. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, and that the governors of States and nations should be obeyed, when the laws they seek to enforce are not in conflict with the Gospel.

XVIII. We believe in the future resurrection of the dead.

XIX. We believe in the final judgment; and that, in that day, the righteous and wicked will be separated forever.

XX. We believe that the righteous will be made happy forever in heaven, and the wicked miserable forever in hell.



| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | POSTOFFICE. | CLERKS. | POSTOFFICE. | DAYS OF MEETING—Sundays | INCREASE. | | | | DECREASE. | | | | TOTAL MEMBERSHIP | PASTOR'S SALARY | BUILDING AND REPAIRS | ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS | STATE MISSIONS | FOREIGN MISSIONS | HOME MISSIONS | A. M. R. | B. O. H. | MINUTES | |
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| Annona | A. B. Giles | English. | A. B. Giles | English. | 1 | 10 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 44 | 25 00 | | 6 50 | | | | | | | 5 25 | 2 00 |
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| Clairmont | A. N. Pledger | Detroit | W. M. Barnett | Fulbright. | 1 | 2 | 2 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 74 | 75 00 | | 15 00 | 6 00 | | | | | | 10 50 | 1 50 |
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| Cross Roads | N. B. Terry | English | F. A. Powell | Detroit | 2-3 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 36 | 150 00 | 1400 00 | 11 50 | | | | | | | 25 00 | 1 70 |
| Dean's Chapel | A. N. Pledger | Detroit. | J. Nolen Norris | Detroit. | 4 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 54 | 44 10 | | 6 25 | | | | | | | 3 50 | 1 75 |
| Hopewell No. 2 | W. J. Bell | Box Elder | D. J. Staphill | Shawnee. | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 55 | 36 40 | | 9 65 | | | | | | | 7 00 | 2 00 |
| Hopewell No. 1 | R. Blanchard | Fulbright. | G. F. Brown | Clarksville. | 1 | 25 | 5 | 3 | 22 | 9 | 1 | 133 | 75 | 50 00 | | 12 00 | | | | | | | 2 00 | |
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| New Hope | J. A. Raby | Detroit | J. T. Kennedy | Detroit | 1 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 20 00 | | | | | | | | | | 1 65 | |
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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 the 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.

Any member of our body whose name occurs in the Minutes of our Association, bearing a copy of the same, visiting sister associations with whom we correspond, shall be considered by us as our correspondent.