

MINUTES

of the
Sixty-Seventh Annual Session
of the
Red River Baptist Association

*Held with Old Ammona Church, Friday before the First
Sunday in September A. D. 1910*

OFFICERS

A. S. CROW, Clerk

ELD. B. J. DEVINNEY, Clerk

The Next Annual Session will convene with the Avery Church, Beginning at 10:00 O'clock, A. M., Friday before the Fourth Sunday in September 1911

Order of Business.

- 1st. Election of officers.
- 2nd. Reading letters and enrolling messengers.
- 3rd. Petitionary Letters.
- 4th. Invite and return Correspondence.
- 5th. Introductory Sermon.

Appointment of Committees.

- 1st. On Divine Service.
- 2nd. On County Missions.
- 3rd. On State Missions.
- 4th. On Foreign Missions.
- 5th. On Sabbath Schools.
- 6th. On Education.
- 7th. On Denominational Literature.
- 8th. On Temperance.
- 9th. On Aged Ministers Relief.
- 10th. On Orphans Home.
- 11th. On Nominations.
- 12th. On Home Missions.
- 13th. On Obituaries.

Special Reports

- (a) Treasurer's Report.
- (b) Executive Board.
- (c) Finance Report.
- (d) Miscellaneous Business.

Proceedings.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session

The Red River Baptist Association met in its Sixty-seventh annual session with the English Baptist Church, Friday before the first Sunday in September, A. D. 1910, and was called to order by former Moderator S. T. Bailey.

The Clerk being absent R. L. Garrison was elected clerk protem, after devotional services, the letters from the churches composing this association were read and messengers names enrolled.

Jackson School House—J. W. McElroy and Sister Hicks. Brewster—J. M. Hubbard, Sister Pinson.

Cherry—J. K. Pritchett.

Lone Pilgrim—Elder J. W. McElroy, Sister Sara Hicks, Sister Allie Upchurch, T. J. Williams, Joe Upchurch, M. T. Pleasant, Elder L. B. Neal, Z. E. Finley. Alternates: J. C. Kiser, Willie Kiser.

Liberty—C. C. Patterson, G. H. Hollingsworth, J. S. Patterson. Alternates: George Hollingsworth, Willie Fisher, W. A. Patterson.

New Haven—N. T. Thompson, E. R. Shackelford.

Concord—Jessie Hooser, Bill Parker. Alternates: Jessie Watson, Doss Parker.

Akins Grove—J. S. Hubbard, Ed Proctor, W. H. LeMaster, Sister LeMaster. Alternates: J. A. Moore, James Bolton, B. C. Wolf.

White Oak—I. A. Bond, Sister Clara McColock, Sister Mary Bond. Alternates: W. H. Wright.

Rehobath—Elder B. J. Devinney, A. S. Crow, Sister Ollie Crow. Alternates: Sister Millie Devinney, Charley Morrow, Joe Anderson.

Lydia—O. H. Pinkham, W. J. Lafferty, R. Stewart. Alternates: G. W. Taylor, E. J. Lewis.

Old Annona—M. O. Grant, R. L. Garrison. Alternates: Sister Minnie Story, Sister P. H. Swinney.

Collier Springs—S. T. Bailey, Jessie Grayson, Sister Minnie Quarles. Alternates: Sister Lucy Bailey, Annie Tally. Avery—H. K. B. McKinney, R. P. Coffman, W. P. Rhodes, Alternates; Elder T. J. Williams, C. R. Medford, Chas. Hutchinson.

The Association adjourned 10 minutes for the purpose of appointing committees.

Elder B. J. Devinnie preached the introductory sermon.

Afternoon Session

Called to order by the Moderator; after devotional services went into election of officers which resulted in the election of S. T. Bailey, Moderator, A. S. Crow, Clerk; Eld. B. J. Devinnie, treasurer.

Lane's Chapel Church not having a letter was received through Bro. Mays as messenger; by motion and second the association received in order of business Obtunaries after which Bro. L. S. Darling gave an address on education.

Adjourned until 9:00 o'clock a. m.

Sermon at night by L. S. Darling.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by the Moderator. After devotional services proceeded to business.

The various reports were called for and after discussion of same were adopted.

Adjourned until 2:00 o'clock p. m.

Afternoon Session

Called to order by the Moderator; after devotional services committee on nominations made their reports, and by vote of the body the next annual session of this association will convene with Avery Church, at Avery, Tex., beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., on Friday before the fourth Sunday, September, 1911. Elder J. A. Moore, to preach the introductory sermon.

There being no other business claiming the attention of the body, after singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," amid general hand-shaking, the association adjourned.

S. T. BAILEY, Moderator.

A. S. CROW, Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved that the thanks of this body and visitors be and are hereby tendered to the church at English and community for their generous hospitality and courtesies shown during the session of this body. We shall ever pray the blessings of God to rest upon them.

Be it further resolved that the clerk be allowed \$10.00 for his services, that the clerk have the minutes printed where he can get the nearest job for the least money and that the clerk draw on the treasurer for the money.

R. P. COFFMAN.

Report of Committees

County Missions

We, your committee on County Missions, beg leave to submit the following report or that we urge some good man be put in the field at \$50 per month as soon as possible and that we stand by him with our prayers and means and uphold him. We therefore find that several of the churches in the county or without pastors because of the scarcity of competent men, submitted.

R. L. GARRISON.

J. A. MOORE.

P. H. SWINNEY.

State Missions

Your committee on State Missions submit for your consideration the following report:

The service and authority of all Mission work is the command of Christ.

Its object is to make disciples and, after baptizing them, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever our Lord Jesus has commanded.

The result of obedience upon the part of the church is the abiding presence of Christ. The Mission work is of supreme importance then to every church because of the command of Jesus Christ, because of the object and because of the results. The Baptist Missionary Association of Texas has forty-one Missionaries at work in the State. The year's work has been the greatest in our history. From the first of August until Nov. 1st we must raise \$12000.00 to be able to come up to the Annual Session in Jacksonville out of debt.

Its needs—Preachers, the work upon the hearts of the churches, the prayers of the churches, the financial support of the churches, and advance into further field of destitution. We therefore recommend that this Association take up the largest possible offering in cash and pledges to be paid by the 1st. of November for the work.

J. S. HUBBARD.

K. J. WILLIAMS.

W. W. SCALLES, Com.

Foreign Missions

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to make the following report: We find it to be the command of the Lord Jesus Christ, that we should go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. We have as foreign fields, China, Old Mexico, Persia, Syria, where men and women are bowing down and worshipping Gods made with their own hands. We as Baptist feel it to be our indispensable duty to send the gospel to those people through the hands of well-qualified men and women. We find in God's Word that the man that takes hold of the plough and looks' back is not fit for the Kingdom of God. So let us as the church of the living God support this work and carry it on till Jesus comes again to gather up His jewels.

M. O. GRANT.

W. H. LeMASTER.

Sabbath Schools

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools beg to report as follows: Of the number of churches represented, there is but few Sunday Schools reported, brethren this state of affairs is indeed deplorable. A Sunday School is one of God's given ways to a live working church. We therefore recommend that each church in this association that has not a Sunday School organize one at your next meeting, and make it an evergreen Sunday School. So brethren and sisters in Christ let us put forth our best efforts to do more in the Sunday School this associational year than we have ever done.

R. P. COFFMAN.

A. S. CROW.

Christian Education

Your committee on Christian Education respectfully submit the following for your consideration: During this age of progress there is great demand for young men and women who are qualified to fill positions of great responsibility. Places which, because of their prominence and influence ought to be occupied by people who love our Lord and Master. In all the walks of life the demand is greater each year for men and women who are equipped for service. We owe it to the rising generation, to ourselves, and especially to our God, to do our part toward fitting our boys and girls to make the most of life, "Knowledge is power" consequently one of the best ways to accomplish this purpose is to provide and patronize Baptist schools for higher education. The Texas Baptist University at Dallas, and Jacksonville College at Jacksonville are worthy the hearty support and patronage of the churches of this Association and we cheerfully recommend them. We further recommend that the churches of this Association encourage and assist young men called of God to preach His gospel, to attend one of these institutions of learning.

B. J. DEVINNEY.

L. S. DARLING.

Denominational Literature

We, your committee on denominational literature, beg to submit the following report: We recommend first of all that a constant and prayerful reading and study of the Bible be made as it is our only safe guide in our Master's cause and in the Sabbath Schools we cannot over estimate the importance of a careful study of God's Word, as a source of all wisdom and knowledge, and the only true guide for our children. We further recommend the reading of true Baptist papers, such as the B. M. A., the Echo, and the Arkansas Baptist, of which papers, we find but few Baptist reading, and on the account of the foregoing suggestions not being carried out is the reason of so many uninformed and weak Baptist.

P. H. SWINNEY.

K. B. MCKINNEY.

Temperance

We, your committee on temperance submit the following report: The liquor traffic organized as it is compactly and with untold many at its command is the most dangerous and destructive foe to good morals and Christianity that the world has ever known. There is no parallel to it in ancient or modern times, it is like a deadly cypress tree that is planted at the gate of every home. Surely the parents of our land have no other foe at all approaching in magnitude the traffic in alcoholic stimulants it hovers over the cradles of our sons and threatens the life and happiness of our daughters. While parents are trying to train and prepare their children for useful citizenships, there is in almost every city and town and hamlet multitudinous dens of vice and corruption where the steps of the youths of our land take hold on hell. Therefore, be it resolved that we the Baptist of the Red River Association pledge ourselves to advocate and help the cause of temperance by a truceless uncompromising warfare against liquor traffic until every dram shop is driven from our midst.

L. B. NEAL.

W. C. PARKER.

R. STEWART.

Aged Ministers

We, your committee beg to submit the following report: We believe it is the duty of the churches to support the aged ministers who have given their lives to the cause of our Lord. They have planted the gospel and have been builders of our churches and we enjoy the fruits of their labors. Many of them have grown old and feeble and are not able to work and are not able to make a living and but little is being done for their support and comfort. And we believe it is the special duty of the churches to look after the welfare of their wives who are left in a destitute condition, and we make special mention of Bro. R. B. Torrage's wife whom we know to be in special need of help, and we recommend that a cash collection be taken at once to relieve her present necessities. Brethren this ought not to be. May God's Spirit move upon the churches to take care of the old ministers.

G. H. HALLINGSWORTH.

I. A. BOND.

J. W. WRIGHT.

Orphans Home

We, your committee submit the following: We would recommend to this Association the plan adopted by the Missionary Association of Texas, that is the placing of a homeless child in every childless home—which work of placing is in the hands of J. S. Evans at Waxahachie. We have on foot the erection of a home for the children sent to Bro. Evans until homes can be secured for them.

G. E. PINKHAM.

J. S. HUBBARD.

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Nominations

We, your committee on nominations, beg leave to make the following report: That the Missionary Board meeting meet with the Baptist Church at English, and that Eld. P.

H. Swinney be chairman and the Board be composed of one member from each church. We recommend that it be left to a vote of this body as to which of three churches, Liberty, Avery or Concord, that this Association convene with the next annual meeting, with Eld. J. A. Moore to preach the introductory sermon on "The Peculiarities of the Baptist." W. P. Beadle, alternate. We further recommend that this Association change its date of meeting from Friday before the first Sunday in September to Friday before the 4th, Sunday in September.

J. S. PATTERSON.

ANNIE CONNER.

ANNIE TALLY.

Treasurer's Report

Paid J. S. Hubbard on county Missions	\$2.00
Paid L. S. Darling for T. B. U.	4.55
Paid W. W. Seales for State Missions	4.55
Paid Sister N. B. Terry and Sister K. L. Keen from old Ministers relief fund	12.20
Paid the Clerk for Minutes	16.00

Obituaries

We, your committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report: We realize that many of the old Guards have passed away and gone before to the land of rest awaiting the coming of other faithful sons and daughters of this Association. More especially would we speak of our brother, Eld. T. C. Holt. He was born May 1st, 1833, died at English Nov. 10th, 1909, in triumphs of a living faith whereas God has seen fit in His providence to remove from us our beloved Bro. T. C. Holt, and as we regret to give him up yet we bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well. Our loss is his gain. Bro. Holt was a member in full fellowship with the church at English and a faithful worker in the Master's vineyard, was 54 years a Baptist Minister and 76 years of age. We miss him but the Lord knows best, the Lord giveth and the Lord

takeh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord, we bow in humble submission to His will.

We recommend that all churches composing this Association send up the names annually of the deceased of their churches in letter to this Association.

W. T. CLAMPET.
MRS. ANNIE POPE.
J. A. MOORE.

Individual Pledges for County Missions

J. S. Hubbard	\$12.00
P. H. Swinney,	12.00.
C. H. Watson	12.00
William Obannon	2.00
J. M. Hubbard	12.00
B. C. Wolf	12.00
Bro. Mays, paid	1.00
Ladies Aid Society at White Oak	6.00
For State Missions, cash	100.00
County Missions	50.00

Pledges to T. B. U. of Texas

W. A. Conner	\$10.00
Annona Church	5.00
Avery Church	5.00
W. R. Beadle	1.00
Aikins Grove Church	5.00
White Oak Church	2.50

Ordained Ministers

- J. A. Moore, Clarksville, Texas.
- J. S. Hubbard, Clarksville, Texas.
- W. T. Clampet, Avery, Texas.
- W. F. Brooks, Avery, Texas.
- B. J. Devinnay, Avery, Texas.
- T. J. Williams, Avery, Texas.
- J. W. McElroy, Avery, Texas.
- P. H. Swinney, Annona, Texas.
- B. T. Richardson, Dimple, Texas.
- W. P. Beadle, Dimple, Texas.
- H. E. Duffee, Outhand, Texas.
- M. O. Grant, Avery, Texas.

Licentiates

- James Sanders, Detroit, Texas.
- J. L. Greer, Rosalie, Texas.
- I. A. Bond, Cuthand, Texas.
- L. B. Neal, Dimple, Texas.
- A. S. Terry, Vesev, Texas.

