

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Red River

Baptist Association

Held with Avery Church Friday before the fourth Lord's
Day in September, 1911.

OFFICERS:

S. T. BAILEY, Moderator, Acworth, Texas
ELDER B. J. DEVINEY, Treasurer, Avery, Texas
D. J. STANPHILL, Clerk, Bagwell, Texas

Next session of the Association convenes with Liberty
Church, five miles north of Detroit, Thursday
before the fourth Lord's Day in
September, 1912, at 10 a. m.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—Morning Session

The Red River Baptist Association met in its Sixty-eighth annual session with the Avery church September 22, 23, 24, 1911. Was called to order by S. T. Bailey, Moderator.

After devotional exercises the body went into election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: S. T. Bailey re-elected Moderator, Elder B. J. Deviney re-elected Treasurer, D. J. Stanphill, Clerk.

By order of the body Elder B. T. Richardson preached the introductory sermon. Brother W. H. LeMaster and Elder W. F. Brooks appointed reading clerks, and letters from the following churches were read and their messengers names enrolled as follows:

Alken Grove—B. C. Wolf, J. W. Wilburn, W. H. LeMaster, Rev. J. A. Moore, Sister W. H. LeMaster.

Avery—J. C. R. Medford, W. L. Campbell, J. A. Kendrick. Alternates: W. H. Coffman, J. H. Raleigh, Charles Hutchin-son.

Anderson Memorial—Elders M. O. Grant, P. H. Swinney, Sister Addie Pope. Alternates: R. L. Garrison, Simon Beard.

Brewster—No messengers reported.

Cherry—J. A. Sinclair, D. J. Stanphill.

Collier Springs—S. T. Bailey, Jesse Grayson.

Concord—J. C. Hooser, C. H. Watson, Sister Elza Igo. Alternates: W. C. Parker, Sisters Rosie Quick, Ida Blassingame.

Liberty—C. R. Patterson, G. H. Hollingsworth, R. Jewell, J. S. Patterson.

Spring Hill—(Bowie county)—W. S. Mills, S. H. Seibert,

G. R. Carney, G. A. Harbin, G. W. Dobbs.
 Mt. Pleasant—Rev. I. B. Neal, S. B. Plumlee.
 Lydia—R. Stewart, Geo. W. Taylor. Alternates: O. H. Pinkham, Sister Ada Lafferty.
 Hopewell—Gus Hearn, Ross Davis, Sister Lennie Hearn.
 New Haven—Elders W. P. Beadle, B. T. Richardson.
 Rehoboth—Elder B. J. Deviney, W. R. Meadows, Sister M. E. Crow. Alternates: Sister Millie Deviney, Clay Harison.
 Savannah Springs—F. W. Bearden, Sister Lucy Bearden. Alternate: Sister Delia Howard, G. T. Benson, Sister Geo. Titus.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. The following named visiting brethren were invited to seats with us: Elder J. F. McClung, State Missionary representing the B. M. A. News, Italy, Texas; Elder J. S. Elliott, Financial Agent Baptist Orphanage, Waxahachie, Texas; Elder T. N. Fore, representing Jacksonville College, Jacksonville, Texas. Following pledges and cash collection were taken for building an orphanage at Waxahachie, Texas:

Aiken Grove church by Brothers Moore and LeMaster	\$10 00
Anderson Memorial church by Brother M. O. Grant	5 00
Cherry church by Brother Sinclair	5 00
Elder B. T. Richardson	1 00
Hopewell church by Brother Hearn	10 00
Rehoboth church by Brother Deviney	5 00
Brewster church by Brother Hubbard	5 00
Liberty church by Brother Hollingsworth	2 50
Concord church by Brother Watson	2 50
Brother Jesse Grayson	2 50
Spring Hill church by Brother Seibert	5 00
Cash collection	8 25

Adjourned to 7 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION

Sermon by Elder J. F. McClung.

SECOND DAY -- Morning Session

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by the Moderator and proceeded to business. Report on State Missions received as read after discussion by Elders McClung, Fore, Swinney and Brother W. H. LeMaster.

Motion carried that the report on County Missions be amended by assuming the indebtedness due County Missionary, Elder M. O. Grant. Cash collection taken and pledges to pay said County Missionary in full. Pledges as follows:

Anderson Memorial church	\$ 2 50
New Haven church	2 50
Brother Watson	5 00
Aiken Grove church	2 00
Cash collection	36 75

Sermon by Elder T. N. Fore. Adjourned to 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Met pursuant to adjournment. After devotional exercises the following committees made their reports: Sabbath Schools and Christian Education, which was adopted as read.

The following pledges and cash collection taken for Jacksonville College:

Anderson Memorial church	\$ 2 50
Elder J. A. Moore	10 00
Brewster church	2 50
Unidentified	2 50
Cash	4 40

Reports read and adopted on Denominational Literature and Temperance.

Report on aged Ministers Relief adopted after discussion by Elder J. F. McClung and cash collection of \$13.60 taken for the aged and infirm.

Report on Nominations received and meeting of Executive Board called to meet with Brewster church the fifth

Lord's day in October.

All the other reports in order adopted.

By order of the body Home and Foreign Missions reports were embraced together.

By order of the body petitionary letter of Brother Seibert was received and Spring Hill church (Bowie county) received into Red River Association.

Being no further business before the body, after singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," the Association adjourned to meet with Liberty church Thursday morning before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1912.

S. T. BAILLEY, Moderator.
D. J. STANPHILL, Clerk.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved, That this Association return heartfelt thanks to the Baptist church of Avery, also the good citizens of Avery, for their kind entertainment to this Association and brethren in attendance, with the Lord's blessing resting upon them.

W. H. LeMaster.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COUNTY MISSIONS

We, your committee on County Missions, submit the following report: To those who have not taken the time to investigate this very important part of church work, it may seem wholly unnecessary to spend time and money on county mission work. However, upon inquiry we find much needed work along this line. There are men and women all over this enlightened county who seldom hear the gospel preached, and should that number be but few, it behoves us as churches and as individual members in Christ's kingdom to put forth any reasonable effort to send a good man as near their doors as possible, to give them the gospel and tell them of Jesus. Our Lord while on earth found time

and considered it not unworthy of Himself to take heed of the vilest and lowest of humanity. Then if we know ourselves followers of this meek and lowly Jesus, let's get up and carry this gospel to every soul in Red River county who has it not.

W. H. LeMaster,
J. A. Moore,
M. O. Grant.

STATE MISSIONS

Your committee on State Missions report as follows: Since our Savior has said that the "gospel of the kingdom must be preached as a witness unto all nations" before the end shall come, it is our duty as a denomination to assist in every conceivable manner in the work of evangelizing our own state. When we consider the various "isms and seisms" that are extant in our state, it should bring us in humility before our God and cause us to put forth a greater effort in the future than we ever have in the past. We have every reason to be thankful for the success of our state missionaries. God is wonderfully blessing the work on every hand, and if we as people do our duty, we may expect still greater blessings in the future than we have ever received in the past. Consider what we are doing, then consider the sacrifice, privations and hardships of the great Captain of our Salvation for lost humanity, and see if we cannot meet the demands of the day. We have forty consecrated missionaries now in the field whose work has been wonderfully blessed: about one thousand baptisms up to date. We recommend that each pastor bring this matter before his church and take a collection for state missions between now and the next meeting of the B. M. A. Respectfully,

B. T. Richardson,
J. A. Moore.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

Your committee on Home and Foreign Missions, make the following report: The command of the Lord Jesus

Christ to his churches is to go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature, and in failing to do this we would be recreant to our trust. We have as foreign fields, China, Mexico, Japan, Brazil, Persia, Syria, and other places where superstition and unknown gods abound. Our missionaries are accomplishing great things in these fields for God. It is both a duty and a privilege to support this great work. We therefore recommend to the heart of all our churches this noble work, and that they at their first convenience take special collection for the support of this great work.

P. H. Swinney,
J. A. Moore,
J. F. McClung.

SABBATH SCHOOLS

Your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report. The work of the Sabbath school which properly belongs to the church, should be conducted by the same. All its officers should be appointed or elected by the church. The literature used should be sound doctrine, which can neither be gainsaid nor resisted. The Baptists, because of their peculiarities from other denominations should be careful in their selections of good reading literature. It was Bonaparte who said that the need of France was mothers, but not so with our country. What our country needs is fathers—fathers who like Abraham of old will command their children, and obey the injunction of the Apostle, when he said, "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." One of the greatest demands of the Christian world today is for teachers, called and qualified for this purpose, that they may so direct the minds of the young as to bring them to the Savior in early life. What an opportunity is opened to us in the Sabbath school work. The greatest honor that God ever conferred on his children is to give to them this exalted station in life. We urge the importance of this work upon all our churches. Those having no Sunday school should organize at once

and prosecute the work to the extent of their ability.

B. T. Richardson,
R. L. Garrison,
J. S. Patterson.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Your committee on Christian Education report as follows: The mind of man is like the soil, which when uncultivated produces nothing except that which is natural growth, but when cultivated and the proper seeds implanted, produces the necessities and the luxuries of life. So with the mind. When left to follow its natural inclinations it is of little use in the work of life for which God has designed we should live. Christian education is designed to prepare for usefulness and happiness. Hence we should be careful to educate so as to accomplish the greatest good in life. The highest mission which God has given us is the spread of the gospel. We should educate on the lines of missions above all things else. Our pastors, deacons, Sunday school superintendents and Sunday school teachers should realize the importance of training the youths of our land that giving is a part of God's worship the same as the song and devotional service. That God requires this service at our hands is manifest in the New Testament Scriptures. We trust that in the future this subject of missionary training will receive the attention which its importance demands. We would recommend as heretofore the Texas Baptist University at Dallas and Jacksonville College, at Jacksonville, as worthy the support and patronage of our churches. We should encourage and assist all young brethren preparing for the ministry, those who have been called of God, to attend one of these institutions of learning.

B. T. Richardson,
P. H. Swinney.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

Your committee on Denominational Literature submit the following report: We recommend first, 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 overestimate 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. Second, the reading of true Baptist literature such as the B. M. A. News, Baptist Echo, Arkansas Baptist and the Baptist Flag.

G. H. Hollingsworth,
J. M. Hubbard,
C. R. Medford.

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following report: The liquor traffic as it is, we believe to be one of the greatest evils of modern times and the most destructive enemy to good morals and to christianity. Its equal can not be excelled in ancient or modern times. While we are endeavoring to train our children for grand and noble purposes we believe it to be our duty as christians in the Red River Association to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors and denounce it under all circumstances, therefore be it resolved, that we, the Baptists of Red River Association, pledge ourselves to advocate and help the cause of temperance, by truceless warfare against the liquor traffic, until every dram shop is driven from our beloved christendom.

Oscar Pinkham,
J. W. Wilburn,
S. H. Seibert,

AGED MINISTERS

Your committee on Aged Ministers Relief report as follows: We believe it is the duty of the churches to look after their old worn out ministers of the gospel, who have planted the gospel and have built churches to which we are now reaping the fruits of their labor but after an investigation we find that we have no old ministers that are dependent on us, but we, your committee, recommend that we as the church

of Jesus Christ ever be on our lookout, and if any of our old servants of God should happen to any misfortune that we contribute to their necessity, and see that they are supported in our homes.

B. J. Deviney,
W. R. Meadows,
A. S. Crow.

ORPHAN'S HOME

Your committee report as follows: To care for homeless orphan children is giving to the poor and giving to the poor is laying up treasures in heaven. As good citizens we respond to such calls, as moralists we cannot afford to pass it by lightly, but as christians—as Baptists—we dare not cease our efforts and claim to be followers of Jesus Christ.

Because of seemingly incurable difficulties we have done but little along this line for the last ten years, as an organization. But as we now have a splendid prospect for an institution to care for children at Waxahachie, we feel encouraged. We learn that brother J. S. Elliott has in cash and pledges between \$7000.00 and \$8000.00 on the building, to be erected this year. This building will form one wing of the building that is to be completed in the future. It will have 18 rooms, a two story brick, costing \$11,000.00.

Therefore we recommend that a cash collection be taken with pledges to be paid as soon as the donor thinks it can be done, and that all of our churches ask their pastors to preach a sermon on the subject, and take a collection for the work and send at once to J. S. Elliott, Waxahachie, Texas. Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Campbell,
J. A. Sinclair,
T. G. Welch,
W. C. Hudson,
A. L. Hearn.

NOMINATIONS

We, your committee on Nominations, beg leave to make the following report: That the missionary committee appoint some stated time in which to meet and the committee

be composed of one member from each church appointed by the churches. We recommend that it be left to a vote of this body as to which of the two churches, Liberty or Concord, that this Association convene with the next annual meeting; Elder B. T. Richardson to preach the introductory sermon and M. O. Grant, alternate.

Chas. Patterson.
Jesse Grayson.
Chas. Medford.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand since last Association	\$ 2 75
Received for county missions	18 60
Received for minutes	21 50
Paid to clerk	2 75
Paid to county missionary	18 60
B. J. Deviney, Treasurer.	

OBITUARIES

We, your committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report: Since our last meeting the death list so far as has been reported, only three of our numbers, Brethren Grant, Neal, and Enoch have passed over the River to enjoy the delightful reward of lives well spent in the service of the Lord. We miss them from our work, but the Lord knows best, the Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh, blessed be the name of the Lord. We recommend that the churches send up the names annually of the deceased of their churches in letters to this Association.

Why should we grieve for departed friends,
Or shake at death's alarms;
'Tis but the message Jesus sends
To call us to His arms.

J. S. Patterson.
C. H. Watson.
B. C. Wolf.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committee report as follows: We met at Aiken Grove church with the Fifth Sunday Meeting in October, 1910, and employed Brother M. O. Grant for half his time as Missionary of our Association. Brother Grant has given his time to this work, which has been satisfactory to us. We refer to his report appended to report on County Missions.

S. T. Bailey,
Chairman Executive Committee.

Ordained Ministers

P. H. SWINNEY	AVERY, TEXAS	H. E. DUFFEE	CUTHAND, TEXAS
J. A. MOORE	CLARKSVILLE, TEXAS	M. O. GRANT	AVERY, TEXAS
B. T. RICHARDSON	DIMPLE, TEXAS	W. P. BEADE	DIMPLE, TEXAS
W. F. BROOKS	AVERY, TEXAS	J. W. McELROY	AVERY, TEXAS
J. S. HUBBARD	CLARKSVILLE, TEXAS	T. J. WILLIAMS	AVERY, TEXAS
B. J. DEVINNEY	AVERY, TEXAS	W. T. CLAMPETT	AVERY, TEXAS

Licentiates

I. A. BOND	CUTHAND, TEXAS	A. S. TERRY	VESEY, TEXAS
L. C. NEAL	DIMPLE, TEXAS	J. L. GREER	ROSALIE, TEXAS

Rules of Order

1st. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.	3rd. PETITIONARY LETTERS.
2nd. READING LETTERS AND ENROLLING MESSENGERS.	4th. INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

Committees

1st. ON DIVINE SERVICE.	8th. TEMPERANCE.
2nd. COUNTY MISSIONS.	9th. AGED MINISTERS RELIEF.
3rd. STATE MISSIONS.	10th. ORPHANS HOME.
4th. FOREIGN MISSIONS.	11th. NOMINATIONS.
5th. SABBATH SCHOOLS.	12th. HOME MISSIONS.
6th. EDUCATION.	13th. OBITUARIES.
7th. DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.	

Special Reports

(a) EXECUTIVE BOARD.	(c) TREASURER'S REPORT.
(b) FINANCE.	(d) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

