

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

Red River

Baptist Association

Held with Liberty Church Thursday, Friday and Saturday
before the fourth Lord's Day in September, A. D. 1912.

OFFICERS:

G. R. DEAN, Moderator, Detroit, Texas,
ELDER B. J. DEVINNEY, Treasurer, Avery, Texas
D. J. STAMPHILL, Clerk, Bagwell, Texas

Next Session of this Association will Convene with
Concord Church, eight miles northeast of
Clarksville, Thursday before the fourth
Sabbath in September.
1913, at 10 a. m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- (1) Divine service by Moderator.
 - (2) Reading letters and enrolling names of messengers.
 - (3) Election of officers
 - (4) Petitionary letters.
 - (5) Appointment of committees.
1. Divine service.
 2. County Missions.
 3. State Missions.
 4. Denominational Literature.
 5. Sabbath Schools.
 6. Temperance.
 7. Education.
 8. Finance.
 9. Foreign Missions.
 10. Aged Ministers Relief.
 11. Orphans Home.
 12. Nominations.

MINISTERS WITH POSTOFFICE ADDRESS

J. A. Moore	Clarksville
F. H. Swinney	Avery
R. T. Richardson	Dimple
W. F. Brooks	Avery
H. E. Duffee	Cuthand
M. O. Grant	Avery
W. P. Beadle	Dimple
T. J. Williams	Avery
A. S. Terry	Vesey
G. H. Welch	DeKalb, Route 1
E. J. Devinney	Avery
L. B. Neal	Dimple
W. T. Clamgitt	Avery
J. L. Greer	Rosalie, Route
J. A. Bond	Cuthand
G. V. Elliott	Dimple

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—Morning Session

The Red River Baptist Association met in its Sixty-ninth Annual Session with the Liberty church Thursday morning, September 19, 1912, and was called to order by Elder B. T. Richardson, Moderator pro tem. After devotional exercises and prayer by Elders G. V. Elliott and L. B. Neal, adjourned until 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session

After prayer, the Moderator appointed Elders J. A. Moore and G. A. Lyons reading clerks, and letters from the following churches were read and messengers names enrolled as follows:

Anderson Memorial—Elders M. O. Grant, R. L. Garrison and S. W. Baird.
 Aiken Grove—Joe Gibbons, G. A. Lyons, Elder J. A. Moore.
 Avery—Elders P. H. Swinney, R. P. Coffman, Joe Hutcheson.
 Bethlehem—Elders H. E. Duffee, Billie Hood, Elmer Norwood.
 Brewster—(No messengers.)
 Cherry—D. J. Stampfill.
 Collier Springs—Jessie Grayson, Alie Robertson, Sister Ella Eller.
 Concord—W. C. Parker, J. T. Pace, Sister J. T. Pace.
 Liberty—J. S. Patterson, Sister Lou Stringer, J. Harris, Will Conley, F. M. Riley.
 Lydia—H. J. Lafferty, E. N. Lafferty, Geo. W. Taylor, Sister George Taylor.

Mount Pleasant—Elder L. B. Neal, S. B. Plumlee, Elder G. V. Elliott.

New Haven—Elders B. T. Richardson, Sister Blanche Richardson.

Rehoboth—Elder B. J. Devinney, A. S. Crow, W. P. Myers.

White Oak—J. K. Pritchett.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: G. B. Dean, Moderator; Elder B. J. Devinney, Treasurer; D. J. Stamphill, Clerk.

The following named visitors and corresponding brethren were invited to seats in the body:

Elder J. F. McClung, state missionary, Italy, Tex.; Elder J. S. Elliott, secretary and financial agent Texas Baptist Orphanage, Waxahachie, Tex.; Elder J. M. Newburn, representing Jacksonville College, Jacksonville, Tex.; J. W. Brewer, state missionary, representing B. M. A. News, Enloe, Tex.; Elder L. S. Knight, state missionary, Snyder, Tex.

The following cash collection of \$4.80 was taken in behalf of Brother Park's church at Cleburne.

After introductory sermon by Brother B. T. Richardson, the body adjourned until 9.30 a. m.

SECOND DAY---Morning Session

After devotional services the report on Aged Ministers Relief was read and adopted, and cash collection and pledges were taken for same: G. A. Lyon, \$1.00; Elder M. O. Grant, 50c; B. P. Mooty, \$1.00; Elder P. H. Swinney, \$1.00.

Report on County Missions read, amended and adopted.

Report on Texas Baptist Orphanage read, and adopted as read, and the following cash collection and pledges taken for same: G. B. Dean, paid, \$5.00; G. A. Lyons, paid, \$5.00; Elder H. E. Duffee, paid, 50c; B. P. Mooty, paid, \$1.00; Anderson Memorial church, pledge, \$5.00; Rehoboth church, pledge, \$5.00; Liberty church, pledge, \$2.50; Collier Springs church, pledge, \$2.50; Joe Hutchinson, pledge,

\$2.50; W. P. Hood, pledge, \$2.00; Elder J. A. Moore, pledge, \$1.00; Elder P. H. Swinney, pledge, \$2.50.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session

The body met back pursuant to adjournment, and after devotional services, report on Home Missions was read and approved, also report on Christian Education adopted, and the following cash collections and pledges were taken in behalf of Jacksonville College: G. B. Dean, paid, \$5.00; Joe Hutchinson, paid, \$2.50; Lydia church, paid, \$2.50; C. R. Patterson, paid, \$1.00; G. H. Hollingsworth, paid, \$1.00; Elder G. V. Elliott, paid, \$1.00; Elder B. J. Devinney, paid, \$1.00; R. P. Coffman, paid, \$1.00; W. P. Myers, paid, \$1.00; Sister Lou Stringer, paid, 50c; Elder J. A. Moore, paid, \$2.50; Sister Davis, paid, 10c; Elder P. H. Swinney, pledged, \$5.00; Elder J. A. Moore, pledged, \$2.50; Anderson Memorial church, pledged, \$5.00; Aiken Grove church, pledged, \$2.50; W. H. Coffman, pledged, \$1.00; S. W. Beard, pledged, \$1.00; H. J. Lafferty, pledged, \$1.00; Liberty church, pledged, \$2.50; F. W. Stringer, pledged, \$1.00.

Preaching by Elders P. H. Swinney and M. O. Grant. Adjourned until 9.30 a. m.

THIRD DAY---Morning Session

After devotional service conducted by Elder J. M. Newburn the report on Foreign Missions was read, and approved after amendment. Reports on Denominational Literature and Sabbath Schools were read, and adopted as read.

Report on Temperance was read, and referred back for amendment and adopted. Report on State Missions was read, and after discussion was approved and the following cash collections taken for State Missions: G. B. Dean, paid, \$10.00; Lydia church, paid, \$2.50; Elder L. S. Knight, paid, \$2.50; Elder J. A. Moore, paid, \$1.00; Joe Hutchinson, paid, \$1.25; R. L. Garrison, paid, \$1.00; Sister

Herron, paid, 50c; Elder M. O. Grant, paid, \$1.00; W. H. Coffman, paid, 50c; W. P. Myers, \$1.00; J. S. Patterson, \$1.00; Alie Robinson, \$1.00; J. W. Stringer, 50c; E. F. Bagwell, 50c; J. T. Pace, 50c; B. P. Mooty, \$1.00; G. W. Taylor, \$1.00; Elder B. T. Richardson, 50c; R. P. Coffman 50c; Elder B. J. Devinney 50c; Sister G. W. Taylor, 50c. Pledges for State Missions: Anderson Memorial church, \$10.00; Avery church, \$10.00; Liberty church, \$5.00; Lydia church, \$5.00; Rehoboth church, \$5.00.

Report on Nominations approved and by vote of the body the next annual meeting of this Association will convene with Concord Church, 8 miles northeast of Clarksville, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., Thursday before the fourth Lord's Day in September, 1913.

Introductory sermon by Elder P. H. Swinney, alternate, Elder J. A. Moore.

G. B. DEAN, Moderator,
D. J. STAMPHILL, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

County Missions

We, your Committee on County Missions, submit the following: We find much destitution in Red River County, where the Gospel in all its fullness is needed. The destitution consists not only in the want of the pure Gospel, but in places where no Gospel is preached, churches without pastors, without prayer meetings, Sunday schools or anything to indicate that the Lord lives and would have all men to come to Him and be saved. We, your committee, would recommend that this Association at once place a missionary in the county to occupy the field at once. We, the committee, further urge the Association to seek the aid of the B. M. A. in helping to sustain the mission work in the county.

J. A. MOORE,
M. O. GRANT,
J. K. PRITCHETT.

Home Missions

Your Committee on Home Missions make the following report: The command of the Lord Jesus 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 within our bounds Cuba, Mexico, Phillipian Isles, and others, in gross darkness demanding our help. We recommend to all our churches to take this great work in consideration, and that they at their first convenience take special collection for the support of this work and send the collections to the secretary of the B. M. A., located in Dallas.

H. E. DUFFEE,
ELMER NORWOOD,
J. A. MOORE,
Committee.

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,

J. S. PATTERSON,

G. A. LYON,

J. F. McCLUNG,

Committee.

Foreign Missions

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report: We as a missionary Baptist body, claiming to have the Gospel committed to us, regard the world as the field of operation. We have facts and figures submitted to us by the Foreign Mission Board, some of which we copy as follows: Argentina, a rich and rapidly growing country, with seven million inhabitants, is now ready to receive the gospel. One of the ripest harvest fields in the world is Brazil, with a population of twenty millions, Mexico, our sister republic on the south, with thirteen millions, greatly needs our help. Italy, the fountain head of Romanism, has thirty four millions. Africa, in Southern Nigeria, the gateway to the central part of the dark continent, the "battle ground of Islam" and christianity, has six millions Chinese where in four great sections we are in touch with 156,000,000, with hundreds of millions more untouched, gives the most wonderful opportunity of all the ages. Japan, the leader of the Orient, with a marked reaction just now in favor of the Gospel, has twenty millions. These are our fields, great and ripe, now calling for laborers and equipment. The statistics furnished give us 271 missionaries with a rapid increase of native workers. The native churches are growing in self support and mission work. The S. S. are doing aggressive work. It seems that the Lord is wonderfully blessing our work, notwithstanding our seeming indifference. We should be encouraged in this work, remembering that this gospel of the kingdom must first be preached as a witness unto all nations, and then shall

the end come. We recommend the Foreign Mission Journal as a means of instruction concerning Foreign Mission work. We recommend that the delegates bring this matter before their churches, and take up collections for the same. Respectfully submitted,

G. H. HOLLINGSWORTH,

B. T. RICHARDSON,

A. S. Crow.

Sabbath Schools

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg to submit the following report: Of the number of churches in our Association we find there is but two or three Sunday schools represented. Brethren, this ought not to be, as we believe a Sunday school to be a great light and life of a community and upbuilding to the church. We therefore recommend that each church in this Association that has not a Sunday school, organize one at your earliest convenience and make it an evergreen Sunday school. So brethren and sisters in Christ, let us put forth our very best efforts in Sunday school work this year. In so doing we believe at our next annual meeting there will be more Sunday schools represented than has ever been before. Respectfully submitted,

B. J. DEVINNEY,

R. L. GARRISON,

J. T. PAGE.

Christian Education

The question of education is a living, throbbing, consuming problem. We must educate or we must perish. Our great and noble State is in the front rank of activity on this great subject, but we are asked to report on Baptist education. Here is a great field for thought and activity. We should begin with the grand parents, and follow up our arduous undertakings, until we have reached the acme of our task. It means equipping, fitting, make ready a citizenship for the highest calling in life. It means Godly homes,

well rounded citizenship, better churches and noble Christian living. We can't all go to college but we can all study to show ourselves workmen that needeth not to be ashamed. We especially recommend Jacksonville Baptist College, Jacksonville, Texas, as a college for our ministers, and our boys and girls. This college is well located. We have here health, morals, a strong religious atmosphere; and a wholesome Baptist surrounding. Our property is valued at forty thousand dollars. We are undertaking an endowment of \$25,000.00 by January, 1913. We have cheap expenses. A student may pay all necessary expenses for a full term with \$150.00. We have a noble, consecrated, competent faculty of eight professors and teachers. We recommend that a collection in cash and cash pledges be here and now raised for this school. We recommend further, that we pray for and patronize Jacksonville College. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. NEWBURN,
C. R. PATTERSON,
S. B. PLUMLEE.

Denominational Literature

Your committee recommends: 1. The Bible. 2. The best books, such as Grace Trueman, Theodosia Earnest, Mable Clement, Peddleton's Manual and other such books. For papers, we urge our people to read the B. M. A. News, The Baptist, and such other papers as are calculated to inspire greater usefulness among our Baptist people. Let all of our Baptists read, study and be competent to judge between truth and error. Submitted,

R. P. COFFMAN,
M. O. GRANT,
J. A. MOORE.

Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance, report the following: As a state, thank God, our representatives have

passed such laws which help to crush out the whiskey traffic which is the greatest curse of our Lord. We recommend that every good man will press this onward move until its sale will be eliminated from our land. We also recommend that every person study this question until they will see the awful blight to our people in the use of liquor. And we also recommend that our people will ever be found in the ranks as of old in that company who stand for the abstinence from all appearance of evil. Respectfully submitted,

G. V. ELLIOTT,
L. B. NEAL,
J. W. CONLEY.

Aged Ministers

We, your Committee on Aged Ministers Relief, wish to state that its a sad fact that our old brethren who laid the foundation for the Gospel of Christ in our State and the conflicts and hardships in the Statehood days of Texas, have been greatly neglected. We don't think they ought to be objects of pity, but of love and appreciation for the Gospel's sake. We recommend that a collection be taken for them at once and also recommend that the churches make an offering for them and send to our State Secretary, W. W. Scales, Dallas, Texas.

J. W. PATTERSON,
P. H. SWINNEY,
J. W. BREWER.

Report on Orphanage Work

Your committee is glad that we are no longer called upon to recommend that the Baptists of Texas build an orphanage, but have so far advanced in the work that we are not willing to quit but urge a forward movement. The history of the Texas Baptist Orphanage shows progress, equaling if not surpassing that of any other of its kind in the world. While we are not yet in operation we have built for the future. We have the first wing of the building

completed—a nice two story, face brick finish, with metal ceiling and plastered walls, consisting of eighteen rooms, and will accommodate fifty children. Our building cost \$8450. Our 34 acres of land is worth \$6800, making in-situation worth \$15,250. We owe on land and building \$3450. We will have to raise only \$2300 to meet our obligations this year, but with \$3500 in pledges our agent wants to pay all indebtedness this fall and also put home into operation. Therefore we recommend that we take a collection in cash and pledges to be paid by October 25, 1912, and that each of our churches wake up to the importance of this part of our work, and that they give it their attention at once, taking collections and sending same to J. S. Elliott, Waxahachie, Texas. Respectfully submitted,

J. S. ELLIOTT,
MRS. S. L. STRINGER.

Nominations

Your Committee on Nominations make the following report: That the committee be composed of one member from each church appointed by the churches, and that committee appoint some stated time in which to meet in order to the accomplishing of the work to be done. We put in nomination two churches, Concord and Collier Springs, applying for the Association to meet with either at its next annual session on Thursday before the fourth Lord's Day in September, at 9 a. m., 1913.

JESSIE GRAYSON,
T. J. PACE.

Obituaries

Your Committee on Obituaries report as follows: Since our last session a Loving Father in the dispensation of his providence has removed from us our beloved brother Elder J. S. Hubbard. We feel that while this is his gain, we have sustained a heavy loss. Brother Hubbard was one of our most successful pastors being at his death, pastor of four strong

churches. He was a pastor beloved by the members of all the churches that he served. We bow with humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, knowing that he doeth all things well. We have no information concerning the death of our lay members, therefore we cannot make mention of the deaths of any except Sister J. S. Price, of Collier Springs, and Sister E. Coffman, of Avery, who have passed away since our last meeting. We ask our churches in their letters to make mention of their departed, that they may be included in our report. "Blessed are them that die in the Lord for their works do follow them."

W. H. COFFMAN,
B. T. RICHARDSON,
D. J. STAMPHILL.

Finance and Treasurer's Report

Your Committee on Finance report collections as follows:

For Minutes	\$20.45
County missions	3.00
State missions	67.65
Orphans Home	21.05
Old ministers fund	5.40
For Cleburne B. M. A. church	5.30
For Jacksonville College	16.60
Total	\$139.45

B. J. DEVINNEY, Treasurer.
P. H. SWINNEY,
JOE HUTCHISON,
BILLIE HOOD,
Committee.

Resolution of Thanks

Resolved, That thanks are due the Liberty church and community for the splendid entertainment they have furnished the Association. We pray God's blessings upon them.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- I. We believe that the Holy Bible, written by men divinely inspired, and full of unminged 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 be renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is not qualified or prepared for the kingdom of Christ on earth, or to enjoy his glory hereafter.
- VIII. We believe that repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are the duties of every one who hears the Gospel.
- IX. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, by which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners.
- X. We believe that sanctification, begun in regeneration, and ever progressive, is the process by which we are made to partake of God's holiness.
- XI. We believe in the preservation of the saints; that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.
- XII. We believe that God's law is the only, the eternal and unchangeable rule of his church and moral government.
- XIII. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of baptist believers, united in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances and obeying the laws of Christ; and that its officers are pastors and deacons.
- XIV. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, by a properly qualified administrator, into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
- XV. We believe that only such as have been properly baptised and received into the fellowship of a regularly organized Baptist Church should partake of the Lord's Supper.
- XVI. We believe that the Lord's Day or Christian 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 the 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.

CHURCH	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	Church Day	Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Statement	Letter	Expelled	Died	Total Membership	Parlor's Salary	To Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	PLEDGED FOR Co Missions	TEXAS Baptist Orphanage	For Minutes
ANDERSON MEMORIAL	M. O. GRANT	W. B. RANDOLPH	35	2	3	2	3	2	5	1	55	\$100 00	\$10 00	\$7 00	\$10 00	\$5 00	\$1 50	50
AIKIN GROVE	M. O. GRANT	W. H. LEMASTER	35	1	6	6	6	6	65	63	50	7 60	9 50	7 60	3 50	2 00	2 00	2 00
AVERY	J. A. MOORE	W. P. RHODES	45	13	4	4	12	12	1	70	100 00	100 00	9 50	9 50	3 50	2 75	2 75	1 10
BETHLEHEM	C. VITTO	N. C. HINSON	15	3	6	6	3	6	35	35	35	\$3 00	\$3 00	\$10 00	\$10 00	1 10	1 10	1 10
BREWSTER	(No Statistics)	A. J. BARNETT	(No Statistics)															1 00
CERRY	(No Statistics)	E. C. CRITTENDEN	25	2	5	5	2	5	25	25	25	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50
COLLIER SPRINGS	M. O. GRANT	F. M. LEWIS	35	6	1	1	7	1	47	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	10 00	10 00	1 50	2 00	2 00
CONCORD	M. O. GRANT	J. C. HOOSER	35	8	13	8	2	3	112	112	112	100 00	4 50	4 50	2 50	2 50	2 00	2 00
LIBERTY	M. O. GRANT	W. A. PATTERSON	45	11	6	1	2	1	88	88	88	100 00	2 50	2 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50
LYDIA	G. H. WELCH	R. K. SMITH	45	11	6	1	2	1	88	88	88	100 00	2 50	2 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50
MT. PLEASANT	L. B. NEAL	S. B. PLUMLEE	15	3	1	1	2	2	50	50	50	10 00	10 00	10 00	1 40	1 40	1 40	1 40
NEW HAVEN	J. A. MOORE	N. L. PITTMAN	35	8	3	1	1	2	35	35	35	100 00	100 00	100 00	1 40	1 40	1 40	1 40
REHOBOTH	G. E. PINKHAM	A. S. CROW	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	43	43	100 00	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50
WHITE OAK	P. H. SWINNEY	H. BRYANT	45	5	5	5	3	3	30	30	30	52 00	52 00	52 00	5 00	5 00	1 50	1 50
SAVANNAH	(No Statistics)	(No Statistics)	35	3	5	5	1	5	47	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	10 00	10 00	1 25	1 25	50

Note: Only a few churches reported Sabbath Schools, hence the statistics are omitted. The church statistics may be incorrect, as some pastors had not accepted the calls when the Association convened.