

MINUTES

of the

Seventy-First Annual Session

of the

Red River

Baptist Association

Held With Whiteoak Baptist Church, Thursday Before the First Lord's Day in September, 1914.



A. S. CROW, CLERK.

G. A. LYONS, MODERATOR.



Next Session of the Association Convenes with Collier Springs, at Acworth, Friday Before the First Lord's Day in September 1915.

Handwritten notes and calculations, including numbers like 149, 140, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200.

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 County Baptist Association met in its Seventy-first annual session with the Whiteoak Baptist Church Thursday before the first Sunday in September A. D. 1914, and was called to order by Elder J. F. McClung.

The clerk being absent L. B. Neal was elected clerk protem.

After devotional services the letters from the Churches composing this association were read and messengers names enrolled: B. T. Richardson and W. H. Lemaster, reading clerks.

Aikin Grove—W. R. Patterson, G. A. Lyon and W. H. Lemaster.

Alternates: Sister Sallie Patterson, Hattie Lyon and Grace Wolf.

Whiteoak—R. E. Crittendon, A. C. Bond. Alternates: Sister Margaret Bond and Georgia Bryant.

Avery—R. P. Coffman, K. B. McKinney and E. D. Trinn. Alternates: J. T. Kindrick, Chas. Hutcheson and W. B. Megason.

Rehobeth—Eld. R. J. Deviny, A. S. Crow and Sister M. E. Crow. Alternates: R. M. Batchelor, T. E. Milford and Chasen Anderson.

Concord—W. M. Barnett, W. C. Parker and Elder J. B. Watson. Alternates: Sister Elsie Igo, Mary Bledsoe and J. C. Hoosier.

Lydia—George Taylor, R. Stewart and Sister Flora Taylor. Alternates: R. K. Smith, Willie Bratten and Sister R. Stewart.

Hopewell—E. W. Cornett, P. W. Gentry, E. F. Cornett. Alternates: Sister P. W. Gentry, W. E. Roberts, W. W. Reeves.

Oak Dale—Elder T. J. Parker, A. F. Heald.

Anderson Memorial—C. H. Watson, Whitner and Sister Pearl Giles. Alternates; J. H. Medlin, Sister Medlin and Sister Pope.

Starksville—E. T. Nations, H. B. Love, Mount Pleasant—C. R. Patterson, Eld. N. B. Neal, T. V. Elliott, J. T. Rogers. Alternates: Sister Bettie Doby, Ottie Elliott, Mattie Patterson and Alice Mitchell.

Liberty—W. A. Patterson, G. F. Brown, D. A. Burge, Archie Carter, G. H. Hollingsworth, F. W. Stringer and Rubie Davis. Alternates: J. S. Patterson, S. E. Davis, Gertrude Eubanks, Irene Newman, Willie Conley, Essie Brown, Mary Patton.

Collier Springs—Jessie Grayson, Everet Harper, Allie Robertson. Alternates: F. M. Lewis, Sister Lucy Grayson and Murt Parks. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After song, Prayer was offered by Bro. W. H. Lemaster, after which the Association went into the election of officers for the ensuing year which resulted in the election of G. A. Lyon, Moderator A. S. Crow clerk, and George Taylor Treasurer. By motion and second visiting brethren and sisters were seated. Visitors Eld. J. F. McClung, representing the Texas Baptist Orphanage at Waxahachie. Eld. L. S. Knight, State Missions, Sister Lewis representing Woman's Work.

Committees on various reports were announced by the Moderator in their order. Adjourned until 8:30 a. m. Sermon at night by Jessie Watson.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

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

Petitionary letter from Starksville Church was read and Church received.

The various reports were called for and after discussion of same were adopted. Adjourned until 2:00 o'clock p. m.

Orphans Home.

Lydia.....	\$1.00
Hopewell.....	5.35
White Oak.....	2.00
Public Collection	22.20

Old Ministers Relief.

White Oak.....	\$1.00
Public Collection	5.50

State Missions.

Lydia State Missions	\$1.00
Starksville State Missions	2.50
Public Collection	9.91
Public Collection Woman's work	3.70

Paid Out As Follows.

To Bro. McClung Orphans Home	\$30.55
To Bro. Knight on State Missions	14.41
To Bro. Knight on Ministers Relief.....	6.50
To Treasurer	25.50
To Sister Lewis Woman's Work.....	3.70

Respectfully,
 B. T. RICHARDSON.
 G. F. BROWN.

COUNTY MISSIONS.

We your committee on County Missions beg to make the following report: Our Lord has said you are my friends if you do whatsoever I command you and we feel that we have not done that until we have gone to the uttermost parts of our country. There is much destitution, there are many people that are starving for the Gospel and in as much as Jesus said to his Church go into all the world, we recommend that each Church take this matter up at once

and place a Missionary on the field and work while it is called to day for the night cometh when no man can work.

M. O. GRANT.
 F. W. STINGER.
 A. C. BOND.

STATE MISSIONS.

Our State work is in better condition than last year. We have between forty-six and fifty-six Missionaries on the field every one of them is of the most economical salary. There has been some difficulty in the way of our secretary, unprecedented rains of the past have absolutely hindered the gathering of our people together so we have been unable to present our work to the people consequently your fair secretaries have been forced to borrow money from the banks; our notes are now due at the bank and they must be paid so we make our appeal to our brethren for help. We recommend that a collection be taken for State Missions and request that our Churches help do what they can to raise this debt. Brethren if you do not evangelize the people they will heathenize us and we are the people to whom was committed the responsibility of the Gospel of Christ. We as the Churches of our Lord ought to discharge the responsibility imposed upon us.

L. B. NEAL.
 C. R. PATTERSON.
 G. W. TAYLOR.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

As Missionary Baptists we claim to be commissioned of Jesus Christ the great head of the Church to deciple all nations; this we have not done, we believe the time has come for this Association to put greater emphasis upon this work by larger offerings to give the gospel of salva-

tion to the heathens, in this we will be but offering to ourselves a wider door of usefulness and Blessings.

M. O. GRANT.
R. E. CRITENDEN.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report: We find there is very few Sabbath Schools in the bounds of our Association. We recommend that the Churches that have no Sunday School organized at their earliest opportunity. One of the greatest demands of the Christian world today is teachers qualified for this work: so they cultivate the mind of the young, so they may be brought to the Savior in early life.

We therefore recommend that parents go with their children to Sunday School. We also recommend Baptist literature in our schools.

SALLIE PATTERSON.
I. A. BOND.
R. SEWART.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

We your committee on Denominational Literature beg to report as follows: We recommend first the study of the Holy Bible for Christ said "Search the scripture for in them think ye have eternal life and they are they that testify of me." Second that the B. M. A. News be read in order to educate ourselves as to what the Baptist of Texas are doing. Third that we use Landmark Baptist literature in our Sunday Schools.

J. E. JENKINS.
W. F. BROOKS.
B. J. DEVINNEY.

TEMPERANCE.

We your committee on Temperance make the following report to-wit: We refer you to the Book of God which is the Book of all Books, for in it we will find the laws governing Temperance and intemperance, and we recommend you to the following scriptures. Pro. 23 and 1 (1) Cor. 9-25 Gal. 5-23. Eph. 5-18. Tit. 1-8 and (2) Pet. 1-6.

J. B. WATSON.
W. M. BARNETT.

OLD MINISTERS RELIEF.

Your committee is grieved to have to say that this part of our work is too often neglected by our Churches. Preachers as a rule never accumulate much of this world's goods and they are our most liberal contributors to all of our benevolent enterprises and as a rule they are very poorly paid and when they grow old they are generally very poor. And its a burning shame and a reflection on our religion for us to neglect them. We therefore recommend that our Churches give more attention to these old battle-scarred veterans than we have been doing, and we would also recommend that our pastor see that regular contributions be made for these old brethren that they may be supported for the necessaries of life in their old age.

Respectfully submitted.
J. F. McCLUNG,
FLORA TAYLOR,
M. E. CROW.

NOMINATION.

We your committee on nomination beg to report as follows: That as the time and place for the Association to meet is always settled by a vote of this Association, we recommend that this Association consider first the applications made by the Churches in their letter for same.

And that Brother P. H. Swinney preach the introductory sermon, and that Brother B. J. Deviney Alternate.

W. F. BROOKS.
M. O. GRANT.
R. P. COFFMAN.

OBITUARIES.

We your committee on Obituaries beg leave to report as follows:

Since our last meeting an all wise Providence has seen fit to take from our midst a few of our members. For the want of information special mention can be made of but few. New Haven Church sustained a loss in the death of Sister Kavis Davis, Sister Davis was a consecrated member of that body, always at a post of duty, but she has gone. Sister Rhoda Swarts, wife of Eld. I. F. Swarts is likewise gone to her reward. She was indeed an helpmeet to her husband in his ministerial labor. We would make special mention of Sister Carrie Burden whom God has likewise called away. Though she was young and just entering upon active life as a Christian worker, beginning to show her willingness and ability in her Saviours cause yet God saw fit to call her away. We would be glad if space would permit to say something about the virtues of those departed ones. We request the Churches in their letters to make mention of their departed ones. These, with perhaps many others are gone on before, gone to the land of endless glory, where the flowers are ever blooming and the sun is ever bright.

Mt. Pleasant lost one of her charter members in the death of Brother George Mitchell, who departed this life last March.

Respectfully submitted.
E. T. RICHARDSON.

WOMAN'S WORK.

We your committee on Woman's Work submit the following report: It is needless for your committee to tell

you sister Church of this Association, that woman's heart beats responsive to the same love for Christ and His cause as that of man, and that her life expands in response to that obedience which calls for her time, her talent, yea her life, and that her sensitive heart is grateful to God's unbending blessing towards her. In view of this fact we look to the development of all the graces of heart and in the growth of the knowledge of the will of our Savior, through the W. A. of the B. M. A. We are glad that we feel we have the co-operation of Association but we consider this field undeveloped. Therefore we recommend that pastors, with their Churches through this Association will study our constitutions and proceeding. For we are persuaded that you will help us to carry out our aim a L. A. S. in every Church and every Sister a member of that society united together for Missionary in the bounds of the Woman's Auxiliary of the B. M. A. It would mean much to our work if the brethren pastors would help us to find some woman who would take the work of their Association. The entire state can not be canvassed by one woman State organizer in one year and such a movement would greatly help and facilitate our work. We recommend that the subject of Woman's work be given a place in your fifth Sunday meeting, and that the pastors preach one sermon during the year on Woman's work. Respectfully submitted

MRS. J. S. LEWIS.
MISS LOLA LYONS.
MARGARET BOND.