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PROCEEDINGS

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The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. V. Vermillion of Jacksonville, Texas, after which adjournment was taken until 9 o'clock A. M.

At the appointed hour the people came together. After song and prayer the letters from the churches were read and the messengers' names enrolled as follows. Bros. P. H. Swinney and W. F. Brooks acted as reading clerks:

Avvry Church—Bros. W. B. Megason, K. B. McKinney and W. F. Brooks. Alternates—Eld. P. H. Swinney and Bros. W. H. Alred and J. T. Kendrick.

Rehoboth Church—Eld. B. J. Deviney, W. P. Myers, Sister M. E. Crow. Alternates—Robert Smith, Sister Verna Smith, Sister Ollie Bearden.

White Oak Church—Bros. Levi Blesard, E. C. Crittenden and H. Bryant. Alternates—Sisters Blesard, Annie Crittenden and Bro. D. E. Crittenden.

Starkville Church—Bros. E. T. Nation, J. M. Cassell, D. H. Cole and Will Maddon. Alternate—Miss Mosell Cassle.

Lydia Church—Bros. Willie Bratton, H. J. Lafferty and R. Stewart. Alternates—R. K. Smith, J. A. Jones, Sister Ada Lafferty.

Liberty Church—M. F. Riley, W. A. Patterson, Delbert Stringer, G. H. Hollingsworth, Will Conley. Alternates—G. F. Brown, Lala Lyon, T. J. Stricklin and Sisters Stringer and Clarice Patterson.

Hopewell Church—Bros. J. B. Watson, Nathaniel Jones and Ross Davis. Alternates—Bro. R. E. Widnes, Sister Minnie Widnes and Clara Davis.

Anderson's Memorial Church—C. H. Watson, Hearst Watson and J. A. Uchurch.

Maple Church—Bros. W. A. Ballard, Thomas Smith, Sister Ethel Smith. Alternates—Will McConnell, J. B. Butler and Sister Margaret Garmen.

Davis Chapel Church—Bros. J. H. Gipson, Ernest Halcomb and James Whitecotton. Alternate—Bro. J. C. Hous-ton.

Akin Grove Church—Bros. Sam Stewart, Ed Proctor and J. E. Hubbard. Alternates—Bros. Brady Stewart and James Bolton. Sisters Dora Stewart and Bettie Bolton.

Concord Church—Bro. W. C. Parker, Sisters Igo and Ethel Martin. Alternates—Bro. Jim Watson and wife.

Gant Church—Bros. W. D. Stevens, J. J. Armstrong and J. D. Durham.

Jamison Chapel Church—Bros. R. A. Ward, Levi Roberts. Alternates—Bro. Lewis Ward and Sister Annie Ward.

Bethlehem No. 1 Church—Bros. J. P. Boyd and J. E. Vaughn. Alternates—N. C. Hinson.

The Messengers cast their ballots for the following officers: G. A. Lyon, Moderator; James Whitecotton, Clerk; B. J. Devinney, Treasurer.

Jamison Chapel Church was received on petitionary letter and given full fellowship.

Gant church was upon petitionary letter referred to the Committee on New Messengers Seated. The committee reported favorable, and the church was given full fellowship.

Brethren and sisters of sister associations were invited to sit with us in our deliberations.

Bro. J. V. Vermillion was given 40 minutes to represent Jacksonville College. Bro. Vermillion made a wonderful speech on the needs of education.

Pledged for Jacksonville College:

Bro. Lyon, for Liberty Church.....	\$2.50
Bro. Webb, individual.....	1.00
John W. Wesley.....	1.00
C. E. Crittenen.....	1.00
Bro. Bryant, for Guthan Church.....	2.00
Bro. Bratton, for Lydia Church.....	2.50
Bro. W. R. Davis, personal.....	2.50
Sister Whitecotton, Endowed Scholarship.....	.25
A cash call taken for Jacksonville College, amt.....	3.50

Committee on Divine Service—Bro. B. J. Devinney, Bro. Bratton and Bro. Bonds.

11 A. M.—Sermon by Eld. Caldwell.

Adjournment until 2 P. M.

2 P. M.—Called together by Bro. Lyon, Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Cole.

Report on New Messengers Seated, Gant Church: We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have made some investigations, and we recommend that the letter be received, and that the Messengers be fellowshiped into this body. Signed, Eld. W. R. Davis, J. A. Bond.

E. T. Nation report adopted.

State Missions

Report received and read.

State Missions: Some of our brethren are making a strong effort to raise more state mission money this year than last year in order to come out of debt this Fall. Every dollar ought to be paid to our forty state missionaries. They should receive every dollar of their money by Nov. 15, 1916. We recommend that each church do its part in their round-up.

J. V. VERMILLION
W. F. BROOKS,
Committee.

Bro. Devinney, acting moderator. Remarks on state mis-

sions by Eld. W. R. Davis, Eld. J. V. Vermillion, Bro. Lyon, Moderator.

Following is the amount pledged for State Missions:

W. Walker Webb.....	\$5.00
Condord Church.....	2.50
Hopewell Church, by Bro. Jesse Watson.....	2.50
Lydia Church, Bro. Bratton.....	3.80
Davis Chapel Church.....	2.50
Bethlehem No. 1 Church.....	2.50
Bro. H. Bryant, personal.....	1.00
Jamison Chapel.....	2.50

Total Amount pledged for State Missions.....\$23.30

Report on State Missions adopted.

Report of Committee on Aged Ministers

We your Committee on Aged Ministers' relief, submit the following report: From all reports old ministers are not cared for as they should be, and we find that the churches are doing very little for their relief. Therefore, we recommend and urge pastors and laymen to take up collections in their churches for this important work; and should there be any such needy aged ministers in our bounds, to present their claims to our Association, that these old veterans who have worn out their lives in the interest of the cause of Christ, which they hold so dear to their heart, may be better cared for in their declining days.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. BROOKS,
MRS. J. J. WHITECOTTON,

Committee.

Remarks by Bro. W. F. Brooks.

Report on Aged Ministers adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools

We, your committee, beg to report. The Sunday School is that which is needed in every church and in every community. We notice but very few churches reported a Sunday School in their church, therefore, we recommend that

churches that have not a Sunday School, that the Messengers see to it that a Sunday School be organized in their church. We furthermore recommend that Landmark Literature be used.

P. H. SWINNEY,
J. L. WATSON,
D. H. COLE,

Committee.

Remarks on Sunday Schools by Bro. Brooks, Bro. Swinney, Bro. Colwell and Bro. Lyon.

Report on Sunday Schools adopted.

Report of Committee on Home Missions

We your Committee on Home Missions, beg to submit the following: The Territory of Home Missions is all of the United States and its possessions. Emigrants are continually pouring into our land and many of them are opposed to our civil and religious liberties, but they have come among us and, brethren, we must give them the gospel of Jesus Christ, and not shun the great responsibility resting upon us as Missionary Baptists, for if we don't Christianize them, they will Romanize us. The late wars have opened the way for great opportunity for work, and now will we do it? We recommend that the pastors of this Association teach each church their duty and set apart a time and take collections for Home Missions at least once a year and send it to the Secretary of the B. M. A., located at Dallas, Texas.

J. R. WATS,
A. BONDS,
S. N. STEWART,

Committee.

Remarks on Home Missions by Bro. Watson and Bro. W. R. Davis.

Report on Home Missions adopted.

Report on Christian Education

With Christian education we sow a thought and reap a habit and sow a habit and reap a character, for character is destiny. The proper training of the young is of great im-

portance. We are glad that Jacksonville College has doubled the past year. We recommend that each church take a collection on the \$12,000 campaign for the college.

J. K. VERMILLION.

Report on Christian Education adopted.

Report on Denominational Literature

We, your committee on Denominational Literature, beg leave to report as follows: We recommend first the careful study of God's word, and such denominational papers as the Baptist Commoner, the Baptist Progress and any other sound Landmark papers as we have.

B. J. DEVINNEY,
R. E. CRITTENDEN,

Committee.

Remarks by Bro. P. H. Swinney, Bro. J. V. Vermillion, Bro. Colwell, Bro. Lyon, Bro. W. R. Davis.

Report on Denominational Literature adopted.

Adjournment taken until 9 a. m.

A splendid sermon by Eld. W. R. Davis at 8:30 p. m.

9 o'clock A. M., Sept. 2nd, called together by Bro. Lyon, Moderator.

Opening lesson, 25th chapter Psalms.

Prayer by Bro. Swinney.

Report on County Missions

We, your committee on County Missions submit the following: We find many communities in Red River County where the gospel in all its fullness is needed. The destination consists not only in the want of 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 further urge the

Association to seek the aid of the B. M. A. in helping to sustain the mission work in the county.

E. T. NATION,
H. E. DUFFIE,

Committee.

Discussion of County Missions, the duty of the church, by Bro. Duffy.

Discussion of the field, Bro. Swinney.

The Duty of a Missionary, Bro. W. R. Davis.

On County Missions, Bro. Brooks.

Report on County Missions adopted.

Question: Shall we put out a County Missionary? Remarks by Bro. W. R. Davis, Bro. Watson, Bro. O. W. Davis.

Request of Bro. Ed Nation: As I have to go away and haven't time to meet the committee, and as a committeeman, I recommend Eld. W. R. Davis be put in the field for one-fourth time as Missionary. Signed, Ed Nation, Committeeman.

Request of Bro. Ed Nation adopted.

Motion by Bro. Swinney, seconded and carried, to pay Eld. W. R. Davis as County Missionary, \$15.00 per month.

Pledges from churches for County Missions:

Jamison Chapel.....	\$ 5.00
Gant	5.00
Avery	50.00
Akin Grove	4.00
Maple Creek.....	5.00
Hopewell	15.00
Liberty	5.00
Starksville	15.00
Bethlehem No. 1.....	5.00
Lydia.....	5.00
Rehoboth	2.50
White Oak.....	10.00
Davis Chapel	11.50
Concord	5.00
Total pledged.....	\$143.00
Akin Grove Cash.....	\$1.00
Davis Chapel, cash.....	\$1.00
Remarks on pledges, by Bro. W. F. Brooks.	

Report on Temperance

We, your committee on Temperance, make the following report: We refer you to the Bible, for in it we will find laws governing temperance and intemperance, and recommend you to the following scriptures: Prov. 23:1; 1 Cor. 9:25; Gal. 5:23; Titus 1:8; 2 Peter 1:16.

ELD. W. R. DAVIS,
C. E. STEVENS,
E. A. VAUGHN,

Committee.

Remarks on Temperance by Bro. P. H. Swinney.

Report on Temperance adopted.

Order for selecting the next place to hold the Association. Upon ballot Avery, Texas was selected as the place to hold the next Association.

Discussion of the Association by Bro. O. W. Davis.

Report on Finance

We, your committee on Finance, beg to submit the following report from the various churches, on finance.

J. P. BOYLT,
N. C. HENSON,
TAYLOR WHITE, Com.
Committee.

Church	Minutes	Orphans' Home	County Missions	State Missions	Ministers' Relief	Total
Gant	\$ 1.00		\$ 1.00			\$ 2.00
Jamison Ch'l	1.50					1.50
Maple	1.00					1.00
White Oak	1.15	1.00			1.00	3.15
Avery	2.50					2.50
Davis Chapel	1.00	2.50				3.50
Andrs's M'ml	1.50					1.50
Liberty	2.15	3.00		3.00	2.75	10.90
Bethlehem	1.10					1.10
Lydia	1.25					1.25
Starkville	2.00	5.00	5.00	2.50	2.50	17.00
Hopewell	2.65					2.65
Akin Grove	2.25					2.25
Rehoboth	1.30			1.00		2.30
Concord	1.30	3.50				4.80
Concord	1.75					1.75
Total	\$25.40	\$15.00	\$6.00	\$6.50	\$6.25	\$59.15

Report on Finance adopted.

Report on Orphans' Home

We, your committee on Orphans' Home, wish to submit the following report. Realizing the great responsibility incumbent upon us as Baptists of Texas to care for the orphans of our state, we recommend the following: That we, as pastors and laymen, put forth a strenuous effort to maintain a comfortable and well equipped Home for the unfortunate ones. We are now maintaining a Home located at Waxahachie, Texas, under the care of Bro. J. F. McClung, Italy, Texas, with 38 children, all well cared for, and we recommend that an effort be made by every church to raise funds for the support of the unfortunate ones.

W. T. BRATTON,
TAYLOR WHITE, Com.
Committee.

Report on Orphans' Home adopted.

Moved and carried that Hopewell Church have the next 5th Sunday meeting.

Bro. J. B. Watson was selected to preach at the next 5th Sunday meeting.

The Committee on Divine Service selected Bro. H. B. Pender for the 11 o'clock sermon. After having a splendid sermon by Bro. Pender adjournment was taken until 2:30 P. M.

2:30 P. M.—Called together by Bro. Lyon, Moderator; Song by Choir; Prayer by Dr. Pender.

A ten minute talk on Orphans' Home by Bro. H. B. Pender.

It is unanimously voted that Bro. P. H. Swinney preach the Introductory Sermon at next year's Association.

Resolution of Thanks

Be it resolved that this Association offer to the people of Johnstown our heartfelt thanks for their kind hospitality and hearty reception that they have given to the Messengers during this, our meeting. Submitted,

W. F. BROOKS,
ELD. O. W. DAVIS,
Committee.

The Committee on Divine Service has selected Bro. O. W. Davis to preach the closing sermon.

There being no further business, this the 73rd. session of the Red River Missionary Baptist Association is declared closed. to meet Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1917, at Avery, Texas.

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	POST OFFICE	Total Members	Recd. by Baptism	Recd. by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Salary
Avery	P. H. Swinney	L. H. Bassett	Avery	92	1	2	6	0	0	\$100
Davis Chapel	O. W. Davis	J. Whitecotton	Dalby Spgs.	58	10	10	3	0	0	70
Bethlehem No. 1		J. E. Vaughn	Johnstown	75						
Jamison Chapel	J. B. Watson	R. A. Ward	Mulberry	22		4				
Gant		J. D. Durham		54						
Concord		Tobe Parker								
Akin Grove	W. R. Davis	Sam Stewart	Clarksville, R 42	75	5	12		2	1	
Rehoboth	B. J. Devinney	A. S. Crow	Avery	30	3	2			1	
White Oak		H. Bryant	Cuthan	69			1	1		
Lydia	G. E. Pinkham	J. A. Jones				4		2	3	
Liberty	W. R. Davis	W. A. Patterson	Detroit	129	1		4		5	100
Hopewell	J. B. Watson	Ross Davis	Mulberry	57	5	20	2	3	2	
Anderson Memorial		Herst Watson		34	1		2	2		
Maple Creek	H. E. Duffey	W. A. Ballard	Cuthan	26	15	11				
Starkville	W. R. Davis	H. B. Lowe	Blossom R. 1							150

JAMES WHITECOTTON, Associational Clerk, Dalby Springs, Texas.

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