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FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, July 13th, 1895.

Pursuant to a call issued by the pastor, officers and members of Mount Pisgah Baptist church of Fort Worth, Texas, inviting all sister churches that are in sympathy with the General Baptist State Convention of the state of Texas, to send their pastor and two elected delegates to a consultation, meeting to convene with Mount Pisgah Baptist, for the purpose of considering the question of organizing an association to co-operate with the above named convention.

The following named churches responded to the call, assembled with the above named church July 12th to 13th 1895: Mount Olive, Waco, Rev. H. W. Jackson and R. Bolden; Mount Pisgah, Fort Worth. Rev. H. W. Jackson, Monroe Alexander, G. B. Conner, S. Graham, J. E. McConnell, F. H. Hickman, R. Gill, J. H. Paris, N. King, G. T. Upshaw, J. A. Blackburn; Mount Zion, Denison, Rev. J. L. Griffin, J. A. Wormly A. J. Whitaker, H. J. Johnson; Galilee, Texarkana, Rev. A. J. Johnson; New St. Paul, Ennis, Rev. S. Davis; Red Bank, Chany, Kaufman county, Isaac Brown, Progressive Baptist church, Sherman, Rev. L. Wise; St. Paul Baptist church, Alvarado, Rev. S. M. C. Davis, Sarah E. Jones, Fannie E. Edmonson, Pleas, Benford; Hillsboro, Baptist church, Rev. J. H. Roberts.

The delegates assembled at 9:30 a. m. and were called to order by Rev. Jackson. The religious exercises were conducted by Rev. L. Wise, who read a portion of the first

chapter St. John. The speaker made an earnest appeal to the delegates to be of one mind, and to pray for an outpouring of God's grace. "He hoped that they would build a platform broad enough for all men to stand upon, and that when we shall have passed from the stage of action our children will rise up and call us blessed."

At the conclusion of the address, Rev. J. D. Morrow, sung hymn No. 206; at its completion, Rev. Jackson arose and delivered the Welcome address, pledging the delegates the support of his congregation and the use of his church in which to hold their sessions.

On motion of Rev. L. Wise, Rev. H. W. Jackson was made temporary chairman.

The chairman announced that the next business in order was the election of a secretary.

On motion of Rev. J. D. Morrow, Bro. J. A. Blackburn was elected secretary.

The call was then read, and the meeting was declared in order for the transaction of business.

Rev. J. D. Morrow addressed the council. He was in favor of the convention, and thought the time for organizing a new association had arrived, and he hoped that before the setting of another day's sun the people throughout the State would know that there had been a new child born in Fort Worth.

Rev. J. L. Griffin then gave vent to his feelings: He said he was the best Baptist in the State of Texas, and he knew it. He believed it was time for the people of North Texas to act, and that they should act. He wanted liberty, freedom and light; he said that the people from the gulf to the Red

river were crying for light; that he was not here for office, but to do something for his people. He wanted this council to organize a new association.

Rev. S. M. C. Davis was very emphatic in his declaration for a new association. He, like Rev. Griffin, wants liberty and light. Said that the people had been in darkness for nearly twenty years, and it was for this body to say whether or not the cloud should be dispelled. He wanted the people of North Texas to know that he was for the General Baptist State Convention and the new association.

Rev. Johnson, who followed, said he was like Moses, slow of speech, and could not use a great flow of language, but he was able to say that his people had sent him to this meeting to help organize a new association, and he was in the work.

Bro. Johnson, from Bonham, brought good news and glad tidings from his people. He said they were crying for protection and shelter.

Bro. Bolden, of Waco, was warmly in favor of organizing a new association, and was instructed by his people to vote first, last and all the time for a new association.

Bro. Wormly was in full accord with all the previous speakers, and wanted a new association.

Bro. Whitaker, too, was like Moses, slow of speech, but was for the new association.

Bro. Upshaw said he was a delegate for Mt. Pisgah Baptist church, and was strictly in favor of a new association. He was here to do the bidding of his church.

Bro. Blackburn said he was like one of our martyred presidents, who said you could "fool all the people some of the

time, and some of the people all the time, but not all the people all the time." The old convention, he said, had fooled all the people for a while, and from present indications was about to fool a part of them all the time. He said as regarded the churches that they had been sending up money for the last twenty years, and some of them were yet sending. That the Baptist Church, in his opinion, was drifting from the old landmarks into Methodism; that the time had been when each church could send up to the association and convention what she was able, but the time had now come when she was taxed, and unless that was sent up the church was shut out. The Sunday-school was shut out, and the Women's Mission was shut out, and every member who did not bring up or send his or her ten cents was shut out and his voice was not heard in the council of our august bodies. He was in favor of the new convention.

At this juncture Rev. S. Davis of Ennis was seen to enter the hall, and was called upon for an expression.

He thanked the council for the privilege. In the course of his remarks he said that many ministers of the old convention were in favor of the new, but were afraid to come up and show their colors; but he thought they would come off the fence when they saw their error.

Bro. King thanked the council for the privilege conferred; but did not desire to speak at this time.

Bro. Paris was in favor of the new association.

It was a running discussion and was closed by a motion from Rev. J. L. Griffin to appoint a committee on permanent organization.

The committee appointed by the Moderator was as follows: Rev. J. D. Morrow, chairman; Revs. S. M. C. Davis, R. Holden, G. T. Upshaw, A. Whitaker.

The chairman read from the directory how and of whom a convention or association is composed.

On motion, a committee on devotional exercises was appointed as follows: W. H. Johnson, chairman; A. J. Wormly and J. H. Paris.

On motion, the council adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock p. m.
Prayer by Bro. Wormly.

FIRST DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

July 12, 1895.

The council met agreeable to adjournment with Rev. H. W. Jackson in the chair. Rev. J. L. Griffin conducted the devotional exercises by reading a portion of the second chapter of St. Mathew and singing hymn No. 303. Prayer offered by Rev. Johnson. Rev. Griffin announced his text, "Where is he that was born king of the Jews." He preached an impressive sermon. Brother Whitaker offered prayer. Much interest was manifested and all were made to rejoice. After prayer Rev. Griffin moved that the committee on permanent organization report. The following is the report:

“To the Chairman and Members of the Consultation Council.

We, your committee on permanent organization beg leave to report as follows: Rev. H. W. Jackson, moderator; Rev. J. D. Morrow, vice-moderator; J. A. Blackburn, secretary; Rev. J. H. Roberts, corresponding secretary; R. Bolden, treasurer.

For Executive Board, Rev. S. M. C. Davis, Rev. J. L. Griffin, Rev. L. Wise, Rev. S. Davis, A. Whitaker, G. T. Upshaw, I. Barnes, Jackson Jones, Robert Chany.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. MORROW, Chairman.
S. M. C. DAVIS, Secretary.
G. T. UPSHAW,
A. WHITAKER,
R. BOLDEN.

The report was adopted.

Rev. S. M. C. Davis made a forcible speech against the capitation tax, he said it was a system borrowed from the Methodist church and should be sent back to that body. He thought the committee on constitution and by-laws should be instructed against bringing in such a clause. Rev. A. J. Johnson was also severely opposed to taxing the churches and their members. On motion the committee on time and place was given more time to report.

Rev. Wise said that the old goose had been so thoroughly picked there was nothing left for him to do. But was in favor of each church sending to the association what they could.

On motion a resolution was adopted which read as follows:

“Resolved, that we leave it for each church to say what amount of funds it will send up to foster the cause of Christ and his gospel, because we feel that this is right.”

Dr. A. R. Griggs and Rev. Dupree and Robinson dropped in and were interested spectators.

The committee on devotional services appointed Rev. J. L. Griffin to preach at 8:30 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

The association assembled for divine services at 8:30 p. m., the moderator in the chair. The services were opened by Brethren N. King and McConnell. Rev. Griffin ascended the rostrum and took for his text the 77th Psalm, 19 verse. “The ways of God and His wonderful works.” The sermon was of the deepest interest, the Reverend at times seemed to be lost to all things earthly and appeared to be wrapped in the subject before him. The congregation gave him the closest attention and many were the approvals to the truth of the spirit’s power over men. Among some of the things Rev. Griffin said that he some times used big words and one of them was enthusiasm, and the others were liberty and light. He said the biggest thing that ever happened on earth was the Pentecostal shower. He made an earnest ap-

peal to his hearers to lead Godly lives. Prayer was offered by Brother Whitaker. Collection, \$4.25. Benediction by Rev. J. D. Morrow. Adjournment to meet at 9 o'clock a. m. July 13th, 1895.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

JULY 13th, 1895.

The association assembled at 9.15 a. m. and was called to order by the Moderator,

Divine service was conducted by Rev. J. D. Morrow of Dallas by reading fourteen verses of the fifth Psalm and singing hymn No. 528, Gospel Hymns.

Prayer was offered by Rev. S. M. C. Davis of Alvarado.

Hymn No. 130 was sung.

The Moderator at this point made some very important remarks concerning the work, assuring the brethren that by having faith in Christ success was bound to come. He also asked the brethren to let it go upon the minutes of this association that we do not refuse the use of our pulpits to the ministers of the old convention in which to preach the gospel.

On motion of Rev. Morrow, Rev. J. H. Roberts of Hillsboro was invited to address the association.

Rev. Roberts responded in a well set speech. He was much encouraged with the work and strongly advocated the principles of the new convention.

On motion of Rev. S. M. C. Davis, Rev. Carroll was invited to address the association.

In his remarks Rev. Carroll said because of so much wrangling and confusion in the old convention he had not attended any of the sittings for more than five years. He was not prepared personally to tell what was the cause of this confusion. He was yet undecided what he would do in the event of a new association.

Rev. Morrow made an earnest appeal to Rev. Carroll to decide at once and join the new convention.

The remarks of Rev. Morrow met with unanimous approval.

On motion, the minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

Some discussion arose over the appointment of the executive board, concerning the extent of territory the members would have to travel to meet its sittings.

On motion, the matter was disposed of by unanimous consent.

A resolution was then offered by Rev. S. M. C. Davis as follows:

Resolved, that this association be named the Mt. Zion Northwestern Baptist Association.

The resolution was arrested by many of the members.

Rev. S. Davis offered an amendment striking out Mt. Zion and inserting Mt. Pisgah.

Both the amendments and the original resolution were strenuously opposed.

Rev. Roberts thought it out of place to name the association after any particular church.

After much discussion pro and con the name North Texas Baptist Association was adopted by a unanimous vote.

On motion, the committee on time and place was asked to report.

The following is the report:

To the Moderator and Brethren North Texas Baptist Association:

We, your committee on time and place, beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved, that the first regular annual session of the North Texas Baptist Asssciatiion be held at Denison, Texas, on the Wednesday before the second Lord's Day in August, 1895, with the Mt. Zion Baptist church, Rev. J. L. Griffin, pastor. Respectfully submitted.

L. WISE, Chm'n.
 W. H. JACKSON, SEC.
 J. L. GRIFFIN,
 S. DAVIS,
 A. JOHNSON.

After some objection offered by Rev. J. H. Roberts, the report was tabled indefinitely.

The hour having arrived for devotional service, Rev. L. Wise read for his text the ninth verse of the nineteenth chapter of Luke. The reverend gentleman was listened to with much interest.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Roberts.

A hymn was then sung, after which a collection was called for.

The order of services was then announced as follows: Rev. J. H. Roberts to preach at 3 o'clock p. m. Rev. S. M. C. Davis to preach at 8 o'clock p. m. Adjournment to meet at 3 o'clock. Benediction by the moderator.

SECOND DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 3:20 p. m. Rev. H. W. Jackson moderator in the chair. Rev. Roberts of Hillsboro came to the stand and read 14 verses of third chapter of St. John, 35 verse. The speaker was very earnest, and spoke with much force and energy. Rev. Johnson offered prayer.

Hymn, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks We Stand."

Collection lifted.

The moderator then announced the house in order for business.

Rev. J. F. Robinson was invited to address the Association.

Rev. Robinson came forward and spoke some very encouraging words. He counseled the brethren to deal with opponents with love and kindness, and thus heap coals of fire on their enemies' head.

At the conclusion of the address Rev. Davis of Ennis moved to take up the report of the committee on time and place.

J. H. Roberts arose to say he withdrew his objections.

Rev. Robinson arose to know or inquire the nature of the report as he desired to vote on its passage.

After the information had been ascertained, the previous question was called for and the report was unanimously adopted.

On motion Rev. H. W. Jackson, the moderator, Rev. J. F. Robinson and G. B. Conner were appointed a committee on constitution and by-laws, with instruction to report at the first sitting at Denison.

On motion the association voted to attend the Baptising at St. James Baptist church.

Resolution was passed thanking the good citizens of Fort Worth and the members of Mount Pisgah Baptist church for their hospitality, also the Fort Worth Gazette for publishing the proceedings of the association.

Rev. Roberts was appointed to preach the Annual Introductory Sermon.

On motion Rev. Morrow was appointed District Missionary and Rev. Griffin District Evangelist and their commissions were issued and signed. They are instructed to report their actions to the executive board as often as practicable.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock.

Benediction by the moderator.

SECOND DAY.—NIGHT SESSION.

The Association assembled at 8 o'clock sharp with the moderator in the chair at 8:30.

Rev. S. M. C. Davis read the 36th verse of Judges, the eleventh chapter. "I have Opened My Mouth to the Lord and I cannot go Back."

The speaker made many illustrations to show the congregation the value of standing by their promises. The sermon was full of interest and at its conclusion six persons came forward and joined the church.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

North Texas Baptist Association . . .

FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

DENISON, August 9, 1895.

The delegates and messengers of the North Texas Baptist Association met at Mt. Zion Baptist church, Denison, Texas, Rev. J. L. Griffin, pastor, Rev. H. W. Jackson, Moderator, assembled at 9 o'clock a. m.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

The hymn, "Pass me not, Oh, gentle Savior," was sung.

The Moderator addressed the association and said encouraging words. He read for the opening exercises portions of the third chapter of St. Matthew and the entire first chapter of St. Mark.

Hymn, "Blessed be the tie that binds."

Prayer offered by Bro. R. Gill.

Rev. S. M. Davis sang "Blessed be the name."

After which a general hand-shaking followed.

The Moderator then announced that the meeting was now ready for business, and asked the delegates to make their speeches short, saying that he wanted to devote a part of the time to devotional exercises. He wanted this body to make its mark, and that when we have adjourned from this place a good name will be ours.

On motion the minutes of the previous session were read, and, after some discussion, adopted.

On motion, the minutes of the organization of the association were placed in the hands of a compiling committee.

The following committees were then appointed by the Moderator:

No. 1, *On Credentials*—Revs. J. F. Robinson, C. J. Jones.

No. 2, *On Finance*—Revs. J. D. Morrow, L. F. Scroggins, L. Wise.

No. 3, *On Education*—Revs. S. M. T. Davis, A. Volentine, A. Johnson, Dr. Boyd, Miss M. Fowler.

No. 4, *On Missions*—Revs. W. M. Beckham, J. G. Gilmore, G. B. Conner, J. H. Tyler, Moses Oliver.

No. 5, *On Temperance*—Rev. J. G. Gilmore, Miss Delia Jackson, L. E. Whitaker, Miss Susie Ward, Lea McCowan, Mrs. Ann Bolden, Miss K. Kirby, Miss L. Davis, Miss Vina Potts.

No. 6, *On Time and Place*—Revs. J. L. Griffin, C. J. Jones, J. L. Gilmore, J. H. Roberts, J. A. Blackburn.

No. 7, *On Compilation*—J. A. Blackburn, Revs. J. H. Roberts, J. F. Robinson, C. J. Jones, J. D. Morrow.

No. 8, *On Order of the Day*—Revs. J. G. Gilmore, L. Wise, J. H. Tyler,

No. 9, *On Divine Service*—Rev. J. L. Griffin, G. B. Conner, Rev. R. Gill.

On motion the rules of order were read and adopted.

The Moderator then introduced Rev. J. F. Robinson of Fort Worth to preach the introductory sermon, who immediately requested Revs. Griffin and Morrow to conduct praise services, which were very impressive.

Rev. J. F. Robinson read the tenth chapter of Genesis. Among the many important as well as instructive points he said Nimrod was the first great hunter and father of a great nation, and that 500 black babies were born every day in America. The Ethiopian is not a mere pigma, but a nation.

Rev. J. D. Morrow very fervently led in prayer.

Rev. Griffin then sang "Dark was the night and cold the ground" in such a manner that the Holy Ghost was largely manifested by all present.

Rev. Robinson then arose and very acceptably made reference to his past history as an aggressor and defender of the negro's right to suffrage. His subject was "The Origin of the Negro Race."

A vote of thanks was extended to the Rev. speaker for his very able remarks.

On motion the report of the committee on order of services was adopted. The report read as follows:

“The Association to meet at 6 o'clock a. m., adjourn at 12 m., re-assemble at 2:30 o'clock p. m., adjourn at 5:30 o'clock p. m., re-assemble at 8 p. m. and adjourn at pleasure.”

On motion of Rev. J. F. Robinson, the Association took up unfinished business and worked until time of preaching.

Collection, \$1.05.

Adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. J. F. Robinson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The North Texas Baptist Association assembled at 3:30 p. m., Rev. J. D. Morrow, vice Moderator, in the chair. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator reading the 150 Ps. and singing the Gospel Hymn “Toiling On.” Prayer by Rev. L. Wise, second hymn, “Take the Name of Jesus With You.”

The Moderator then announced meeting open for the transaction of business.

The committee on education announced ready to report.

Rev. Boyd then came forward to deliver his address on the charter matter of the Texas Educational convention. The speaker gave an outline of his connection with the Baptist church of the state of Texas; Bishop Baptist College, Hearne, and Guadalupe College and the General Baptist Convention.

The committee on divine services reported Rev. J. G. Gilmore to preach at 8:30 p. m.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock p. m.

Benediction by J. H. Roberts.

FIRST DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The North Texas Baptist Association assembled at 8 p. m., with Vice Moderator J. D. Morrow in the chair, devotional exercises were conducted by Vice Moderator reading 19th Ps., prayer by Rev. J. F. Robinson, hymn “Yield Not to Temptation.” The meeting was then declared ready for business.

The committee on temperance reported.

On motion the constitution was read.

On motion of J. F. Robinson the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Benediction by H. W. Jackson.

MORNING—SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

The Association assembled pursuant to adjournment, Vice Moderator in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. S. M. C. Davis, who read the 133d Ps. Hymn "Alas and Did My Saviour Bleed." The Moderator then announced the house ready for business.

On motion the minutes were read and with necessary corrections were adopted.

Roll call was omitted.

On motion of Rev. J. D. Morrow, Rev. J. G. Gilmore was elected treasurer.

The committee on credentials reported as follows:

Bonham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 1 00
Mt. Mariah, Hillsboro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Mt. Zion, Denison,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Mt. Pisgah, Fort Worth,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 25
Mt. Olive,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 50
Galilee, Texarkana,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
St. Paul, Alvarado,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 75

Committee on finance. It was motioned by Prof. Blackburn that the minutes be received and adopted.

Committee on allesion was received and adopted.

On motion by Rev. J. T. Robinson the Association were to have 500 copies of minutes printed.

The committee on time and place recommended that the next annual session of the North Texas Baptist Association be held with the Mt. Rose Baptist church, Dallas, Rev. J. G. Gilmore, on Wednesday, day before the second Sunday in August, 1896.

The committee on finance presented their report, which reads as follows: Money collected from all sources, \$21.72; money paid out, \$4; balance on hand, \$17.72.

On motion of Rev. C. J. Jones, the Association adjourned to 2:30 p. m.

The executive board was immediately called together by the Moderator.

On assembling Rev. Wise was elected chairman and Rev. C. J. Jones was elected secretary.

On motion Rev. C. J. Jones, the missionary, was allowed \$15. On motion of Rev. J. G. Gilmore, \$30 for minutes. On motion of Rev. Robinson, the clerk was allowed \$5.50.

MORNING—SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

On motion of Rev. H. W. Jackson, \$2 was allowed for foreign mission.

On motion of J. F. Robinson, all monies not appropriated or otherwise provided for, minus \$4, be and is hereby appropriated for printing of the minutes.

On motion Rev. Wise, Scroggins, C. J. Jones and Robinson were added to the executive board.

On motion the first session of the executive board will be held with Mt. Mariah Baptist church, Rev. J. H. Roberts, pastor.

On motion board adjourned.

Benediction by chairman.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association assembled at 3:15 p. m., with the Vice Moderator in the chair and conducting devotional exercises, reading 13th Ps., hymn 118, "Nearer My God to Thee."

On motion the minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Dr. Pyles, of the A. M. E. church was introduced to the Association, and complimented the members upon their grand work. Revs. Ellsworth and Coleman, of the A. M. E. church, were introduced and addressed the association upon the religious work.

The most of this session was devoted to allowing accounts and hearing reports from finance and other committees.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 8:30 p. m., Vice Moderator presiding. Rev. H. W. Jackson ascended the rostrum and informed the audience that the evening session would be devoted to S. S. mass meeting.

President Rev. J. H. Roberts made the opening address. He was followed by Prof. J. A. Blackburn, who made an earnest appeal to the audience for aid to assist in sending Sunday school literature to Green and Young counties to those destitute people. Collection, \$6.

The Association then adjourned to meet in the city of Dallas on the Wednesday before the second Lord's day in August, 1896.

Benediction by Rev. J. H. Roberts.

North Texas Baptist Sunday School Convention.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The delegates from the Sunday schools of the North Texas Baptist Association met with Mt. Zion Baptist Sunday school, Denison, at 9:30, Rev. J. H. Roberts conducting devotional exercises, read a portion of the 2d chapter of Paul's letter to the Phillpians; prayer was offered by Rev. Beckham. Rev. S. M. C. Davis sang hymn No. 2. Gospel Hymns.

On motion of Brother J. A. Blackburn, Rev. J. H. Roberts was elected temporary chairman, and by mutual consent Brother J. A. Blackburn, secretary.

On motion of Rev. S. M. C. Davis and amended by Rev. Beckham, the chairman was empowered to appoint the following committees:

Committee on Credentials—G. B. Connor, Mrs. M. E. Fowler, Moses Oliver, Dr. Boyd, Sister A. Bolden.

Committee on Permanent Organization—Rev. H. W. Jackson, J. H. Tyler, Mrs. Delia Jackson, Rev. W. M. Beckham.

Committee on Missions—Rev. S. M. C. Davis, Miss Lee McCowan, Miss L. Davis, Miss Duicillia Terry, Rev. R. Gill, Miss Matilda Collins and Rev. J. D. Morrow.

Committee on Finance—Rev. H. W. Jackson, Rev. L. Wise, J. H. Taylor, Rev. S. M. C. Davis, Rev. A. Valentine.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws—Rev. Beckham, Miss Maggie Scroggans, Miss Maggie Stockbridge, M. Bennett, Rev. F. L. Scroggins, Miss McCowan, Rev. C. J. Jones, Miss Susie Ward, Rev. J. F. Robinson.

Order of the Day—Rev. L. Wise, V. Potter, Rev. J. L. Griffin.

Committee on Education—Rev. Dr. Boyd, Rev. H. W. Jackson, Mrs. R. Kirby, Mrs. E. Johnson, Mrs. Amanda Wilkins, M. E. Whittaker.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSSION.

The convention re-convened at 3:30 p. m. Opening exercises were conducted by Rev. F. L. Scroggans reading the 51st Ps., prayer, Rev. Gill, song No. 261.

On motion of Rev. S. M. C. Davis the minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The committee not being ready to report, Rev. H. W. Jackson addressed the convention on the work before the body, and made an earnest appeal to the officers and members to work in harmony.

Rev. C. J. Jones, of Wichita Falls, addressed the convention. He said until very recently he always had been in sympathy with the old convention, but he was now heart and hand in the work of the General Baptist convention. He gave way for the reading of the report of the committee on credentials.

The committee on permanent organization made its report.

The committee on missions submitted its report.

The committee on finance was next called and reported.

The committee on constitution and by-laws were the next to report.

Committee on constitution and by-laws were asked to report.

The educational committee announced ready to report.

Rev. Dr. Boyd made an able and logical appeal to the convention on behalf of Gaudalupe College, located at Seguin, Texas. \$3.10 was raised at the close of his speech for educational purposes.

The committee on divine services was now ready to report.

The reports were adopted in their order.

The president then appointed the following committee on mass meeting: Prof. J. H. Blackburn, Rev. J. D. Morrow, Rev. C. J. Jones, Moses Oliver.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. D. Morrow.

FIRST DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The North Texas Baptist Sunday School convention re-assembled at 8:30 p. m., Rev. A. Volentine in the chair. Rev. J. L. Griffin conducting devotional exercises. Rev. C. J. Jones, of Wichita Falls, was then introduced and continued the exercises by reading ten verses of first chapter of First Timothy, Rev. Griffin offering prayer.

The committee on divine service recommended Rev. Dr. Boyd to preach at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Wise to conduct devotional exercises at 9 a. m. Benediction by Rev. C. J. Jones.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The North Texas Baptist Sunday School convention reconvened at 9:30 o'clock a. m., Vice President A. Volentine in the chair.

Rev. S. M. C. Davis arose to a question of privilege. He stated that the editor of the Denison Herald had refused to publish the proceedings of the convention because he the (editor) had been informed by some one that this meeting had been called to endorse Rev. J. L. Griffin, and that there were not eight persons in attendance, and they were not accredited delegates. The editor further said had sent him back to this body to get a true report from the secretary of the convention of the number of delegates present, the city, towns and churches they were representing, and he would give us a corrected report.

On motion a committee was appointed to collect the desired information.

Rev. Jackson addressed the convention on the causes of the withdrawal from the Educational Baptist convention, and the formation of a new convention.

The committee on information reported 74 delegates present, together with the names of the places and churches represented.

On motion of Rev. H. W. Jackson, the following list of delegates were elected to represent this Sunday School convention at Galveston, August 21, 22 and 23, viz: Rev. J. H. Roberts of Hillsboro, Rev. J. L. Griffin of Denison, Rev. H. W. Jackson of Fort Worth, Rev. J. G. Gilmore of Dallas, Mrs. D. Jackson of Fort Worth, Rev. S. M. C. Davis of Alvarado, Mrs. Ida Roberts of Sherman, Rev. L. Wise of Sherman, Rev. J. D. Morrow of Dallas, Rev. C. J. Jones of Wichita Falls, Rev. A. Volentine of Waco, Rev. J. F. Robinson of Fort Worth, Mrs. L. E. Whitaker of Denison, Rev. E. Johnson.

Order of services: Rev. J. D. Morrow to preach at 8:30 p. m.

Adjourned.

Benediction by the vice president.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The North Texas Baptist Sunday School convention convened at 2:30 o'clock p. m., vice president in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. H. W. Johnson reading 1st chapter of St. Luke, Gospel Hymn 301, prayer by Rev. Wise.

Rev. J. G. Gilmore of Dallas, was introduced to the convention and spoke some very encouraging words.

On motion of Rev. H. W. Jackson a committee was appointed to act with a like committee from the Association on the secretary's salary.

A letter from Dr. Ball, financial agent of Gaudalupe College, was read by Dr. Boyd. On motion so much of the letter as could be obtained be spread upon the minutes.

On motion of Rev. Gilmore a collection was lifted for educational purposes; \$4 was collected.

SEGUINE, TEXAS. August 9, 1895.

DEAR BROTHER BOYD, Denison, Texas.—I am sick in bed this week and cannot be with you; pray for me and the success of Gaudalupe College, and take a collection for the same. I am praying for your success and hope the convention will take North Texas for God, the Baptist and the general convention.

W. B. BALL,

State Superintendent of Education.

Adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. J. D. Morrow.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The North Texas Baptist Sunday School convention re-assembled at 8:30 o'clock p. m., the president in the chair. Rev. J. L. Griffin conducting devotional exercises.

Rev. J. D. Morrow was then introduced to the convention and read a portion of the 18th chapter of First Kings, verse

21st, Why halt ye between two opinions. Before taking up his subject he recited four rules which he wished the congregation to pin in their scrap books.

Coming to the text, the speaker was soon lost to every thing which seemed earthly, the congregation manifesting much interest. Many handkerchiefs were used to wipe away the tears.

Rev. Jackson, of Fort Worth, sang Hallalujah, it is Done. Rev. J. G. Gilmore offered prayer.

An invitation was given to join the church.

Collection, \$5.55.

Benediction by Rev. J. G. Gilmore.

N. B.—Owing to the bulk of reading matter of the three distinct sessions of the three distinct and separate organizations, all of the reports had to be dropped as a matter of economy, which I will from time to time publish free of charge in The Organizer.

J. FRANCIS ROBINSON,
Compiler.