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## THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

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## S. H I A W A S S E E

# Baptist Association

—HELD WITH THE—

## BAPTIST CHURCH OF OVID,

*JUNE 7th and 8th, 1876.*

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# MINUTES.

## *Opening Session.*

OVID, June 7, 1876.

The Shiawassee Baptist Association met in its 37th annual convocation with the Baptist Church in Ovid—instead of Lansing,—owing to the meeting of the Baptist State Convention with the Lansing church in the autumn. The body was called to order at 10:30 A. M., by the Moderator, and the following committee on nomination of officers for the ensuing year was named by the Chair: Brethren W. L. Farnum, M. Hayden, and D. Cronkhite.

The introductory sermon was then delivered by the Rev. T. H. Cary, of St. Johns. Text, St. Luke, 14-23. Theme, "The Mission of the Church to the Masses."

Revs. D. Crosby and T. Nelson assisting in the devotional services preceding the sermon.

Then followed a collection for the General Fund of the State Convention. Amount, \$10.80.

Committee on Nomination of officers reported through the chairman and the following are the brethren chosen by the body:

*Moderator*—Rev. W. L. Farnum, of Owosso.

*Clerk*—Rev. T. H. Cary, of St. Johns.

*Treasurer*—E. M. Potter, Esq., of Ovid.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Rev. A. H. Parsons, of Lansing.

*Auditor*—E. E. White, Esq., of Owosso.

The *customary vote* was passed of inviting visiting brethren to seats with us. Responded to by the following:

Rev. P. Forbes, of the Michigan Association.

Revs. T. Nelson, Z. Grenell, Jr., S. T. Grow, Flint River Association.

Rev. S. M. Stimson, D. D., District Secretary of American Baptist Missionary Union.

Rev. L. Jewett, D. D., of the Telooogoo Mission.

Rev. L. H. Trowbridge, of the *Herald and Torchlight*.

The Rules of Order were then read by the chair. After the necessary announcements were made, adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. M. Hayden. Benediction by the Moderator.

### *Afternoon Session.*

1:30 P. M. Called to order agreeable to adjournment. Opened by singing:

"Alas and did my Saviour bleed, etc."

Prayer by Rev. D. Crosby.

Voted to appoint a committee to recommend an amendment to the 3d section of the 10th rule of order. Brethren Parsons, Hayden and Kanouse were appointed as said committee.

The church of Ovid then read a letter of welcome to the Association, which was briefly and fittingly responded to by the presiding officer.

The next order in following the printed programme was the reading of the letters from the churches, which was an exercise this year of unusual interest, as God has been moving among them by his spirit.

Committees appointed to visit the churches of Alma and Gaines reported. Reports accepted and adopted, and committees discharged. Alma was represented. Gaines, the report was unfavorable.

The committee on the 3d section of the 10th rule of order reported, recommending that the latter part which relates to the Sunday school work and conflicts with the Sunday school constitution be stricken from the rule. Report adopted. (See Rules of Order.)

The Chair then appointed the required committees.

*On Religious Service*—The pastor of the church where the association convenes, chairman. Brethren P. C. Bassett, W. S. Everest and J. O. Palmer.

*Circular letter*—D. Crosby, J. S. Goodman, E. M. Ney.

*Digest of letters*—G. M. Reynolds and — Wambly.

*Nominations*—H. Pettit, G. M. Reynolds and M. Hayden.

*Resolutions*—N. P. Barlow, A. H. Parsons and L. West.

*Obituaries*—M. H. De Witt, M. Hayden and D. W. Cronkhite.

Joined in singing the hymn, "Over There."

The hour having come for public worship, Rev. P. P. Farnum led in prayer, and Rev. T. Nelson, of East Saginaw, and a former member of the association, was appointed to preach in the place of Rev. J. H. Fairchild, whose name was on the programme, and who failed to be present. Bro. Nelson's text was II Corinthians, vi, last verse.

It was voted that a committee be appointed to determine the standing of delegates in this body (pastors or others), who represent churches, belonging to different associations, when their church membership is in a church connected with another association. The committee to report at the next annual meeting. The names of the committee are, Brethren D. Crosby, H. Pettit, J. Pangburn.

Voted that the report of the treasurer be made at the expiration of his term of office.

Moved and carried that 10 minutes be given Dr. Jewett to speak this evening.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was moved that we adjourn until evening.

Prayer by Rev. N. P. Barlow.

### *Evening Session.*

7:30 P. M. In the necessary absence of the Moderator, Rev. E. R. Clarke presided.

Opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. Z. Grenell, Jr., of Bay City. Song, "Gates Ajar."

A chalk sermon was then preached by the Rev. R. H. Shaftoe, of Laingsburg.

Dr. Jewett then addressed the congregation on Foreign Missions, dwelling principally on the condition and work of the Telooogoo Mission.

Dr. Stimson made a few remarks.

The next subject for the evening was taken up. The Centennial Educational work in which Baptists are engaged. In the absence of the Rev. Dr. Burton, and Bro. Nelson, who was to have

spoken in Dr. Burton's place, the topic was opened by an address by the Rev. J. S. Goodman, of East Saginaw, followed by short addresses from Revs. M. H. De Witt and L. H. Trowbridge.

Adjourned after prayer by Dr. Stimson. Sang, L. M. Doxology, and benediction by Dr. Jewett.

### *Second Day—Morning Session.*

June 8, 1876.

8:30 A. M. A thanksgiving meeting was held to thank God for the revival blessings of the year. Bro. Crosby led the thanksgiving service.

Opened by singing,

"My faith looks up to Thee, etc."

Bro. N. P. Barlow led in prayer, and other brethren followed, mingling their supplications with thanksgiving. It was truly a thanksgiving meeting.

The letter from the church of Okemos having reached the association was read.

Then enjoyed a season of conference, various brethren speaking of what God hath wrought in divers places during the year. Brethren Crosby, Hayden, Farnum, Cary and Goodman, spoke of the advancement of God's kingdom in their respective churches. Bro. Trowbridge spoke of the growth of the association. Deacon Cook gave a short account of the rise and progress of the association. The hour for business having arrived, joined in singing

"Blest be the tie that binds, etc."

Prayer by Rev. P. Forbes, of Mount Vernon.

Committee on Resolutions reported. Each resolution was read singly and discussed according to the pleasure of the body pending adoption.

1st. State Missions, (see resolution). Discussion was led by Rev. T. H. Cary, followed by D. Crosby, N. P. Barlow, and P. C. Bassett.

2d. Resolution in regard to the American Baptist Publication Society (for resolution, see report of committee on resolutions).

Bro. Trowbridge opened the discussion on the above resolution, presenting the claims of the society to the churches, in place of Bro. Spinning, who could not be present.

3d. Resolution on Home Missions was then read, and remarks were made by brethren Forbes, Barlow, Crosby, Goodman and others.

4th. A resolution was offered expressing appreciation of the *Herald and Torchlight*, our Michigan Baptist paper, and commending it to the sympathy and patronage of our churches. Bro. Trowbridge, the editor, was given five minutes to address the association on the above resolution.

5th. A resolution on Foreign Missions was read, and Dr. Stimson addressed the audience on that subject.

6th. Other resolutions were read by the committee.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The resolution tendering thanks to the M. E. Church for the use of their house of worship during the sessions of this gathering, also expressing thanks to the Ovid church for their generous hospitality during our meeting, were passed by a rising vote.

A resolution was offered to change the time of the annual meeting of this body.

Referred to the Committee on Nominations, and in view of the importance of the foregoing resolution, brethren J. O. Palmer, and D. Crosby were added to the committee at this stage of the meeting.

Committee on Nominations reported through the chairman, as follows :

That the next annual meeting be held with the Baptist Church in St. Johns, that Rev. E. R. Clarke preach the introductory sermon, Rev. A. H. Parsons, alternate. That Rev. P. P. Farnham write the circular letter. That Brethren Comstock, Kanouse, Shaftoe and T. H. Cary be our delegates to the State Convention. D. Crosby our director in the Board.

It was voted that the Committee on Resolutions be instructed to report a resolution to the association, expressing the sense of this body as opposed to the opening of the grounds of the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, on the Christian Sabbath.

The Committee on Circular Letter reported through Bro.

Goodman that it be read to the association. Report accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Programme reported. Report adopted.

A collection was taken to defray the expense of printing programmes for the use of the members. Amount, \$3.13.

The circular letter was then read and ordered printed in the minutes.

The Committee on Nominations reported in regard to changing the time of the annual meeting.

*Resolved*, That the time of holding the annual session of this association be changed to the Wednesday after the 3d Lord's day in June.

The above resolution was laid upon the table for one year.

The resolution in regard to the closing of the grounds of the Centennial Exposition on the Sabbath was reported, (see resolution.)

The bed quilt presented to the association by the ladies of the De Witt Mission Circle was bought by members of the association at a cost of \$9.03 and given to Miss Dyer, teacher among the Freedmen at Nashville, Tenn.

The minutes were then read and corrected.

Voted that the minutes be approved and ordered printed.

Listened to the report of the treasurer of last year.

Treasurer's Report was read, adopted, and ordered printed in the minutes. (See Report.)

Rev. M. H. De Witt, who was appointed to preach, owing to the lateness of the hour on account of the pressure of business, declined preaching, and was excused from that duty.

Bro. Beals was given 10 minutes to speak on "State Missions."

A few appropriate remarks were made in closing by the Moderator, and we adjourned after prayer by Rev. J. S. Goodman, doxology and benediction, to meet with the church at St. Johns, on the first Wednesday and Thursday of June, 1877.

Thus ended a very pleasant and profitable meeting; and thus has passed a year of marked progress in our beloved association.

W. L. FARNUM,

Moderator.

T. H. CARY,

Clerk.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the pressing need of our State Mission Board in its present embarrassed condition, the faithfulness and success of its missionaries and the great work to be done, call for immediate attention, prompt action, and liberal giving on the part of all our churches.

2. *Resolved*, That we commend the American Baptist Publication Society to the sympathy, benevolence and patronage of our churches, as an organization ably equipped and efficiently operative in disseminating a pure Gospel literature.

3. *Resolved*, That we hail with joy the increased and increasing interest in Sunday-school work, and urge our churches to prosecute the work with vigor in their own localities, and to co-operate with our State Sunday-school Board and its Missionary in their laudable efforts to plant new schools, and assist feeble ones throughout the State.

4. *Resolved*, That we recognize the usefulness of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and bespeak for it a liberal share of our beneficence.

5. *Resolved*, That in view of the great blessings enjoyed by our Foreign Missionary Society in giving the Gospel to the heathen, and the conversion of souls, that we exhort all our churches to renewed efforts in prayer and giving for that object.

6. *Resolved*, That in view of the signal blessings of God in the conversion of souls we hail the Centennial movement as a most worthy and appropriate and enduring monument of our gratitude to God; and that we testify to our gratitude by liberal gifts to the object.

7. *Resolved*, That the *Herald and Torchlight* merits our hearty approval and we recommend it to every family in our churches.

8. *Resolved*, That Temperance should have a more prominent place in the work binding upon the church.

9. *Resolved*, That we tender to the M. E. Church our sincere thanks for the use of their house of worship so kindly offered. And also to the church and friends of Ovid for their hearty welcome and abundant entertainment during our meetings.

10. *Resolved*, That we are earnestly opposed to the opening of our great Centennial Exhibition, now in progress at Philadelphia on the *First Day* of the week, believing that such a course would be detrimental to our interests as Christians and citizens, and we hereby instruct the officers of this Association to convey to the Centennial Commission this our protest, against the proposed Sunday opening.

N. P. BARLOW, *Chairman*.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON 'OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report with gratitude to God that not one of our ministering brethren nor any of our leading laymen have died.

M. H. DEWITT, *Chairman.*

## DIGEST OF LETTERS.

**Alma.**—Would trust God. Have passed through the furnace of affliction in the loss of Brother Williams by death who broke to them the Bread of Life. Church very much decreased in numbers and scattered over a large territory. Brother Hultz, licentiate, is laboring among them. Are engaged in Sunday-school work. Ask the prayers of the Association that they may receive a refreshing from on high.

**Antrim.**—Have changed pastors. Prospect fair for the erection of a house of worship. Brother Ney is now acting as pastor. Are working in Sunday-school.

**Bath.**—Have enjoyed some of the presence of the revival Spirit that has been abroad in the land. A number converted and others almost persuaded. Are thankful for what God has done.

**Bengal and Riley.**—Are few in number and struggling to maintain a visibility. Sustain Sabbath-school, and prayer and covenant meetings. Need a pastor.

**Byron.**—Have changed pastors. Congregation large and attentive. Sunday-school interesting and full, and prayer-meeting sustained. During the year have removed the debt on their house of worship, built horse-sheds and bought and fitted up a parsonage in which their new pastor finds a comfortable home. God has greatly prospered them.

**Corunna.**—No report.

**Emerson.**—Are sustaining the means of grace and the ordinances of religion, which they find some willing to observe with them. Have a part in union prayer-meetings and Sabbath-school. Are interested in the various benevolent objects of the day.

**Emerson Centre.**—No Report.

**DeWitt.**—Are at peace among themselves. No special revival to report, but a good degree of interest and a steady advancement in Christian life. Sunday-school large and attentive, considering the disadvantages under which they labor. Have repaired their house of worship. Congregation increasing and pastor growing in favor with the people.

**Gaines.**—No report.

**Ithaca.**—Have enjoyed a precious revival season. No settled pastor. Rev. J. S. Goodman, has preached for them, whose labors have been richly blessed. Members are taking more interest in the Sunday-school. Are anxious that the good work, so well begun among them may continue, that they may press forward in their high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

**Lansing.**—God has heard their cry and blessed them greatly in the conversion of souls, and in reclaiming those who have neglected their vows. The voice of the young convert is sweet music in their ears. Give God all the glory, and pray, Lord, grant us a greater blessing.

**Laingsburg.**—Church revived by the labors of Brother Shaftoe, whom the Good Shepherd sent them. Brother Shaftoe was ordained to the work of the ministry in March last. Sinners have been converted and the outlook is brightening with promise.

**Maple River.**—Have kept their light burning through the year. A few of the lost and wandering ones have seen the light, and been attracted to the city. Sunday-school increasingly interesting. Have a Sunday-school Temperance Society numbering over 250 members, pledged to the *disuse* of intoxicating drinks, tobacco, and profane language which is in the third year of its organization. Church prosperous.

**Newark and New Haven.**—Held a revival meeting which resulted in quite a number of conversions and a general awakening among Christians. Covenant meetings well attended and frequent application for membership in the church received. Expect to establish a Sunday-school and Church Bible-class.

**Ovid.**—Open the doors of their sanctuary and homes and bid the delegates and workers in Zion a *heartly welcome*. Congregations large, Sunday-school prayer and covenant meetings well attended. Have been able to gather some into the church as the result of an effort made by the church to save sinners. Pastor has entered upon his fourth year. By faithful service himself and family have become greatly endeared to the church.

**Owosso.**—Can adopt the language of Israel's sweet singer, in view of the abundance of the blessings they have received: "The Lord hath done great things for us." Have laid and paid for the foundation of a house of worship, upon which they propose to erect a commodious and comfortable structure. God has graciously remembered this Zion, in that, the "Lord hath wrought with them in signs following."

**Okemos.**—Brother Cronckhite, of Vernon, held a "protracted meeting" with them which was efficient in saving results. Expect to gather some of the fruits. Brother Hulbert has supplied them with preaching, and superintended the Sabbath-school, which with their covenant and other meetings are hopeful and encouraging.

**Perry.**—Rejoice in the revival of God's work. Held a series of meetings. Their efforts were crowned with success, in "turning many from darkness to light, and the power of Satan unto God." Know God's cause will prevail. All their meetings fully attended.

**St. Johns.**—God hath wrought a good work among them, by his Spirit. Now have a pastor. The interest of the church is good and hopeful. Invite the Association to meet with them next year.

**Shepardsville.**—Have enjoyed no special visitation of the Spirit, but are moving steadily onward, trusting in God for future blessings. Elder Bassett resigned the pastorate, and are now without a pastor. Have purchased a site, with a view of erecting a house of worship at no distant day. Ask the prayers of the Association.

**Vernon.**—Unity and peace prevail. Meetings are interesting and edifying. Church advancing. Sabbath-school cause growing in favor among them. Their prayers, tears and labors are ever for the cause of Christ. While they labor, it shall be in love; while they pray, it shall be in faith, if they weep, it shall be because of the prosperity of Zion.

**Williamston.**—The cause of Christ growing among them. Have had occasion to visit the baptismal waters. Have paid their church debt. The church is generally prosperous.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

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The annual meeting of this body met at Ovid, June 6th, 1876, at 2:30 P. M. The officers being absent at the commencement, the meeting was called to order by Pastor Pettit, and Bro. J. O. Palmer was chosen chairman, (pro. tem.) A few reports of superintendents were presented, and short addresses were made by brethren Cary, Grow and Farnham, occupying the time until the Moderator and Clerk arrived. After which resumed the hearing of reports (*see summary on another page*). An address by Bro. Cary, on the New Regime and Co-operation of the Pastors followed by Br'n. Parsons, Reynolds, Pettit and others. The following officers elected: A. H. Parsons, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, and brethren G. M. Reynolds and H. Pettit were designated as members of the Executive Board. Adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. P. P. Farnham.

### EVENING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Spent half hour in prayer for Sunday Schools, and then the topic, The Evangelizing Power of the Sunday School was discussed by Brethren P. P. Farnham, H. M. De Witt and J. Hamilton, pastor of M. E. Church, Ovid, in the absence of the Rev. Z. Grenell, Jr., to whom this topic was assigned. An address was then delivered by Rev. W. L. Farnum on Associational Sunday School Institutes. Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M. Prayer by Bro. P. Forbes.

### MORNING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment, and spent an hour in singing, prayer and conference, in the interests of the Sunday School. This, like the preceding sessions, was one of marked interest, and we trust of great profit.

D. CROSBY,  
Moderator.

A. H. PARSONS,  
Ass't S. S. Sup't.

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## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY MEETING.

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An interesting Woman's Missionary meeting, in the interests of both the Foreign and Home work, was held in connection with the Association, on Wednesday, June 7th. Mrs. Crosby, of Lansing, Moderator; Mrs. Swegles, of St. Johns, Secretary. Essays were read on "Our Work," by Mrs. McLeod, of Laingsburg "Why Should Every Church Have a Foreign Missionary Circle?" by Miss Frances E. Palmer, of St. Johns, and

"Gather Up the Fragments that Nothing be Lost," by Mrs. Ford, of Lansing. Also a letter from Mrs. Titterington, of Oxford, State Secretary.

Reports from Emerson, Laingsburg, Lansing, Ovid and St. Johns were read. The circles that failed to report are earnestly requested to do so at once, that the Associational secretaries may have a full report ready for the State Convention. Every church that has no Circle is urged to form one at once. All necessary information for organizing one can be had by addressing Mrs. W. L. Farnum, of Owosso, Associational secretary for Foreign Circles, or Mrs. David Crosby, of Lansing, secretary for the Home Circles. Each Circle in the Association will be expected to send delegates to represent them at the Woman's Missionary Meeting in connection with the State Convention at Lansing in October.

MRS. H. SWEGLES, Secretary.

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## CIRCULAR LETTER—1876.

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### BELoved BRETHREN :

God has been pleased to permit us to assemble, once more, at this our annual feast. Since our last session, as a people God has heard our prayers, and the Holy Ghost has wrought mightily amongst us. A number of the churches of this Association have enjoyed the beholding of sinners converted to Christ. Many souls have been born again. For this we thank God and take courage. Still, there is all over our land a great work to do. God's word tells us, "The love of money is the root of all evil." There is inordinate desire for money: Wealth has attained so great prominence, that the term "Almighty Dollar" is impiously used. Corruption stalks abroad. Justice and virtue are sacrificed.

Paul, in his day, said that he waged war with spiritual wickedness in high places. This is our Centennial year, as a nation, and we need to renew the battle. Look at the public men in our early history. Patriotism and virtue were taught in the common schools, from the Bible. Their laws they took from the laws in the Bible. The oppression of the home Government, in the Stamp Tax, they resisted. Self-denial, a Christian virtue, they practiced. Read this, a part of the eighth of the resolutions adopted in Carpenter's Hall, 1774 :

"We will, in our several stations, discountenance and discourage every species of extravagance and dissipation, especially all horse-racing, and all kinds of gaming, cock-fighting, exhibition of shows, plays, and other expensive diversions and entertainments, and on the death of any relation or friends, none of us, or any of our families, will go into any farther mourning dress than a black crape or ribbon on the arm or hat, for gentle-

men, and a black ribbon and necklace for ladies, and will discountenance the giving of gloves and scarfs at funerals.

"Those men believed that, "The whole art of government consists in being honest."

"William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, said, 'That for solidity of reasoning, force of sagacity, and wisdom of conclusion, no nation or body of men can stand in preference to the General Congress assembled in Philadelphia. '"

To-day the worship of self, the lust for gold, the decay of public virtue, the lack of private worth, are mightier enemies than the British army. We need to be God-fearing and truth-loving, to prosper as a nation.

The love of money prompts the robber to commit murder, the so-called shrewd man to over-reach his neighbor, the trustee of the widow and the orphan to steal their funds, public officers to rob the people, manufacturers to adulterate their goods, and keepers of all demoralizing places to open their doors. Pernicious books are made because they pay well. We as a people need to return to the course pursued by our fathers. Then honest men will control us, and justice be done to all. O, say some, let us pray that Satan, and all the tempting influences be removed, and thus sin cease on the earth.

God himself has, shown us, by the tree of knowledge, that an opportunity to sin was the only way to test us. Virtue does not consist in not sinning because we cannot, but when we can sin, and will not. Why? Because God forbids it. A sailor left alone on an island, for his crimes, cannot in that condition do his neighbor wrong. Still he is a villain. A tribe of Indians may be absolutely sober, never having seen intoxicating liquors. Roll a barrel of fire-water into their camp, and most of the men will get drunk. Man is made an accountable being, God has set life and death before him and told him to choose. If he chooses life, God has in his Son provided the means to obtain life and virtue, or rather true righteousness cometh by him alone. Let us then urge men to submit themselves to him, be born again, and obey him in all his commandments. God has promised that we "shall not be tempted above that we are able to bear." "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne."

ETHAN RAY CLARKE,

Pastor of Baptist Church of Vernon.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

OVID, Mich., June 8th, 1876.

F. B. SHELDON, Treasurer of Shiawassee Baptist Association, in account with the Association.

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To money received for Minutes .....	\$35 45
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS AND  
SUPERINTENDENTS.

	When Organized.	Number of Officers.	Number of Teachers.	Number of Pupils old and young.	Vols. in Library.	Have you Teachers Meetings.	Conversions.	Am't of Collections.	Expenses of School.	Amount given for State Work.	Buy Papers & Books of Pub. Society.
BYRON, J. D. Williams Jr.....	1871	5	6	100	125	no	...	\$30 00	\$.....	\$ 7 50	yes
BENGAL & RILEY, Mrs. W. Halsey	1875	2	7	30	40	no	...	8 00	8 00	1 29	yes
BATH, Hiram Tooker.....	1865	4	7	35	60	yes	5	13 35	18 08	.....	yes
*EMERSON (Union) E. A. Becker	1863	8	8	80	100	no	...	6 00	20 00	\$6 00	yes
DEWITT, Lyman West.....	1874	4	6	50	.....	no	...	14 13	23 38	3 14	yes
ITHACA, S. W. Ambler.....	.....	1	7	100	.....	no	10	18 28	25 00	.....	yes
LANSING, J. A. Crossman.....	1848	5	16	155	200	no	21	165 73	106 43	35 00	yes
LAINGSBURG, R. H. Shaftoe.....	1865	4	7	100	.....	yes	2	.....	.....	1 70	yes
MAPLE RIVER, G. M. Reynolds..	1861	5	9	120	350	no	8	20 00	45 00	.....	yes
OVID, H. Pettit.....	1867	4	10	115	133	yes	2	50 12	103 00	12 63	yes
TOWOSSE, W. L. Farnum.....	1860	7	10	176	125	yes	15	65 64	40 07	116 00	yes
OKEMOS, W. O. Wilson, assist.	1868	5	8	57	4	no	...	21 00	19 50	.....	yes
PERRY (Union) J. W. Brown.....	.....	4	5	40	.....	no	5	6 00	6 00	.....	no
ST. JOHNS, J. O. Palmer.....	1864	5	13	149	200	yes	21	21 35	27 10	3 87	yes
WILLIAM-TON, W. R. Whipple..	1875	2	7	84	.....	.....	.....	30 00	55 00	.....	yes
do (Mission) I. Grow.....	1876	2	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	yes
VERNON (Mission) E. Grow.....	1879	4	8	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	yes
do do D. Newberry.....	.....	7	10	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	yes
Totals .....	80	142	1367	1532	.....	87	469 60	457 56	86 13	.....	.....

\* Other Mission work \$30 00, † Other Mission work \$9 45.



# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES AND CLERKS, WITH P. O.  
ADDRESS.

PASTORS AND DELEGATES,  
(Pastor's name first.)

ALMA, S. D. Yerrington, Alma P. O.  
ANTRIM, H. C. Cail, Looking Glass River.  
BART, H. Tooker, Bath.  
BENGAL, & Riley, Loren Benton, St. John.  
BYRON, F. B. Sheldon, Byron.  
EMERSON, E. A. Becker, St. Louis.  
DEWITT, Kate, Grindon, DeWitt.  
ITHACA, J. M. Everdeen, Ithaca.  
LANSING, J. S. Chandler, Lansing.  
LANSINGBURG, J. Pangburn, Lansingburg.  
MAPLE RIVER, C. Phil, Owosso.  
NEWARK & NEW HAVEN, S. Y. Dickinson, New Haven Centre.  
OVID, Z. H. Harrison, Ovid.  
OWOSSO, E. E. White, Owosso.  
OKEMOS, R. Norton, Okemos.  
PERRY, H. A. Roberts, Perry Centre.  
ST. JOHN, W. H. Palmer, St. John.  
SHEPARDVILLE, J. W. Weller, Shepardsville.  
VERNON, C. A. Whealan, Vernon.  
WILLIAMSTON, J. S. Crossman, Williamston.

R. Hultz and Brother Small.  
E. M. Ney and J. B. Colburn.  
A. H. Parsons, H. Tooker, A. Hart, S. Rounds, F. Makeley.  
J. Sturges, A. Merchants.  
M. H. Dewitt, A. J. Cole, F. B. Sheldon and wife, Henry Foot, Nelle and Emma Brower.  
P. P. Farnham.  
A. H. Parsons, L. West, J. Grindon, S. Lockwood, Mrs. A. Gibson.  
J. S. Goodman, Sisters L. Jeffrey and C. Smith.  
D. Crosby and Theron Ford.  
R. H. Shattoe, J. Pangburn and M. A. Phelps.  
G. M. Reynolds, E. Cook, J. Alchin.  
W. S. Everest, R. Botsford.  
H. Pettit, N. Herrick, H. M. Pack, E. M. Potter and Geo. Rumsey.  
W. L. Farnum, D. Lyon, E. Comstock and J. Lyon.  
C. E. Hubbard, *Supp'd* (Report of last year).  
J. H. Fairchild, H. A. Roberts.  
T. H. Cary, J. O. Palmer, J. H. Vanslee, W. Green, F. Norris, L. VanGeseon and Brother Klunes.  
E. R. Clarke, J. Wilkinson, Chas. Yerkes, D. J. Kendall, C. A. Tober, J. W. Cronkrite, D. Newberry, J. Farmer.  
M. Hayden.

Additions by	Diminished by				Present Number.	Money for Minutes.		
	Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.				
	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.				
189	73	26	12	59	24	418	1384	\$5 75
4	7	2	1	5	2	3	1	1
1	4	5	2	3	1	1	2	1
26	4	4	3	1	2	1	80	2 15
11	3	3	3	2	2	3	83	1 50
7	3	3	3	5	9	1	119	2 55
53	12	3	3	3	5	3	155	3 00
10	2	1	1	5	...	...	15	1 25
2	4	3	3	4	1	1	80	2 25
2	4	3	3	3	2	1	77	2 40
4	5	5	3	2	2	1	34	1 10
1	2	1	3	3	1	1	40	1 75
21	3	3	3	3	3	2	60	1 50
28	21	4	3	3	3	2	208	1 75
6	3	4	1	1	1	1	54	1 50
10	2	4	1	1	1	1	80	2 25
11	3	3	3	2	3	1	83	1 50
7	3	3	3	5	9	1	119	2 55
4	4	3	3	3	5	3	155	3 00
53	12	3	3	3	...	...	15	1 25
10	2	1	1	5	...	...	84	1 50
26	4	4	3	1	2	1	80	2 15
1	4	5	2	3	1	1	38	1 50
4	7	2	6	2	3	1	118	2 50
1	4	5	2	3	1	1	44	1 50
189	73	26	12	59	24	418	1384	\$5 75

**FORM OF  
CONSTITUTION**

ADOPTED BY THE

## Shiawassee Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Organization shall be called the Sunday-school Department of the Baptist Association, and shall be auxiliary to the Michigan Baptist Sunday-School Convention or Association.

ART. 2. The object shall be to promote the interests of Baptist Sunday-Schools in the bounds of the Association.

ART. 3. This organization shall be composed of the Pastors, Deacons and Delegates of the Churches, and the Officers, Teachers and Delegates of the Sunday-Schools in the Association.

ART. 4. The Officers of this Organization shall be elected annually, and consist of a President, Superintendent, Treasurer, and one Vice President from each Church and Mission School in the Association, of whom the President, Superintendent, Treasurer, and two Vice Presidents to be designated by the body, shall constitute an Executive Board.

ART. 5. The Moderator of the Association shall be the President of this body, and the Treasurer of the Association shall be the Treasurer of this body.

ART. 6. The President and Treasurer shall discharge the usual duties of such officers.

ART. 7. The Superintendent shall keep a record of each meeting, and shall have a general oversight of the Sunday-School work of the body. He shall call the meetings of the Executive Board to arrange for the meetings in Institutes and Conventions, circulate the programmes by correspondence or visitation, see that the work on each field is faithfully done, be the medium of correspondence with the State Superintendent, and secure and forward to him, at least one month previous to the annual meeting of the State Sunday-school Convention, statistics of the schools in his field.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to make arrangements for the meetings of the body, to prepare its programme, select speakers, raise funds to defray its expenses, consider the wants of the field and appoint and plan work to meet them. They shall also aid the Vice Presidents to establish and maintain Baptist Sunday-schools.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of each Vice President to secure the organization of a Baptist Sunday-school under the care of the church of which he is a member; and also to organize and encourage mission schools in all adjoining neighborhoods where they are needed.

ART. 10. The annual meeting of this body shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Association. Other meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Executive Board.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the members present.

## RULES OF ORDER.

I. In the absence of any of the officers of the Association, others shall be elected to fill their places *pro tempore*.

II. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by nomination or by ballot, as the Association may direct.

III. Brethren invited to a seat in the Association may debate on all questions but vote on none.

IV. No person shall speak more than once on any subject, unless by special permission from the Moderator.

V. Every proposition submitted to the Association for discussion must be put in the form of a motion, and not debated until seconded.

VI. No motion shall be discussed if such discussion be opposed by a majority of the members present. A motion to suspend business shall always be in order.

VII. The Moderator shall appoint all committees unless the Association shall otherwise direct.

VIII. The Minutes of the meeting shall be read and corrected before the rising of the Association.

IX. At every sitting, business shall be opened and concluded with prayer, under the direction of the Moderator.

X. The order of business at each annual meeting of the Association shall be as follows:

1st—The Introductory service and organization.

2d—The Rules of Order read.

3d—A Committee on Religious Service to arrange a Programme for the next Anniversary. The chairman of said committee to be pastor of the church where the Association is held.

4th—Letters from the Churches read.

5th—Sunday-school Reports and Exercises.

6th—Application for admission into the Association received.

7th—The appointment of the following committees: 1—A committee of three on the circular letter. 2—A committee of three on Digest of Letters. 3—A committee on Resolutions. 4—A committee on nominations, of three, which committee shall designate the place of the next annual meeting, the preacher of the Introductory sermon, the writer of the Circular letter, and the delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

8th—Communications from corresponding bodies received.

9th—Reports of committees called for.

10th—Miscellaneous Business.

11th—Reading the Minutes of the Association.

XI. All churches neglecting to represent themselves to this body for two years in succession shall be visited by a committee chosen for that purpose, who shall report at the next Annual Meeting.

XII. Any article of this order may be suspended for consideration of other business, by a vote of the Association.

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## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay over all moneys that are or may come into his hands, to the several agents to whom said money belongs, and take a receipt therefor.

*Resolved*, That any member of this Association, whose name is in the Minutes, present at the meeting of any Association with which we correspond, shall be a delegate to that body.

*Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to forward the Minutes to each Association and corresponding body in the State.

## OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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REV. W. L. FARNUM .....	Moderator.
REV. T. H. CARY .....	Clerk.
REV. A. H. PARSONS .....	Corresponding Secretary.
E. M. POTTER, Esq. ....	Treasurer.
E. E. WHITE .....	Auditor.

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## Ministerial Register of Shiawassee Baptist Association.

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(Ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPITALS. Licentiates in *Italics*.)

P. C. BASSET .....	Ovid.
T. H. CARY .....	St. Johns.
L. CHURCH .....	Alma.
E. R. CLARKE .....	Vernon.
<i>D. Cronkhite</i> .....	Vernon.
D. CROSBY .....	Lansing.
M. H. DEWITT .....	Byron.
W. S. EVEREST .....	New Haven Centre.
J. H. FAIRCHILD .....	Perry Centre.
P. P. FARNHAM .....	St. Louis.
W. L. FARNUM .....	Owosso.
J. S. GOODMAN .....	East Saginaw.
M. HAYDEN .....	Williamston.
<i>R. Hultz</i> .....	Alma.
J. LYON .....	Owosso.
J. MARTIN .....	Ovid.
J. McLEOD .....	Laingsburg.
T. W. MERRILL .....	Lansing.
E. M. NEY .....	Corunna.
A. H. PARSONS .....	Lansing.
H. PETTIT .....	Ovid.
G. M. REYNOLDS .....	Owosso.
R. H. SHAFTOE .....	Laingsburg.
J. SWEET .....	Ithaca.

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## NEXT ANNIVERSARY.

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The next anniversary of the Shiawassee Baptist Association, will be held with the Baptist Church in St. Johns, commencing the first Wednesday in June, 1877, at 10.30 A. M. Introductory sermon by the Rev. E. R. Clarke. Rev. A. H. Parsons, alternate.