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# MINUTES

—OF THE—

Forty-Eighth Anniversary

—OF THE—

## SHIAWASSEE

# Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH THE—

Baptist Church at Owosso, Mich.,

*JUNE 1 and 2, 1887.*

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# CONSTITUTION.

ADOPTED IN 1878.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the Shiawassee Baptist Association, and shall be composed of Baptist churches in fellowship with the denomination, and each church shall be entitled to three delegates, and an additional delegate for every fifty members.

ART. 2. This Association has no power as a LEGISLATIVE body, but as an INDEPENDENT body has power to govern itself, and disclaims all interference with the particular discipline of individual churches. Yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any church in our connection.

ART. 3. The objects of this Association shall be to gather information in regard to the state of the churches, both as it respects STATISTICS and RELIGION, to promote Christian fellowship, and to sustain the various benevolent objects connected with the promotion of Christ's kingdom.

ART. 4. This Association shall, by delegation of churches, meet annually on the first Wednesday and Thursday of June, and shall hold such other meetings as the body may direct.

ART. 5. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and Associational Superintendent, to be elected annually, to continue in office until others are elected.

ART. 6. Each church shall send with its delegates a letter containing an account of its numerical changes and generally what pertains to its peace and prosperity, and money for Minutes. Any church neglecting to do this for three successive years shall be dropped from the Minutes.

ART. 7. Churches giving satisfactory evidence of being sound in doctrine and correct in practice may, on application, be admitted into this Association.

ART. 8. This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given at the previous annual meeting.

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## CONSTITUTION SUNDAY-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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 in 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-President 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.

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**T**HE Forty-eighth annual session was held with the Baptist church of Owosso, Wednesday and Thursday, June 1st and 2d, 1887.

At 10:30 A. M., the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. Donnelly of Owosso.

Sang "Coronation."

Rev. W. S. Wilkinson read John 6:1-14. Rev. A. Snider offered prayer.

Moderator appointed as Committee on Nominations:

Rev. H. P. Eldridge, Rev. W. S. Cole, Rev. I. R. Spencer.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Wm. Remington of Williamston, from John 6:12.

Collection was then taken for general fund of State Convention. Amount, \$5.48.

Visiting brethren invited to sit with us accepted: Rev. E. L. Scofield, D. D., Financial Secretary Ministers' Aid Society; Rev. S. M. Stimson D. D., District Secretary A. B. M. U.; H. C. Beals, Gen'l Missionary; Rev. Mr. McLean, Associational Missionary; Rev. W. S. Wilkinson and wife, Jackson Association.

Reading of Owosso letter. Rules of order read.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following officers for the ensuing year, who were duly elected:

*Moderator*—Rev. J. E. Platt, Perry.

*Clerk*—Rev. W. S. Cole, Laingsburg.

*Treasurer*—A. F. Cooley, Ovid.

*Auditor*—Moses Allen, Corunna.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Sang "Blest be the tie that binds."

Reading of the Scriptures, Rev. A. R. Hicks, who also offered prayer.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

ON OBITUARIES.—Rev. A. Snider, Rev. C. Owen, Rev. A. R. Hicks.

ON RESOLUTIONS.—Rev. E. H. E. Jameson, D. D., Rev. W. S. Wilkinson, Rev. A. Day.

PLACE and PREACHER.—Rev. Wm. Remington, Rev. I. R. Spencer, Rev. J. Donnelly.

Dr. E. L. Scofield, Secretary, appealed for funds for Ministers' Home, recounting the urgent needs of the Home.

A collection was then taken for benefit of the Ministers' Home, Amount, \$12.10. Reading of church letters.

On motion, Maple Rapids and Newark and New Haven churches were excluded from membership in this Association, not having been represented in the Association for past three years.

The Moderator then appointed the following:

COMMITTEE ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.—Rev. Wm. Remington, Rev. A. R. Hicks, Rev. R. H. Covert.

Moderator then appointed Rev. J. Donnelly to introduce those pastors who have come among us during the past year.

Programme for evening read and adopted.

Upon invitation, Rev. H. P. Eldridge gave an interesting account of his visit to Minneapolis.

Sang long-meter Doxology.

Benediction by Rev. Conway.

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 WOMAN'S MEETING, JUNE 1st.

Mrs. Wm. Remington in the chair.

Devotional exercises.

Report of Secretary on Foreign Missions—Miss Nettie Richardson, Ovid.

Work of "Temple Builders," Miss Lulu White, Owosso.

Report of Home Missions—Mrs. W. White, Secretary, Owosso.

Paper—"Royal Service," Miss Potter, Lansing.  
 Address—Mrs. L. B. Austin, President Woman's State Mission Society.

Paper—"Mission Work," Mrs. C. Owen, Vernon.  
 A collection was then taken for Woman's Missions.

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#### EVENING SESSION, JUNE 1st.

Devotional service, led by Rev. C. Owen, Vernon.  
 Account of Clerk Remington for \$1 for postage allowed.  
 Dr. E. H. E. Jameson spoke on "Christian Education," followed by remarks by Brn. Donnelly, Beals and Remington.  
 State Missionary Beals spoke on "State Missions."  
 Dr. Jameson spoke on "Home Missions."  
 Benediction by Rev. H. C. Beals.

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#### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional service, led by Moderator.  
 Sang "Stand up, stand up for Jesus."  
 Report of Committee on Obituaries adopted:  
     (See Report, page )  
 Report of Committee on Place and Preacher adopted.  
 Place, Byron; Preacher, Rev. H. P. Eldridge; Alternate, Rev. A. Snider. Director in State Convention, Rev. A. Snider. Delegates to convention, Rev. H. P. Eldridge, Rev. M. L. Marvin, Rev. A. Day.  
 Moderator appointed as committee on programme for next year:  
 Rev. A. Day, Rev. H. P. Eldredge, Rev. J. Donnelly.  
 Committee on Nominations, nominated Rev. J. E. Platt for Associational Superintendent.  
 Report accepted and adopted.  
 Report of committee on resolutions adopted. Voted that upon adjournment we meet on the first Thursday of June next.  
 Sang "From Greenland's icy mountains."

Dr. S. M. Stimson spoke on "Foreign Missions." Voted that a committee of revision be appointed to revise constitution and rules of order, committee to report at next meeting.

The chair appointed Rev. E. H. E. Jameson, Rev. A. Snider, Rev. J. Donnelly.

Voted that the reading of the Minutes be waived, and the preparation and printing of the Minutes be under the direction of the Clerk and Moderator.

Rev. J. McLean read Romans 10.

Prayer offered by Rev. Mr. Wilson of the Congregational church of Owosso.

Sang "More Love to Thee, O Christ."

Closing sermon, Rev. M. L. Marvin of St. Johns, from Rom. 8:9, "Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his."

Voted that we do now adjourn to meet at Byron on the first Thursday in June, 1888.

Prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

J. E. PLATT, *Moderator.*

W. S. COLE, *Clerk.*

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## RESOLUTIONS.

Your committee recommend the following:

*Resolved*, That the cause of missions still needs our earnest thought, prayer and support. Though designated as "Home and Foreign," and having two boards of management, the cause is one, and our duty is to give the Gospel to every creature, whether in America or in lands across the sea. We rejoice that the reports from our societies this year show that the debts are all paid, but we nevertheless recommend increased contributions, that our missionary work at home and abroad may be extended.

*Resolved*, That we will still support the State Convention to the extent of our means in aiding feeble churches in Michigan, and in opening new fields for the preaching of the Gospel.

*Resolved*, That in the work of evangelization and Christian endeavor, there is no power against us so great as the liquor traffic. We therefore pledge ourselves to make an uncompromising warfare against this enemy and will work for its entire prohibition.



*Resolved*, That we congratulate the ministers and society in the success which has attended its efforts thus far in establishing a home for superannuated ministers, and we recommend that a collection be taken in each church annually for this worthy object.

*Resolved*, That we are heartily in favor of Christian education, and strongly desire to see our college at Kalamazoo put in such a condition financially and otherwise as will make it a source of educational strength and power.

*Resolved*, That our thanks are due to the church of Owosso for its bountiful provision for our physical wants and the delightful hospitality of their homes.

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## DIGEST OF LETTERS.

*Antrim*.—Another year gone, another year of fighting against sin. We have held the "banner" aloft. We are weak and labor under discouragements, yet determined to *live*. Rev. J. E. Platt closed his pastorate last Jan'y, having been with us three years with success. Rev. Arthur Day commenced in March. Also held some extra meetings. Baptized three. Have services once in two weeks—good attendance. Present membership thirty-five.

*Bath*.—The year past has been one of prosperity—some mercy drops have proved God's saving presence. During the winter we held extra meetings. The conversions were among Sunday-school scholars and young people. This has given courage and greater efficiency. We continue Rev. A. R. Hicks as pastor. He has broken to us the bread of life seven years. On the third Sabbath in June we will visit the baptismal waters and expect to keep on sowing and reaping.

*Bengal and Riley*.—We are thankful for mercies spiritual and temporal. Rev. G. S. Northrop resigned in December. Was without preaching three months. In March secured Rev. M. L. Marvin of St. Johns each Lord's day. Services well attended. Our pastor has won his way to our hearts. Covenant meetings well attended and of great profit.

*Byron*.—Prof. Brayton's services closed last fall, and Rev. Arthur Day has become pastor. We have Sunday morning services now instead of afternoon, and a flourishing Sunday-school under the faithful supervision of Bro. J. S. Smith. Church scattered but looks with prayerful and earnest spirit for the Lord's blessing upon the sower and the seed. Raising money for sanctuary improvements. Cordially invite the Association.

*Chesaning*.—Encouraged. June 1st, 1886. Rev. C. W. Bennett commenced, and for four months earnestly prosecuted work among us, winning our hearts. Regretfully accepted his resignation and were again without

preaching until April 1st, when Rev. J. J. Martin became pastor. Sunday-school, prayer and covenant meetings attended with increasing interest. Though embarrassed with debt, have raised \$150 toward it and have purchased a bell and have \$100 on hand to pay for it. Pray for us.

**Corunna.**—Past year one of change. Bro. Snider, on account of failing health, gave up the care of the church. About the middle of January Rev. I. R. Spencer became pastor. Congregation increasing and as a church thankful to again have morning services and encouraged by increased interest and regularity of attendance of both officers and pupils in attending Sunday-school.

**Dewitt.**—We have maintained service every alternate Lord's day. Pastor A. R. Hicks, who has served us for six years, has resigned. R. H. Covert of St. Johns supplies us during the summer. We are not strong enough numerically or financially to support a pastor alone. Membership very much scattered. Have about 28 paying members. Maintain a Sunday-school during the year. Shall observe children's day.

**Durand.**—We are glad to report progress. Have baptized six and five more to be baptized. Have been without a pastor since April. Prayer meetings on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. Good attendance. Also covenant meetings. Our house of worship was dedicated last November 14th, free of debt, although \$173 of pledges yet to be redeemed. At present not able to support a pastor. Yet trusting and wishing for better things.

**Laingsburg.**—Last year were full of discouragements. Our house of worship had been closed for over a year. Past year one of reviving and blessing. Bro. Covert held a six-days' meeting with us the first of August, and the ninth of September Bro. W. S. Cole was publicly ordained by council as our pastor, and has since labored with us with great zeal and success. In January C. S. Bullock came and held a meeting of three weeks, resulting in great good. A large number expressed hope in God's saving mercy. Fourteen have been baptized. Are still weak financially.

**Lansing.**—We are enjoying the ministrations of Rev. E. H. E. Jameson, D. D., and we are working with him to the end that all departments of the Master's work shall receive due attention, and while we rejoice in good congregations and an efficient Sunday-school, with three missionary societies, we are not unmindful that the field is the world. Three of our membership, one of them one of the constituent members of the church, have passed on to their reward. Have made good progress toward paying the debt upon the new parsonage and expect to do the same this year.

**Maple River.**—We rejoice in a quickened zeal in development of spiritual life, and an earnest striving after holiness. Congregations are increased. Weekly prayer meetings well attended as is also the newly inaugurated cottage prayer meeting. We are also actively engaged in temperance effort. We desire to record the efficient help of the faithful sisters who are helpers in all our work.

**Morrice.**—We have no preaching or Sunday-school of our own, so that we are doing little for the cause of Christ, denominationally. Sisters have mission circle. Our Covenant meetings sustained most of the time.

**Okemos.**—We rejoice in that during the latter part of the year the Lord has in his providence sent among us Rev. B. N. Conway, who has by his coming brightened our prospects for usefulness. Our Sunday-school is well attended and from it we hope to secure conversions that will increase us in numbers and efficiency.

**Ovid.**—Congregations large. We sustain the prayer meetings. Are deeply interested in the benevolent work of our denomination. Are still united in our pastor Rev. H. P. Eldredge, whose ministries are unwaveringly scriptural. Five of our membership have passed from the church militant to the church triumphant, one of them the Rev. J. Martin, one of the pioneer Baptist ministers of the state.

**Owosso.**—Extends a cordial welcome to the Association. As a church have labored the last year harmoniously in all branches of church work. Meetings quite well sustained though there has been no special religious interest. Make it a point to contribute to all the benevolent objects of our denomination. Greatly mourn the loss of some valuable members.

**Perry.**—During the past winter our town was canvassed for Christ. Fifteen volunteered and were baptized. Three restored. Lost one by death. Rev. J. E. Platt has entered his fourth year as pastor. Has proved himself a faithful worker. Sustain two prayer meetings weekly. Our young are growing under leadership of our pastor. Our Sunday school, superintended by Bro. O. Flint, is prospering.

**Pittsburg.**—We have been somewhat revived during the winter, but still we need more grace to the end that the cause of Christ be furthered among us, and sinners converted. Are enjoying a very prosperous union Sunday-school.

**Shepardsville.**—We have no pastor at present, but have hopes of better days. Ask the prayers of the Association to this end. Prayer and covenant meetings are kept up.

**St. Johns.**—One year ago we reported that we had commenced building a new house of worship. We went forth "believing." November 25, 1886, it was dedicated. During six months we had but one service, that on Lord's afternoon. In December, Rev. G. S. Northrop resigned. Rev. M. L. Marvin commenced in February. Our pastor, assisted by Rev. R. H. Covert, held three weeks' special meetings. Some conversions. Several reclaimed. The past year has been one of blessings. Our meetings are well sustained. The church extends an invitation for the associational gathering next year (1888) to be held with us.

**Vernon.**—Commenced the year with some fear and hesitation, but have been greatly blessed. In November held one week special services.

They were of great profit. In April called Bro. C. S. Bullock to assist in revival work, the other churches uniting. Some 70 professions, twenty-nine united with us. Our pastor is faithfully dispensing to us the "word." All services well attended. Our Sunday-school conducted by Bro. J. B. Harris. It is prospering. Have improved our house of worship by carpet, heating stoves and street lamp.

**Webberville.**—We are united and happy, and are encouraging the ministrations of Rev. Wm. Remington. We are sustaining a live Sunday-school, and our weekly prayer meetings are well attended. We are expecting the blessing of good upon us in the salvation of souls.

**Williamston.**—We are led to exclaim, "God is good." Have had the "word" faithfully preached by our esteemed pastor, Rev. Wm. Remington. Baptized five. We shall go forward sowing the seed. We mourn the loss of our sister Jane L. Brown; when the Lord called he found her watching. Have purchased a good parsonage. Cost \$1300. Paid down \$900, the balance in three years. Our services well attended. Our temperance motto, "Hold the Fort!"



## OBITUARIES.

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We are once again brought face to face with the fact that,  
"Each moment has its sickle, emulous  
Of Time's enormous scythe, whose ample sweep  
Strikes empires from the root, each moment plays  
His little weapon in the narrower sphere  
Of sweet domestic comfort, and cuts down  
The fairest bloom of sublunary bliss."

BYRON records two deaths, Mrs. E. Wiltse, of whom it is said that "she was a good woman, whose religion was a reality." Also Mrs. Whitney, who was relieved by the Master of Assemblies from watching care and called to her rest.

LAINGSBURG. Two sisters received the call to "come up higher." Sisters Fanny McKee and Betsy Shirts, both aged and very faithful, though great sufferers.

MAPLE RIVER. Mrs. Dunlap was suddenly taken from the number of that small church to the great congregation above.

IVID. Five members were called from the church below to the church of the first born in heaven.

PITTSBURG. Mrs. Pitts was called to her rest and reward.

OWOSSO. The list is further increased by several deaths in this place. James A. Thompson, called to his reward, was a good student of the Bible, and a warm friend and supporter of the church. In October last the good and venerable Dea. E. Comstock was suddenly taken from earth to heaven. He was a constituent member of the church, and also of the State Convention; a man of devout piety, of pure life and noble manhood. Betsy Lyon, wife of the late Dea. Lyon, aged 75, has passed away. She had been a member of the Owosso church since its organization. She was highly esteemed for her christian character and service.

LANSING. Three deaths are reported from this place, and among them Bro. Lyman West, who died in August last; his wife soon followed her husband. She died in March, 1887. Sister Mary W. Dryer died in February after years of suffering, her faith and confidence never failing her. She was a constituent member of the church.

WILLIAMSTON. Sister Jane L. Brown died on July, 1887. It is noted concerning her: Whom the Lord found waiting.

These numerous deaths recall to our mind the words of our Lord, "Be ye also ready;" and also the words in Ecclesiastes, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

# Shiawasee Associational Statistics.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	PASTORS and DELEGATES.	Increase.			Diminished.				Present Number.	Money for Minutes.	
			Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erased.	Death.			
Antrim.....	H. W. Clough	Rev. Arthur Day	3							35	\$3	
Bath.....	H. Tooker	Rev. A. R. Hicks								24	1 15	
Beaumont and Riley.....	J. S. Smith	Rev. M. L. Marvin; Dea. Sturgis and wife; Sister Sutton	5	3						83	1 00	
Byron.....	Mrs. A. S. Burrows	Rev. A. Day and wife; J. S. Smith and Sisters Joslyn, Barnum, Smith and Foster	6	6	1		2			67	1 00	
Chesaning.....	Mrs. C. J. Gale	Rev. J. J. Martin and wife; Bro. Taylor and wife; Bro. Blakeslee and McGilvery	3	4						36	1 00	
Corunna.....	Mrs. K. Grinnold	Rev. Spencer; Bro's Crandall and Evans and Sister Gale	2		1		4			40	1 25	
DeWitt.....	Mrs. C. Grinnold	Rev. R. H. Covert; Dea. J. Grinnold and wife	5	4						40	1 25	
Durand.....	Miss O. E. Kinney	Mrs. A. Boyd and Mrs. C. Herriman	14	3	8		4	5	2	53	1 00	
Lansing.....	E. F. Brown	Rev. W. S. Cole; Bro's Hawley and Smith	8	22	1		15			4	23 4 00	
Maple River.....	C. Flint	Rev. E. H. E. Jameson, D. D.; Dea. J. St. John; Sisters V. V. Potter and G. Jameson	5	3	3					64	1 00	
Morrice.....	A. P. Sutterby	Rev. A. Snider; C. Flint, S. Waugh and wife								2	17 40	
Okemos.....	Wm. Cole	Dea. Purly and wife; A. P. Sutterby and wife										
Ovid.....	A. F. Cooley	Rev. G. L. Conway, Mr. and Mrs. Hulett; W. Cole, Sis. Stillman and Armstrong								21	1 15	
Owosso.....	W. White	Rev. J. Donnelly; Bro's W. White, J. B. Perry, D. M. Estey, G. Estey, E. E. White & Curtis	16	7	1		6	8	5	256	3 34	
Perry.....	H. A. Roberts	Rev. J. E. Platt; Bro. G. H. Calkins and wife; Bro. H. A. Roberts and wife; Bro. O. Flint and wife	2	8	1		8		5	263	3 00	
Pittsburg.....	A. M. Hutchings	Dea. Knapp and wife	15	2	3		5	8		92	1 70	
Shepardsville.....	J. W. Welton	Sisters Spink and Lonsbery	1	1			2		1	17	30	
St. Johns.....	Celia C. Smith	Rev. M. L. Marvin and wife; Dea. Albertson; Dea. Morris and wife; Mrs. H. M. Lee	7	3	4		6	6		40	85	
Vernon.....	C. A. Whelan	Rev. G. Owen & wife; A. Wriggley & wife; Dea. C. Jenks, J. Parmenter, W. S. McKnight	34	4	2		5	1		130	3 25	
Webberville.....	S. S. Rhoads	Rev. Wm. Remington	4	1						5	22 1 25	
Williamston.....	Mrs. S. M. Bowerman	Rev. W. Remington and wife; Simeon Maines; Dea. Geo. E. Walker	5		1		3		3	59	1 25	
<b>Total.....</b>			<b>134</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1681</b>	<b>31 79</b>

## FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Am. Bap. Publication Society.	Christian Education.	Other Missionary Objects.	Church Expenses.	Permanent Improvements.	Other Objects.	Total.
Antrim.....										
Bath.....	7.00	2.00	5.00	2.20			220.00		1.15	237.35
Bengal and Riley.....										
Byron.....	9.40		38.00				420.00		5.00	472.40
Chesaning.....	<del>7</del>		1.00				394.65	170.19	1.00	506.84
Corunna.....			9.00				425.00	150.00	1.00	585.00
DeWitt.....	9.20	10.90	6.00				219.25		2.05	247.40
Durand.....							189.34	267.00	40	466.94
Laingsburg.....			80				100.00	30.00	1.00	131.80
Lansing.....	122.24	103.56	71.57	12.00			1914.44	978.42	18.00	3220.23
Maple River.....	3.00	2.00	2.00				302.00		4.00	313.00
Morrice.....	11.00								40	11.40
Okemos.....			60				200.00	221.00	1.15	422.75
Ovid.....	31.28	33.38	60.00	46.77	20.00				3.34	194.77
Owosso.....	107.86	83.77	98.41		47.20		1985.10	100.00	3.00	2425.34
Perry.....			11.78				368.45	62.00	1.70	443.93
Pittsburg.....	3.00	3.10		25			245.00	200.00	30	451.65
Shepardsville.....	2.10						150.00		85	152.95
St. Johns.....	19.76	5.00	4.50				506.00	3000.00	8.60	3543.86
Vernon.....	36.70		34.40	2.00	7.50		785.00	200.00	33.25	1098.85
Webberville.....	3.00		18.00	3.60		11.00	248.20	30.00	1.25	315.05
Williamston.....	15.50	3.52	10.60	3.50	8.00	7.00	922.00	900.00	1.25	1871.37
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>381.04</b>	<b>247.23</b>	<b>367.16</b>	<b>70.32</b>	<b>82.70</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>9534.63</b>	<b>6308.61</b>	<b>88.69</b>	<b>17102.88</b>

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MINUTES  
OF THE  
Sunday-School Institute

HELD-AT

**Owosso, May 31 and June 1st, 1887.**

FORENOON SESSION.

**I**NSTITUTE called to order at 11 o'clock A. M., Superintendent J. E. Platt presiding.

Sang

"I need thee every hour."

Prayer, Rev. W. S. Wilkinson.

Matt. 14:13 read and expounded by Superintendent Platt.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Sang

"Precious promise."

Rev. Snider read Joshua 4, and offered prayer.

Topic—"The dangers of youth," Rev. C. Owen.

Topic—"Teaching as a means of Christian growth," Rev. I.

R. Spencer.

Topic—"What shall we look for in choosing a Superintendent?" Rev. Wm. Remington.

Topic—"What shall we look for in choosing teachers?" Rev.

A. Snider.

Brn. White, Wilkinson, Grinold and Donnelly also spoke on the different topics.

EVENING SESSION, MAY 31.

Devotional service led by Superintendent Platt.

Dr. Jameson spoke on topic, "Work of the Holy Spirit in Sunday school teaching," followed by remarks by Brn. Parker, Scofield, Donnelly and Owen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Called to order 9:30 A. M., Superintendent Platt presiding.

Devotional exercises.

Report of Superintendent.

Report of Sunday-schools.

Question drawer—several practical questions practically answered. After brief remarks by Superintendent Platt, adjourned by singing No. 317.

Parting hymn.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST-OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. of Officers.	Number of Teachers.	Whole Number Pooled.	Average Attendance.	Volumes in Library.	Papers Taken.	Benevolent Contributions.	Sunday-School Expenses.	No. of Baptisms.
Antrim	H. W. Clough	Morrice	5	4	35	26	50			10.00	3
Bath	A. R. Hick	Bath	6	7	60	42		50	2.20	30.00	1
Bengal and Riley	No Report										
Byron	J. S. Smith	Byron	6	6	65	100				20.00	*
Chesaning	F. W. French	Chesaning	9	8	60	48	125			42.76	
Corunna	R. Crundall	Corunna	5	5	30	35				10.00	3
DeWitt	Jas. Harris	DeWitt	4	4	30	25		48		14.25	1
Durand	Mrs. C. Herriman	Durand	4	6	41	28	55	30		6.00	2
Lansburg	Frank Hawley	Lansburg	3	5	40	25				170.67	8
Maple River	W. M. Hoag	Maple River	5	17	232	126				55.00	2
Lansing	M. H. Reynolds	Owosso	6	6	100	60	67			40.39	2
Okemos	Wm. Cole	Okemos	5	9	105	50		85		76.82	16
Ovid	Frank Rogers	Ovid	7	12	175	136	200	225		40.00	12
Owosso	No Report									43.00	
Perry	Orlando Flint	Perry	6	9	60	40		60	7.72	30.00	2
Pittsburg	J. E. Raymond	Pittsburg	6	10	60	40				32.50	34
Shepardsville	No Report									8.00	24.00
St. Johns	Elmer Albertson	St. Johns	5	9	90	65		85		54.00	4
Vernon	J. B. Harris	Vernon	6	7	59	50		75		17.92	1138.90
Webberville	Wm. H. Marsh	Webberville	5	7	105	65					
Williamston	Rev. Wm. Remington	Williamston	4	8	105	65					
Association	Rev. J. E. Platt	Perry	96	141	1367	923	597	708	17.92	711.38	90

\*\$40 for S. Library. \$15 for Current Expenses.

*aid. 9000*

*21.*

*State Missions last year 367.16*  
*this year 295.44*  
*171.42*

# Officers of the W. B. M. Society of Shiawassee Association.

Elected at Owosso, June 2, 1887.

PRESIDENT.  
MRS. CHARLES OWEN, VERNON.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

MRS. WM. REMINGTON, Williamston.      MRS. WM. LADD, Perry.      MRS. G. DUNLAP, Ovid.

RECORDING SEC.—MRS. C. P. CURTISS.      COR. SEC.—MISS V. V. POTTER, Lansing.

FOREIGN MISSION SEC.—MISS GERTRUDE JAMESON, Lansing.

HOME MISSION SEC.—MRS. W. WHITE, Owosso.

CIRCLES.	SECRETARIES.	Money for H. M.	Money for F. M.	Value of Goods and Boxes for H. M.	Members in Circle.
Bath.....	Mrs. Ella Cushman.....	2.00	2.00		8
Bengal and Riley.....	Mrs. W. A. Sutton, P. O., St. John.....	2.00			20
DeWitt.....	Mrs. D. P. Goodsell.....	11.60		5.25	
Lansingburg.....	Mrs. M. D. Pangburn.....				36
Lansing.....	Mrs. J. J. Sherman.....	27.48			20
Maple River.....	Mrs. Carrie Waugh, P. O., Owosso.....	4.00	4.00		11
Morrice.....	Mrs. Libby Howard.....		11.00		36
Owosso.....	Mrs. W. White (H.M.), Mrs. S. Robbins (F. M.).....	42.05	18.50	6.30	18
Ovid.....	Mrs. J. Thomas.....	7.50	15.50	18.00	
Perry.....			17.50		11
St. Johns.....	Miss Celia Smith.....	5.00	16.00		
Shepardsville.....			1.10		15
Vernon.....	Miss Emeline Yerkes.....	8.25	10.85	20.58	
Williamston.....	Mrs. S. U. Bowerman.....	4.00	6.00		12
<b>BANDS.</b>					
Lansing, T. B. Florence Humphrey.....		16.70			18
Lansing, Children's Mina Cook.....					
Okemos, Children's Mite Box.....		2.00			
Ovid.....		12.12			
Owosso, T. B., Gertrude Galusha.....		10.00	52.95	3.50	21
Perry, Mrs. L. L. Place, Sunday-School \$1.00.....		3.75	7.75	5.00	
St. Johns, Miss Addie Cronkhite, Sunday-School \$1.00.....			2.76		
Vernon.....			11.00		24
Personal, Mrs. Kent and Hulett.....		2.00	1.00		
Okemos, Mrs. Young.....		10.00			
Owosso, Mrs. C. P. Curtiss.....		5.00			
Williamston, T. Bowerman's Mite Box.....		52			
Association Coll.....		6.29			

## RULES OF ORDER

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- I. In the absence of any of the officers of the Association, others shall be elected to fill in the 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 directions of the Moderator.
- X. The Order of Business at each annual meeting of the Association shall be as follows:
  - First—The introductory service and organization.
  - Second—The rules of order read.
  - Third—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.
  - Fourth—Letters from the churches read.
  - Fifth—Sunday-school reports and exercises.
  - Sixth—Application for admission into the Association received.
  - Seventh—The appointment of the following committee: 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 of three on Nominations, which committee shall designate the place of the next annual meeting, the preacher of the introductory sermon, and the delegates to the Baptist State Convention.
  - Eighth—Communications from corresponding bodies received.
  - Ninth—Reports of committees called for.
  - Tenth—Miscellaneous business.
  - Eleventh—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 the 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.

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

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- Resolved, That the treasurer be instructed to pay over all moneys that are in 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.
- Resolved, That churches requesting admission to this Association be required to show a formal recognition from a council of regular Baptist churches convened for such purpose.



OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Rev. J. E. Platt . . . . . MODERATOR . . . . . Perry.  
Rev. W. S. Cole . . . . . CLERK . . . . . Brockway.  
A. F. Cooley . . . . . TREASURER . . . . . Ovid.  
Moses Allen . . . . . AUDITOR . . . . . Corunna.  
Rev. J. E. Platt . . . . . ASSOC'L S. S. SUPT. . . . . Perry.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

PASTORS.

A. Snider . . . . . \* Maple River.  
J. J. Martin . . . . . Chesaning.  
B. N. Conway . . . . . Okemos.  
A. R. Hicks . . . . . Bath.  
Charles Owen . . . . . Vernon.  
J. E. Platt . . . . . Perry.  
M. L. Marvin . . . . . St. Johns.  
J. W. Covey . . . . . Pittsburg.  
C. Sherwood . . . . . Durand.  
J. Donnelly . . . . . Owosso.  
H. P. Eldridge . . . . . Ovid.  
E. H. E. Jameson, D. D. . . . . Lansing.  
Wm. Remington . . . . . Williamston.  
I. R. Spencer . . . . . Corunna.  
W. S. Cole . . . . . Brockway.

MINISTERS.

R. H. Covert . . . . . St. Johns.  
A. B. Kinne . . . . . Lansing.  
E. M. Ney . . . . . Williamston.  
A. H. Parsons . . . . . Lansing.

The next anniversary will be held at Byron the first Thursday in June, 1888, commencing at 10:30 A. M. Introductory sermon by Rev. H. P. Eldridge; alternate, Rev. A. Snider.

\* Maple River postoffice, Owosso.