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Fifty-sixth Annual Meeting

OF THE

Shiawassee Baptist

ASSOCIATION

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June 4, 5 and 6, 1895.

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CONSTITUTION.

ADOPTED IN 1894.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the Shiawassee Baptist Association, and shall be composed of Baptist Churches and each Church sha l 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 Churches, both as respects STATISTICS and RELIGION, to promote the 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 Tuesday, 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, Treasurer, Auditor, President of Pastors' Conference, Associational Superintendent, Associational President B. Y. P. U., Superintendent of Woman's Mission Work and Missionary Committee of three (to co-operate with the State Board), to be elected annually, by nomination or ballot, to continue in office until others are elected. It shall be the duty of the Associational Superintendents and Presidents to have ge eral oversight of the work in their departments throughout the Association and to develop and encourage the same and to assist the Program Committee in making out the program for the anniversary meeting.

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.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

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 Clerk be instructed to forward the Minutes to each Association and corresponding Body in the State. Also to the Colgate Library, Hamilton, N. Y., and to the Library of the University of Chicago.

RESOLVED, That Churches requesting admission to this Association be required to show a formal recognition from a council of Baptist Churches convened for such purpose.

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PERRY, MICH., Tuesday, 2 P. M., June 4, 1895.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Scripture reading by I. W. Lamb.

Prayer by W. T. Woodhouse.

Singing.

Annual Sermon by W. B. Matteson, of Owosso.

Text, Eph. 5–16. Subject, "Redeeming Time."

Moderator appointed as Committee on Nominations, E. M. Blanchard, S. Batchelor and S. L. Waugh, of Vernon.

On motion, Dr. Hewett, of Chicago, was given 15 minutes in which to present the interests of Morgan Park, Divinity School, Chicago.

E. M. Blanchard gave an interesting paper on Training the church to care for itself, which introduced an interesting discussion.

"The Pastor in his Study," was a theme in which W. T. Woodhull gave the initiatory of several trite remarks.

"Is there a Baptist Ecclesiasticism?" by C. C. Willett, and discussed by several present.

Committee on Nominations reported as follows, and asked to be continued to complete their work.

Moderator, J. C. McDonald.

Clerk, E. S. Andrews.

Treasurer, C. A. Johnson.

Auditor, Bro. Purdy, of Perry.

On motion, report was accepted and adopted as far as complete and committe continued.

EVENING SESSION, 7:30.

Devotional Service, led by L. D. Dunning.

Experience in C. C. C. work, Miss Kittie Bear and E. M. Blanchard, E. D. Way and others. The Young Peoples Union and the Christian Culture Course was highly commended.

The Y. P S. C. E. in Baptist churches, J. W. Hoag.

Four Essentials—An admirable address, a grand plea for Interdenominationalism. Discussed by Blanchard, Willett, Woodhouse and G. P. Mitchell, of Ovid.

Address.—"We are the Light of the World, G. P. Mitchell.

Song.—On Christ the Solid Rock."

Benediction, Blanchard.

WEDNESDAY, MORNING, 8:30.

Devotional meeting, led by G. P. Mitchell, of Ovid.

Moderator elect, took the chair.

Nominating Committee Reported further as follows:

Committee on Nominations would respectfully report the following names for Officers of the Association for the ensueing year:

Moderator, Rev. J. C. McDonald, Williamston.

Clerk, E. S. Andrews, Williamston.

Treasurer, C. A. Johnston, Ovid.

Auditor, Horace Purdy, Perry.

S. S. Superintendent, J. S. Smith, Byron.

B. Y. P. U. Superintendent, Rev. S. Batchelor, Chesaning.

Supt. Womans Work, Mrs. J. Fisher, Corrunna.

Pres. of Pastor Conference, Rev. G. P. Mitchell, Ovid.

Missionary Committe: W. T. Woodhouse, L. D. Dunning, and James Fisher.

On motion, report was accepted and adopted.

Moved and carried that ten minutes be allowed for the discussion of each subject of the morning

S. Batchelor, of Chesaning, spoke quite fully of the relations of the pastor to the Sunday School.—Discussion, Fisher, Woodhouse.

A Superintendents Troubles, E. S. Andrews.—Discussed by E. M. Blanchard, C. A. Johnson, Mrs. Sweegles, Mr. Platt, Mrs. Mc Donald.

A Sunday School as a training school, J. G. Kirk.—Discussion, Curtis.

What a Secretary can do, Miss Tillie Hale.—Discussion, Kirk.

Doctrine in the Sunday School, I. W. Lamb, putting the teachings of the Bible into definite form.

The Bible will take care of itself. If the guide tells me that the mountain will fall, I quesion his motive; but if he tells me I will

fall, that is more probable.—Discussed, Blanchard, Conley, Platt.

Bible School.

Normal Work, E. D. Way. Short Discussion.

Song, 205.

Benediction, Rev. Ney.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional Exercises conducted by S. Batchelor.

Committees appointed

Resolutions, Rev. I. W. Lamb, C. A. Johnson, and Upton Hammond.

Place and Preacher, Rev. S. Batchelor, C. H. Calkins and J. G. Kirk.

Program, Rev. G. P. Mitchell, Rev. S. D. Way and Mrs. Littell.

Obituaries, Rev. E. M. Blanchard, Chas. Gundry and Rev. Tree, of Okemos.

On Minutes, W. T. Woodhouse, L. D. Dunning and E. S. Andrews.

E. D. Way appointed to assist Clerk in reading letters.

Letters read.

Moved and carried that Moderator appoint Committee on new church at Ashley: Blanchard, Woodhouse, Dunning.

Reading of letter from Ashley.

Committee reported, recommended that the Ashley church be received.

Moved and supported that the report of the committee be adopted. Carried.

Moderator thereupon conferred the hand of fellowship to the Ashley church, through their Clerk.

Invitatation from Ashley church to hold Shiawassee Association with them.

Bro. Conley spoke of the State Convention expenses

Home Missions was presented to Rev. Pettit, of Detroit, Rev. Jameson not being able to be present.

Dr. Mather, in behalf of the aged Ministers' Home at Fenton, occupied the next ten minutes.

Moved and carried that we now take up a collection for the home at Fenton.

C. E. Conley, State Missions.

Amount of collection for Minister's Aid Society, $16 63.

C. A. Johnson in lieu of Bro. Rundell, presented the interests of the A. B. P. S. and State Sunday School work.

In the absence of J. S. Boyden, Rev. Retan of Detroit, spoke in favor of Foreign Missions.

On motion, Mr. Swegels, of St Johns, was invited to present the interest of the Missionaries' Childrens' Home in Chicago.

Moved and carried that the matter of appointing a member of this Association to confer with the Mission Board, be referred to Committee on Nominations.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Womans' Work, presided over by Mrs. Jas. Fisher.

"Onward Christian Soldier."

Moderator resumed the chair and called on W. T. Woodhouse, "A Baptist church in Jerusalem."

"Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow."

Benediction, E. D. Way.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional Exercises, led by I. W. Lamb.

Committe on Place and Preacher reported, recommending Ashley as the place, and I. W. Lamb as the preacher.

On motion, report was accepted and adopted.

Moved and carried that Bro. Fisher, of Corunna be appointed as alternate preacher.

Committe on Resolutions reported as follows;

Resolved, That we are in hearty sympathy with each of the great benevolent organizations of our denomination, and rejoice in the providential, and unexpected extinguishment of the debt of the Home Mission Society, and in the great reduction in the debt of the Missionary Union.

Resolved, That we recommend all of our churches to make provision for a contribution, each year, for Home, State and Foreign Missions, for the benevolent work of the Bible and Publication Society, for Christian and Ministerial education and for the Baptist Ministers' Aid Society.

Resolved, That we recommend, that an earnest effort be made to secure *something from every member* of our churches for each of these objects, so that all may share in the blessedness of giving for the cause of Christ.

Resolved, That we commend the Publication Societies literature, The Michigan Christian Herald and The Baptist Union, to our members and urge the more general use of these valuable instrumentalities for the training of our people for Christian work and usefulness.

Resolved, That we believe the traffic in intoxicating liquors is a grevious sin, and that to share in the profits of the business, renders society a partner in the iniquity; and that it is the duty of every Christian voter to persistently demand that all laws which legalize the traffic be repealed, and that the sanction of the law be no longer given to the accursed business.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the prominence given to the young peoples work, and recommend that all the Young Peoples Societies take up the work of raising funds for the various denominational objects, to the end that they may have greater incentives to action and that their alms may accompany their prayers for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

I. W. LAMB.
C. A. JOHNSON.

Moved and carried that a vote of thanks be extended to the Perry church for their hospitality.

Moved and carried that resolutions as read be adopted in their entirety.

Amendments to Rules of Order proposed by I. W. Lamb, as follows:

Moved that Rules of Order be amended as follows:

IV. In order of business, have the 4th, Invitation to visiting brethren to sit with us.

V. Application for admission of churches.—(The present 12th.)

The other sections to be numbered accordingly.

Committee on Obituary reported as follows:

The Committee on Obituaries respectlully report:

That there have been according to the several church letters, 38 deaths during the year, the youngest being 25 years of age, and the oldest 91 years; Antrim, Corrunna, Chessaning, Okemos, Maple River, Dewitt and Vernon, had one each, Bath, Perry, St. Johns and Webberville, two each; Ovid, Shepherdsville and Owosso, three each; Lansing, nine and Williamston five.

Thus while we rejoice at the Salvation of Souls that are coming into the chnrch, we are made to feel sad in the loss of those whom God has called unto himself, yet we trust that our loss is their eternal gain, and their going reminds us that we should work earnestly while the day lasts and be ready for the call of God to our heavenly home.

Committee.

Moved and carried that report of the Committe be accepted and adopted.

Report of Missionary Committee as follows.

Report of Missionary Committee of Shiawassee Baptist Association.

Dear Brethren, your Committee begs leave to report;

1. That letters were written to all the churches of this Association, accompanied with collectors' cards, warning each church to aim at raising no less than fifty cents per member for state mission work.

2. Arrangements were made for Workers Conference, B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Rally, to be held at Owosso, Dec 10th and 11th.

3. Letters were written, asking all pastors, and church clerks where there were no pastors, to come to the rally with as many others as they could induce to come. Copies also of programs were enclosed with letters.

4. All the delegates were kindly received and entertained by the members of the Owosso Baptist church.

5. Stirring Addresses were delivered by Rev. C. E. Conley, Superintendent of State Mission Work; Rev. W. T. Woodhouse, of Vernon; Rev. S. Batchelor, of Chesaning; Rev. E. M. Blanchard, of St Johns; Rev. E. D. Way, of Dewitt; Rev. W. B. Matteson, of Owosso and Mrs. J. E. Littell, of St. Johns. Dr. Jameson also favored us with a thoughtful, practical and helpful sermon.

6. Applications for aid from the State Mission Board were signed in behalf of Chesaning, Bath and Laingsburg churches.

7. All the churches were supplied during the year, except Morrice. Inquiry was also made concerning the latter, and it was thought advisable not to put any labor there until we were sure of keeping up a regular supply.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of Committee.

J. C. MCDONALD.

Moved and carried that the nomination of Committee be approved, recommending appointment of a member of our Association to co-operate with the board of Foreign Missions, and Rev. G. P. Mitchell was named as such member.

Delegates to State Convention.

W. T. Woodhouse, E. D. Way, I. W. Lamb, J. C. Robillard, E. M. Blanchard.

Treasurer C. A. Johnson reported as follows;

June 6, 1895.

Received for Convention Expenses	$12 30	
Paid to Rev. C. E. Conley		$12 30
Received from the several churches for Minutes	23 34	
Paid E. S. Andrews for Minutes		23 34
	$35 64	$35 64

Closing remarks, E. M. Ney.

Closing sermon, W. T. Woodhouse.

Hymn, "More Love to Thee."

Association was then on motion adjourned with benediction by I. W. Lamb.

Woman's Department.

Wednesday evening was occupied by the Womans' Missionary Societies. Mrs. McDonald, of Williamston, conducted the devotional exercises which were begun by singing "Throw Out the Life Line." Prayer was then offered by Mrs. I. W. Lamb. And Mrs. McDonald read John 15. After singing "O, what a Wonder-

ful Savior," Mrs. Fisher, Associational Superintendent gave her report.

Mrs. E. S. Andrews read a paper showing that the circles had decreased in efficiency. The cause to be selfishness; The remedy, "More Love to Christ."

Mrs. J. E. Littell gave a profitable talk on the "Relation of Womens' Work to the Missionary Studies of the Young Peoples' Societies."

Vesta Potter set before us a "Birdseye View" of the missions fields, in a very pleasing way.

The present Officers are:

President—Mrs. J. Fisher, Corunna.

1st Vise President—Mrs. I. W. Lamb, Perry.

2nd Vice President, Mrs. J. Dunlap, Ovid.

3rd Vice President, Mrs. D. D. Mills, Lansing.

Cor. Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. P. D. White, Owosso.

Rec. Secretary—Mrs E. S. Andrews, Williamston.

H. M. Secretary—Mrs. J. C. McDonald, Williamston.

F. M. Secretary—Mrs. Swegles, St. Johns.

Mrs. J. W. Simmons, Owosso; Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, St. Johns; and Mrs. J. C. McDonald, Williamston, Committee to act with Corresponding Secretary in preparation of program for quarterly meetings.

A collection of $3.44 was taken.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

SOCIETIES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Other Objects.
Bengal-Riley	1 50	1 00		
Byron	5 00	4 48	12 00	
Corunna	15 00	10 00		
Dewitt	8 70	9 05		
Laingsburg	1 17	1 16		
Lansing	11 50	10 50	9 00	
Maple River	3 00	5 00		2 50
Okemos	1 00	2 45		
Ovid	23 78	36 60		
Owosso	35 72	38 46		2 00
Perry	7 00	7 00		
St. Johns	39 60	6 75		15 00
Vernon	7 00	17 00		
Williamston	20 50	10 00		
	180 45	159 45	21 00	19 50

DELEGATES.

ASHLEY.—W. A. Hale.

BATH.—Rev. L. D. Dunning, Hiram Tooker and wife, Fred Mackley.

BENGAL—RILEY.—Hattie Jacob, Maggie Smith, Geo. Herchar.

BYRON.—Dea. J. Kanouse.

CHESANING.—Rev. S. Batchelor, Harris Jenkins, Pearl White.

CORUNNA.—Rev. and Mrs. J. Fisher.

DEWITT.—Rev. E. D. Way, Minerva Harris, Simeon Reynolds, B. J. Reynolds, Geo. Pierce, Agnes Pierce, Kate Grinold.

LAINGSBURG.—Milton A. Phelps, Mrs. M. A. Phelps, E. C. Mc Kee.

LANSING.—J. G. Kirk, Dea. R. H. Holmes and wife, Vesta V. Potter, Dea. D. D. Mills and wife, John W. Hoag, Wm. M. Hoag, Fred Cole.

MAPLE RIVER.—Henry Phelps, Edna Phelps, C. Flint.

OKEMOS.—Rev. and Mrs. J. Tree, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Upton Hammond.

OVID.—Rev G. P. Mitchell, Dea. G. D. Briggs, Dea. Frank Leary, A. H. Whitaker, Dea. and Mrs. G. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hicock, Kittie Baer, Bertha Covert.

OWOSSO.—Rev. W. B. Matteson.

PERRY.—Rev. and Mrs I. W Lamb, Dea. and Mrs. Geo Calkins Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Calkins, Dea. and Mrs. W. P. Laing.

PITTSBURG.—Brethren Chittenden and Hutchins.

SHEPARDSVILLE.—C. A. Johnson.

ST. JOHNS.—Rev. E M. Blanchard, Mrs. J. E. Littell, Mrs. Harriett Swegles, Mr. and Mrs. G. Morris.

VERNON.—Rev. and Mrs W. T. Woodhouse, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gundry, Mr. and Mrs. Grow, Mae Whelan, Grace Parmenter, S. T. Waugh.

WEBBERVILLE.—S. S. Rhodes and wife, Mrs. A. Bixby, Mrs. J. M. Monroe.

WILLIAMSTON.—Rev. and Mrs. J C. McDonald, Mrs. E. B. Kinne, Mrs. E S. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Mains, Rev. E. M. Ney.

Young People's Societies.

BATH.—B. Y. P. U., Herbert Looker, President: Mrs. Robson, Secretary.

BENGAL—RILEY.—Y. P. S. C. E., Clyde Mapes, President, Sylvia Holsy, Secretary. Active Members, 27; Associate Members, 18. Contributed to Home Work, $46.93.

BYRON.—B. Y. P. U., Nellie Jacobs, President; Nellie Bentley, Secretary. Active Members, 27. Associate, 12.

CHESANING.—B. Y. P. U., Clara Schutt, President; Pearl White, Secretary. Active Members, 30. Associate, 22. Contributed Home Work, $26.00.

CORUNNA.—Junior Union, Dora Hamilton, President; Arthur Green, Secretary.

DEWITT.—B. Y. P. U., Minnie Reynolds, President; Bertha Jutting, Secretary Active members, 17. Associate, 16. Contributed Home Work, $52 00.

LAINGSBURG.—B. Y. P. U., H. A. Dennis, President; Myrtie Lawersby, Secretary. Active members, 17. Associative, 10. Contributed Home Work, $30.00.

LANSING.—Y. P. S. C. E., John W. Hoag, President; Harry C. P. Case, Secretary. Active members, 89. Associate, 2. Contributed Home Work, $94 00

MAPLE RIVER.—Busy Bees Band, Louis H. Crane, President; Myrtie Hindes, Secretary, postoffice Bancroft. Number 16.

OKEMOS.—B. Y. P. U., Ethel Smith, President; Dora Gunn, Secretary. Active members, 12. Associate, 28. Contributed Home Work, $9.00.

OVID.—B. Y. P. U., H. F. Harris, President; Bertha Covert, Secretary. Active members, 104. Associate, 15. Contributed Home Work, $43 50.

OWOSSO.—B. Y. P. U., C. E. Emminger, President; May Lawrence Secretary- Active members, 50 Associate, 25.

PERRY.—Y. P. S. C. E., Chas. E. Calkins, President; William E. Ware, Secretary. Active members, 30. Associate, 5.

ST. JOHNS.—B. Y. P. U. of C. E., A. Branch, President; Luella Davis, Secretary. Active members, 65. Associate, 10. Contributed Home Work, $28.30.

VERNON.—B. Y. P. U., S. L. Waugh, President; Minnie Wiggins, Secretary. Active members, 33. Associate, 2.

WEBBERVILLE.—B. Y. P. U., H. H. Rhodes, President; Claude Dezess, Secretary. Active members, 10. Associate, 4. Contributed Home Work, $5 00.

WILLIAMSTON.—Jessie Andrews, President; Mabel Langford, Secretary Active members, 30. Associate, 12. Contributed Home Work, $12.00.

Digest of Letters.

ANTRIM.—Are without a pastor. Have baptized two during the year, and lost one of our number by death.

ASHLEY.—The Congregational Church of Ashley was disbanded on April 15th, 1895. The organization of the Baptist church followed at once on the same date. Bros. Conley and Van Dorn, assisting. There has been three Baptisms since our organization. The church was incorporated May 20, 1895. Was reorganized May 24, 1895, delegates was present from Owosso, Vernon, Corunna, Ovid, Shepardsville, St. John and others. We respectfully request to be admitted to the Shiawassee Baptist Association.

W. A. HALE, Clerk.

BATH.—Removals and death have depleted our number, but all our services are sustained and we are working and praying for God's spirit to direct us and build us up.

BENGAL and RILEY.—A prosperous year. We observed the week of prayer which was followed by series of meetings, in which our pastor was assisted by singing evangelest, L. F. Hatch. Six baptisms, one received by experience, and three awaiting baptism. Are about to repair our church building. S. S. and Y. P. are a great help to the church.

W. A. SUTTON. Clerk.

BYRON—Rev. Currie closed a two years' pastorate here, April 21st and has the good wishes of the church in whatever field he may enter. Prayer and covenant meetings well attended. A Junior Society was organizd last June and has been of much interest to the younger ones. The Y. P. are also doing a grand work.

ROSE KELSEY, Clerk.

CHESANING—Our pastor, Rev. S. Batchelor, has now been with us nearly five years and by his ability and earnest zeal has merited and won the esteem of all. Our S. S. and B. Y. P. U. are actively at work and growing.

CORUNNA—Pastor Rev. J. Fisher has just accepted the work for another year. Last November we re-organized under the new law for Baptist Churches, electing new officers, etc. The sisters sustained a weekly afternoon prayer meeting several months The week of prayer was observed. A Junior Union has been organized. The L. A. S. are doing a noble work. The Ladies Missionary Circle has been re-organized. The S. S. is not large but attendance regular, have a new 150 Vol. library. MRS. C. J. GALE, Clerk.

DEWITT—E. D. Way, pastor, has been spiritually and temporally blessed during the year, have reseated our church and made other improvements. A growing interest is manifest in our S. S. and B. Y. P. U.

MISS MINERVA HARRIS Clerk.

DURAND—W. T. Woodhouse preaches for us every Sunday afternoon. Prayer and covenant meetings are sustained. The church wishes to have a pastor to live with them as there is much work to be done.

MRS. J. C. BRAND, CLERK.

LAINGSBURG—D. W. Morgan closed his labors with us in November. Rev. J. C. Robillard began with us in February. All our appointments are well attended, and we are about to build a parsonage. LIDA WHITNEY, Clerk.

LANSING—The building of our new church edifice is still a heavy burden to us. We can report an improvement, however, in attendance at church services. The S. S. and Young People are doing excellent work, and the L. A. S. are standing nobly by the officers of the church. Pastor Temple closes his labors with us this month. Becoming our pastor Sept. 1. 1890, when our membership was 267, it has steadily increased until our present number is 564. Baptisms during this time 231, averaging nearly one for every week It is ours to enter the coming year without a pastor, but with a heavy debt over us, but we lean entirely upon God and hope and pray that He will guide us into "High Places of Victory."

JOHN W. HOAG, Clerk.

MAPLE RIVER.—Rev. Matteson has preached to us each alternate Sabbath for the past year. Special meetings were held during the winter with good results.

C. FLINT, CLERK.

MORRICE.—Have arranged that our organization shall be intact for the granting of letters to those who find it possible to join their efforts with churches on which the heavenly smile and sanction seems more favorable.

OKEMOS.—Rev. J. Tree began his labors as pastor with us in April, and we hope to see a prosperous year. Have re-painted and otherwise improved our property. The S. S., B. Y. P. U. and L. A. S. are all doing good work.

WM. COLE, Clerk.

OVID—Rev. G P. Mitchell, our present pastor, succeeds Rev. J. McLean, who has taken up evangelestic work. Following special meetings twenty were received into our membership by baptism, and four by experience. Our S. S., Y. P. and Junior Societies and the different Womans' Societies are all busy in their line of work.

MRS. M. E. QUICK, Clerk.

OWOSSO.—W. B. Matteson, pastor. Special meetings in January and February in which the pastor was assisted by evangelists Maxwell and Thompson resulted in a number confessing Christ and following him in baptism. Our Sunday School is flourishing. Our people have decided to tear down our place of worship and build anew to enlarge our facilities and influence for good.

ANNA E. HURRELL, Clerk.

PERRY.—Extend welcome to our house of worship, to our homes and our hearts. The tidal wave of religious interests which swept our village some fifteen months ago, has receded and the re-action has been felt somewhat, and yet the

Lord's work goes on. We are united in our pastor. All our services have been maintained. Our S. S. and Ladies Societies are doing excellent work.

I. W. Lamb, Pastor.

PITTSBURG.—At present Rev. Robillard, of Laingsburg, preaches to us. The L A. S. have furnished a new carpet for the church.

J. B. RAYMOND, Pastor

SHEPARDSVILLE —Bro. McLean organized a Sunday School here last November and it is well attended. Rev. G. P. Mitchell preaches to us each Sabbath.

J. W. WETTER, Clerk.

ST. JOHNS.—Pastor E. M. Blanchard has labored faithfuly and well, and an abundant harvest has resulted, with the assistance of evangelists Hatch and Van Dorn, many souls were owned and blessed of God. Our Sunday School and Teachers' Meetings under Bro. J. E. Littell, are doing most excellent work. While we have labored faithfully and accomplished something, we hope during the coming year to accomplish more for God.

ISAAC E. HOBART, Clerk.

VERNON.—W. T. Woodhouse, pastor. Regular services and prayer meetings full of interest. Our B. Y. P. U. is thriving Through special efforts last winter some precious souls were brought to the kingdom.

AMOS PARMETER, Clerk.

WEBBERVILLE.—J. C. McDonnald, of Williamston, preaches to us Sunday afternoons in the school house as our house of worship burned last winter, no insurance, but we are building another. We feel hopeful for the future.

S. S. RHODES, Clerk.

WILLIAMSTON.—J C. McDonald, pastor. We know that good seed is being sown, and are looking for a bountiful harvest.

E. S. ANDREWS, Clerk.

SHIAWASSEE ASSOCIATION CHURCH STATISTICS.

Moderator, J. C. McDonald. **Clerk, E. S. Andrews.**

P. O. Address of Church Clerks same as name of Church unless otherwise indicated.

Year Organized.	CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND YEAR OF SETTLEMENT.	CLERKS.	MEMBERSHIP. Gains. Baptized.	By Letter.	By Experience	Restored.	Losses. By Letter.	Excluded.	Erased.	Died.	Non-Resident	TOTAL.	PROPERTY. Houses Worship.	Sittings.	Parsonages.	Value of Houses of Worship.	Value of Parsonages.	EXPENSES. Maintaining Public Worship.	Permanent Improvements.	Associational Minutes.	Total Home Expenses.
1856	Antrim			2							1		29	1			1000 00				50	50
1895	Ashley		W. A. Hale	3	16	2							21	1	300		2500 00					
1868	Bath	L. D. Dunning	Hiram Tooker	3	2	1	1	2			2		38	1	200		1000 00		220 00		50	220 50
1873	Bengal-Riley	E. D. Way	W. Sutton, St J'h's	6		1		1				3	49	1	175		1000 00		160 00	12 00	1 00	173 00
1867	Byron		Rose Kelsey	10		1	1	4			2		100	1	300		2000 00		600 00		1 00	601 00
1878	Chesaning	S. Batchelor '90	W. R. Coryell	3	2	1					1	6	74	1	200		1650 00		477 36	13 00	50	490 86
1843	Corunna	James Fisher '93	Mrs. C. J. Gale		1			9	2	2	1		44	1	300	1	3000 00	200 00	467 70	71 50	1 00	539 20
1840	Dewitt	E. D. Way '89	Mrs. Mina Harris	2	1	1			1		1	7	48	1	250		1200 00		267 45	220 00	1 25	488 60
1885	Durand	W. T. Woodhouse	Mrs. J. C. Brand		1			2				9	43	1	300		2000 00				88	88
1864	Laingsburg		Lida Whitney	2	2			2			1	7	53	1	300		1000 00		304 09	10 00	75	314 84
1851	Lansing	L. D. Temple '90	John W. Hoag	9	17	2		30	3	14	9		564	2	1800	1	56500 00	6000 00	4986 33	121 82	3 15	5001 30
1837	Maple River		C. Flint, Owosso	10				2			1		36	1	250		2500 00		67 00		1 25	68 25
1879	Morrice																					
1867	Okemos	John Tree '95	Wm, Cole					4			1	5	50	1	200	1	1800 00	800 00	362 00	120 00	1 10	483 10
1810	Ovid	G. P. Mitchell '95	Mrs. M. E. Quick	21	8	4		16		29	3	35	255	1	325		5000 00		1278 34	45 00	2 50	1325 84
1838	Owosso	W. B. Matteson	Anna E. Hurrell	20	27	11	2	6		6	3		434	1					1819 21			1819 21
1838	Perry	I. W. Lamb. '94						1		2	2	11	79	1	200	1	2000 00	700 00	257 77		1 50	259 27
1877	Pittsburg	Rev. Robillard '95	J. B. Raymond					1			1	1	17	1	200	1	1500 00				36	36
1871	Shepardsville		W. W. Welter								3		17	1	300	1	1500 00	300 00	220 50	90 50	75	311 75
1856	St. Johns	E. M. Blanchard	J. E. Hobart	33	11	2	2	3		3	2	17	180	1	300		3500 00		893 68	61 73	1 60	957 01
1845	Vernon	W. Woodhouse '93	Amos Parmenter	3	2	1		3		6	1	12	112	1	350	1	2000 00	1500 00	701 46	21 66	1 00	724 12
1878	Webberville	J. C. McDonald '93	S. S. Rhodes	2			1	2		1	2	2	36						238 00	6 00	1 00	308 00
1841	Williamston	J. C. McDonald '93	E. S. Andrews	8	1			8			5	6	105	1	200	1	2300 00	1200 00	935 79		2 00	937 79
				137	91	27	7	96	6	63	42	121	2384	22	6450	7	94950 00	10700 00	13256 68	793 11	23 59	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCH OR MISSION.	SUPERINTENDENT. NAME.	SUPERINTENDENT. P. O. Address.	SECRETARY.	Officers.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Total Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Baptisms.	Volumes in Library.	No. Per'ds taken.	Contributions. Benevolence	Contributions. Expenses.	Contributions. Total.
Antrim														
Ashley	O. J. Dutton	Ashley	Minnie Murphy	3	6	60	69	48		20	2			
Bath	Hiram Tooker	Bath	Mrs. McGonigal	5	3	25	33	20			4	12 00	20 00	32 00
Bath Mis. 10	James Thompson	Bath		5	4		39	25	3				12 00	12 00
Bengal-Riley	Geo. Herschar	St. Johns	Sylvia Holsey	5	4	47	56	40	1	63	5			
Byron	J. S. Smith	Byron	Rollo Lord	8	10	80	98	50		100	6	2 00		2 00
Chesaning	Harris Jenkins	Chesaning	Ralph Eldred	12	9	69	90	60	1	159	6	7 03	29 36	36 39
Corunna	Cemantha Gale	Corunna	Mary Weeden	6	5	60	71	30		150				
Dewitt	James Harris	Dewitt	Bertha Jutting	7	5	46	58	27		120	4	1 70	22 45	24 15
Durand	J. M. Bozard	Durand	R. J. Gee	4	6	35	45	25			3			
Laingsburg	E. C. McKee	Laingsburg	Frank Whitney	6	6	74	86	50	1	120	2	3 90		3 90
Lansing	D. D. Mills	Lansing	Mina Cook	11	20	372	403	232	7	190	7	25 47	131 50	156 97
" S. S. Mis	E. L. Skeen	Lansing	Mary E Clapham	6	8	100	114	60					57 93	57 93
Okemos	Upton Hammond	Okemos	Ethel Smith	6	10	92	108	80			3	3 70	42 00	45 70
Ovid	C. G. Stanton	Ovid	Mrs. E. Fuller	7	14	150	171	120	12	180	9	100 00	78 34	178 34
Owosso	J. W. Simmons	615 Saginaw St.	H. P. White	9	21	281	311	200		330	3		179 61	179 61
Perry	Horace Purdy	Perry		5	7	80	92	52			5		32 77	32 77
Pittsburg	Mrs. J. Beardslee	Laingsburg	Ralph Pasco											
Shepardsville	C. A. Johnson	Ovid	Clarence Smith	7	8	55	70	48		100	6	10 76	56 26	67 02
St. Johns	J. E. Littell	St. Johns	Edith Nethercott	10	15	225	250	160	17	275	10	5 07	105 00	110 07
Vernon	S. T. Waugh	Vernon	Ina Longyear	5	7	75	87	60	2		3		36 46	36 46
Webberville	Mrs. F. S. Allchin	Webberville	Hayes Allchin	4	5	48	57	45	2				23 00	23 00
Williamston	E. S. Andrews	Williamston	Tithie Bowerman	7	11	156	174	76	6	140	4	6 31	72 19	78 50
				128	184	2430	2482	1508	52	1947		177 94	898 87	1076 81

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCH.	Local Missions.	State Missions.	Y. P. Society for State Missions.	Home Missions.	Woman's Home Mission Society.	Y. P. Society for Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Foreign Mission Society.	Y. P. Society for Foreign Missions.	Publication Society & State S. S. Work.	Christian Education.	Minister's Aid Society.	Other Objects.	TOTAL.
Antrim														
Bath	12 00		3 50				3 50		90					19 90
Bengal-Riley		6 00		1 00	1 00		3 50	1 50					18 00	31 00
Byron	8 00	12 00	2 00		4 48			5 00		2 00				33 48
Chesaning		15 00								7 03				22 03
Corunna					10 00		5 30	15 00						30 30
Dewitt		2 50			9 05		1 15	8 70				3 17		24 57
Durand		5 00												5 00
Laingsburg		20 00			1 16	1 25	6 50	1 17	1 25	3 90				35 23
Lansing		24 58		37 05	10 50	2 00	18 80	11 50		20 47			1420 00	1554 90
Maple River	30 00	12 50			5 00			3 00				4 00	2 50	57 00
Okemos		6 75			2 45			1 00		3 70				13 80
Ovid		28 45		22 85	36 60		32 53	23 78		100 00			86 07	330 28
Owosso				47 49	38 46		42 35	35 72		27 24		48 45	20 25	259 96
Perry		10 00		7 00	7 00			7 00						31 00
Pittsburg		4 00												4 00
Shepardsville		15 00		18 50						10 76		5 00		49 26
St. Johns		30 75	3 00	13 57	6 75	18 00	10 75	39 60	7 11	6 50		2 50	22 13	130 66
Vernon		38 50		22 20	17 00		18 50	7 00				4 45		107 65
Webberville		9 00		1 70			3 50			3 30				17 50
Williamston		21 75		10 30	10 00		29 00	20 50		2 00		6 00		99 55
	50 00	256 78	8 50	181 66	159 45	21 25	175 38	180 47	9 26	186 90		73 57	1588 95	2839 09

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Help this Society. Study its work and worth. Spread this knowledge among the churches and people and see to it that every church, every school, and every person contributes to help this Society. **It needs your help. It deserves it.**

A. J. ROWLAND, D. D., Secretary.

C. C. BITTING,

Bible and Missionary Secretary.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. In the absence of any of the officers of this Association, others shall be elected *pro tem*.

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

FIRST—The introductory service, Annual Sermon and organization.

SECOND—The Rules of Order read.

THIRD—Appointment of Committee on Ministrations.

FOURTH—Invitation to Visiting Brothers to sit with us.

FIFTH—Applications for admission of Churches received.

SIXTH—Annual Pastors' Conference.

SEVENTH—Election of Officers.

EIGHTH—Annual rally of Baptist Young Peoples' Unions.

NINTH—Sunday School session.

TENTH—Announcements of Committees.

ELEVENTH—Reading of Letters.

TWELFTH—Addresses by representatives of denominational, benevolent, educational and missionary organizations.

THIRTEENTH—Woman's Work

FOURTEENTH—Communications from fraternal or corresponding bodies.

FIFTEENTH—Reports of Committees.

SIXTEENTH—Report of Treasurer

SEVENTEENTH—Miscellaneous Business.

EIGHTEENTH—Reading of Minutes

III. No person shall speak more than once on any subject, nor longer than allowed on program or by vote of the Association.

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

V. 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.

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

VII. The following committees shall be appointed at each anniversary convention, each committee to consist of three persons.

FIRST—A Committee on Nominations.

SECOND—A Committee to provide program for next Anniversary.

THIRD—A Committee on Obituaries.

FOURTH—A Committee on Publication of Minutes, of which the Clerk and Treasurer shall be members.

FIFTH—A Committee on Resolutions.

SIXTH—A Committee on place and preacher of annual sermon for next anniversary.

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

IX. All Churches neglecting to represent themselves in 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.

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

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

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

J. C. McDonald	MODERATOR	Williamston
E. S. Andrews	CLERK	Williamston
C. A. Johnson	TREASURER	Ovid
Horace Purdy	AUDITOR	Perry
J. S. Smith	S. S. SUPT.	Byron
S. Batchelor	B. Y. P. U. SUPT.	Chesaning
Mrs. J. Fisher	SUPT. WOMAN'S WORK	Corunna

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

PASTORS.

S. Batchelor,	Chesaning
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Jas. Fisher,	Corunna
I. W. Lamb,	Perry
W. B Matteson,	Owosso
J. C. McDonald,	Williamston
Geo. P. Mitchell,	Ovid
J. C. Robillard,	Laingsburg
J. Tree,	Okemos
E. D. Way,	Dewitt
W. T. Woodhouse,	Vernon