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## MINUTES OF THE

## Fifty-Eighth Annual Meeting

OF THE

# Shiawassee Baptist 

## ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH THE

## Baptist Church, Williamston, Mich,

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# Shiawassee Baptist Association. 

Williamston, Mich., June 1st, 1897
Opened with prayer by A. C. Marshall, of Corunna.
$\Lambda$ fter singing, reading of the Scriptures by Rev. L. D. Dunning.
Committee on l'rogram reported changes as follows, after appointment of committees, that Bro. C. E. Conley be given five minutes, and at 7:15 fifteen minutes, which was adopted.

Moderator appointed the following committees:
Nominatiens, Rev. J. Fisher, J. W. Covey, W. C. Lankton.
Program. Rev. J. C. McDonald, Williamston; Rev. L. D. Dunning, Durand; W. M. Hoag, Lansing.

Place and Preacher. C. A. Johnson, Ovid; E. C. McKee, Laingsburg; F. K. Makley, Bath.

Obituaries. Rev. D. D. O’Dell, G. W. Langford, Mrs. G. Carpenter.

Resolutions. Rev. F. L. Allen, J. S. Smith, Mrs. E. S. Andrews.
C. E, Conley presented the Ordination matter found on page 53 of Michigan Baptist Annual of 1891. On Motion of G. P. Mitchell matter was referred to a committee of three. Rev. J. C. McDonald, Rev. D. D. O'Dell and C. A. Johnson were appointed such committee.

Rev. J. S. Boyden presented the subject of Systematic Benificence, and on motion the matter was referred to a committee. Chair named as such committee: Rev. F. L. Allen, Rev. L. D. Dunning, H. W. Squires, Mrs. J. Fisher, Mrs. J. C. McDonald.

On motion, special time was given to C. E. Conley.
A paper on Ministerial Ordination from the New Testament standpoint was then presented by Rev. J. C. McDonald, which was discussed by Revs. Conley, Blanchard, Boyden, Davidson, Whitney, Dunning and N. Norton Clark.

At 4:20 Rev. D. D. O'Dell preached a sermon for Criticism which was followed by discussion.

Committee on Ordination reported as follows:
Your Committee on Ordination would recommend to the Association the adoption of the recommendation of the committee ap-
pointed on Ordination at Plainwell, and embodied in the Annual as a standing resolution on Ordination in this Association.Which report on motion was adopted.
Committee on Nominations reported as follows.
Moderator,-Rev. G. P. Mitchell,
Clerk,-E. S. Andrews.
Treasurer,-Dr. G. W. Langford.
Auditor,-W. M. Hoag.
Superintendent of S. S.,--D. D. Mills.
Superintendent of B. Y. P. U.,-G. C. Stanton.
Missionary Committee,-Rev. D. D. O'Dell, Rev. F. L. Allen, Rev. M. L. Marvin.
Superintendent Woman's Work,-Mrs. I. W. Lamb.
Report, on motion, was adopted.
Session closed with prayer.
EVENING SESSION.
Devotions led by Bro. Davidson.
Moderator appointed, as B. Y. P. U. Nominating Committee, E. C. McKee, D. D. Mills, Frank Clark.

Nominating Committee reported the following Committee on Ordination:
Kev. D. D. O'Dell. J. C. McDonald, D. B. Davidson, G. P'. Mitchell, W. B. Mattieson.-Which report on motion was adopted.
Song by Lansing Aerial Quartette.
C. A. Johnson, of Ovid, spoke for our State B. Y. P. U., and introduced Rev. E. H. Shanks, State Secretary.
A pretty drill by Williamston S. S. children was then given, which was followed by another song by the Aerial Quartette.
Address by Dr. D. D. O'Ddell.
Special Nominating Commmittee reported:
B. Y. P. U. Vice-President,-Miss May Vanneter, Williamston.

Secretary-Treasurer,-Miss Nellie Carr, Lansing.-Which on motion was adopted.
Moderator substituted Rev. F. L. Allen on Committee on Resolutions in place of himself.
Collection for B. Y. P. U. $-\$ 2.28$.
Session closed with the benediction by Rev. J. S. Boyden.
wednesday morning, june 2d, 1897.
Devotional Exercises lead by Dr. O'Dell.
Report of S. S. Superintendent, D. D. Mills.
C. A. Johnson gave an address on "How to get every boy and
girl in our Association inṭo the Sunday School.
Introduction of local pastors, Rev. Norton Clark of the M. E. Church, and Rev. Wm. Wiedenhoeft of the Congregational.
Mrs. J. C. McDonald discussed Primary Work.
H. R. Pattengill, Methods of Class Instruction.
E. A. Hough, of Jackson, System in Bible Study.

Rev. J. S. Boyden presented Foreign Missions.
Rev. L. H. Trowbridge presented the Christian Herald.
Rev. A. E. Mather, of Fenton, presented the Cause of the Minister's Home.
Committee on Awarding of Banner offered by Superintendent D. D. Mills reported:

The committee awayded the banner to the Ovid S. S. as the one meeting all the conditions on which the contest is based. They also recommend that the various schools take more interest in entering the contest another year. They also recommend that the total enrollment be Condition No. 1.
E. M. Blanchard Chairman.

Banner Report of Ovid Baptist Sunday School, May 24:
Average weekly attendance, 1551.6.
House to house visitation, 547.
No. of Teacher's meetings, 20.
No. of Bibles owned by members of school, 446.
No. Bible verses committed to memory by members of school, 4,388.
Amount given to benevolences, 81.58.

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\text { Committee. }\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\text { Lucy Morse, } \\
\text { Elva Quick, } \\
\text { Lottie Whitaker. }
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The Banner was thereupon presented to them.
(It must be competed for and won three successive times to enticle a school to retain it.)
Treasurer reported as follows:
Report of the Treasurer of the Shiawassee Association, B. Y. P. U., for the year ending June $1,1897$.

" " " " " Printing and Envelopes,----..... 5.87
Received from two collections, Ovid Rally,...---\$4.37.
" " " " Lansing " ------ 1.49.
". $\quad$ C. A. Johnson, left from last year, 1.67.
Total amount paid,...-....-\$9.37.
" " received, ...- 7.53.
Short,-------------------- \$1.84.

G. S. Stanton, Treas.

Which report was on motion approved.
Adjourned with benediction by A. E. Mather.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.
Devotions lead by E. A. Hough.
Resolution of 1896, amending Article IV of the Constitution, to limit sessions of this Association to two days, was adopted.

Reading of letters by the Clerk, assisted by F. D. Ehle, They omitted reading the statistics in compliance with a motion passed to that enfect.

Treasurers Report of the Shiawasse Baptist Association for the year ending June 1st, 1897.

Received from Collection at Ashley for State Convention,.. $\$ 2.84$

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Paid E. S. Andrews for printing, --.-.-- $\$ 18.71$.
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Total amount received from all sources, .------- - $\$ 31.55$.
 G. C. Stanton, Treas.

Rev. L. H. Trowbridge presented the progress of liquidating the H. \& F. M. debt-about $\$ 20,000$ yet needed.

Rev. A. E. Mather continued his appeal in behalf of the Minister's Home.

A collection of $\$ 10.00$ was then taken for the same.
Rev. J. C. McDonald in the absence of Dr. Jameson, presented the cause of Home Missions.
C. A. Johnson spoke in behalf of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Moderator appointed M. L. Marvin on Committee on Resolutions in place of D. D. O'Dell.

Committee on Minutes made verbal report of several churches having failed, one for three years, to contribute to the fund for minutes.

Committee on Resolutions reported as follows, which report was adopted.

Resolved, That we are in hearty sympathy with each of the great benevolent organizations of our denomination, and rejoice in the probable extinguishment in the united debts of the Missionary Union and the Home Mission Society.
Resolved, That we recommend all of our churches to make provision for a contribution, each vear, for Home, State and Foreigh Missions, for the benevolent work of the Bible and Pubication Society, for Christian and Ministerial education and for the Baptist Ministers' aid Society.
Rexolved, That we recommend that an earnest effort be made to secure somethinu 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.
Rexolved, That we commend the Publication Societies literature, The Michigan Christlan 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 iu 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 our young people's work, and recommend that all the Young People's Societies take up the work of raising funds for the various den'ominational objects, to the end that they may have greater incentives to action and that their aims may accompany their prayers for the coming of the Kindom of God.

Committee on Place and Preacher reported:
Chesaning, D. D. O'Dell, Preacher.
Rev. D. B. Davidson, Alternate.
Which report was on motion adopted.
Obituary Committee reported as follows:
Your Committee finds upon examination of the letters from the various churches, that the angel of death has visited us during the past year and removed quite a large number from our midst, and taken them to their eternal reward. Thirteen churches have thus been caused to mourn, with a total loss of 32 .

Although we are left to mourn their loss, we find consolation in the knowledge that our loss is their gain. It is ours to emulate their virtues and to follow their example in as far as they were faithful to the Master, that we may be prepared to go whenever the call shall come to us to go up higher.

All of which is respectfully submitted, M. L. Marvin, Chairman.

Report adopted.
On motion, the special report with the St. Johns letter relative to the death of Sister Swegels, was ordered printed in the Minutes.

Treasurer's report called for, and in his absence, Clerk reported $\$ 1808$ received for Minutes, and $\$ 15.12$ for State Convention.

Committee on Systematic Benificence reported by recommending the following resolutions; which on motion was adopted:

Rexolved, That this Association appoint a commission on Systematic Beneficence in accordance with the suggestion of the Baptist Denomination in its Anniversarv Meeting in Asbury Park in 1896, to co-operate with the various Missionary Agencies of the Denomination in disseminating missionary literature, and In securing hetter support for our Missionary Work throughout the state, the nation and the world.

Resolved, That the Commission consist of five persons-three brethren and two sisters, and that they be instructed to secure the appointment of a Commission in each chnrch at ouce, to aid them in carrying out the plan of the work.

Committee recommend that the resolutions be adopted.
Moderator in compliance with the foregoing, appointed Rev. D. B. Davidson, of Vernon; Rev. J. C. McDonald, of Williamston; Rev. M. L. Marvin, of Okemos; Mrs. J. Fisher, of Corunna; and Mrs. D. D. O'Dell, of Lansing as such Committé.

Moved by Rev. D. B. Davidson, seconded by Bro. C. A. Johnson, that the thanks of this body be extended to the Baptist church of Williamston, Mich., and the friends of the church who assisted them, for the very kind and hospitable entertainment we have received during our sojourn amoung them.

On Motion, pending reported resignation of D. D. Mills as S. S. Superintendent, W. M. Hoag, of Lansing, was elected assistant.

Report of Missionary Committee as follows:
The work in the Association during the past year has seemed to be more of the nature of laying plans for future than of present ingathering. New pastors have located at Chesaning, DeWitt, Okemos and Bath, Laingsbnrg and Vernon, and pastors have resigned at St. Johns, Byron, Laingsburg and Okemos.

Most of our churches are in a prosperous condition, but some of them are sadly run down. We sent letters to the churches and pastors last fall with a view to secure help for the weaker churches. The pastors responded heartily, but for various reasons the plan was not a great success. Dr. O'Dell spent a little time at Chesaning and helped the church very much.

The failure, we think, seemed to be largely due to the failure of the churches to prepare for the brethren to go to their aid.

We believe that if the churches and pastors could co-operate, much aid could be given to the weak churches by letting the pastors spend a little time with them.

Read and adopted.
Minutes of the several sessions were read and approved.
After prayer, Association adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.-WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.
Moderator Mitchell introduced Mrs. Fisher, the president of the Women's Work, who called on Mrs. J. C. McDonald to conduct the devotional meeting.

The president's address followed which was principally a memorial of Mrs. Harriet Swegles.

The choir sang, "Jesus, where e'er Thy People Meet."
The report of Mrs. M. S. Watkins, Foreign Sec'y, was read by Mrs. S. Toms.

Mrs. I. W. Lamb read a paper by Mrs. J. E. Littell on, "Giving and Stewardship,"

Mrs. J. C. McDonald, Home Sec'y, gave her report urging to greater activity.

Mrs. E. S. Andrews read a paper entitled "With the Spirit and Understanding."
"Bear Ye Another's Burdens" by Miss Vesta Potter, was read by Mrs. E. 13. Kinney.

A collection of $\$ 2.67$ was taken.
Upon invitation of the Moderator, Rev. E. M. Blanchard gave a farewell address to the Association.

The Minutes of the Association were voted approved.
After which the Association adjourned to meet in Chesaning the first Tuesday in June, 1898.

Singing-"Blest be the tie that binds."
Benediction by Rev. E. M. Blanchard.

## Digest of Letters,

[^0]DE WITT.-Daniel Morse, pastor, began his labors here November 7th. Union meetings were held several weeks during the winter. Several candidates now await baptism. Have painted our church and made other improvements during the year.

MRS. KATE GRINOID, Clerk.
DURAND.-L. D. Dunving, pastor, report substantial progress. Have painted and papered our church and put in electric lights. Our services are all well sustained.

Mrs. Mary Branid, Clerk.
LAINGSBURG.-F. L. Allen pastor, succeeded J. C. Robillard in April; since which time fonr have been added to the church by baptism. Our organizations are increasing; also the interest in all departments. We are striving to put on the whole armor of (zod.
E. C. MCKee, Deputy Clerk.

LANSING.-1). D. O'Dell, pastor. We have been able from all sources to meet a large amount of our indebtedness, and ferl to express gratitude to the numerous friends who have asaisted us in liftung the burden. It has been our privilege to receive during the year and nine months of Dr. O'Dell's pastorate, 80 by baptism and a like number by letter. A most cordial relationship exist between pastor and people. The Ladies' Aid Society is such in the broadest sense. They having paid In over -1.100. Ous B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School, as well as the Juniors, are doing efticient work.
E. L. Skeen, Clerk.

MAPLE RIVER.-Rev. W. B. Matteson until recently has been with us each alternate Sabbath. Our covenant meetings have been regularly maintained by the faithful few, Pray for Maple River church.
F. Flint, Clerk.

OKEMOS.-M. L. Marvin, pastor, succeeded Rev. John Tree April 1st. Congregations are excellent and much interest is manifest. Our L. A. S. and B. Y. P. U. are doing excellent work, and our Sunday School is flourishing.

Chas. HUletty, Clerk.
OWOSSO.-W. B. Matteson, pastor. During the fall a serles of evangelistic services were held which were most helpful. In March our pastor, assisted bv Evangelist Thomas, held afternoon and evening meetings for three weeks; by which the spirituality of the church was advanced in a marked degree and a goodly number of names were added to the roll.
ada Curliss, Clerk.
OV1D.-(r. P. Mitchell, pastor. God has been very good to us. Pastor and people are united. All appointments being well attended. Covenant meetings having been changed from Saturday afternoon to Thursday evening with good results. Tuesday evening B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting have large attendance, and unusual interest. Several new features have been added to our Sunday School which are being very beneticial: Such as colporter work by the young men, and house to house visitation. Our Missionary and L. A. S. are assisting the needy at home and abroad. Sister Kittie Bare will graduate from the Chicago Mission Training school in June. G. C. Stanton, Clerk.

PERRY.-I. W. Lamb, pastor. Congregations are good and there is good interest in all our services. Our Sunday School is prosperous, more perhaps than ever before. Our Young Peoples' Society has made considerable gain. Two Normal classes have greatly increased interest in the study of the Word of God. Mes. C. H. Calkins, Clerk.
SHEPARDSVILLE.-Report no less of membership but some gain. Prayer meetings and Sunday school are kept up.
E. A. Wilkinson, Clerk.

ST. JOHNS.-E. M. Blanchard, pastor. Six weeks special meetings beginning November 29th, resulted in much good. Our I. A. S. are doing excellent work. It is with deep regret that we record the resignation of our jpastor who has labored faithfully four years with us.
F. F. Davis, Clerk,

VERNON.-1). B. Davidson, pastor. Settled September' 1st, 1896. Evangelistic meetings during the winter did much good. All church appointments are well attended. Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. are doing good work. The L. A. S. has been revived. A. Parmenter. Clerk.

WEBBERV1LLE.-J.C. McDonald, pastor. Congregations fair, Sunday School and prayer meetings well attended, Missionary Van Dorn held special meetings here in December, resulting in much good. Regret that we cannot entertain the Association but the severe accident to Bro. Deacon Marsh makes it impossible.
S. S. Rhodes, Clerk.

WILLIAMSTON.--J. C. McDonald, nastor. In addition to the fraternal greetings, we extend you welcome to ou" church and homes, glad that we are able to recelve you and thankful that we are not afflicted as is our sister church whose guests we expected to be. All departments of work are moving steadily on. One especially bright spot was the Roll Call, held in February, when seventy-flve members and fourteen visitors responded to their names.
E. S. ANdrews, Clerk.

## Delegates.

Asilley-Wm. D. Wooleton.
Batii-Frederick Makley, H. G. sage.
Bengal-Riley-Mrs. Sturges, Mrs. Maggie Smith.
Byron-Rev. F. Dewey Ehle and wife, J. Smith and wife, Mrs. Jas. Holley, Miss Edna Redmond.

Chesaning-Mrs. J. Westfall, Mrs. A. S. Burrows.
Corunna-A. C. Marshall, J. Fisher, Mrs. J. Fisher.
DeWitt-Rev. Daniel Morse, Mrs. Morse, Wm. C. Lankton, Mrs. Lankton, Mr. and Mrs. Grenold, Mary Conklin.

Durand-Rev. L. D. Dunning.
Laingsburg-Rev. F. L. Allen, Milton A. Phelps, Mrs. A. Bixby, E. C. McKee.
Lansing-Rev. D. I. O’Dell, D. D., and wife, H. W. Squires and wife, C. E. Garner, R. S. Holmes and wife, S. G. Young and wife, D. D. Mills, F. N. Waggoner, E. Meade and wife, H. Case, Geo. Parish, R. J. Garlic, Rev. J. W. Covey and wife, Geo. Isbell and wife, W. C. McConnell, J. B. Hull, Wm. Ray, H. Ott, Vining Hazelton, Grace Hazelton, D. BracNat. W. M. Hoag.
Maple River-G'eo. Crane, C. Flint, Henry Phelps.
Okemos-Rev. M. I. Marvin and wife, J3ro. Hammond and wife, Bro. Russell and wife, Chas. L. Hulett.

Ovid-Rev. Geo. 1'. Mitchell, Mrs. Dunlap, C. A. Johnson, Dea. Lamb and wife, Mrs. Quick, Dea. Carpenter and wife, W. J. Minore.

Owosso-Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Benoy, Mrs. Mahaney, Mrs, Webster.

Perry-Dea. Horace Purdy and wife, Mrs. I. W. Lamb.
Silepardsville-Mrs. Gifford, Miss Edwards, Mr. Gitchell, Mrs. Sobers, Miss Gifford.
St. Johns-Rev. E. M. Blanchard, Mrs. E. J. Teachout, Theo. B. Cowley.

Vernon-Rev. D. I. Davidson and wife, II. Doan and wife, Stephen Bronson and wife.

Webberville-Dea. A. A. Carr, Arthur Monroe, Mrs. J. Q. Taylor, Ada Hamilton.

Williamston-Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mixter

## Obituary.

Since the last annual meeting of this Association, the St. Johns' church has sustained a great loss in the death of our dear sister,

## MRS. HARRIET CORYELL SWEGELS,

who died in Detroit. Sept. 23, 1896, aged 74 years.
She was born at Hornby, N. Y., in 1822, and in 1840 was married to John Swegles. In 1843, they removed to Hillsdale, Michigan, where both were converted. When the constitution of the state was revised, her husband was clerk of the convention, and soon after was elected auditor general; this caused them to make Lansing their home for the next four years. Since 1854, St. Johns has been her home.

In 1875, she was chosen State Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the West, and for fifteen years she gave that exalted, cheerful service which is only the outcome of a fully consecrated life. During the fourth year of her service as State Secretary the state organization was effected and Michigan stood second in contributions among 23 states. The reports of nine years give a partial record of her"work..$^{-r}$ In that time she traveled 20,105 miles, attended 140 associational meetings, and wrote 7,359 letters, besides visiting among the churhces

At the close of 15 years, 275 organizations were contribung to the work. Personal interests, possessions, comfort, all subserved to it. Failing health alone compelled her to resign the office several years ago, but she never lost in the least degree her interest in and anxiety for the progress of Foreign Missions.

Hers was a life of rare self-abnegation and trust in the Master whom she served with her whole heart. In the home church she was ever foremost in every good work, and as in her life ishe filled a large place in our hearts, so in her memory is a sacred legacy. We miss her cheerful, inspiring presence, her words of encouragement and wise counsel, but we thank God we have had the example of true faith and consecrated service of our dear sister, who has heard the "Well done, good and faithful servant," and who has entered into the joy of her Lord.
OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.
D. D. Mills, Associational Superintendent, Lansing.

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SHIAWASSEE ASSOCIATION CHURCH STATISTICS. Moderator, Geo. P. Mitcheil, Ovid.
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## CONSTITUTION.

## ADOPTED IN 1894.


#### Abstract

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Shiawassee Baptist Association, and shall be composed of Baptist Churches, 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 object 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 and Wedndsday of June, and shall hold such other meetings as the body niay direct.

ART. 5. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, President of Pastor's 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 till others are elected. It shall be the duty of the Assoctational Superintendent and Presidents to have general oversight of the work in their departments throughout the Association, and to develop and encourage the same and to assist the Program Committee in maining 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 sound 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 aud 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.

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

## RULES OF ORDER.

I. In the absence of any of the officers of the 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,
Segond-The Rules of Order read.
Third-Appointment of Committee on Ministrations,
Fourth-Invitations to Visiting Brothers to sit with us.
Fifth-Applications for admission of Churches recelved.
Sixth-Annual Pastor's Conference.
SEVENTH-Election of officers.
Eighth-Annual Rally of Baptist Young People's Union.
Ninth-Sunday School session.
Elevente-Reading of Letters.
TWELF'SH-Addresses by representatives of denominational, benevolent, educational and missionary organizations.

Thirtrente-Woman's Work.
III. No person shall speak more than once on any one subject, nor longer than allowed on program or vote of the Association.
IV. Every proposition submitted to the Association for discussion must be put in the form of a motion, and not be debated until seconded.
V. No motion shall be discussed if such discussion be opposed by a majority of the members present.
VI. 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.

Fifte-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 direction of the Moderator.

1X. 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.

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## COMMITTEES.

Programme for '98:-Rev. J. C. McDonald, Rev. L. D. Dunning, W. M. Hoag.

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    ASHLEY,-Bro. David Porterfield was our pastor for seven months, and Rev. C. Vanloorn has filled our pulpit occasionally; sunday School aud Prayer meetings with good interest mainfest. Roscoe L. Wilcox, Clerk.
    BATH.-Were without a pastor for some time till Rev. M. L. Marvin, of Okemos took up the work in April. Since which time aitendance at all appointments has been given. Our Sunday school having been doubled, and we contemplate reviving our Ladies' work and the B. Y. P.U. Mhs. Mary Clemons, Clerk.
    bengal-riley.-We feel the need of a spirtual queckeving, and yet we feel that the interest (spiritually), is good. Rev. Daniel Morse is with us now, and we hope to see a revival of the work. Geo. W. Karcher, Clerk.
    BYRON.-F. Dewey Ehle who has been our efflient pastor the past year, concludes his service with us next sunday. Have bullt a parsonage. The envelope system has been of good service to us in meeting current expenses. The year has been one of framing and putting to order rather than growth rumerically.

    J: S. Smith, Cierk.
    CHESANING.--Rev. J. Fisher, because of failing health, resigned as pastor in October. Kev. J. S. Deland and Dr. O'Dell labored with and revived us. Hev. J. Hoag; of Lansing, is now with us. Congregations are increasing and all departments are doing efficient work. Our church extends an invitation to meet with us next year.
    W. R. CORYELL, Clerk.

    CORUNNA.-Rev. W. P. Squires closed hits labors with us in April, since which time our pulpit has been supplied by Bro. A. C. Marshall. Our Sunday Schoon, B. Y. P. U. and Junior Union are growing in numbers and interest.

    J, FISHER, Clerk.

