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The Shiawassee Baptist Association.

St. Johns, Mich., June 6, 1899.

The sixtieth annual meeting of the Association was called to order at 2 p. m. by the Moderator, Rev. A. C. Marshall.

After a devotional meeting the annual sermon was preached by Rev. C. L. Seasholes of Lansing, from Gal. 5:6.

The rules of order were then read by the Moderator, after which he appointed the following committees:

On Nominations—Revs. C. L. Seasholes, W. H. Johnson, W. W. Whitcomb, W. F. Allen, and E. C. McKee.

On Program for next Meeting—Revs. J. C. McDonald, W. H. Johnson and W. W. Whitcomb.

On Place and Preacher—Revs. C. L. Seasholes, A. A. Forshee and W. F. Allen.

On Obituaries—Revs. H. A. Rose, E. M. Blanchard, Mrs. P. D. White and Mrs. James Fisher.

On Resolutions-D. D. Mills, Chas. E. Garner and Rev. F. L. Church.

All visiting brethren were invited to seats in the meetings of the Association.

Rev. Van Dorn announced that Rev. C. E. Conley would not be present at the Association, and that he would receive any money for State Missions.

Also Rev. D. B. Davidson announced that Rev. Boyden could not be present at the Association, and that he represented the Ministers' Aid Society.

The Committee on Nominations reported, renominating the officers of last year for the ensuing year, which report was adopted.

The letter of the St. Johns church was read, welcoming the Association to their church and homes.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE.

Rev. C. L. Seasholes presiding.

A paper on "Homiletics of the Twentieth Century" was read by Rev. A. C. Marshall, followed by discussion.

A paper was read by Rev. E. M. Blanchard on "The Professional Evangelist," followed by discussion.

After singing and prayer the Association adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

B. Y. P. U. RALLY.

A praise service was led by Rev. C. L. Seasholes, followed by a devotional service, led by Thomas B. Cawley of St. Johns.

Vice President McKee presided, and appointed the following nominating committee: D. D. Mills, Lansing; Mrs. J. E. Lytell, St. Johns; Miss Grace Wilkins, Ovid.

C. A. Johnson read the reports of the president and secretary of the Associational Union.

After music a collection was taken to assist in payment for the programs of the meeting.

Rev. W. H. Johnson preached the sermon from Zach., 4:6. Thomas B. Cawley told us how to help the pastor.

J. W. Post of Lansing told us how to organize and conduct the "Junior Union."

The nominating committee reported the names of the retiring officers for re-election, which report was accepted and adopted.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Session began at 8:30 with a devotional meeting led by C. A. Johnson.

The minutes of Tuesday afternoon and evening sessions were read and approved.

The Sunday School Superintendent, D. D. Mills, gave his

report of the work of the schools in the Association during the past year, which was accepted and adopted.

A committee was appointed to award the prize Sunday School banner.

A paper was read by Rev. W. W. Whitcomb on "The Sunday School in the Home."

A paper on "Primary Work" was read by Miss Jennie M. Tibbetts of Lansing.

C. A. Johnson told us of the work of the "Home Department" in the Ovid school.

Rev. A. A. Forshee spoke on "The Relation of Sunday Schools to Missions."

A paper was read by D. D. Mills on "Why Attend Sunday School? Some reasons why many do not."

A collection was taken for expenses of Sunday School work

Rev. M. H. Pettit of Detroit announced that he was present to represent Dr. Jameson and the Home Mission Society.

The committee appointed for that purpose reported, awarding the banner to the Ovid school for the third year in succession, which entitled them to hold it permanently. The report was adopted.

The committee on Place and Preacher reported that the next Association will be held at Byron, and Rev. W. W. Whitcomb as preacher, with Rev. F. L. Church as alternate.

Pending the adoption of the report it was resolved that it is the preference of this Association that our annual meetings be held between May 20th and June 16th of each year.

The report of the committee was then adopted.

C. A. Johnson was asked to prepare the proper notice of an amendment to the constitution changing the date of holding the annual meeting, and accordingly gave notice that at the next annual meeting he would move to change art. 4 of the constitution so as to change the date of holding our annual meeting to comply with the date which shall be set by the committee at the State Convention next October.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 p. m.—After a praise service the minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, which were adopted:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the prominence given to our young people's work, and recommend the young people's societies take up the work of the Christian Culture Courses as given in the Baptist Union.

Resolved, That we are in hearty sympathy with each of the great benevolent organizations of our denomination, and 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 recommend the Baptist Union, the Michigan Christian Herald, and the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society to our people, and urge our churches and Sunday schools to take its periodicals and publications, and to contribute regularly to the support of its missionary department.

Resolved, That we believe the traffic in intoxicating liquors is a grievous sin, and that to share in the profits of the business renders society in partnership with 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 express our earnest disapproval of the practice of patronizing Sunday excursions on the railroads and on bicycles, and of reading Sunday newspapers as contrary to the proper observance of the Sabbath day, and hurtful in its example to our children, and request that this resolution be read from all Baptist pulpits and before all Sunday schools of this Association as soon as these minutes are published, also that a copy of the same be sent to the Michigan Christian Herald for publication.

Resolved, That this Association tender a rising vote of

thanks to the Baptist church and citizens of St. Johns for the cordial welcome and hospitable entertainment accorded the members and visiting friends of this body.

Rev. T. G. Field, of Elyria, Ohio, spoke very interestingly on Foreign Missions.

Rev. M. H. Pettit, of Detroit, addressed the Association on Home Missions.

Rev. C. VanDorn spoke on State Missions and his work as district Missionary.

The President of the Womans' Home and Foreign Missionary Society announced that they would not occupy the evening with their usual meeeing as their speaker had not arrived.

Mrs. P. D. White, of Owosso, reported the Home Mission work of the Womans' Society, and Mrs. Geo. S. Huntington reported the Foreign Mission work.

Rev. D. B. Davidson spoke in behalf of the Ministers' Aid Society.

The committee on Obituaries reported 34 deaths during the year. The report was followed by the singing of a hymn and prayer by Rev. E. M. Blanchard.

Rev. A. C. Marshall presented the report of the committee on Systematic Beneficence. The report was accepted and the following resolution was passed:

Whereas, Bro. J. C. McDonald, chairman of the committee on Systematic Beneficence has handed in his resignation on that committee, and,

Whereas, It is felt that the pastors and churches have not sustained him in his work; therefore it is

Resolved, By this Association that Bro. McDonald's resignation be not accepted and that the committee remain as at present constituted, and the Association will sustain them in their work.

The committee on Ordination was re-elected for the ensuing year, after substituting the name of Rev. W. H. Johnson for that of Rev. G. P. Mitclfell.

The church letters were then read and occupied the remainder of the afternoon session.

EVENING SESSION.

After a praise service the minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved. The remainder of the evening was given up to a preaching service and testimony meeting. Rev. T. G. Field, Elyria, Ohio, spoke for about twenty minutes and was followed by Rev. W. H. Johnson, of Ovid. After the testimony meeting, in which many took part, the Association adjourned to meet next year at Byron.

Digest of Letters.

BATH.—Have been without a pastor nearly two years, and feel the need of one. Our pulpit was supplied several Sundays last winter. We maintain a Sunday School and Ladies' Aid Society.

MARY CLEMONS, Clerk.

Byron.—Rev. G. E. Rowe resigned March 12th, but we were not long in securing our present pastor, Rev. F. L. Church. The future looks bright for us We are spending about \$1,000.00 on church improvement. We extend an invitation to the Association to meet with us in 1900.

J. S. SMITH, Clerk.

Bengal-Riley.—We enjoyed the faithful labors of Bro. Baker last summer, until he went to Kalamazoo College. On the 25th of last December Rev. H. A. Rose assumed the pastorate. Congregations are good, Sunday School is well attended, Ladies' Aid Society is kept up and a weekly prayer meeting has been started.

Geo. W. Karcher, Clerk,

CHESANING.—Rev. K. N. Conrad closed his labors with us January 8th, and after two months we secured Rev. W. W. Whitcomb as our pastor. Our church needs an outpouring of God's spirit for which we are praying. Our Ladies' Aid Society and B. Y. P. U. have both been doing good work.

W. R. CORYELL, Clerk.

CORUNNA.—The truth has been faithfully preached by our pastor, and in trying to lead others to Christ we have been blessed. Our contributions to benevolent objects have been increased by the work of our committee on Systematic Beneficence. The Sunday School is well attended. The B. Y. P. U. is an active department of the church.

J. FISHER, Clerk.

DURAND.—The past year has witnessed a steady growth of our church under the pastorate of Rev. Forshee. Special meetings during the winter revived us, and added to our numbers. Our congregations are larger and the Sunday School has increased. A B. Y. P. U. was organized during the year, also a Junior Union. A Sacred Literature class was maintained. A Womans' Home and Foreign Missionary Society of 22 members was organized in October. The Ladies' Aid Society has been active in paying our debts.

MRS. F. E. LEONARD, Clerk,

DEWITT.—We are few and without a pastor since Bro. Baker went to Kalamazoo College. We have kept up the covenant meetings and Sunday School. The Womans' Society meetings are well attended. We hope to unite with Bath and secure a pastor soon. Mrs. Kate Grinold, Clerk.

Lansing.—Pastor Seasholes is still with us, and the past year has added some to our numbers. Nine of our members have died during the year. We have reduced our indebtedness \$1,500.00 during the year and planned to pay \$500.00 each six months until \$5,000.00 is paid. Our Sunday School is endeavoring to get in those who do not attend other schools. The Ladies' Aid Society raised \$850.00 for current expenses of the church. Our B. Y. P. U. is a large and active society, and our Junior Union has 78 active and 33 associate members.

I. O. Ernsberger, Clerk.

LAINGSBURG.—There has been but little change with us during the year. Rev. F. L. Allen is still our pastor, and preaches the word faithfully. Although poor, our church contributed \$82.00 for missions during the year.

MRS. R. N. ST. CLAIR, Clerk.

MAPLE RIVER.—The past year has not been eventful. Rev. E. M. Blanchard, of Vernon, has preached for us every alternate Sabbath.

C. FLINT, Clerk.

OKEMOS.—Rev. G. H. Hudson was compelled by poor health to resign our pastorate last November, and we have been without a pastor since. We maintain a flourishing Sunday School, and there are many young people attending our church.

C. L. HULETT, Clerk.

Owosso.—The past year has been a good one with us. Pastor Northrop has preached the gospel faithfully, and two weeks of meetings held by Dr. Shepardson resulted in many conversions. Our Sunday School reports the largest attendance in the history of the church. The B. Y. P. U. and

Junior Union are doing good work. Some burdensome debts have been provided for. F. S. Dean, Clerk.

OVID.—We have changed pastors during the year. Rev. G. P. Mitchell resigned and Rev. W. H. Johnson took up the pastorate without any intermission. All branches of our church work are in a flourishing condition. Since pastor Johnson has been with us we have purchased a parsonage and have it all paid for but \$300. G. C. STANTON, Clerk.

PERRY.—Rev. I. W. Lamb resigned as our pastor and Rev. H. W. Clough became our pastor May 1st. All departments of our church are active. Our young people have re-organized as a B. Y. P. U. Society, and last year have purchased and paid for a new church organ.

MRS. C. H. CALKINS, Clerk.

St. Johns.—We were without a pastor one year ago, but soon after called Rev. W. F. Allen. Special meetings were held and the church was revived. We welcome the Association to our church.

I. H. White, Clerk.

SHEPARDSVILLE.—Have not made much progress the last year. We have no pastor but were supplied from St. Johns the fore part of the year, and lately from Ovid. Prayer and covenant meetings are kept up and Sunday School is maintained.

MRS. JENNIE LONGCOR, Clerk.

VERNON.—The church is prospering under the pastorate of Rev. E. M. Blanchard. Have raised \$450.00 of church debts. The Young Peoples' Society is active and the Sunday School is in good condition. EDWIN WHELAN, Clerk.

Webberville.—Rev. J. C. McDonald preaches every Sunday afternoon to good congregations. The Sunday School is well attended. The Ladies' Aid Society are doing good work in helping to meet church expenses. S. S. Rhodes, Clerk.

WILLIAMSTON.—The church is prospering under the leadership of Pastor McDonald. An addition has been built to the parsonage and we are about to remodel our church at an expense of about \$2,000. E. S. Andrews, Clerk.

Delegates.

BATH—Seymour Rounds and H. G. Sage.

Byron—Rev. F. L. Church and wife and Mrs. Sarah Hawley.

BENGAL-RILEY—Rev. H. A. Rose, Geo. W. Karcher, Mrs. Allen Walker, Alvin Winegar and Ruth Sturgis.

CHESANING-Rev. W. W. Whitcomb.

CORUNNA—Rev. A. C. Marshall, Rev. James Fisher and Mrs. James Fisher.

DURAND-Rev. A. A. Forshee.

DEWITT—J. Russell Grinold, Mrs. Kate Grinold, S. S. Reynolds and Mrs. S. S. Reynolds.

Lansing—Rev. C. L. Seasholes, Chas. E. Garner, J. W. Post, D. D. Mills and Miss Jennie Tibbetts.

LAINGSBURG—Rev. F. L. Allen, Mrs. R. N. St. Clair, Mrs. Sarah Shirts and E. C. McKee.

MAPLE RIVER—Mr. and Mrs. G. Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phelps.

Owosso—Mrs. Rev. Carey V. Northrop, Mrs. P. D. White and Mrs. D. M. Estey.

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PERRY—Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Clough and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Calkins.

St. Johns—I. E. Hobart, E. E. Wilcox, Mrs. Rodney Foote, Mrs. E. Teachout and Mrs. J. E. Littell.

VERNON—Rev. E. M. Blanchard, Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, H. P. Doan and C. VanDorn.

WEBBERVILLE—J. M. Monroe, Mrs. J. M. Monroe and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Allchin.

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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 every 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 priviledge 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 Wednesday 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 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 Associational Superintendent and Presidents to have general oversight of the work in their departments throughout the Association, and to develope 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 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 tha 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 require 1 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.

SECOND-The Rules of Order read.

THIRD-Appointment of Committee on Ministration.

FOURTH-Invitations to Visiting Brothers to sit with us.

FIFTH-Applications for admission of Churches received,

SIXTH-Annual Pastor's Conference.

SEVENTH-Election of Officers.

EIGHTH-Annual Rally of Baptist Young People's Union.

NINTH-Sunday School session.

TENTH-Reading of Letters.

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

TWELFTH-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 debated until seconded.
- $\sim \mathcal{N}.$ 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.

FIFTH-A Committee on Resolutions.

 $\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{IXTH}}\mathbf{-A}$ Committee on place and preacher of annual sermon for next anniversary.

- VII. At every sitting, business shall be opened and concluded with prayer under direction of the Moderator.
- VIII. 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.
- IX. Any article of this order may be suspended for consideration of other business, by a vote of the Association.
- X. The Minutes of the meeting shall be read and corrected before the rising of the Association.

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