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Minutes of the Sixty-Fifth Annual Session of

## The Shiawassee Baptist

## Association


...Held with the...
First Baptist Church, Vernon, Mich. June 7 and 8, 1904.


## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## Shiawassee <br> Baptist Association.

Durand. Mich., J une 7. 1904.
Tuesday Morning Session.
The sixty-fifth annual meeting of the Shiawassee Baptist Association was convened at 10:30 A. M., in the Disciple Church, Durand.

Rev. John McLean, the Moderator, conducted the devotional service, calling on Rev. D. W. Cronkite and E. H. E. Jameson, D. D., to open the association with prayer.

The clerk having removed from the association, Rev. O. M. Thrasher was elected clerk pro tem.

The printed program was adopted, subject to such changes as were necessary.

A very pleasant feature at this time, was the welcome given to the new pastors of the association by the moderator, Rev. John McLean, in his naturally jovial and appropriate words of introduction. There was an unusually large number of new pastors as will be seen by the following list: W. W. Allenbaugh, Okemos; A. L. Bell, Laingsburg; J. A. Clyde, Owosso; T. J. Howland, Jr., Chesaning; J. W. Stone, Byron; O. C. Teachout, Webberville; O. M. Thrasher, Corunna; and R. Weaver, Williamston.

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. E. M. Lake, of Lansing. Text 1 Sam'l, 4:18. Theme, "The Church as an Agent of God." I.

To set a standard of better living. 2. To lead in all moral endeavor for a better citizenship. 3. To evangelize-to Americanize and Christianize the vast numbers coming to our shores.

Reading of Durand Church Letter.
The Moderator appointed as committee on nominations: Rev. J. Fisher, Thos. Howland, I. W. Lamb, B. H. Ellis, and Bro. W. I. Phelps.

Morning session adjourned.

## Afternoon Session.

Session opened at 1:30 P. M.
Rev. B. H. Ellis led the service of song.
The Moderator announced as an enrollment committee Revs. B. H. Ellis and W. W. Allenbaugh.

The nominating committee reported as follows:
For moderator, Rev. E. M. Lake; clerk and treasurer, Rev. O. M. Thrasher; Sunday school superintendent, Rev. B. McDermand; chairman missionary committee, Rev. Thomas Howland.

Report of nominating committee was adopted.
Reading of the Church Letters by the clerk and Rev. B. II. El. lis, who was elected as reading clerk.

Reports from churches, as embodied in the Letters, were adopted and ordered to be recorded.

Address by Rev. Dr. Cook on Christian Stewardship. Not owners, but stewards in money getting, money using, and money giving.

The Moderator announced the following committees:
Program next anniversary-Pastor of church, Rev. Thos. Howland, and John Ernsberger

Obituaries-Revs. Lamb and Teachout, and Mrs. Dunlap.
Publishing minutes-Revs. Thrasher, Stone and Howland Jr.
Resolutions-Revs. Ellis and Allenbaugh, and Mrs. J. B. Lemley.
Place and Preacher-Revs. Weaver and Clyde and D. D. Mills.
Singing, "I need thee every hour."
An address on Home Missions by Dr. Jameson.
The Christian Herald was represented by Rev. B. McDermand.
4:00 P. M.-Woman's Hour.
Singing, "Speed A way."
Mrs. J. Fisher presiding.
Mrs. I. w. Lamb, Associational Sec'y, gave Woman's Home Mission report.

Mrs. E. M. Lake gave Woman's Foreign Mission report, Mrs. Coder, Associational Sec'y., being absent.

IIome Mission address by Miss Carnell, field worker for Michigan.
Foreign Mission address by Mrs. Phelps, Michigan field worker. "Michigan the best organized of any state in the Union."

An offering for Woman's work was received, amounting to $\$ 541$.
Session closed with prayer by Bro. Ellis.

## Evening Session, 7:30.

Devotional led by Bro Weaver.
Rev. Bro. Findley, of the Philippines gave an interesting sketch of missionary activities in that land.

A collection was received amounting to $\$ 3.79$.
Singing, "From Greenland’s Icy Mountains."
Rev. C H. Irving gave an address on State Missions.
Sinyring, "All hail the power of Jesus' name."
Bro Irving offered the closing prayer.
Wednesday Morning Session, 9:00 A. M.
Devotional service by Rev. J. W. Stone.
Moderator appointed the following committees:
Missionary committee-Revs. Howland. Bell and McLean.
Ordination committee-Revs. Phelps, Thrasher and McDermand. Stewardship-Mrs. Dunlap.
Rev. R. Weaver presented the needs of the Ministers' Aid Society, followed by Rev. McLean.

Report of Associational Treasurer Phelps was given and discussed as follows:

TREASUKER'S REPORT.
Balance on hand June 1st, 1903.
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Received for minutes of 194 from churches 2393 Keceived for State Convention expenses.. 1721 Raceived from collection at Association.. 320

Total cash rcceipts. ........................... . $\$ 5118$
Paid out to C. H. Irving, for State Convention expenses $\$ 1721$
Piaid out to B. McVermand for programs.. 272 Paid to H F Cochrane, printing minutes.. 1800 Paid to W. W. Destutels, salary as clerk. © 00 Paid to " ". " tel to DrSlocum. 25 " " ،. " . uting minutes..................... ........ 334

Total cash paid out.............................. 4652
Balance on hand. June 1st, 1904............... \& 46
Voted to pay the associational clerk $\$ 5.00$ for his services the coming year

Rev. John McLean presented bill for printing and postage of $\$ 230$. which was paid.

Revs. Ellis and Weaver, with the treasurer, were appointed as auditing committee.

Report of committee on stewardship was given by Mrs. Dunlap.
Report of committee on place and preacher was given by Rev. R. Weaver, as follows: Place, Corunna; annual sermon, Rev. S. W. Phelps; alternate, Rev. R. Weaver; doctrinal sermon, Rev. A. L. Bell alternate, Rev. T. J. Howland, Jr.

The doctrinal sermon was given by Rev. B. H. Ellis. Texts: 2 Tim. 3:16, 17, and 1 Tim. 4:16. The leading thought, the bible as the court of final appeal in all matters of religious faith-God's word to man.

Address by Dr. Saunderson, Supt. of the State Anti-Saloon League. A vote of thanks was given the Brother for his excellent address.

Mrs. Dunlap spoke of the Lake Orion Summer Assembly. The Assembly is free from debt.

Report of committee on obituaries was rendered by Rev. I. W. Lamb. We have gone over the letters from the churches, and we find thirty-three deaths are reported, as follows:

| CHORCHES | NAMES | date of death | AGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underset{\text { Ryath }}{\text { Ran }}$ | Sister Eunice Cushman. | April, 1904. |  |
|  | Dea. Jacob Kanouse | June 23, 1903 | 87 |
|  | Mrs. Jane E. B. Smith... | Angust 3, 1903 | 78 |
|  | Mrs. Hattie A. Dunning | November 12, 1903 | 44 |
|  | Mrs. Amy C. Foot....... | January 20, 1904.. | 79 |
| Corunna | Mrs Sarah Marshall..... | November 1. 1903. | 75 |
| Dewitt | Sybil A. Lyon. | March 3, 1904..... | 80 |
|  | Oatherine Lockwood | March 29, 1904. |  |
| Laingsburg .. | Catherine Hudson | March, 1904. | 87 |
|  | George Baker | dall of 1903. | 65 |
|  | Rev. Geo. Atchison | January, 1904 | 60 |
|  | W. G. Anderson | February, 190 | 42 |
| Lansing | Rev. J. R. Andrews | July 9, 1903. | 36 |
|  | red Riley..... | July 9, 1903. | 57 |
|  | Mr. L. F. Heath. . . . . . . | November 25, 1903 | 64 |
|  | Mrs. Ohristiana Chilcott | March 13, 1904.... | 44 |
| Maple River.. | Mrs. George Orane....... | February 15, 1904. | 54 |
| Okemos .. | Dea. Chas. Hulett. | November, 1903.. | 79 |
|  | George A. Hall... | December 1, 1903 | 85 |
|  | Mrs. Mary Alchin. | April 4, 1904..... | 62 |
| Perry | Mrs. D. K. Strickiand | June 26, 1903 |  |
|  | Sarah Green. | June 23, 1903. | 43 |
|  | *Mrs Ucoley | July 17, 1903. | 78 |
|  | Mrs. Mary V aiker | January 29.1904. | 92 |
|  | Steven Shoesmith. | F'ebruary 5, 1904. | 80 |
|  | Mrs. Sally Kelloge. | June 1903... | 75 |
| Vernon i.... | Dea. John B. Harris | April 8, 1903. | 61 |
| Webberville.. | Dea. William Marsh | April 24, 1903. | 55 |
| Williamston.. | Vernon Ohambers | December 14, 1903 | 19 |
|  | Martha Smith | January 1, 1904. | 16 |
|  | Eliza Walker | March 8, 1904.... | 76 |
|  | George Urandaii.......... | April 28, 1904...... | 82 |

Among these we note especially, Deacon Jacob Kanouse, of Byron, who was near Death's door at the time of our last meeting. He has long been a pillar in the church.

Rep. (ien. Atchinsni., of Latingsburg, who was with us one year ago.
Rev. J. A. Andrews, of Lansing, with whose sad experience we are most of us somewhat familiar.

The large proportion of these were in advanced life. Only two were under twenty years of age. These have finished their course, and we trust are now enjoying the presence of their Lord.

I. W. Lamb.<br>MRs. DUNLOP.<br>O. C. Teachout.

Committee.
The report was adopted.
Words of tender appreciation were spoken concerning the useful ministry of the late Rev. Geo. Atchinson, by Revs. Lake, McLean, Bell, Beardsley and Ellis.

Closing prayer hy Rev. Thos. Howland.

## Afternoon Session.

Devotional led by Rev. A. L. Bell.
The comittee on resolutions gave the following report:
Resonved, 1 That we thank Almighty God for His loving care and manifo!d mercies expressed through the past year, and that we express the heartfelt desire that all members of the Association co-operate with the Great Head of the Church in the work of evangelizing the lost.
2. That we express our hearty approval of the work of all our missionary organizations and note the great improvement in the Home Mission Monthly and Baptist, Missionary Magazine. and recommend them to the patronage of all our people. We also recommend that our people attempt to ralse the apportionment of twenty-flve cents per member for State Missions, and remember the Ministers' Aid Society and Kalamazoo College in their offerings.
3. That we recommend all of our people to attend, if possible, the B. Y.P.U. convention in Detroit and the Summer Assembly at Lake Orion.
4. That we note with alarm the pernicious aggressiveness of the saloon power in ourcivic life; and that we create all the temperance sentiment possible and recommend that a prominent place be given to temperance upon the next program of the Association.
5. That we declare heartily for the proposed addition to the Local Option Law providing for township, city, ward and district option. thus giving increased opportunitz for howe rule on the saloon question; and to its passage we pledge our earnest effort.
6. That we also note with alaim the increased disregard of the Sabbath and the apathy of many professing Christians thereto.
7. That we extend our heart-felt thanks to our sister church, the Church of Christ, in Durand, for the use of their building for all the sessions of this Association, and to the people of Jurand for their hospitality.
B. I!, Ellis.
W. Allenbadah.

The resolutions were considered separately.
The fourth resolution was vigorously discussed by several of the brethern.

The resolutions were adopted.
A verbal report of the Missionary Committee was given by the Chairman, Rev. Thos. Howland.

Report of the Auditing Committee, by Rev. B. H. Ellis, was received and accepted.

Moderator appointed a temperance committee, consisting of Revs. Bell and Weaver.

Rev. E. M. Lake, Moderator, was elected director to state convention
The Moderator appointed Revs. Northrup and Howland as delegates to the convention.

The Sunday school work was discussed with great profit.
The B. Y. P. U. hour upened at 3:45. The moderator, E. M. Lake, called for the report of the nominating committee which was presented by Mr. P. A. Johnson, of Lansing, and was as follows:

Pres., B. H. Ellis, Perry; 1 V. Pres., Mr. T. J. Howland, Jr.; 2 V. Pres.. Mr. P. A. Johnson; Sec.-Treas., Miss Agnes Howland; Jr. Leader, Miss Nelle ' arr.

These officers were then unanimously elected.
Rev. B. H. Ellis then took the chair and Mr. Howland Jr. and Mr. Johnson were called to the platform.

The congregation sang "Do you linger in your tent, Christian soldier?'' after which Mr. Howland led in prayer.

The following report of the sec.-treas. was read and adopted:
TREASURER'S. REPORT.
Oct, 1903. Heceived from former treas. ............ $\$+00$
June 8, 1904, collection in Durand..................... 322
Total receipts........ ....... ............ ........ . . 87 : 2
May 1904, printing pr., O. A. Johnson....... .......... 3375
Office expense............ ......... ........ ........... ... $3^{n}$
Total exdended............ .. ............ ..... . . . . $\$ 405$
June 8, 1904, am't in treasury ....................... . ............ $\$ 317$
agnes Howland
Sec.-'Treas.
Then singing of "Jesus Savior Pilot Me."
Mr. Howland in a brief address answered the question, "What can the B. Y. P. U do for the local church?"'giving some useful suggestions.

Then an address, "The relation of the local union to the general organization,' by Miss Agnes Howland.
"What can the B. Y. P. U. do for missions" was effectively answered by Miss Pearl Green, of Ovid.

Song, "The best friend is Jesus."
"The Importance of Young People's Work" was strongly emphasized in a paper by Mr P. A. Johnson.

Rev. Ellis then gave some brief but practical and entertaining remarks regarding the Associational work and workers of the B. Y. P. U.

The Association was closed by singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name,' followed by prayer by Rev. A. L. Bell.

At the close of the Association a ministers' conference was called and and effected a re-organization, with the following officers elected: President, Rev. B. H. Ellis; clerk. Rev. O. M. Thrasher; program committee, Revs. Northrup, Bell and Thrasher.

It was decided to hold meetings once in three months.
O. M. Thrasher,

Clerk.
E. M. Lake,

Moderator.

## Digest of Letters.

Antmim. - No letter received.
Bath. - Elder Allenbaugh began his pastorate with us the 3d of A pril. We are greatly benefitted by his coming. Rev. A. L. Bell, of Laingsburg, assisted our pastor in a series of meetings which proved a source of great good. We have preaching services every Sunday, and our pastor is doing a large amount of needed work. We have established Wednesday afternoon prayer meetings. The Ladies' Aid is helping in every way needed Our Sunday school is larger than it has been before for some years. Our parsonage is nearly paid for.

Bengal-Riley.-No report.
Byron.-The Lord has blessed us in many ways. We are determined to do more for the honor of our God and Savior We are seeking a larger spiritual growth.

Chesaning.-Our former pastor, Rev. C W. Fletcher, went from us last August Bro. T. J. Howland, of Kalamazoo college, began his pastorate with us in December. The B Y. P. U. has been greatly helped. Our congregations are steadily increasing. Two have recently been baptized, others will soon follow.

Cordnna.--The past year has been one of sorrow, prosperity and pleasure. Early in the year our pastor, Bro I. P. Baker, was obliged to leave on account of ill hralth Bro. O M. Thrasher accepted a call to our church and began his labors with us in September. He has preached the word in faithfulness, and the good seed has been sown, but the harvest is not yet. we have a large and interesting Sunday school. 'The Ladies' Missionary Society is increasing, a large and active Junior Union has been organized by our pastor's wife, also an interesting Farther Lights Circle. Our tinances are in excellent condi-tion-new church entirely paid for, and all current expenses are promptly paid.

DeWitt - Rev. A. M. Bailey is with us again this summer. Meetings suspended during the winter on account of the deep snow. We are praying foi God's blessing on our work Our Woman's Mission work is an encouraging feature in our church.

Durand.-We extend a most hearty welcome to the Association here assembled. Our progress as a church is slow. The services of the church have not been well supported. $\Lambda$ united feeling of earnestness at present gives new hope and we trust, by God's grace, to do better work the coming year. In February special meetings were held for two weeks, Christians were awakened and souls converted. Bro. Huff closed his work with us the last of March. Bro McLean has supplied us since that time. We are praying for an under Shepherd. We have a large Junior Union, the Sunday school is growing, the Ladies' Aid is composed of a brave band of workers. We are contemplating needed repairs on our church.

Gaines. - No report.
Laingsburg.-Our pastor, Rev. A. L. Bell, has been with us since last December. He is a faithful preacher and an earnest worker. There is a marked interest along all lines of church work. The outlook for the church is better than it has been for some time previous.

Lansing. - The year has been a blessed one in all church depart-
ments. Seventy-one have been added to our number, forty of them by baptism. Our indebtedness has been lessened $\$ 1,15300$ during the year, and the general financial condition has scarcely ever been better. Our contributions to Foreign Missions ran nearly 50 per cent over that of last year. Our Ladies' Aid has done magnificently, and the Sunday school is well attended. A promising part of our Sunday school work is our Home Department of fifty members. The Young Peoples' Union was re-organized at the beginning of the year, and the "Station Plan'' has been adopted by the Missionary Department. Much good is resulting from our Men's Social Union. The work on the Chapel, on South Street, is being faithfully carried on.

Maple River.-Have held the banner of our cause aloft. We sustain regular preaching every alternate Sunday afternoon. We have Sunday school and prayer meeting every week.

Okemos.-Rev. Allenbaugh became our pastor in April. We uniting with Bath for his support. The attendance at church service has been good. 'The Sunday school attendance and interest is good.

Ovid.-Varied have been our experiences-something of sorrow, but much more of blessing Owing to the untiring efforts of our pastor the debt of nearly $\$ 130000$ was obliterated. The church is growing in "grace and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus." The Sunday services are well attended. The Thursday evening prayer meeting is often the comment of strangers on account of the large number of young people present. The sunday school outlook is encouraging. The Junior Union is worthy of praise for their interest in Missions. The B. Y. P. U. continue to hold Tuesday evening meetings. Increased interest in Missions is manifest in the semi-monthly meetings of the Woman's Society. The young women have organized a Farther Lights Circle. Several of our young men are actively engaged in ministerial work. All departments of the church are in an encouraging condition.

Owosso.-One year ago Rev. J. Alexander Clyde came to us as our pastor, and we feel that, in one short year all things considered, a good work has been accomplished. Financially. things are brighter and people are giving with more real interest. Our baptistery will soon be opened for the first time in two years. The Bible school is in a most prosperous condition. The attendance and collections have nearly doubled this year. Through the faithful work of the Ladies' Aid Society the church mortgage has been reduced $\$ 550.00$.

- Perry.-The past year has been one of peace and quiet progress. The young people have been carrying forward the work of repairing the house of worship. Pastor Ellis is yet with us and the work is prospering in his hands. There is a good interest in every department of the church work. We have a prosperous Bible school, an active $B$. Y. P. U., an interesting Junior Union, and our sisters are working faithfully in behalf of Missions. We have reason to be encouraged by the present outlook.

Pitisburg.-We are still trusting in our Saviour's love. Bro. Bell has preached very earnestly and won a few to Christ. Our numbers are few but Christ is mighty to save. We have mid-week prayer meeting.

Shepardsville.-The past year has not been one with very marked success. Have been without a pastor for five months. Have kept up our regular covenant mectings. Bro. J. P. Baker is supplying us
at present. No Sunday school since last December. Expect to reorganize soon.

St. Johns. - No letter, but send statistics.
Vernon.-The past year has been one of spiritual growth. Our prayer and covenant meetings are sweet seasons of refreshing. Four of the Sunday school pupils have heen added to the church by baptism. Our IS. Y. P. U. is more efficient than one year ago. Our choir is doing good work. The Ladies' Aid Society is working vigorously. The meetings of the $M$ ission Circle have been inspiring. We are expecting greater blessing during the incoming Associational year.

Webberville.-Our church has been nearly three years without a pastor. Last December we called Rev. O. C. Teachout, which has resulted in strengthing the church. In March Evangelist Shannon assisted us in meetings which resulted in 33 baptisms and several additions by experience. We have organized a B. Y. P. U. with nearly 40 members. We hold two prayer meetings a week.

Williamston.-Change of pastors, sickness and death prevented aggressive work. Pastor Weaver is becoming acquainted with the field and we hope the next Associational meeting will receive a better report. A revision of the church membership list was entered upon but interri: pted by the pastoral change. Church building or rebuilding is being considered at present.

## Standing Resolutions.

Resolved, 1-That the Treasurer be instructed to pay over all monies that are in, or may come into his hands, to the several agents to whom said money belongs and takes a receipt therefor.

Resolved, 2.--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, 3.-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, 4.-That churches requesting admission to this Association be required to show a formal recognition from a council of Baptist Churches convened for that purpose.

Resolved, 5.-'That this Association appoint a Commission on Systematic Beneficence in accordance with the suggestions of the Baptist Denomination at its Anniversary Meeting at Asbury Park in 1896, to co-operate with the various Missionary Agencies of the Denomination in disseminating Missionary literature throughout the State, the nation and the world.

Resolved, That the Commission consist of one person, and that he be instructed to secure the appointment of a Commission in each church at once to aid in carrying out the plan of the work.

Resolved. 6-That this Association. especially disclaṭming any and all authority over the individual churches, yet feeling the need of such a standing committee of judicious brethern, who shall have the endorsement of this body, shall elect annually an advisory committec of tive brethern, who shall on request of any church, give to such church the benefit of their advice and counsel, and we recommend that the churches consult with this committee before calling a council for the ordination of any brother to the work of the Gospel Ministry. We also recommend that every candidate of ordination be advised to consult with this committee and obtain their counsel before asking for ordination. We also recommend that the church calling any such council invite all the churches in the Association to send delegates to sit with them in the council.

## 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 tifty members.

Akt. 2. This Association has no power as a leqislative 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 proprifty of continuing any church in our connection.

Ant. 3. The object of this $\Lambda$ ssociation shall be to gather information in regard to the state of churches, both as respects stat stics and religion; to promote the Christian fellowship and to sustain the various benevolent objects connected with the promotion of ('hrist's kingdom.

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

Arts 5 . The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, President of Pastors' 'Conference, Associational superintendent of Sunday schools, Associational President of 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 develop and encourage the same and to assist the Program Committee in making out 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 the Association.

Art. 8. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, provided that motion of the proposed amendment has been given at the previous meeting.

## Rules of Order.

1. 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.
Sixtif-Annual Pastor's Conference.

SEVENTI - Election of officers.
Fighth-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 Association.
IV. Every proposition submitted $t_{0}$ 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
VI. The following committees shall be appointed at each anniversary meeting; 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.
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.
CHURCH STATISTICS.
Clerk, Rev. O. M. Thrasher, Corunna.
Moderator, Rev. E. M. Lake, Lansing.



[^0]BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.



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## Officers of the Association.

Moderator. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Rev. E. M. Lake, Lansing Clerk, Treasurer. Rev. O. M. Thrasher, Corunna Superintendent of Sunday Schools. . Rev. B. McDermand, St. Johns President of B. Y. P. U........................ Rev. B. H. Ellis, Perry Chairman of Missionary Committee.....Rev. Thos. Howland, Vernon

## Officers of Woman's Missionary Society.

| President. | s. J. Fisher, Corunna |
| :---: | :---: |
| First Vice President | . Mrs. J. Dunlop, Ovid |
| Second Vice President | Mrs. D. D. Mills, Lansing |
| Third Vice President | rs. Carrie Neilson, Laingsburg |
| Recording Secretary | . Mrs. C. Mahaney, Owosso |
| Corresponding Secreta | Mrs. George DeVore, Lansing |
| Treasurer | Mrs. P. D. White, Owosso |
| Home Secret | . Mrs. I. W. Lamb, Perry |
| Foreign Secretary | Mrs. F. P. Coder, Lansing |
| Farther Lights Sec | Miss Jennie Brown, Lansing |

## Pastors in the Association.

| W. W. Allenbaugh | Okemos | E. M. Lake.. ..... . . . . . Lansing |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. M. Bailey | DeWitt | G. S. Northrup. . . . . . .St. Johns |
| A. L. Bell. | Laingsburg | S. W. Phelps..... .... ... . Ovid |
| J. Alexander Clyd | Owosso | J. Ward Stone............. Byron |
| B. H. Ellis | Perry | O. C. Teachout ..... Webberville |
| Thos Howla | Vernon | O. M. Thrasher. . . . . . . . . Corunna |
| T. J. Howland, Jr | Chesaning | R. Weaver . . . . . . . Williamston |

## Ministers, Not Pastors.

| J. B. Baker.............. St. Johns | I. W. Lamb. ................ Perry |
| :---: | :---: |
| Jas. Fisher.... .. ......Corunna | John McLean.............Durand |
| George H. Hudson. . . . . . Okemos | Wm. Putnam...... ... Lansing |
| Lice | ates. |
| Charles Morse................ Ovid | Jay Pruden........ . . . . St. Johns |


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