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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

CHIAWASSEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

At Bath, Michigan, June 5-6, 1906.

Opening Session,

Tuesday Afternoon.

The Moderator, Rev. E. M. Lake, opened the Association and conducted the devotional services, reading the 12th chapter of Romans. Rev. M. A. Thomas led in the singing.

The annual sermon was given by Rev. O. M. Thrasher from the text "Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee and to prove thee." Deut. 8; 2.

The Moderator announced a nominating committee as follows: Revs. Northrup, Bower, Fisher, Baker, and Bro. Purdy.

Letter from the Bath Church was read.

Sunday School Hour.

An excellent paper on "Class Organization" was given by Rev. W. B. F. Brown, of Ovid.

"The Purpose and Value of Decission Days in the Sunday School," was the subject of a stirring address by Rev. F L. Curry, of Lansing.

A very practical discussion on the above topics, was conducted by Rev. M. A. Thomas of Durand, followed by Revs Northrup, Thrasher and Lake.

The Association joined in singing "Trust and Obey."

Women's Hour.

Financial report for Home Secretary was given by Miss Grant of Detroit. Report of Foreign Secretary was given by Mrs. P. A. Johnson.

An excellent paper on "The Stranger within our Gates" was given by Miss Nellie Carr.

A very interesting address on "Home Missions" was given by Miss Grant. This was followed by a very practical address on "Foreign Missions" by Mrs.

An offering was received amounting to \$2 22.

At this time the Nominating Committee rendered the following report, which was adopted.

For Moderator, Rev. J. J. Cooper.

Clerk-Treasurer, Rev. O. M. Thrasher.

Associational S. S. Superintendent, Rev. F. L. Curry. Associational B. Y. P. U. President.

Chairman Missionary Committee, Rev. E. M. Lake.

Session closed with prayer by F. L. Curry.

Tuesday Evening.

Evening session opened by Moderator Cooper, who announced the following committees:

Obituaries: Revs. Thomas, and Fisher, and Bro. H. Purdy. Resolutions: Revs. Brown and Thrasher, and Bro. Colvin.

Place and Preacher: Revs. Baker, Allenbaugh, and Goodrich.

Ordination: Revs. Northrup, Lake, and Bower.

Beneficence: Rev. W. B. F. Brown. Missionary: Revs. Lake, Curry, and Thrasher. Brethren Brown and Colvin led in prayer.

At this time an interesting discussion was indulged in, on the subject "What are we doing for the men?" This was opened by Moderator Cooper and continued by Hon. H. R. Patting 11.

Rev. C. H. Irving gave an inspiring address on State Missions.

Rev. M. A. Thomas sang a solo "There is no Night There."

A most excellent address was given by our State Junior Leader, Mrs. Burke. Singing by the Association.

An offering was received amounting to \$4.37.

Rev. E. M. Lake gave a strong address on "Young People, a Power with God." Three factors—young people, power, God.

The session was closed by singing the Doxology and prayer by C. H. Irving

Wednesday Morning.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. P. Baker, who read the 103d Psalm. Rev. M. A. Thomas was appointed reading Clerk to assist in reading the Church Letters.

Letters from all the Churches were read excepting from Antrim, Okemos, and Pittsburg. Okemas and Pittsburg sent their I tters to the clerk after the Association was closed.

The needs of pastorless churches were now freely and profitably discussed by the delegates.

Delegates from Laingsburg and Bath met the Missionary Committee, and satisfactor, arrangements were made whereby one past or can supply the two fields.

Committees reported as follows:

Obituaries.

During the past associational year death has again been very busy among the churches. A number of our esteemed brethren and sisters have been called to their home above. Their services and work on earth are done, and the higher service is now theirs; our loss is their gain.

Your committee extend to the bereaved churches and the members of the bereaved families their heartiest sympathy, and commend the sorrowing ones

to the care and comfort of our Heavenly Father.

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Resolutions.

To the Shiawassee Baptist Association:-

Your Committee on Resolutions would report the following:

Whereas The Saloon is the great enemy of the Home, the Church and State. Spreading its baneful influence in every direction. Therefore be it.

- I. Resolved, that we appreciate every effort being put forth for its overthrow, especially commending the splendid work of the Anti-Saloon League, in this State.
- II. Resolved, that since the Missionary Spirit is the life of the Church and hope of the kingdom, we express our appreciation of the excellent work being done by all our Boards an I exert ourselves to increase their efficiency.
- TII. Resolved, that we in recognition of the great value of all our Missionary Journals and the ever increasing worth of The Curistian Herald, shall endeavor to place them in every Baptist home in our Association.
- Resolved, That Since the Young People are the hope of the Church we impress upon our program committee the need of larger space in the Sessions for B. Y. P. U. and Junior work.
- V. Resolved, That we deplore the lack of space on the statistical table of the Church letter for proper report of B. Y. P. U., Bible School, Junior union, and Farther Light Contributions: and further we implore for such a table as shall encourage all our workers.

VI. Resolved that we recommend to the Program Committee that a place be given at each associational gathering for a special Evangelistic Sermon.

VII. Resolved That we show by rising vote our hearty appreciation of the generous hospitality of the good people of Bath who have so kindly ministered to our comfort in this Associational gathering.

Respectfully Submitted, W. B. F. BROWN, O. M. THRASHER.

BION J. COLVIN.

Committee.

Moved by Bro. Northrup that all the resolutions, except the last, be ap-1 roved by rising vote. Carried.

Place and Preacher.

Your Committee would report Williamston as the place of meeting next June; with Rev. Leslie Bower, preacher of annual serious, and Rev. M. A. Thomas alternate. The doctrinal sermon to be given by Rev. W. B. F. Brown, with Rev. Wm. W. Allenbaugh alternate.

J. P. BAKER. WM. W. ALLENBAUGH. GEO. GOODRICH.

Committee.

Rev. J. J. Cooper delivered the doctrinal sermon which proved to be very helpful, from the text in Gen. 28:16,17. Rev. Leslie Bower followed in prayer an all joined in singing "I'll be with you all the way."

Wednesday Afternoon.

An excellent service of song was conducted by M. A. Tnomas. Dr. Jameson presented Home Missions in his usual interesting manner. Foreign Missions were present d in an earnest address by W. E. Hepkins, returned missionary from Secunderabad, India.

Rev. G. S. Northrup gave a most helpful sermon from Matt. 16: 19, on "The Keys of the Kingdom."

Kev. G. W. Morrow, of Detroit, gave a short but forceful talk on the work of the Anti-Saloon League.

Dr. A. G. Slocum spoke in his usual pleasing and cloquent manner, of the needs of higher education.

State Sunday School work was vigorously presented by Jay Pruden, and the

need of larger contributions was emphasized.

Bro. McConnell, our new Superintendent of the Ministers' Home located at.

Fenton, was present and made an earnest plea for larger contributions from the churches for this worthy work.

Rev. Leslie Bower was elected Director, and Revs. Thomas and Lake dele-

gates to the State Convention.

The Association closed by singing "All hail the power of Jesus' Name," and prayer by Dr. Slocum.

Digest of Letters,

ANTRIM-No letter.

BATH—We extend a hearty welcome to the Association. Believe it will tend to strengthen us. Pastor Allenbaugh left us the first of March. Prayer and Covenant meetings, Sunday School and young People's meetings have all been kept up with good interest. Finances are in good condition.

BENGAL-REILEY-Bro. Northrup is our pastor; we are moving steadily on

doing the work of the kingdom.

Byron—But little change in our membership; pastor Stone has left us and pastor Goodrich has taken his place among us. Have reasons for encouragement. Congregations have more than doubled during the past year. An increase of interest among our young people; as a church are working and praying for a greater work of grace; wish to secure the services of an evangelist this fall.

Chesaning—Pastor Howland closed his labors with us the last of November Bro. Colvin began his work here December first; have been improving our church property, pastor has prepared a large bulletin board with hour of services and placed it in front of Church. Have erased names of some of our members \$\mathbf{I}\$ Sustain a mission thirteen miles from town, pastor goes there once in two weeks; are praying for a revival.

CORUNNA—The past year has been one of many changes, have changed pastors. Rev. Leslie Bower came to us in September. Congregations are good and Sunday School attendance increasing, have lost four valuable members

by removal; finances in good condition.

DEWITT—At our annual meeting in January had a nice gathering, a good program, and dinner was served. Sund y morning services well attended: three new members have been baptized. Mission meetings and church socials

well attended, and have met all apportionments so far.

DURAND--We are encouraged; have redecorated interior of Church; engaged in union meetings last winter, Rev. A. B. Strickland assisting part of the time. Several have been added to the church; pastor has rendered faithful service. Mission Circle and Farther Lights have increased in interest and enthusiasm. Ladies Aid Society our main financial support; Sunday School well sustained.

LAINGSBURG-The past year one of trial: Past r Bell closed his pastorate last September: have had but nine Lord's day services since; our main financial supporters have moved away; have kept up our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Church beneficence has been neglected; church out of debt; have called Rev. Thos. Howland to our pastorate but find it necessary to unite with Bath

church in supporting him.

Lansing-The work of the Church has been abundantly blessed during the last year; our pastor attended the "World's Baptist Congress," held in London, E-gland, last July; this was very helpful to him and we have been greatly benefited by the many excellent discourses he has delivered since that time. Our contributions to missions have been large. A five year plan of re-

ducing our entire indebtedness has been adopted. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Olds gave us a beautiful pipe organ; the young people are especially active in the Sunday evening service. The Bible School is well attended; our assistant pastor Rev. F. L. Curry is meeting with marked success at Mission; 500 are now enrolled in our Home Department. We greatly miss Deacon J. E. St. John. whom the Lord has taken to Himself.

MAPLE RIVER-Rev. M. A. Thomas of Durand has been preaching for us since last September; special meetings were held last fall, several gave good evidence of a change of heart. Three have united with the Church by bantism; Last February Deacon Calvin Flint passed to his he evenly reward; we

greatly miss him and his rich Christian experience.

OKEMOS-Our Sunday School and Ladies' Aid Society are being maintained.

The church and other kindred organizations are in a dormant state.

OVID—Pastor Phelps closed his labors with us July 30, and Pastor Brown took up his work with us October 1; a quarterly business meeting has been taken up: the church is now arranged in ten divisions with a Superintendent for each; the Sunday School is active and progressive under the efficient lators of F. M. Lamb Mrs. Brown has taken up our Home Department work; our B. Y. P. U. meetings are held Tuesday evenings with good attendance and interest. Our Ladies' Aid, Mission Circle, and Farther Lights are all doing good work.

Owosso-But few changes this year; The Ladies' Aid is a most important

factor. Our pastor is a power for good among us.

PERRY—The year has been one of unusual activity with us; there has been a marked advance along some lines; have rebuilt our house of worship at a cost of nearly \$2000.00. Our B. Y. P. U. pledged \$450.00 towards this. has been a good interest in the church all the year, and some have been baptised. Pastor Cooper has organized a Men's Club which has exercised a very helpful influence in the community.

SHEPARDSVILLE—Brother Northrup preaches for us once in two weeks on Sunday afternoons; Evangelist Strickland is assisting our pastor in special meetings with us. We have no Sunday School, but have the Home Depart-

ment Quarterlies

ST JOHNS-God has been with us; Bro. Strickland has assisted our pastor in a series of meetings; some turned to the Lord. Our church is in a thriving condition; our beloved pastor is untiring in his efforts to build up the church.

VERNON-Rev. J. P. Baker settled with us September 1; held union meetings with the M. E Church last winter; were greatly helped. Expect to observe the ordinance of baptism so n. The Ladies' Aid, Women's Mission Circle, the Sunday School and the B. Y. P. U. are all doing efficient work.

WEBBERVILLE-We were without a pastor last winter but sustained our prayer meetings and Sunday School. Rev. Wm. Allenbaugh began his labors with us as pistor March 1; expects to take out station work soon. Have several candidates awaiting baptism. The Ladies' Aid Society is a great help to

WILLIAMSTON—The Lord's blessing has accompanied well directed effort during the past year. We have remodeled an I refurnished our house of worship at an expense of \$2800.00, all of which is provided for. Pastor Thrasher was assisted in a four weeks' meeting last winter by Rev. Roberts, of Howell, and Rev. C. Van Dorn of Fenton, twenty converts were baptized and others are awaiting the ordinance.

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 take 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, Hamiltonian 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 he required to show a formal recognition from a council of Baptist churches con-

vened 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 through out 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 disclaiming any and all anthority over the individual churches, yet feeling the need of such a standing committee of judicious brethren, who shall have the endorsement of this body shall elect annually an advisory committee of five brethren, 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 the committee before calling a council for the ordination of any brother to the work of the Gospel 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 en-itled 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.

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 meet-

ings as the body may direct.

ART. 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 Womans' 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 Superintendents 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.

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. 6. 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 meet

ing, provided that motion of the proposed amendment has been given at the

previous meeting.

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 Pastors' Conference.

SEVENTH-Election of officers.

EIGHTH—Annual Rally of Baptist Young Peoples' 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 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 major-

ity 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.

SEVENTH-An Ordination Committee, consisting of five brethren.

Eighth -- A Commission on Systematic Beneficence, consisting of one per-

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 pur-Pose, 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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