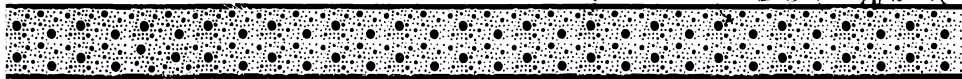


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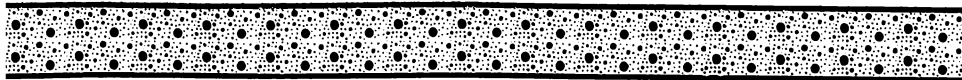
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Baptist Church, Corunna, Mich.,

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CONSTITUTION.

ADOPTED IN 1878.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the Shiawassee Baptist Association, and shall be composed of Baptist Churches in fellowship with the denomination, 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 objects of this Association shall be to gather information in regard to the state of churches, both as respects STATISTICS and RELIGION, to promote the Christian fellowship, and to sustain the various benevolent objects connected with the promotion of Christ's kingdom.

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

ART. 5. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and Associational Superintendent, to be elected annually, to continue in office until others are elected.

ART. 6. Each church shall send with its delegates, a letter containing an account of its numerical changes and generally what pertains to its peace and prosperity and money for Minutes. Any church neglecting to do this for three successive years, shall be dropped from the Minutes.

ART. 7. Churches giving satisfactory evidence of being sound in doctrine and correct in practice may on application, be admitted into this Association.

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

CONSTITUTION SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be called the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Association, and shall be auxiliary to the Michigan Baptist Sunday School Convention or Association.

ART. 2. The object shall be to promote the interests of Baptist Sunday Schools in the bounds of the Association.

ART. 3. This organization shall be composed of the Pastors, Deacons and Delegates of the Churches, and the Officers, Teachers and Delegates of the Sunday Schools in the Association.

ART. 4. The officers of this organization shall be elected annually, and consist of a President, Superintendent, Treasurer, and one Vice-President from each Church and Mission School in the Association, of whom the President, Superintendent, Treasurer, and two Vice-Presidents to be designated by the body, shall constitute an Executive Board.

ART. 5. The Moderator of the Association shall be the President of this body, and the Treasurer of this Association shall be the Treasurer of this body.

ART. 6. The President and Treasurer shall discharge the usual duties of such officers.

ART. 7. The Superintendent shall keep a record of each meeting, and shall have a general oversight of the Sunday School work of the body. He shall call the meetings of the Executive Board, to arrange for the meetings in Institutes and Conventions, circulate the programmes by correspondence or visitation, see that the work in each field is faithfully done, be the medium of correspondence with the State Superintendent, and secure and forward to him, at least one month previous to the annual meeting of the State Sunday School Convention, statistics of the schools in his field.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to make arrangements for the meetings of the body, to prepare its programme, select speakers, raise funds to defray its expenses, consider the wants of the field and appoint and plan work to meet them. They shall also aid the Vice-President to establish and maintain Baptist Sunday Schools.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of each Vice-President to secure the organization of a Baptist Sunday School, under the care of the church of which he is a member, and also to organize and encourage Mission Schools in all adjoining neighborhoods where they are needed.

ART. 10. The annual meeting of this body shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Association. Other meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Executive Board.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the members present.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

TUESDAY, June 3, 1890.

The Sunday School Department of the Shiawassee Baptist Association met to hold its Annual Institute in the Baptist church in Corunna. A short session was held in the forenoon for Devotional Exercises and Prayer for our Sunday School workers, and for a blessing upon our meeting. Deacon Wm. M. Hoag presiding.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened with a season of song and prayer, led by Rev. A. E. Bolster, of Jackson.

Associational Superintendent W. M. Hoag submitted his annual report which was followed by interesting talks on Institute Work by Rev. J. S. Boyden of Novi, and Rev. E. M. Blanchard of Williamston.

On motion, Superintendent's report was accepted with thanks.

How to Prepare and How to Teach the Sunday School Lesson, was the topic assigned to John S. Smith, of Byron, and he responded to it in an able manner.

Rev. G. S. Northrup of St. Johns followed with the topic "Bible study the Hope of the Church and the Nation's Safety." An interesting discussion followed these.

In the absence of Bro. E. A. Hough of Jackson, his topic, "Our duty to the State Sunday School Board and A. B. P. Society," was presented by Rev. A. E. Bolster.

The "Question Drawer" was promptly and concisely answered by Rev. J. S. Boyden and elicited considerable interest.

Session closed by singing "Coronation," and Benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

An enjoyable song service conducted by H. F. Harris, of Ovid, and prayer by Rev. A. E. Bolster, opened the evening session.

Rev. E. L. Little being detained at home by sickness, Rev. J. S. Boyden was again called on and clearly showed that the Sabbath School was the Right Arm and Department of Activity in the Church.

After singing No. 370, Dr. Jameson, District Secretary of the Home Mission Society, discoursed earnestly and ably on "The Conversion and Christian Culture of Children and other Phases of the Work."

Closed with prayer by Rev. R. H. Covert.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

JUNE 4, 1890.

Called to order by Supt. Hoag, and after reading of the 33rd Psalm, a half hour was devoted to song and prayer.

"How to interest and entertain the Young People of our Church and Sabbath School" had been assigned to C. A. Johnson of Ovid, and he not being able to attend, R. H. Covert was called upon to respond.

A carefully prepared paper by Bro. H. F. Harris, of Ovid, on "The Work of the Future with Higher Spirituality," was then presented and both these speakers drew out an interesting discussion which was participated in by Brothers Clough, Northrup, Boyden, Hoag and others.

"Watching, Working, Waiting," was the appropriate closing topic, and in his discourse Rev. E. M. Blanchard treated it in a clear, forceful and feeling manner.

After prayer by Bro. Rundell, the Sunday School Institute was declared adjourned.

The Shiawassee Association.

The Fifty-First Annual Meeting of the Shiawassee Baptist Association convened with the Baptist Church in Corunna, at 10:30 a. m., June 4, 1890.

In the absence of the Moderator, the Association was called to order by the Clerk, who proceeded to appoint the following committee on Nominations and Elections: R. H. Covert, Byron; H. F. Harris, Ovid; W. S. McKnight, of Vernon.

Scripture reading by Bro. H. W. Clough from Luke 12, 13-21.

Prayer by Rev. John McLean.

Rev. E. L. Little, who was to have preached the annual sermon, and Dealtry, alternate, having removed from the Association, the Committee on Arrangement of programme, recommended that Rev. A. E. Bolster, of Jackson, preach, which he did from the subject "Redeeming of Time."

Prayer by Bro. Covey.

C. A. Whelan and W. S. McKnight rendered as a duet, that beautiful song, "Eternity."

C. A. Johnson of Ovid, then submitted by letter, the following Treasurer's report: Receipts \$31.58. Paid for printing the minutes of 1889 session \$26.75. Balance on hand and herewith turned over, \$4.85.

Rev. L. H. Trowbridge, editor of the Christian Herald, made announcements relative to the May Anniversaries at Chicago, and the Herald, our Michigan paper.

The letter from the Corunna Church was then read by Sister C. J. Gale, greeting the churches.

A collection amounting to \$7.20 was then taken and applied to the State Convention Fund.

Committee on Nominations and Election reported as follows: Moderator, Rev. E. M. Blanchard; Clerk, E. S. Andrews, Williamston; Treasurer, C. A. Whelan, Vernon; Auditor, R. Crandal, Corunna; Associational Superintendent, Dea. Wm. Hoag, Lansing.

On motion, report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

Bro. Hoag declining, on motion, the matter of Superintendent was referred back to the committee.

Moderator E. M. Blanchard then took the chair, and appointed as Committee of Arrangements Bros. J. Fisher, E. M. Ney and J. S. Smith.

The meeting closed with prayer, followed by benediction by Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened with song and prayer by Bro. H. W. Clough.

E. M. Blanchard, Moderator, presiding.

The standing resolutions of the Association were then read.

Chair appointed the following committees:

Resolutions—Bros. Van Dorn, Harris, and Wm. Hoag.

Obituaries—Bros. Northrup, I. R. Spencer, W. C. Lankton.

Digest of Letters—Andrews, Way, Clough.

Arrangements for Next Year—E. L. Little, J. W. Covey and Bro. Hoffman of St. Johns.

On motion, J. McLane was appointed reading clerk.

Letters from the Churches of the Association were then read.

Committee on Nominations reported that Wm. M. Hoag would continue as Associational Sunday School Superintendent, provided an assistant was given him.

After the transaction of some miscellaneous business, the special order for the hour was announced, being a presentation of Woman's Work in Missions. Mrs. J. Fisher presiding. A report of the home work was given by Mrs. J. V. Bayer, and of Foreign Work by Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, secretary, who were followed by interesting remarks by Mrs. Swegels and others, and papers by Miss Vesta Potter and Mrs. Smalledge.

On motion, all Brethren from Corresponding Societies were invited to take seats with us and to report their names to the Clerk.

Bro. McLane was then appointed a member of the Committee on Resolutions in lieu of Prof. Van Dorn who was not present.

Bro. Lankton of Dewitt spoke in regard to a call for council to ordain Bro. E. D. Way to the ministry.

Remarks by Rev. J. S. Boyden, Rev. E. P. Smalledge, and Moderator.

J. McLane then read Article 8 of the Constitution, and gave notice that he desired to amend Article 5 to read as follows:

The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Associational Superintendent, and Missionary Committee of Three (to co-operate with the State Board) to be elected annually, to continue in office until others are elected.

The following speakers and topics were then announced: J. S. Boyden, Foreign Missions; J. McLean, State Missions, E. M. Blanchard, Home Missions.

Moderator reported that Bro. Hoag requested that R. H. Covert be appointed Assistant Superintendent. On motion, the request was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. E. P. Smalledge.

EVENING SESSION.

After a season of prayer and praise led by R. H. Covert and W. S. McKnight and opening prayer by Bro. Rundell. Chair appointed as new Committee on Resolutions, Bros. McLane, Hudson and Hoag.

Rev. J. S. Boyden then spoke on Foreign Missions.

Rev. E. P. Smalledge on Home Missions.

Rev. J. McLane and Rev. A. E. Rundell on State Missions.

Session closed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

JUNE 5th, 1890.

Opened with devotional exercises led by Bro. Northrup.

Committee on Nominations farther reported as follows:

Report of Committee on Nominations which is respectfully submitted:

Moderator, Rev. E. M. Blanchard, Williamston.

Clerk, E. S. Andrews, Williamston.

Treasurer, C. A. Whelan, Vernon.

Auditor, R. Crandal, Corunna.

Corresponding Secretary, W. S. McKnight, Vernon.

Associational Sunday School Supt., Dea. W. M. Hoag, Lansing.

Assistant Ass'l Sunday School Supt., R. H. Covert, Byron.

Place of meeting, Williamston.

Introductory sermon, Rev. E. L. Little, Owosso.

Alternate, Prof. C. Van Dorn, or pastor at Vernon.

Delegates to the Convention: Rev. E. M. Blanchard, Williamston; Rev. R. H. Covert, Byron; Rev. G. S. Northrup, St. Johns; H. F. Harris, Ovid.

Directors to the Convention, Rev. E. L. Little, Owosso, Prof. C. Van Dorn.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. COVERT, Chairman.

Committee on obituaries reported as follows:

OBITUARY REPORT.

During the year, death has visited eleven of our churches and taken twenty-two victims.

From Ovid, Sister Mary Allen, after suffering the hand of affliction for a long time, was taken; also Brother Alchin, a young man in the prime of life.

Morrice has met with a severe loss in the death of their former clerk, A. P. Sutterby.

Lansing has lost eight, among whom are Mrs. Coryell, a constituent member of the church, who died at the advanced age of seventy-eight years; Miss Mary E. Parsons, daughter of the late Rev. A. H. Parsons, who was a faithful and devoted Christian and took a lively interest in missions; Mrs. Susan Webster aged sixty-two and Mrs. Waldron. Mrs. Miranda Hopkins was taken away in a sudden and awful manner being burned to death, Oct. 15, 1889; but though coming suddenly, death found her prepared.

Bengal and Riley has suffered greatly in the death of the venerable Rev. John S. Sturgis, on whom the pastor has ever leaned and to whom the church has always looked for counsel; also Mrs. Miller.

Dewitt mourns the loss of their former pastor, Rev. J. J. Martin and Deacon John Grinold, whose familiar face will be seen no more at our annual gatherings.

Sister Frances Johnson, of Vernon, passed away January 10, after a short illness.

Mrs. Eveleth, for many years a member of the Corunna church, died at an advanced age.

Webberville, Williamston, Okemos, Durand and Byron have each lost one by death, whose names are not given in the church letters, but which we trust are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

And thus while God is adding to the church below of such as shall be saved, others are passing on before us to their Heavenly rest.

"I long, O! I long to be there,
To sorrow and sin bid adieu;
Your joy and your friendship to share,
To wonder and worship with you."

Which was followed by several delegates with tender tributes to the memory of Miss Parsons, of Lansing, Rev. J. J. Martin and others.

Recommended that all Church Clerks hereafter take pains to furnish to the Association, the names and important data relative to members deceased during the year.

Prayer by Rev. Northrop.

Committee on Resolutions through Chairman J. McLane, reported and each resolution was, by request, separately read and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That, WHEREAS, loyalty to Christ's word being our motto of doctrine, so, also, zeal for his cause should be our motto for Church life. We, therefore, earnestly entreat every Baptist to prayerfully consider their relationship to *every* department of mission work as their personal inheritance from our common Lord. We are debtors to *every home*, in every land, until Christ be enthroned there as its Supreme King.

Resolved, That we deplore the carelessness of Christian parents in permitting trashy literature to be brought into the home. Reading matter which does *not* positively elevate the mind with pure thought, does poison, vitiate and dwarf, if it does not entirely destroy the spiritual nature, as no stream rises higher in its course than the source from which it flows, therefore, it behooves us, would we have the stream of Church life flow high and strong enough to sweep away the barriers to Christian progress, that our home and Sunday School literature be *pure*; to that end we earnestly urge that the "Christian Herald" be in every home and the "Baptist Publication Society's Works" be in every Sunday School in the Association.

WHEREAS, personal life being the best exponent of Christianity, therefore, let us more earnestly endeavor to exemplify the life of Christ and his purity; a loving earnestness characterizing us, in our contact with the world, so shall we become his "Disciples indeed," disarming gainsayers and glorifying God.

Resolved, That we deplore the result of the late decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, whereby the Prohibitory laws of Maine, Iowa, Dakota and other states are rendered less efficient and pray that Congress may soon so amend the inter-state commerce law as to grant to each state the right of controlling the liquor traffic in its borders. We also see in the present workings of our state lawmakers, in regard to the liquor question, a disposition to *strengthen* the evil by licensing its continuance. Wherefore, it becomes our duty, to both God and country to protest against any law enactment which in anyway protects or bids it speed; in the name of our God to demand Prohibition as this "Thou shalt not," to that accursed evil in our land.

Sermon by Rev. E. M. Blanchard, from Luke 12:32.

Prayer by Rev. R. H. Covert.

Letters and remarks in favor of establishing Young People's Societies.

Bros. McLane, Smalledge and Clough were appointed a Committee to advise the organization of Young People's Societies.

Brother Little here reported himself present, just from his sick bed.

Committee on Young People's Societies reported as follows:

"We commend to the Churches where not already organized, to each organize a league, and for that purpose we ask each Clerk to write Brother Conley for blanks to be sent them for the purpose of such organization, and to those now organized to accept the feature of the work embraced in this plan."

Dr. Mather was then called upon and presented the claims of the Minister's Home at Fenton, after which a collection amounting to \$8.20 was taken and turned over to him.

The following Committee of Programme, for next year, was announced: E. M. Blanchard, E. L. Little, J. W. Covey.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to print 600 copies of the Minutes and distribute to the Churches, he proposing to do the same for the amount of money on hand.

On motion of Brother Smalledge a unanimous rising vote of thanks was tendered to the Baptist Church and citizens of Cornuna for their generous hospitality and kind attention.

After closing remarks by the Moderator, a song by Brother McKnight and benediction by Brother Mather, the Association adjourned to meet in Williamston the first Wednesday in June, 1891, to be preceded on Tuesday by the S. S. Association.

Superintendent's Report.

Dear Fellow Sabbath School Workers :

Another year has been numbered with the past and in the kind providence of God, as Sunday School workers of this Shiawassee Baptist Association we are permitted to assemble together in another anniversary. And as my term of office expires with this meeting, it is necessary that I render an account of my Stewardship.

In attempting this, I am impressed with the contrast between the possibilities of my position and the results accomplished. Looking at it as a whole, I do not think, however, there is any cause for discouragement but rather thankfulness, for considerable progress has been made. The good seed has been faithfully sown and a goodly number of our young has been converted and added to the church. But one of the important duties of my office, the school visitation, has not been carried out. I find it impossible to do two things at once. I cannot very well leave my own Sunday School on the Sunday, so I have only visited two schools. Should I take these schools as an index of the whole it is certain that good earnest work is being done.

The meetings of the year have been as follows: A Sunday School Institute was held at Ovid, August the 27th. The attendance was very good. Some of the speakers failed to be present. However, their places were filled by others and a good profitable time spent. The next meeting was held at Williamston, and on account of matters over which I had no control it was impossible for me to attend. Dr. Jameson very kindly took my place. He reported the attendance not very large, but a good profitable time spent in discussing the program.

Our third quarterly institute would have been held in March, but the State Sunday School board held one of their series of conventions at Lansing the 27th and 28th of February. I made a strong appeal to the Superintendents and Sunday School workers of our Association to make it a point to be present and do all they could to make the meeting a good one. The meeting was a grand success. A program of live Sunday School topics was well presented and discussed. But for some unknown cause to me, the schools of our Association were very poorly represented.

We now come together in our annual meeting with a view to

improve the character and efficiency of our Sunday School work. May there be a united prayer that the Holy Spirit may be present at every session and a time of refreshing enjoyed by all in attendance.

I have written 195 letters and cards; received 85. Have attended five Sunday School Conventions and Institutes. The schools are slowly falling in line with the request of our State Sunday School Board, giving the first Sunday collection of each month to the State S. S. work. Some have and others promised to do so the coming year and as I have had no opportunity to lay this matter before the schools only by writing, let me urge each and every school of this Association to fall in line at once. Let us make this Association a banner as a model Association. Every school fall in with the prayers of the Sunday School Board and by this way as Schools take part in carrying on this good and noble work. Let us also as individuals, Christian Sunday School workers feel our personal obligations. Let us accept the fact that the field is the world. We are so accustomed to hearing this expression that we often fail to grasp the significance. This world includes fourteen hundred millions of people and of these there are about twenty millions in our Sunday Schools, only fifteen out of every thousand. So our work is with the 985 in each thousand. With this thought before us, then, dear fellow-workers let us fit ourselves for the work. Let us get more enthusiasm, more of Christ, more of the Holy Spirit, a full consecration. Yes, consecration is necessary to success. What is consecration? may be asked. It is the highest point we can reach. Paul tells what consecration is in Romans 12:1. "I beseech you, therefore, brethren by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service." And again in Gal. 2:20. "I am Crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith of the son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." That is the idea; first the emptying, then the filling, a willing offering of the best. That means we should give God our best service in the vigor of life and not wait until we are old. We have it summed up in the hymn we often sing.

"Oh, to be nothing, nothing,
Only to lie at his feet
A broken and empty vessel
For the Master's use made meet."

We need to have a deeper impression of our responsibilities; we need to realize more fully the vast importance of early decision for Christ and the Christian life before the cares and temptations of adult life lays hold of them; then the possibility of reaching them grows less and less.

An illustration of this was given recently in Boston at a convention. One of the speakers asked all those in the audience who were converted after reaching the age of fifty to rise. Of the two or three thousand present almost all of whom probably were Christians there were but two who responded. A call for those who were converted after thirty-five brought to their feet about a half dozen. While nearly the entire audience rose in answer to a call for those who gave themselves to Christ before they were twenty-one years old. But that is not all, fellow-workers to encourage us in the good work.

I read not long since of a Baptist church, and what is true of that church is true of many, you of all churches that have good live Sunday Schools. It read, "During the last thirty years a large majority of those who have joined the church have been connected with the Sunday School, and we find in comparing the number of exclusions that of those who have been connected with the Sunday School only one of twenty-three have been excluded, while the exclusion on the part of those not so connected have been about three out of five and so may it well be said that the Sunday School is a feeder to the Church." In conclusion, my prayer is that this may prove a blessed meeting: that speakers and hearers may get the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and with its power fill each heart, and every worker go home quickened to do better work for the Master. Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. HOAG,
Associational Superintendent.

Digest of Letters.—List of Delegates.

BATH.—Bro. Covert supplied us for three months after the death of Bro. Martin, then Bro. Han. At present Bro. E. D. Way is with us. Church attendance and interest good; are hoping for increased interest in Church and Sunday School.

H. A. HALL, Clerk.

BENGAL and RILEY.—The past year has not brought us all that we had hoped for. There have been no conversions, and we seem wanting in spirituality, but rays of spiritual light seem penetrating the fog of indifference and we think we see tokens of a brighter day for the Church. W. A. SUTTON, Clerk.

DELEGATES.—Rev. Geo. H. Hudson, pastor and Mrs. M. R. Jacob.

BYRON.—Our faith, though strongly tested, has been found sufficient for God to give his blessing. Rev. S. A. Cole, who closed a two year's pastorate here last December, prophesied that God was preparing this Church for a quickening of spiritual life and the saving of souls. Our present pastor, Rev. R. H. Covert, began his labors here, January 19, 1890, preaching for a revival of pure and undefiled religion, and assisted by Bro. Peter Belham, we received a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Harmony prevails and we have taken a new lease of Church life. Three young ladies were buried with Christ in baptism last Sunday and we expect others next Sunday.

J. S. SMITH, Clerk.

DELEGATES.—Rev. R. H. Covert, pastor; J. S. Smith and wife, Miss Howe, Mrs. Joslyn.

CHESANING.—Rev. I. R. Spencer closed his pastorate here in January, since which time we have been without a pastor. Our Sunday School, prayer and covenant meetings have been well attended. Three have been received for baptism. Our church and parsonage are each in good condition but a \$500 debt stands in our way. Bro. McLane has now taken hold of the work here and we are hopeful.

MRS. CLARA BURROWS, Clerk.

DELEGATES.—W. S. Blakeslee, Mrs. Fletcher.

CORUNNA.—It is with feelings of deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that we are permitted for the first time in the history of our Church to welcome the Association, and we extend a hearty welcome to our Church, our homes and our city. A spirit of union prevails through our Church, we feel that we have gained in spirituality during the year. Our morning congregations are good, our Sunday School, prayer and covenant meetings well attended. We feel that God's dealings with us have been merciful and that our prospects as a Church were never brighter.

MRS. C. G. GALE, Clerk.

DELEGATES.—Rev. J. Fisher, pastor; Mr. Crandal, David Evans, Bro. Hamilton, Bro. Derr.

DEWITT.—Owing to the failing health of our pastor, Rev. J. J. Martin, were without a pastor until October, Bro. R. H. Covert supplying us in the meantime. Our services have been well attended and our outlook as a Church seems quite bright. Have procured a new bell. During the Week of Prayer, a series of revival services was begun by our pastor, assisted by Miss Wadsworth which were productive of much good.

JAMES HARRIS, Clerk.

DELEGATES.—E. D. Way, James Harris, Wm. Lankton and wife.

DURAND.—Rev. S. A. Cole preached for us Sunday evenings, until January 1st and Rev. R. H. Covert has since that time. Two weeks extra meetings conducted by Bro. Covert this spring resulted in increased interest and consecration on the

part of members and the saving of souls. Are nearly free from indebtedness and are arranging for improvements.

Mrs. C. HERRIMAN, Clerk,

DELEGATES.—Rev. R. H. Covert, Mrs. E. Chapin, Mrs. A. Boyd, Mrs. C. Herriman.

LANSING.—Have enjoyed a year of spiritual and financial prosperity. Have erected a Mission Chapel on South street at a cost of \$1,200, which was dedicated October 30. A large school has been gathered in under the superintendence of W. S. Holmes. Rev. E. H. E. Jameson, ceased his pastorate here May 1st to accept the District Secretaryship of the Home Mission Society, and we are at present without a pastor. Interest in Sunday School, Prayer and Covenant meetings is good. Thirty members have been added to our church during the year.

W. F. SULLIVAN, Clerk.

DELEGATES.—Dea. Wm. M. Hoag, J. W. Covey, Miss V. V. Potter, Miss E. S. Swane.

MAPLE RIVER.—Are without a pastor. Covenant meetings have been kept up and they are seasons of spiritual rejoicing; also weekly prayer meetings and Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Circle.

C. FLINT, Clerk.

DELEGATES.—E. Lemons, H. Phelps, E. Mead, C. Flint.

MORRICE.—Are striving to maintain our visibility, have been without preaching for some time; continue our covenant meetings and the ladies sustain their Missionary work.

O. L. BRISTOL, Clerk.

DELEGATES.—Mrs. Purdy, Mrs. Ormsby.

OKEMOS.—Without a pastor. Rev. Mr. Freeman preached to us very acceptably, from January 1st to April 1st. Prayer and covenant meetings well attended, but we feel the need of a pastor.

WM. COLE, Clerk.

OVID.—Rev. E. P. Smalledge closed his labors with us last March. Have three interesting and well attended prayer meetings each week. Covenant meetings maintain good interest. The Young People's Loyal Legion hold weekly prayer meetings and give a literary entertainment monthly, and are interested in benevolent work in connection with the Church. The sisters of the Church are doing a grand, good work at home and in Home and Foreign Mission fields.

G. C. STANTON, Clerk.

DELEGATES.—Rev. E. P. Smalledge, Dea. Wm. Losy, H. F. Harris, Frank Rogers, A. H. Whitaker, Dea. G. Carpenter, Z. Stanton.

OWOSSO.—From time to time throughout the year our hearts have been refreshed by special tokens of the Lord's favor. Two weeks special meetings were held, in which our pastor, Rev. E. L. Little, was assisted by Evangelist C. C. Goodrich. The pulse of our Christian life was quickened, wanderers reclaimed and numbers have been received into the Church, while others are waiting to be received. Two of our young men, Bros. F. S. Retan and Lester Wood, have during the year, decided to enter upon the course of study preparatory for the Gospel Ministry. Additions 53, Baptisms 27.

W. WHITE, Clerk.

DELEGATES.—Rev. E. L. Little, J. B. Perry, Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. E. L. Little, Mrs. White, Mrs. Esty, C. F. and Mrs. Haight.

PERRY.—Rev. G. T. Curtis, whose ordination occurred here June 19, 1889, concluded his labors as pastor here, the first Sunday in April. Rev. S. A. Cole was then called and accepted. The regular prayer meetings Thursday night and the Young People's prayer meetings Tuesday night, are sources of great strength to the Church.

H. A. ROBERTS, Clerk.

DELEGATES.—Dea. G. H. Calkins and wife, H. A. Roberts and wife.

PITTSBURG.—Rev. G. T. Curtis preached to us very acceptably till March, since which time Rev. S. A. Cole has been our pastor. Have had prayer meetings Thursday evenings at private houses which have been helpful.

LEONA RAYMOND, Clerk.

DELEGATES.—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hutchings.

ST. JOHNS.—We believe the spiritual condition of our church to be much better than a year ago. A promising Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized and our Sunday School greatly strengthened under the ministrations of our present pastor, Rev. G. S. Northrup.

CELIA SMITH, Clerk.

DELEGATES.—Rev. and Mrs. G. S. Northrup, Mrs. H. M. Lee, Mrs. E. J. Teachout, L. Hoffman, Mrs. H. Swegles.

SHEPARDSVILLE.—Rev. G. S. Northrup commenced his labors with us February 1st, as pastor. We have good congregations, Sunday School and weekly prayer meetings. We feel much encouraged under the ministrations of Bro. Northrup.

J. W. WELTER, Clerk.

DELEGATES.—Mrs. Valentine, Mrs. Spink, Mrs. Hare, Mrs. Cornford, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Launsbury.

VERNON.—Our pulpit has been supplied during the past year by Prof. Van Dorn, under whose leadership our Church has grown in social and spiritual power. Our prayer meetings are well attended and full of interest especially by the young people. Some have inquired the way of life. The young people have raised and invested \$130 in interior improvements to the church and we have cleared our entire indebtedness. We extend a hearty invitation to the Association to hold its next annual meeting with us.

W. S. MCKNIGHT, Clerk.

DELEGATES.—Joseph Parmenter, H. Doane, W. S. McKnight, Sister H. Doane, J. McLean.

WEBBERVILLE.—Sunday School and weekly prayer meetings have been sustained with increasing interest. H. W. Clough of Kalamazoo College, has been engaged to preach for us during vacation. Congregations seem to be increasing, and we feel encouraged to go on in the work for the cause of our Saviour.

S. S. RHODES, Clerk.

DELEGATES.—Dea. Edmond Allchin, Levi Allchin and wife, I. M. Monroe and wife, and our pastor, H. W. Clough.

WILLIAMSTON.—We have been blessed during the year in the continued privileges and usual services of the sanctuary under the ministration of our pastor, Rev. E. M. Blanchard, in doing some share in the benevolent work of the denomination. Have a flourishing Sunday School, report the largest membership in the history of the Church. Have repainted our church and are making other improvements. We have an efficient Ladies Aid Society, a Young People's Society and also a Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Circle. We rejoice in the growth and efficiency of the great denomination of which we are a part, as evinced by the reports at the May Anniversaries at Chicago. As the semi-centennial of our organization occurs in 1891, it was decided by a unanimous vote to invite the Association to meet with us in Williamston next year, at which time it is proposed to appropriately celebrate this important event in our Church history.

E. S. ANDREWS, Clerk.

DELEGATES.—Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, Rev. E. M. Ney, Dea. Geo. E. Walker and wife, E. S. Andrews and wife.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

CORUNNA, June 5, 1890.

By previous arrangement, the officers were elected at the last quarterly meeting. They were: Pres., Mrs. J. Fisher, Corunna; 1st Vice President, Mrs. H. Swegels, St. Johns; 2nd Vice Pres., Mrs. J. M. Ladd, Perry; 3rd Vice Pres., Mrs. J. Dunlap, Ovid; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. P. Curtis, Owosso; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Simmons, Owosso; Assoc'l F. M. Sec'y, Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, Williamston; Assoc'l H. M. Sec'y, Mrs. J. V. Bayer, Owosso.

Accordingly Mrs. Fisher presided. The annual reports of the secretaries showed that they had entered zealously into their work. One new H. M. Society had been organized, some churches without circles had sent funds for the Woman's work.

Mrs. Smallege, of Ovid, presented a paper of much interest on "Ways and Means." Mrs. Swegels emphasized the same thought by relating an incident. Recitations, singing, remarks by the President and others, with a generous collection closed the hour. Statistics for the year are as follows:

CIRCLES.	SECRETARIES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Goods for Home Missions.	Goods for Foreign Missions.
Bath	Mrs. A. J. Sage.....	\$ 1 00			
Bengal and Riley			\$ 3 54		
Byron			2 50		
Corunna			1 00		
Dewitt	Mrs. D. P. Goodsell.....	5 30	2 85		
Lansing	Miss Gertrude Swain.....	19 95	30 04	\$55 00	
Maple River	Mrs. H. W. Mead.....	2 00	2 00	15 00	
Morrice	Mrs. S. M. Ormsby.....	7 25	8 00		
Okemos	Mrs. S. A. Kent.....	4 00	2 00		
Ovid	Miss E. A. Snover.....	18 00	6 75	69 00	
Owosso	Mrs. R. D. Crawford.....	34 32	26 12	59 85	\$ 9 10
Pittsburg			1 40		
Perry	Mrs. C. M. Austin.....	4 40	7 00		
Shepardsville	Mrs. Neil.....	14 00	2 75		
St. Johns	Mrs. H. M. Lee.....	5 00	15 59		
Vernon	Miss E. Yerkes.....	7 25	20 10	15 65	3 30
Williamston	Mrs. Permelia Horton.....	4 15	9 00		
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Bands and T. B's.....					
Corunna	Mrs. Ray Cornell.....	4 05	3 55		
Lansing T. B.	Miss Anna Coryell.....	7 50			
Owosso	Miss Blanche Bayer.....	1 00			
Ovid			5 00		
Vernon	Frankie Patterson.....		10 00		
St. Johns.....	Master Hubert Northrup.....		3 00		
Quar. Assoc'l Coll.....		8 00	8 00		
Totals,		146 97	180 19	214 50	12 40

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCH OR MISSION.	SUPERINTENDENT.		SECRETARY.	Officers & Teachers	Scholars.	Total Enrollment.	Average Attendance	Baptisms.	Volumes in Library	Periodicals Taken.	CONTRIBUTIONS.			
	NAME.	P. O. ADDRESS.									Benevolence.	Expenses.	Total Contributions.	
Antrim	(No Letter)			11	56	67		4	4					
Bath	Tunis Cronkife	Bath	W. A. Sutton	10	40	50	30		60	3	\$ 3 25	\$ 25 00	\$ 13 61	
Beneal-Riley	Luna Healsey	St Johns		9	90	99	52	6	80	35	\$ 13 61	8 00	11 25	
Byron	J. S. Smith	Byron	Nina Heath	15	53	70	32	6	100	3	1 00	21 00	34 61	
Chesaning	W. R. Corvell	Chesaning	Miss Ray Cornell	13	102	115	73		70	84		47 27	47 27	
Coruna	Mr. Crandall	Coruna	Missie Reynolds	8	25	43	30		50	30		10 80	10 80	
Dewitt	James Harris	Dewitt	Carrie Braiding	14	80	94					* 1 70	21 00	30 00	
Durand	F. S. Dean	Durand												
*Lansburg	(No Letter)	249 Larch street,	Nettie E. Ward.	21	201	222	143	2	245	5	82 72	129 47	217 19	
Lansing	Wm. M. Hoag	Lansing Ave.,												
* South Street Mission	W. S. Holmes	224 Washington Ave.,		14	125	139	85	2	85	3		124 61	124 61	
Maple River	(No S. School)	North Lansing												
Morrice	(No S. School)													
Okemos	Wm. Cole	Okemos	Rosa Kirk	14	80	94	52					40 22	40 22	
Ovid	H. F. Harris	Ovid	C. M. House	21			140		200	3	39 00	81 00	120 00	
Owosso	(No Report)													
Perry	O. Burlingame	Perry	Mrs. Chittenden	15	147	162	75		125	125	1 00	48 00	45 00	
*Pittsburg	J. B. Raymond	Pittsburg		14	100	60	60		40					
Shepardsville	Tillie Wilkinson	Shepardsville		7	135	42	25					5 00	5 00	
St. Johns	L. Hoffman	St. Johns	Miss Ora Webb	15	84	90	60		50	3	5 50	21 99	27 49	
Vernon	J. B. Harris	Vernon	Ollie Allelein	15	115	130	65	4	80			32 54	38 50	
Webberville	A. A. Carr	Webberville	Olive M. Andrews	12	50	62	40		30	30	4 60	25 55	30 10	
Williamston	E. S. Andrews	Williamston		14	127	141	75			4	3 00	65 00	68 00	

* Union.

* Olney Memorial \$7.30

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCH.	Local Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Woman's Home Mission Society.	Y. P. Society to Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Y. P. Society to Foreign Missions.	Publication Society & State S. Work.	Ministerial Education.	Minister's Aid Society.	State Convention Expenses.	Other Objects.	TOTAL.
* Anthim.....									\$ 3 25		\$ 1 00		\$.75	\$12 25
Bath.....		\$ 3 00	\$ 5 05			\$ 3 25								8 15
Bengal-Riley.....						2 50								
Byron.....														
Chesaning.....		19 55		\$ 3 25	\$ 4 05	8 40		\$ 3 55				\$ 1 00	4 25	44 05
Coruna.....		3 25		4 60										15 20
Dewitt.....		1 20					\$ 7 35							1 20
* Ira.....														
* Laingsburg.....														
Lausling.....		64 07	68 09	73 50	7 50	58 40	19 54	12 50	87 73		30 83	4 00		426 15
Maple River.....		5 30		2 00			2 00		15 00					24 30
Marice.....		6 00		6 50			7 00		8 00					13 50
McIntosh.....		6 00					1 75							20 75
Ovid.....		70 95		87 00	5 00		6 00	5 00					5 00	173 95
Ovasso.....		70 46	24 98	26 34	14 26	6 05	25 67		24 30				55 23	247 27
Parry.....				3 00			14 00		1 43					18 43
Prepsburg.....							1 40							1 40
Shepardsville.....		10 00				2 50	3 75					14 31		20 56
St. Johns.....		9 13		5 75	1 00	2 45	15 34	12 00	5 50					52 04
Vernon.....		10 00		22 25		7 00	8 30		5 48			1 90		10 00
Webberville.....		10 00												
Williamston.....		28 00	22 00	4 15		9 00	8 00		5 60			1 50		78 25

* No Letter.

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RULES OF ORDER.

I. In the absence of any of the officers of the Association, others shall be elected to fill the places *PRO TEMPORE*.

II. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by nomination or by ballot, as the Association may direct.

III. Brethren invited to a seat in the Association may debate on all questions but vote on none.

IV. No person shall speak more than once on any subject, unless by special permission from the Moderator.

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

VI. No motion shall be discussed if such discussion be opposed by a majority of the members present. A motion to suspend business shall always be in order.

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

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

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

X. The Order of Business at each annual meeting of the Association shall be as follows:

First—The introductory service and organization.

Second—The Rules of Order read.

Third—A committee on religious service to arrange a programme for the next anniversary, the chairman of said committee to be pastor of the church where the Association is held.

Fourth—Letters from the churches read.

Fifth—Sunday School reports and exercises.

Sixth—Application for admission into the Association received.

Seventh—The appointment of the following committees: 1. A committee of three on the Circular Letter. 2. A committee of three on Digest of Letters. 3. A committee on Resolutions. 4. A committee of three on Nominations, which committee shall designate the place of the next annual meeting, the preacher of the introductory sermon, and the delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Eighth—Communications from corresponding bodies received.

Ninth—Reports of committees called for.

Tenth—Miscellaneous business.

Eleventh—Reading the Minutes of the Association.

XI. 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.

XII. Any article of this order may be suspended for consideration of other business by a vote of the Association.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay over all moneys that are in or may come into his hands, to the several agents to whom said money belongs, and take a receipt therefor.

RESOLVED, That any member of this Association whose name is in the Minutes present at the meeting of any Association with which we correspond, shall be a delegate to that body.

RESOLVED, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to forward the Minutes to each Association and corresponding body in the state.

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

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

E. M. Blanchard,..... MODERATOR, Williamston
E. S. Andrews,..... CLERK, Williamston
C. A. Whelan, TREASURER,..... Vernon
R. Crandal, AUDITOR,..... Corunna
W. S. McKnight,..... COR. SEC'Y, Vernon
Dea. Wm. M. Hoag,..... ASSOC'L S. S. SUP'T, Lansing
R. H. Covert, AST. ASSOC'L S. S. SUPT, Byron

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

PASTORS.

George H. Hudson, Bengal—Riley
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James Fisher, Corunna
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S. A. Cole, Perry
G. S. Northrup, St. Johns
E. M. Blanchard, Williamston

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E. H. E. Jameson, Lansing
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I. R. Spencer, Chesaning
J. W. Covey, Lansing
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A. B. Hicks, Lansing
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