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OF THE  
**Shiawassee Baptist Association**  
HELD AT  
**Ovid, Mich., June 1-2, 1909.**

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**OPENING MEETING, TUESDAY AFTERNOON.**

Rev. C. Van Dorn, of Perry, led the devotional service, assisted by Rev. E. J. Cross, of Durand.

Rev. John McLean, of Durand, was elected Moderator pro tem, Moderator Deacon Wm. Hoag not being present.

The following new pastors were introduced at this time, Revs. Geo. Laughton, of Owosso; Henry Morgan, of Byron, and E. J. Cross, of Durand.

The program provided by the committee was adopted, with such changes as were necessary.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren as a nominating committee: Revs. G. S. Northrup of St. Johns; J. B. Huff, Laingsburg, and C. Van Dorn, of Perry.

Scriptures were read by Rev. F. L. Currey, of Lansing, and prayer was offered by Rev. N. D. Potter of Ovid. Rev. Orlo J. Price, Ph. D., of Lansing, then delivered the annual sermon, which was an inspiration to all who listened.

The reading of the Owosso church letter at this time removed all doubts, if any existed, as to the sincerity of their welcome to the Association.

**WOMEN'S HOUR.**

The women's session was conducted by the President, Mrs. J. Fisher, of Corunna, who introduced the Home Mission Secretary, Mrs. Frank Young, of Lansing, as one of our new and younger workers. She gave the report of the Home Mission work, which was followed by the Foreign Secretary, Mrs. C. L. Herrick, of Lansing, who very cheerfully reported that the women of this Association had exceeded the foreign apportionment by \$14.00.

Mrs. N. D. Potter, of Ovid, recently elected Secretary for the Young Ladies, Juniors, Baby Bands and Sunday Schools, spoke a few

moments in regard to the work connected with her office, and asked the co-operation of the officers of these organizations.

After a very pleasing solo rendered by Mr. Gilbert Loring, of Owosso, Miss Grant, of Detroit, gave an inspiring address on Home Missions, urging that the Sunday schools be encouraged to take up the study of missions and make an offering for the same at least once a quarter.

Mrs. Pettit, of Detroit, followed with an interesting and enthusiastic address on Foreign Missions, showing the great need of more work being done in Africa, China, Japan and India, and leading the women to see the great responsibility resting upon them to help carry forward this work.

An offering of \$3.96 was received.

By action of the Association, Dr. Ketman, of Chicago, was given opportunity at this time to speak on the Northern Baptist Convention.

The report of the nominating committee was adopted with exception of the offices of Clerk and B. Y. P. U. President, which were referred back to the committee for further consideration.

Adjourned with prayer.

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## TUESDAY EVENING.

Vesper service was conducted by Rev. G. S. Northrup, assisted by Rev. Harry Richardson, of Owosso.

The following communication from the Ovid Church was read:

The Ovid Church wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Owosso Church for their courtesy in entertaining the Association this year, since it seemed impossible to have the privilege themselves, and also to extend to the Association a most cordial and urgent invitation to meet with us next year.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

**Obituaries**—Rev. F. L. Currey, W. H. Phelps, and Mrs. E. M. Miller.

**Printing**—Associational Clerk and Treasurer.

**Resolutions**—Revs. J. P. Baker, E. J. Cross and Henry Morgan.

**Place and Preacher**—Rev. N. D. Potter and Associational Clerk.

**Ordination**—Revs. O. J. Price, Leslie Bower, George Laughton, F. L. Currey and O. M. Thrasher.

**Systematic Beneficence**,—Rev. G. S. Northrup.

Dr. Ketman gave a strong address on "The seventy," the unknown workers.

Report of nominating committee re-submitted, and after discussion and pledging full payment for clerk's labor, and advising that the minutes not be printed until the money is in the treasury, the following officers were elected:

**Moderator**—Rev. John McLean, Durand.

**Clerk**—Rev. O. M. Thrasher, Williamston.

**Treasurer**—Deacon Wellington White, Owosso.

**Auditor**—Deacon Henry Phelps, Maple River.

**Sunday School Superintendent**—Rev. F. L. Currey, Lansing.

**Chairman Missionary Committee**—Rev. G. S. Northrup, St. Johns.

A most excellent address, A Call for Men, was delivered by Rev. F. T. Galpin, of Detroit.

An offering was received amounting to \$5.73, followed by adjournment.

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### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotional meeting was conducted by Rev. Cronkite, our Associational Missionary.

Pastor Harry Richardson, of the new Immanuel Church, Owosso, was introduced.

On motion the Immanuel Church letter was read, after which the hand of welcome was extended by the Moderator.

Rev. Leslie Bower was elected delegate to the State Convention, with Rev. G. S. Northrup alternate.

Revs. F. L. Currey and Harry Richardson were elected directors to the State Convention, with Revs. E. J. Cross and D. W. Cronkite, alternates.

Worthy Thorpe, of Owosso, was elected delegate to State Laymen's Association.

Rev. E. J. Cross was appointed Reading Clerk and the church letters were then read.

Moved and sustained that a committee of three be appointed as follows: Revs. O. J. Price, Geo. Laughton and G. S. Northrup, to consider ways and means for raising and placing in the hands of the Treasurer \$30.00 for expenses.

Moved and sustained that a committee of three be appointed on reception of new churches. The nominating committee was selected as such committee.

Rev. D. G. Young, of Missouri, spoke words of cheer at this time. This brother was the first licentiate from the Vernon Church.

Rev. E. J. Cross introduced the following standing resolution, which was adopted:

In the future church letters to the Association shall be limited to 200 words, and, if possible, typewritten and sent to the Associational Clerk at least two weeks before the annual meeting.

Rev. W. L. Currey took charge of the S. S. hour, speaking on the subject: Is the Evangelistic Spirit Vital to the Success of Our Sunday Schools? An interesting discussion followed in which Rev. Geo. Laughton said his best endeavor is to be expended in Sunday School work; Rev Leslie Bower raised the question of the advisability of having godless superintendents and teachers, and what to do with them if you have them; Rev. G. S. Northrup said consecration to the work will be incentive in its nature; Rev. Geo. Hudson said many fail to realize the importance of Sunday school work; and Mrs. Her- rick said missions should be taught in the Sunday school and sug- gested some helps.

Mr. C. B. Hahn, called the King of Boyville, gave a very inter- esting talk and proved his right to the title.

Adjourned with prayer.

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### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional service was led by Rev. Henry Morgan.

The nominating committee, with increased duties, reported as follows: Mr. Frank Young, of Lansing, to be Councillor on State Laymen Executive Committee; Revs. John McLean and O. M. Thrasher on Asociational Missionary Committee; and recommended that the Immanuel Church, of Owosso, be received into the Asso- ciation. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Place and Preacher was given as fol- lows: Place of next annual meeting, Ovid; preacher of annual ser- mon, Rev. Henry Morgan; alternate, Rev. Geo. Laughton.

O. M. THRASHER,  
N. D. POTTER,

Committee.

After no small amount of discussion, the following resolution, by Rev. E. J. Cross, concerning the revision of the constitution, was adopted:

**Resolved.** That a committee of three be appointed to revise the constitution, bylaws and standing resolutions, and submit the same for adoption next year. Said committee to be known as a Committee on Revised Constitution. Also, that the Program Committee provide ample time on the program of the next annual meeting for the con- sideration of the report of said committee.

Revs. E. J. Cross, Geo. Hudson and O. M. Thrasher were ap- pointed as such committee.

Following is the report of Committee on Resolutions:



**Resolved,** That we endorse the Northern Baptist Convention, and promise our co-operation in its work;

**Resolved,** That we recognize the marks of Divine favor bestowed on the activities of the Layman's and Forward Movements that have recently come into our church life; that we express our hearty appreciation of what is being accomplished with the other missionary activities; that we urge a larger recognition of layman's work and efforts, and that we exert ourselves to increase the efficiency of all our missionary activities.

**Resolved,** That we appreciate the present financial situation of the Board of State Missions and express our confidence in its administration, especially the work of the Superintendent, Joshua Roberts; also, we urge increased contributions for its work.

**Resolved,** That recognizing the place and power of the religious press, we give a larger place to our missionary periodicals,—that we particularly pledge ourselves to the support of the Michigan Christian Herald, as an indispensable part of our state work, and that the securing of subscriptions to these periodicals be placed in the front rank of importance in the endeavor of our local pastors and churches.

**Resolved,** That we pledge our undying allegiance to the cause of temperance, and the abolition of the saloon, and we express our confidence in and appreciation of the Anti-Saloon League, and all other moral forces, used of God for the extension of the Kingdom.

**Resolved,** That we express our thanks to Almighty God for the preservation of international peace, for the prospect of its continuance, and our heartfelt prayer for the fulfillment of Isa. 2:4.

**Resolved,** That we thank the Owosso Church for its cheerful entertainment of the Association upon short notice, and we appreciate its bountiful hospitality.

E. J. CROSS,  
HENRY MORGAN,  
J. P. BAKER.

Mr. Robert Holmes, of Lansing, gave an excellent talk on The Budget while Smith G. Young, of the same city, presented the interests of Kalamazoo College.

The report of the Obituary Committee is as follows:

The grim reaper has been busy in our Association during the last year, and a large number of our churches have been called to mourn the loss of one or more devoted and faithful members. Twenty in all have been called from the church militant to the church triumphant, fourteen of whom ranged in ages from 59 to 87 years, and nearly all of the fourteen had lived out the allotted age of man; the other six were comparatively young; "their sun has set while it is yet day."

We can say to those who mourn the loss of dear ones, "You mourn not for those who have no hope." And as we think of the beloved dead, we can say: "Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, said the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them." and as for us, all we should remember the words of the Master: "I must work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

Following are the names of those who have been promoted to the heavenly life during our associational year:

Corunna—Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps, aged 73; Mrs. E. G. Hawkins, aged 72.

Lansing—Mrs. Julia Coryell, aged 73; Amos Smith, aged 79; Guy Tenney, aged 59, Mrs. Alma Peltz, aged 59; Sadie Kincaid, aged 28.

Ovid—Mrs. Snyder, aged 78.

Owosso (new)—Mrs. Irene Wood, aged 27.

Owosso (1st)—Mrs. Truman Moore; Mrs. Elsie Taut, aged 25.

Perry—Mrs. Heart; Elisha Abels, aged 87; Mrs. Helen Bush Gallanger, aged 25.

Shepherdsville—Mrs. James Edwards, aged 59; Mrs. S. B. Spink, aged 75.

St. Johns—F. E. Aldrich, aged 47.

Vernon—John Jones, aged 74.

Williamston—Betsy M. Meach, aged 80; Simeon Mains, aged 64.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. PHELPS,  
F. L. CURRY,  
MRS. E. M. MILLER,  
Committee on Obituary.

Following the reading of the above report, Rev. Geo. Laughton was called upon to lead the Association in prayer.

The Associational Missionary Committee now rendered their report through Chairman Rev. G. S. Northrup, as follows:

#### **REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.**

During the year your committee have held three meetings, and have had the missionary interests of the Association on their hearts. Chesaning, Maple River, DeWitt, Bath and other pastorless fields have been visited and encouraged by numbers of the committee.

The applications for aid from the State Board by the churches at South Lansing, Laingsburg and Durand have been approved, and the thoroughly evangelical pastors, and most excellent work done upon the fields more than justify this action.

At the time of the State Convention a proposition was made by the Superintendent of State Missions that a missionary should be placed upon this field in connection with the Flint River Associa-

tion. As the Association had, two years previously, instructed the Missionary Committee to endeavor to bring about just such an arrangement, the proposal was gladly accepted and Rev. D. W. Cronkite, who was already upon the field, took up the work. The terms of this agreement were that each association should pay \$200 toward the missionary's salary and half of his traveling expenses. This amount was equitably apportioned by the committee, and all the churches were asked for contributions. Up to the present time only six churches have responded, as follows: Durand, \$19.00; Maple River, \$36.12; St. Johns, \$12.00; Shepardsville, \$24.00; Bengal-Riley, \$6.45; Chesaning, \$1.93; total \$99.50. Amount now due the missionary, \$51.42.

The excellent service of the missionary, who will himself give a report of his work, has proved the wisdom of this undertaking.

But, unless the arrangement is expressly approved at this meeting, and unless the other churches of the Association shall immediately respond with adequate contributions, the services of the missionary must be discontinued from this date.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. NORTHRUP,  
O. M. THRASHER,  
J. B. HUFF.

Pending the adoption of the above report, Rev. Cronkite, our Associational Missionary, spoke of his work, which surely has been encouraging. The report and needs of the Association were freely discussed.

A motion, by Rev. Geo. Laughton, to endorse and continue the work of Bro. Cronkite in our Association, and to have a committee of three appointed, who will devise ways and means for keeping him another year, was carried; and Revs Laughton and Price, and Bro. Smith G. Young were appointed as such committee.

It was then moved and carried that the report of the Missionary Committee be accepted.

After some discussion it was moved and carried that the Missionary Committee arrange for a mid-year conference.

The afternoon meeting was closed by a half-hour consecration service, conducted by Rev. G. S. Northrup, which was a very fitting climax to one of the best annual meetings held in this Association for years.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING.

### B. Y. P. U. Session.

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President, Mr. O. L. Snow, of Lansing, presided.

Vesper service was led by Mr. O. E. Osborn, of St. Johns. Singing, "I love to Tell the Story."

Singing, "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me."

Prayer by McLean, Bower and Osborn.

Scripture lesson—John 15:1-13.

Singing, "The King's Business."

The Vice-President appointed the following nominating committee: Mrs. C. L. Herrick, Rev. John McLean, Mr. Arthur Morse.

Symposium, "How Can I Commend Our Society to the World?" conducted by Rev. J. E. Cross.

- a. By diligent committee work. Mr. Worthy Thorpe.
- b. By missionary and evangelistic zeal. Mr. Emmet Wilson, of Perry.
- c. By consistent living. O. L. Snow, Lansing.

Report of nominating committee: President, Mr. O. L. Snow, Lansing; Vice-President, Rev. E. J. Cross, Durand; Secretary, Mr. O. E. Osborn, St. Johns; Treasurer, Miss Clark, Laingsburg; Junior Leader, Mrs. N. D. Potter, of Ovid.

Rev. Joshua Roberts was called upon, who gave a very interesting address on "The Place of the Young People in the Work of the Kingdom."

After the Mizpah benediction, the Baraca and Philathea classes of the entertaining church gave a reception to the delegates. Thus closed a very interesting session of the B. Y. P. U. of the Shiawassee Baptist Association.

## DIGEST OF LETTERS.

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### **Bath.**

Rev. A. M. Bailey is our pulpit supply; he held one week of special meetings in January. Dr. Killgore was with us in April for three weeks. As a result 25 or 30 will unite with the church. The Sunday school is nearly doubled, and the Young People's Society is reorganized.

### **Bengal-Riley.**

Sends statistics. but no letter.

### **Byron.**

Were without a pastor about two months. Rev. Henry Morgan came to us last October; are greatly encouraged; our membership is awakening to a new consciousness of life in God and obligation to Him. Prayer meetings are well attended.

### **Chesaning.**

Rev. Cronkite favored us with three church services, besides making several calls and speaking words of cheer. Rev. R. R. Cook, a Christian minister, has supplied our pulpit for some time and has labored faithfully.

### **Ccrunna.**

Began the year with a sick pastor and closed it without any. Rev. E. P. Knight is to be our supply for the summer. Prayer meeting, Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. are well attended. Ladies' Social Union is active. Farther Lights Circle have educated a Chinese young man, and are supporting a Chinese young lady, who will prepare as a native teacher. Have also given for other missions.

### **De Witt.**

Sends statistics. but no letter.

### **Durand.**

Were without a pastor first six months of associational year, but had supplies. In January Rev. E. J. Cross came to us from the Hancock Church. He is energetic and hopeful. Ladies' Aid holds a strong financial place in our church. Mission Circle is active, and Bible School gaining in numbers.

### **Laingsburg.**

Have been favored with a prosperous year. As a result of the Killgore meetings 54 persons have been added to the church.

### **Lansing.**

Through the efficient leadership of our pastor, we are advancing toward that which God would have us. Dr. Price believes most heartily in thorough organization, and through his exceptional executive ability, is leading us into broader fields of work and a more complete democracy. Have not experienced a great revival, but the growth is continuous. Two new organizations have come into existence in our church during the year, the Baptist Brotherhood and Baraca Glee Club, and more Deacons and Trustees have been added to meet the demands at the Washington Avenue Branch and the First Church.

### **Maple River.**

Just a remnant of the once strong church; were without preaching for several months. Rev. D. W. Cronkite held a series of meetings here which, we believe, will bring forth a spiritual harvest. Our Bible School is sustained.

### **Okemos.**

Sends statistics, but no letter.

### **Ovid.**

Our pastor, Rev. N. D. Potter, is to remain another year. As a result of special meetings last winter, 21 were baptized and received into the church. Increased attendance in Sunday School; good interest in Mission Circle, and Ladies' Aid has worked hard and been a great financial help.

### **Owosso.**

A great pleasure to welcome the Association to our church. Nine months of the past year without a pastor, but maintained Sunday services, Bible school and mid-week prayer meeting. Rev. Geo. Laughton began his pastorate with us in March, and the scattered threads are being gathered up. The Philathea and Baraca Class, recently established, is one of the best institutions of the church; mortgage on church reduced two thousand dollars; are looking forward to a year of vigorous work for God.

### **Owosso Immanuel.**

Our first greeting to the Association. Organized Sunday School August 9, 1908, and church with 18 members, October 7, 1908. Bro. Harry Richardson has been serving as pastor since our organization. Sunday School has more than doubled its membership. City gives us the use of a hall where all our services are held. A recog-

nition council was held May 24, 1909, and now, as a recongnized Baptist church, we seek admission into this Association.

#### **Perry.**

Has been a year of spiritual and financial progress. Bro. Van Dorn, by his strong presentation of the Word, has made us stronger in the faith. Services of the church well sustained. Hoping to do more for beneficence another year.

#### **Shepardsville.**

Rev. N. D. Potter, of Ovid, preaches for us every Sunday afternoon. Bro. Cronkite assisted Bro. Potter in meetings here last winter, and we feel that our souls were uplifted; have regular covenant meeting and a Sunday School has been organized.

#### **St. Johns.**

Have suffered loss by removal; all branches of church work in active condition; a brotherhood has been organized and sustains monthly meetings; joined with a sister church in special meetings, and several found the Saviour. Hope to remodel and rebuild our church; outlook is good.

#### **Vernon**

Union revival services were held in the winter with good results; prayer and covenant meetings sustained, and we have contributed to the different beneficent organizations.

#### **Webberville.**

We are trying to do our best for the Master. Have some very earnest workers, and should not be discouraged. We feel that our pastor, Rev. O. M. Thrasher, is putting forth every effort possible to help us. Our Sunday School has an excellent corps of officers and teachers and the success of the school is due largely to the faithfulness of our Superintendent.

#### **Williamston.**

All the organizations connected with the church have been maintained. We continue to lose our members by removal to other fields, but their withdrawal from us means active service for the Lord elsewhere.

## OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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**Moderator**—Rev. John McLean, Durand.  
**Clerk**—Rev. O. M. Thrasher, Williamston.  
**Treasurer**—Deacon Wellington White, Owosso.  
**Auditor**—Deacon Henry Phelps, Maple River.

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## OFFICERS OF WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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**President**—Mrs. Jas. Fisher, Corunna.  
**First Vice-President**—Mrs. C. J. Gale, Corunna.  
**Second Vice-President**—Mrs. I. W. Lamb, Perry.  
**Third Vice-President**—Mrs. Leonard, Durand.  
**Recording Secretary**—Mrs. Seymour, Webberville.  
**Corresponding Secretary**—Mrs. Hudson, Okemos.  
**Treasurer**—Mrs. Northrup, St. Johns.  
**Home Secretary**—Mrs. Frank Young, Lansing.  
**Foreign Secretary**—Mrs. A. K. Herrick, Lansing.  
**Farther Light's Secretary**—Mrs. N. D. Potter, Ovid.

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## PASTORS IN THE ASSOCIATION.

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A. M. Bailey .....	Bath	E. J. Cress .....	Durand
J. P. Baker .....	Vernon	F. L. Currey .....	Lansing
J. B. Huff .....	Laingsburg	Geo. Laughton .....	Owosso
Henry Morgan .....	Byron	G. S. Northrup .....	St. Johns
N. D. Potter .....	Ovid	O. J. Price .....	Lansing
Harry Richardson .....	Owosso	*O. M. Thrasher .....	Williamston
C. Van Dorn .....	Perry		
		*Resigned.	

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## MINISTERS, NOT PASTORS.

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L. Bower .....	Corunna	Jas. Fisher .....	Corunna
Geo. H. Hudson .....	Okemos	John McLean, .....	Durand
Wm. Putnam .....	Lansing		

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## LICENTIATES.

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W. E. Thorpe, Owosso.



## CONSTITUTION.

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Adopted in 1894.

**Article 1.** This Association shall be known as the "Shiawassee Baptist Association," and shall be composed of Baptist churches and every church shall be entitled to three delegates and an additional delegate for every fifty members.

**Article 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.

**Article 3.** The object of this Association shall be to gather information in regard to the state of churches, both as respects statistics and religion; to promote the Christian fellowship and to sustain the various benevolent objects connected with the promotion of Christ's kingdom.

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

**Article 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 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.

**Article 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.

**Article 7.** Churches giving satisfactory evidence of being sound in doctrine and sound in practice, may, on application, be admitted into the Association.

**Article 8.** This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, provided that motion of the proposed amendments has been given at the previous meeting.

## RULES OF ORDER.

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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:

1. The introductory service, Annual Sermon and organization.
2. The rules of order read.
3. Appointment of Committee on Ministration.
4. Invitations to visiting brothers to sit with us.
5. Applications for admission of churches received.
6. Annual Pastors' Conference.
7. Election of officers.
8. Annual Rally of Baptist Young Peoples' Union.
9. Sunday School Session.
10. Reading of letters.
11. Addresses by representatives of denominational, benevolent, educational and missionary organizations.
12. 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 majority of the members present.

VI. The following committees shall be appointed at each anniversary meeting; each committee to consist of three persons:

- 1.—A committee on nominations.
- 2.—A committee to provide program for next anniversary.
3. A committee on obituaries.
4. A committee on publication of minutes, of which the clerk and treasurer shall be members.
- 5.—A committee on resolutions.
- 6.—A committee on place and preacher of annual sermon for next Anniversary.
- 7.—An Ordination Committee, consisting of five brethren.
- 8.—A Commission on Systematic Beneficence, consisting of one person.

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

VII. 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.

# CONTRIBUTIONS

CHURCHES	EXPENSES							BENEVOLENCE												
	Maintaining Public Worship	Improvements	S. S. Expense	Young People's	Associational Minutes	State Conventions	Total Home Expense	Local Missions	State Missions	Home Missions—Church	Home Missions Women's Society	Foreign Missions—Church	Foreign Missions Women's Society	Publication Society and State S. S. Work—Church	Publication Society and State S. S. Work—Sunday School	Christian Education	Ministers' Aid Society	Other Objects	Total Benevolent Contributions	Grand Total Home Expense and Benevolent Contributions
Bath.....	57 00	115 00	12 00	.....	75	.....	184 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	1 50	.....	.....	60	.....	9 10	138 10
Bengal-Riley.....	150 84	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	151 59	6 45	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 45	159 04
Byron.....	566 00	28 72	30 98	5 50	1 00	1 00	631 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 43	668 63
Corunna.....	475 00	180 00	59 00	3 50	.....	.....	717 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44 30	751 80
DeWitt.....	54 43	.....	.....	.....	50	50	55 48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 25	66 68
Durand.....	391 94	94 05	60 00	.....	1 50	.....	561 49	5 00	9 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87 00	648 49
Laingsburg.....	100 00	100 00	30 00	30 00	1 00	1 00	562 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 50	593 12
Laingsburg.....	8520 00	15450 00	263 61	99 22	5 00	5 00	24342 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	789 70	25132 53
Maple River.....	40 62	.....	26 00	.....	50	.....	67 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 85	71 47
Okemos.....	974 29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1040 28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 75	8 75
Ovid.....	383 45	12 50	100 12	.....	3 00	3 00	497 41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	174 78	1215 06
Owosso Immanuel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	507 41
Owosso First.....	533 60	458 55	15 25	6 30	1 30	50	1104 91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 59	1144 50
Perry.....	137 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	138 25	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	178 25
Shepardsville.....	682 21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	704 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87 08	791 19
St Johns.....	640 50	8 75	32 60	6 15	1 00	1 00	687 40	5 00	11 00	8 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	154 00	841 40
Vernon.....	248 39	.....	30 00	1 55	2 00	2 00	279 59	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 60	304 19
Webberville.....	950 00	.....	66 00	.....	.....	.....	1026 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102 75	1128 75
Williamston.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	16235 77	16447 66	799 31	212 21	28 65	16 80	32751 11	50 45	309 65	220 12	314 85	121 50	212 30	54 75	74 02	98 62	59 92	147 55	1663 63	34410 36

Moderator—Rev. John McLean, Durand.  
Clerk—Rev. O. M. Thrasher, Williamston.

## CHURCH STATISTICS

Ass'n S. S. Sup't.—F. L. Currey, Lansing.  
Ass'n B. Y. P. U. Pres.—O. L. Shaw, Lansing.

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND YEAR OF SETTLEMENT	CLERKS	PROPERTY		MEMBERSHIP						Y. P. S.		SUPERINTENDENT AND P. O. ADDRESS	Officers and Teachers	Number of Scholars	Average Attendance	Number Baptized	
			Houses of Worship	Value of Houses of Worship	Value of Parsonages	Baptized	By Letter	By Letter and Restoration	Excluded and Died	Total Present Membership	B. Y. P. U.	Junior Organization						
Aurium	.04	1 Norton Blake	1	\$ 1200		1	2				22			2 Jos. Kingsley	10	60	25	8
Bath	.09	Mrs. H. Makley	1	1000	400						31			Mrs. L. Bolton	9	30	30	
Bergh-Riley	.59	G. S. Northrup	1	1500		1	2				25			4 R. H. Jennings	9	60	48	
Byron	.66	Minnie Bishop	1	3500	1200		2				72			J. Fred Smith	9	60	48	
Cheesaning	.78	Henry Morgan	1	2000	800						61							
Coahoma	.43	Mrs. S. E. Dresser	1	8000			1	5	2		64	36		A. W. Green	14	125	75	2
DeWitt	.40	Mrs. G. A. Hall	1	1000		3	6	1			25							
Durand	.85	Mrs. Kate Gehold	1	2000	1500		3	6	1		170			35 H. A. Dennis	12	65	50	
Lansburg	.84	E. J. Cross	1	2300	1800		54	3			105	30		H. E. Marsh	7	90	85	4
Lansing	.61	Mrs. Benjett	1	10000	8000		60	22	18	5	732	96		7 Glen W. Hartwell	41	511	271	18
Lansing	.51	O. J. Price	1	1500	800						19			C. Hutlett	8	16	30	
Maize River	.87	W. K. Walker	1	1800	800		2	1			27			E. Bromage	12	60	30	
Okemos	.60	N. D. Potter	1	9000	1500		21	1	1	1	321	100		Herbert Hawcroft	18	150	91	11
Ovid	.56	(rec.) Hugh Laughton	1	30000	3000		3	2	1	2	29			Herbert Hawcroft	16	175	75	3
Owosso	.08	Harry Richardson	1	1500			8	2	1	2	75	31		C. R. Hutchins	16	83	56	6
Perry	.85	Chas. Ewing	1	5000	1200		8	1	4	28	3			C. L. Goring	13	102	67	5
Pittsburg	.77	Mrs. C. H. Calkins	1	1800							16			Errion Osborne	14	75	45	
Shepardsville	.71	N. D. Potter	1	1500	350		8	5	2	19	1	30		Edward Weikison	9	35	35	
St. Johns	.52	G. S. Northrup	1	3000	1800		8	5	2	1	113	20		Mrs. Nettie Alphin	10	100	48	
Vernon	.45	J. P. Baker	1	3500	2500		3	1	1	1	38			Clayton Porter	10	100	48	
Webberville	.80	M. Thrasher	1	1500							123	30						
Williamston	.41	O. M. Thrasher	1	4000	1200		1	1	1	1	2							
Total			22	\$185100	\$25750	169	52	36	78	45	192805	343	35		204	1952	1051	57

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Mission, Lee: Superintendent, R. N. Porter, Williamston; Officers and Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30; Average Attendance, 20; S. S. Expense, \$12.00; Benevolent Contributions, \$2.00.  
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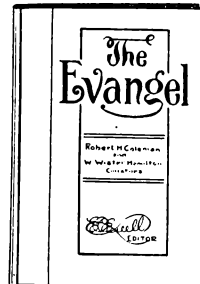
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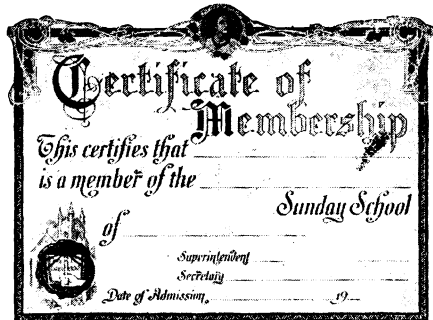
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