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Baptist Association

—HELD AT BYRON—

JUNE 3RD AND 4TH, 1874.

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**MINUTES**

OF THE

**THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY**

OF THE

**SHIAWASSEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,**

HELD WITH

**THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT BYRON,**

**JUNE 3RD AND 4TH, 1874.**

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## Rules of Order.

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I. In the absence of any of the officers of the Association, others shall be elected to fill their 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 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:

1st—The Introductory service and organization.

2d—The Rules of Order read.

3d—A Committee on Religious Services appointed.

4th—Letters from the Churches read.

5th—Applications for admission into the Association received.

6th—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 on Nominations, of three, which committee shall designate the place of the next Annual Meeting, the preacher of the Introductory Sermon, the writer of the Circular Letter, and the delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

7th—Communications from corresponding bodies received.

8th—Reports of committees called for.

9th—Miscellaneous business.

10th—Reading the Minutes of the Association.

XI. All churches neglecting to represent themselves to this body for two years in succession shall be visited by a committee chosen for that 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.

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## Standing Resolutions.

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*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay over all moneys that are 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.

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*Shiawassee Baptist Association.*

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**T**HE 35th Annual meeting of the Shiawassee Baptist Association met with the Baptist church at Byron, June 3d, 1874.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk.

Sung, "Rock of Ages," etc, after which a Committee on Religious Services was appointed, to whom was referred the nomination of officers.

Revs. T. H. Carey, J. McLeod and W. L. Farnum were appointed.

Rev. L. C. Pattengill read the Scriptures.

Prayer by Rev. J. McLeod.

Congregational singing.

Sermon by Rev. H. Pettit, from Matt. 6: 25—"Is not the life more than meat," etc.

A collection was then taken for general use of the State Convention, amounting to \$7.74.

Proceeded to the election of officers.

Rev. G. M. Reynolds was elected Moderator.

Rev. A. H. Parsons, Clerk.

Rev. D. Crosby, Corresponding Secretary.

Dea. J. Kanouse, Treasurer.

Visiting brethren invited to a seat.

Responded to by Rev. A. E. Mather, General Missionary; Rev. O. F. A. Spinning, State S. S. Missionary; Rev. C. F. Tolman, District Secretary; Rev. J. L. DeLand, East Saginaw; Rev. S. T. Grow, Flint River Association; Prof. C. Van Dorn, Fenton Seminary;

Rev. Wm. M. Bassett, Wayne Association; Rev. H. A. Rose, Grand River Association; H. F. Douglas, Flint River Association.

Rev. A. E. Mather, occupied twenty minutes presenting the claims of Home Missions in his usual earnest manner.

Rules of order were read.

Committee on Religious services report the order of business as seen in the following record.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. T. W. Merrill.

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### Afternoon Session.

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Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Deacons D. P. Austin, and P. Laing.

Letters from the churches read.

Committees appointed as follows:

*Committee on Circular Letter.*—Brethren L. C. Pattengill, H. Pettit, J. Kanouse.

*On Resolutions.*—Brethren D. Crosby, E. R. Clark, H. A. Rose, P. Laing.

*Digest of Letters.*—Brethren W. S. Everest, P. D. White.

*On Nominations.*—Brethren J. McLeod, J. Parmenter, E. Cook.

After singing, Prayer by Rev. W. White. Sermon by Rev. L. C. Pattengill, from Rev. 22: 9, "Worship God." Rev. C. F. Tolman then spoke ably and feelingly in the interest of Foreign Missions. After which the ladies repaired to the basement to listen to Brother Tolman, on Woman's Work.

Adjourned—Prayer by Rev. J. Martin.

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### Evening Session.

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Met 7:30. Sung, "Awake my soul in joyful lays," etc.

Prayer by Rev. E. R. Clark.

Reading the Scripture by Rev. W. L. Farnum.

Prayer by Rev. J. L. De Land.

Sung, "There is a fountain filled with blood" etc.

Sermon by Rev. D. Crosby, from 1. Thess. 5:10, and Acts, 7:59-60.

Prof. Van Dorn then presented the subject of Christian education in an interesting and able manner.

Adjourned—Prayer by Rev. D. B. Munger.

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### Morning Session.

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THURSDAY, June 4th.

Met 8:30 A. M. Devotional Exercises, led by Rev. H. Pettit.  
Report of committees.

Committee appointed last year on Benevolent Objects report. The report was accepted, but it being unavoidably incomplete, it was ordered not printed.

Committee on Resolutions report the following, read separately, and adopted :

*Resolved*, 1st. That we recommend to the members of our churches when necessary, to seek higher school advantages than those found in their own community, to patronize our own Kalamazoo College and Fenton Seminary.

2d. That in view of the great importance of the Sunday-school Work, and also the work of our Publication Society, we encourage by prayer and liberal contribution, our brethren, O. F. A. Spinning and F. G. Thearle, representatives of this Society; and that as churches and Sunday-schools we patronize its publications.

3d. That systematic Missionary contributions of money accompanied by earnest prayer, are the best of success, and we heartily commend to all the churches, the plan of regular quarterly contributions to Home and Foreign Missions, Bible and Publication Society, and Ministerial Education, also the fostering of Woman's Circles for each of these objects in every church.

4th. That the feeble churches and destitute places in our Association are objects of our sympathy and we earnestly recommend that each church and pastor undertake the work of supplying those within their reach with regular means of grace.

5th. That we thank God for the great blessings conferred on our State and Association, in the wonderful temperance revival, and that we recommend to our churches and pastors, the importance of earnest effort in aiding our self denying sisters in closing up all places where intoxicating liquors as a beverage can be obtained, and to train up the young, in temperance principles.

6th. That Brother Trowbridge's efforts to furnish a Baptist State paper has more than met our anticipations, and we recommend it to every family in the State.

7th. That we faithfully observe the week of prayer, and that Thursday

of said week be set apart as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, for the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our churches.

8th. That in view of the superior and intrinsic value of the Baptist Hymn Book we recommend it to our churches.

9th. That we recommend the Scriptures revised by the American Bible Union to all the churches of this Association.

10. That we tender our sincere thanks to the church and friends of Byron for the excellent hospitality during our visit with them and for their great pains in conveying us from and to the depot.

Committee on Circular Letter, report :

Have examined the Letter and recommend it be read and printed in the minutes. Report accepted and adopted.

Committee on Nominations report :

That the next annual meeting be held at Vernon. Introductory sermon by Rev. D. Crosby; Alternate, Rev. W. S. Everest and Rev. W. L. Farnum, write the Circular Letter, and that Rev. D. B. Munger and Deacons E. Comstock and ——— Wilkinson, be delegates to the State Convention. Report accepted and adopted.

Also, that the semi-annual meeting be held at Ovid, on Wednesday, the second day of December next. Introductory sermon by Rev. G. M. Reynolds. Accepted and adopted.

Committee appointed last year to visit the church at Vernon report :

Have visited the church and examined her records and find her proceedings in disciplinary acts, to accord in our judgment, with the teachings of Scripture and the usages of our denomination. The following resolution was passed.

*Resolved*, That a Programme of the exercises of the annual and semi-annual meetings be previously prepared, printed and circulated by the Committees on Exercises.

Recess of five minutes. After which prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. Bassett, and sermon preached by Rev. E. R. Clarke, from Matt. 27: 23; "Let Him be crucified." A collection was then taken up for the Sunday-school of the Byron church amounting to \$6.44. After remarks by Brother Carey and also by the Moderator and prayer by Brother J. H. Fairchild, adjourned to meet at 1:30 P. M., in Sunday-school convention.



## Afternoon Session.

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Met 1:30. Sung, "After toil cometh rest." Prayer by Brother Spinning. Introductory address by Rev. W. L. Farnum.

Report of Associational Sunday-school superintendent, read and adopted.

Address by Rev. D. B. Munger. After which listened to reports from Sunday-school superintendents, a summary of which is given in the table of Sunday-school statistics. After which sung, "Work for the night is coming" and Brother Spinning delivered an address.

These addresses were able earnest, and soul-stirring. The following are the officers elected.

Rev. A. H. Parsons, Associational Sunday-school superintendent, and R. D. Crawford of Owosso Sunday-school, and Dewey W. Cronkhite of Vernon Sunday-school, were designated as members of the Executive Board.

A children's meeting was held in the evening led by Brother Spinning.

Adjourned to meet at Vernon the first Wednesday in June 1875.

A. H. PARSONS, Clerk.  
G. M. REYNOLDS, Moderator.

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## SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

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The Semi-annual meeting of the Shiawassee Baptist Association met with the church at Lansing, Dec. 9th, 1873, and after a season of prayer, appointed Rev. J. McLeod Moderator, *pro. tem.* The following churches were represented:

Bengal and Riley, Byron, Dewitt, Lansing, Laingsburgh, Ovid, Owosso, Okemos and St. Johns.

The following visiting sister and brethren took seats with us:

Sister Scott, returned missionary; Rev. O. F. A. Spinning, State Sunday-school missionary, and Rev. C. F. Tolman, District Secretary.

The Chair appointed a committee on Religious Service, to whom was referred the nominating of an Associational Sunday-school Superintendent.

The hour for preaching having arrived, sung, "Rock of Ages."

Reading Scriptures and prayer, by Rev. H. Pettit.

Sermon by Rev. D. B. Munger, from Matt. 27: 42; 1st clause.

"He saved others Himself he cannot save."

Committee on religious service report:

That we meet at 1:30 for devotional exercises, then listen to Rev. O. F. A. Spinning.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother Robertson.

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### Afternoon Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

After a season of prayer, appointed Rev. A. H. Parsons Associational Sunday-school Superintendent, in place of G. M. Reynolds, resigned.

Brother Spinning then spoke in the interest of the Bible and Publication Society, and Sunday-schools, in his usual earnest manner.

After singing, retired to the basement, and let the sisters occupy the audience room, to listen to Mrs. Scott, while the brethren continued the discussion of the Sunday-school question by voluntary five minute speeches.

Returned to the audience room and adjourned to meet at 7 P. M. Prayer by Rev. T. H. Carey.

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### Evening Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Exercises commenced by singing.

Prayer by brethren West, Lyon, Munger and Pettit.

After singing "Stand on the Rock," Brother Spinning occupied a few moments speaking in the interest of Home Mission Work.

After which Brother Tolman spoke of the Foreign Mission Work, making an earnest appeal for sympathy and aid.

Sung the hymn, "The morning light is breaking."

After which, remarks were made by a few brethren, and sister Scott added great interest by relating incidents in her labors among the heathen in Assam.

Also brother Kose alluding to the departure of his brother to the foreign field.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M. Prayer by Brother Rose.

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### Morning Session.

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WEDNESDAY, Dec. 10, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Commenced by singing, "All hail the power of Jesus name."

Prayer was offered by brethren West and Carey.

Brother Tolman, after offering prayer, spoke further in the interest of Foreign Missions, and Brother Rose followed, also Brother Crosby and others, exhibiting increased interest in Foreign Missions.

Thus closed the session of this body, which was one of great profit to all present.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother Munger.

A. H. PARSONS, Clerk.

J. McLEOD, Moderator

## *Digest of Letters.*

**ANTRIM.**—Church in a feeble state. Ask to be remembered by the Association.

**BENGAL AND RILEY.**—Still a weak and feeble church. Schisms and divisions still exist. Ask prayers of the Association.

**BYRON.**—Welcome the Association to our sanctuary, to our hospitality and to our hearts. Have, during the past year finished this house of worship in which we meet. Congregations good. Sabbath-school prosperous.

**BATH.**—Yet alive. Had no pastor the past year, yet have made some progress. No special outpouring of the spirit.

**CORUNNA.**—Thankful to God for preserving mercy. Mourn a lack of zeal and glowing love. Have a good Sunday-school. Covenant meetings good.

**DEWITT.**—Church in unity. Held a few evening meetings after the week of prayer. God's people quickened and a few converted. Death has removed two mothers in Israel from us. Have visited the baptismal waters after a lapse of years.

**EMERSON.**—Cannot report as favorable as we could wish, but have received some tokens of God's favor.

**EMERSON CENTRE.**—Still maintain prayer and covenant meetings; yet the past year has not been a prosperous one for us.

**ITHACA.**—Have passed through difficulties and changes. Recognize a Father's guiding hand. No special revival interest to report. Have increased desire to consecrate all to the Master's service.

**LANSING.**—Report no special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, yet feel God has blessed us. Renew expression of attachment to the Association. Desire as a church to appreciate more fully our obligations to God and our privileges in Christ.

**LAINGSBURGH.**—Nothing interesting to communicate. Realize the responsibility for every one to stand in his place. We believe the blessings of heaven will yet be poured out upon us. Pray for us.

**MAPLE RIVER.**—Report no special revival. Observed the week of prayer. Had a series of pleasant and profitable meetings. Church celebrated with its pastor the termination of the first decade of his ordination. Mourn the death of our aged and much loved sister, wife of Deacon E. Cook.

NEWARK AND NEW HAVEN.—No special interest to report, yet trust we are making some progress.

OVID.—Are both cheered and encouraged. Covenant meetings well attended. Prayer meetings twice a week. Held a series of meetings and feel our state is better than one year ago. Sunday-school interest increasing. Are repairing our house of worship. Invite the Association to meet with us next year.

OWOSSO.—Council convened with us March 24th and, ordained our pastor, W. L. Farnum, to the work of the gospel ministry. We believe God's spirit is quickening and reviving us. Congregations increasing, calling for the enlargement of our house of worship.

OKEMOS.—Still striving to maintain our organization. Have an interesting Sabbath-school.

PERRY.—Report no special interest, yet peace and unity prevail. Our pastor, J. H. Fairchild, was ordained to the gospel ministry, May 28th, 1874. Religious interest improving.

ST. JOHNS.—Observed the week of prayer and held a series of meetings. A number converted, principally from the Sabbath-school. Peace, harmony, and a good degree of spirituality prevail. Have great reason to thank God and take courage.

SHEPARDVILLE.—Covenant meetings well attended. Religious interest good. Contemplate building a house of worship, soon.

VERNON.—The past year was one of shadows and sunshine. Believing that "all things work together for good" etc., pastor and people have reason to thank God and take courage.

## Circular Letter,

BRETHREN:—An old, and homely, but forcible adage bids us “strike while the iron is hot;” and the apostle commended his brethren for being “established in the *present* truth.” So, doubtless, there is now, and always, some interest and duty that is paramount, and which demands at our hands especial attention. Such, I think is measurably our relation to the great temperance issue and movement so apparent around us.

What is the duty of the Christians and of the churches of this Association with reference to the great evil of intemperance? The answer to this question, brethren, shall be the substance of this Annual Letter.

The evil of intemperance is often alluded to in the word of God, and the wickedness thereof is pointedly rebuked; and we are told therein, “that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God.” Drunkenness works in the soul a ruin so complete, that everlasting banishment from the presence of God and the glory of his power, is the sorrowful but inevitable fate of every besotted wreck of humanity.

But Christians are enjoined, by the same Word to pray and labor against every wicked error and practice that destroys the bodies, and ruins the souls of their fellows. Yea, we are taught to pray and labor that we and others be not led into temptation, but that we be delivered from evil. But the traffic in intoxicating drinks, and the use thereof, is full of temptation and evil; therefore every Christian must pray and fight against this giant sin and folly. We are bound, my brethren, by the very tenure of our religion to work with all our might and perseverance against the monster evil.

But how shall we best join our energies and our efforts with the temperance forces around and among us, and so make the most successful fight against the common foe? Brethren, this is my answer to this question viz:

1. In all our talk, and practice, and action, with reference to this matter of temperance, we must take the clean, clear, strong, safe ground of *total abstinence* and *total prohibition*. Let us be assured that there is no safe, sure, middle ground of licensed traffic or temperate use. It is all a miserable fallacy and a satanic deception.
2. As Christian pastors and preachers of righteousness, we must keep this subject properly prominent before our churches. Experience is showing in numerous instances that this can be done, and surely in the case of an evil so great, and a danger so insidious and ruinous, it cannot be more nor less

than duty to make our trumpets blow no infrequent or uncertain sound of warning and rebuke.

3. We must have, each of us, greater regard to the best way of disposing of our votes. Every man who receives a Christian citizen's vote should invariably be a declared and consistent friend of abstinence and prohibition. Why will we patronize and support men who are known enemies to temperance and virtue?

4. But above all things we must train and instruct our children, and every child in our reach, to a deep abhorrence of indulgence, in every form and any place. Absolutely this is our only hope of permanent success. Failure and vexation must forever attend the system which only seeks to reclaim the fallen, while it leaves the children and youth of the land to be caught in the snares, and trained in the ways of the mighty destroyer.

5. To accomplish this most desirable end—the raising up of a generation of abstainers and prohibitors—we should organize Temperance Societies in connection with all our Sunday-schools. This is by no means a difficult undertaking. Experience is here also demonstrating how easy, and how successful is this enterprise. Let every Sunday-school have its temperance society with its pledge, its officers, its work, its library, its singing books, its temperance periodicals its quarterly meetings, its concert exercises, its regular sermons or lectures, its essays, its select readings, its regular reports, its committee of solicitation, etc., and let this whole appliance be used to educate and fortify children and youth against rum, tobacco, swearing, and gaming, (inseparable evils) and if it does not, and cannot stay the ravages of the horrible monster and make success possible, real and permanent then we may, I think, as well abandon the field in despair, and give up our land and children to the crushing disaster of drunkenness and sin.

Brethren think of these things, pray for them, talk about them, work and fight for them. Your Master was ever engaged in works of blessing and mercy in behalf of suffering humanity. Will you be more like him? Then wherein can you better serve your day and generation than in wise and persistent efforts to save your kind from that greatest of earthly calamities—Intemperance.

Abstinetly Yours,  
G. M. REYNOLDS,  
Pastor, Maple River Baptist Church.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR AND CLERKS.	DELEGATES.	Increase			Diminution.			Money Raised.													
			Baptisms.	Letters.	Experiences.	Restorations.	Letters.	Exclusion.	Death.	Minutes.	Bible and Publication Society.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education & Other Objects.								
Alma.....	No Report.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Antrim.....	T. LOWDEN, Guernsey Hovey.....	Dea. T. R. Bennett, Milo Hovey.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Bengal & Riley.....	A. H. PARSONS, Hiram Sturgis.....	Rev. A. H. Parsons, D. Wilcox, Wm. Haskell, A. J. Cole, Pate and Sheldon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Byron.....	T. H. CAREY, F. B. Sheldon.....	A. J. Cole, Pate and Sheldon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Bath.....	H. Tooker.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Corunna.....	E. R. CLARK, Mrs. J. M. Gorham.....	Rev. E. R. Clark, Dea. H. Smith, N. Lyman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Emerson.....	E. A. Becker.....	H. R. Wilcox.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Emers'n Centre.....	L. C. PATTENGILL, J. N. Guthrie.....	Rev. A. H. Parsons, Dea. L. West, N. Irish, J. Grinold, W. C. Lancton, S. A. Lockwood.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
DeWitt.....	A. H. PARSONS, Mrs. Kate Grinold.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Gaines.....	No Report.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Ithaca.....	L. C. PATTENGILL, J. M. Everden.....	Rev. L. C. Pattengill, E. W. Mead, Harriet M. Mead.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Lansing.....	D. CROSBY, J. A. Crossman.....	Rev. D. Crosby, T. W. Merrill, J. Pierce.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Laingsburgh.....	J. McLEOD, F. Phelps.....	Rev. J. McLeod, H. Kenny, J. Pangburn.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Maple River.....	G. M. REYNOLDS, C. Filint.....	Rev. G. M. Reynolds, Dea. E. Cook, F. N. Waugh, R. Place, J. Alchin, W. D. Voorhies.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Newark & New Haven.....	W. S. EVEREST, S. Y. Dickinson.....	Rev. W. S. Everest, S. Y. Dickinson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Ovid.....	H. PETTIT, Z. H. Harrison.....	Rev. H. Pettit, Rev. Jno. Martin, Jno. Culver.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Owosso.....	W. L. FARNUM, E. E. White.....	Rev. W. L. Farnum, P. D. White.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Okemos.....	..... R. Morton.....	Dea. Chas. White, H. S. Proctor.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Perry.....	J. H. FAIRCHILD, H. A. Roberts.....	Rev. J. H. Fairchild, Dea. W. P. Laing, D. P. Austin, H. Purdy, H. A. Roberts.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
St. Johns.....	D. B. MUNGER, D. W. Sunderlin.....	Rev. D. B. Munger, R. Chapin, E. Bale, Sisters L. Andrews, H. Swegles.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Shepardsville.....	P. C. BASSETT, J. Wetter.....	Rev. P. C. Bassett, Thos. Sturgis, J. D. Gleason.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Williamstown.....	No Report.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Vernon.....	E. R. CLARK, C. A. Whelan.....	Rev. E. R. Clark, Dea. Yearkes, Brethren J. Parmenter, D. Cronkwhite, Owen and C. A. Whelan.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
			TOTALS.....	37	42	10	1	31	14	17	8	103	35	02	100	86	115	78	178	41	87	75

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.—Months designated for each object: For Home Missions, April, May, June; Foreign Missions, Oct., Nov., December; Bible and Publication Society, Jan., Feb., March; Ministerial Education and other objects, July, Aug., Sept.



## Names of Ministers

Residing or Laboring within the Association, with P. O. Address.

L. CHURCH.....	ALMA.
A. H. PARSONS.....	LANSING.
D. CROSBY.....	LANSING.
J. MCLEOD.....	LAINGSBURGH.
G. M. REYNOLDS.....	OWOSSO.
H. A. ROSE.....	ST. JOHNS.
T. W. MERRILL.....	LANSING.
J. MARTIN.....	OVID.
P. C. BASSETT.....	OVID.
J. H. FAIRCHILD.....	PERRY.
W. WHITE.....	LINDEN.
L. C. PATTENGILL.....	ITHACA.
W. L. FARNUM.....	OWOSSO.
T. H. CAREY.....	BYRON.
H. PETTIT.....	OVID.
J. SWEET.....	ITHACA.
W. S. EVEREST.....	NEW HAVEN CENTRE.
E. R. CLARKE.....	VERNON.
J. LYON.....	OWOSSO.
JAMES MONROE.....	EMERSON.

## Sunday-School Statistics.

SCHOOLS AND SUPERINTENDENTS.	DELEGATES.	Scholars	Officers and	Number over	Average	No. Baptized.	Vol. in Library.	Papers taken per	Contributions.	Money for post-
		Enrolled.	Teachers.	15 years.	Attendance.	.....	.....	Month.	.....	age and printing.
Byron, Wm. Haskell.....	A. J. Cole, J. Williams, Jr., T. B. Sheldon.....	100	12	60	70	1	100	60	\$ 36 00	cts. ....
Bath, H. H. Hawley.....	Jr., T. B. Sheldon.....	47	12	7	35	1	50	4	26 00	.....
DeWitt, Lyman West.....	Deacons L. West and J. Grinold.....	40	8	.....	.....	2	23	61	9 75	15
Emerson Centre, Spencer Monroe.....	J. Grinold.....	28	11	.....	15	.....	.....	52	5 50	.....
Gaines, G. F. Aldrich.....	.....	35	10	10	20	.....	100	30	25 00	.....
Ithaca, S. W. Ambler.....	.....	60	8	17	45	.....	40	60	10 00	.....
Laingsburgh, F. Phelps.....	J. and E. M. McLeod, J. and M. D. Pangburn.....	.....	7	.....	36	.....	100	84	.....	36
Lansing, J. A. Crossman.....	.....	141	16	60	48	1	.....	60	104 20	.....
Ovid, Rev. H. Pettit.....	.....	.....	12	.....	65	8	.....	65	5 04	.....
Okemos, A. L. Sturgis.....	S. C. Hulett, H. G. Proctor.....	80	15	25	50	.....	80	200	70 00	15
Owosso, R. D. Crawford.....	P. D. White, Anna and Eliza White.....	100	14	.....	70	3	.....	60	.....	.....
St. Johns, Rev. D. B. Munger.....	Rev. D. B. Munger, Mrs. H. Sweegles.....	163	19	.....	73	4	130	96	26 00	.....
Vernon, D. W. Cronkhite.....	Rev. E. R. Clark, D. Newburg, D. W. Cronkhite.....	.....	10	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	32 00	.....
<b>Totals.</b>		<b>794</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>448 99</b>	<b>66</b>

FORM OF  
**CONSTITUTION**

ADOPTED BY THE

## Shiawassee Baptist Association.

**ARTICLE 1.** This Organization shall be called the Sunday-School Department of the Baptist Association, and shall be auxiliary to the Michigan Baptist State 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 the 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 on 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 Presidents 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.

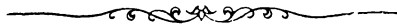
**ART. 11.** This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the members present





## Officers of the Association.

REV. G. M. REYNOLDS,.....MODERATOR.  
 REV. A. H. PARSONS,.....CLERK.  
 REV. D. CROSBY,.....CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.  
 DEA. J. KANOUSE,.....TREASURER.



## The Next Annual Meeting

*Of this body will be held with the Church  
 at Vernon, on the First Wednesday and  
 Thursday in June, 1875.*

### Introductory Sermon

By REV. D. CROSBY, or REV. W. S. EVEREST, Alternate.

