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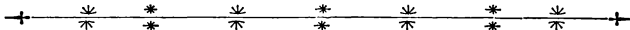
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—HELD WITH—

The Baptist Church, Byron, Mich.

JUNE 7th and 8th, 1888.

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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 the churches, both as it respects STATISTICS and RELIGION, to promote 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 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 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.

MINUTES.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 13, 1888.

THE Forty-ninth annual meeting of the Shiawassee Baptist Association, convened with the Byron Baptist church, at 10:30 A. M., June 7th, 1888.

Rev. J. E. Platt, Moderator of last year, called the Association to order.

Rev. M. H. Pettit read Luke 10.

Rev. S. Haskell D. D., Ann Arbor, offered prayer.

The Moderator named as Committee

ON NOMINATIONS—Rev. E. H. E. Jameson, D. D., Rev. J. Donnelly, Dea. G. R. Briggs.

Rev. H. P. Eldridge preached the annual sermon from Luke 10:2.

THEME: "The necessity of greater energy in the churches in sending forth laborers."

A collection was taken for the General Fund of the State Convention, which amounted to \$5.39.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the Convention, which invitation was accepted by:

Rev. S. Haskell, D. D., Ann Arbor; Rev. M. H. Pettitt, Howell; Rev. Edward Ellis, Detroit; E. A. Hough Esq., Jackson; Rev. J. E. Platt and Miss J. C. Platt, Kensington; Rev. G. W. Jenks and wife Brighton.

Letter from Byron church was read showing good work done, and containing words of welcome to the association.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following officers for the ensuing year who were duly elected:

MODERATOR—Rev. E. H. E. Jameson, D. D., Lansing.

CLERK—Rev. G. L. Conway, Okemos.

TREASURER—Reuben Crandall, Corunna.

AUDITOR—W. A. Losey, Ovid.

ASSO'L. S. S. SUPT.—Wm. M. Hoag, Lansing.

The newly elected Moderator then took the chair.

The history of the Byron church was read.

The Association adjourned after prayer by Rev. C. W. Dealtry.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association opened with singing and prayer by Rev. L. C. Kerr.

Committees were nominated as follows:

ON OBITUARIES.—Chas. Owen, C. W. Dealtry, E. M. Ney.

ON RESOLUTIONS.—J. Donnelly, H. P. Eldridge, J. J. Martin.

ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.—E. H. E. Jameson, D. D., G. L. Conway.

ON PLACE AND PEEACHER.—I. R. Spencer, W. P. Squires, R. H. Covert.

ON PROGRAMME.—H. P. Eldridge, C. W. Dealtry, L. C. Kerr.

The reading of the letters was then concluded, all reporting except Laingsburg and Chesaning.

Information was received of a church recently organized and recognized at Ashley.

Rev. J. Donnelly presented the interests of State Missions, Rev. J. McLean following with remarks on the same subject.

Woman's Meeting.

At 3:20 p. m. the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Societies, by invitation held their joint meeting with the Association.

Mrs. Owens President in the chair.

Devotional exercises.

Mrs. White, Secretary of Home Missions made a report.

A paper prepared by Mrs. Gibson was read by Mrs. Ladd.

Report of Foreign Missions, written by the Secretary, Miss Gertrude Jameson, was read by Miss Parsons.

A paper entitled "The Master hath need of thee," prepared by Miss Helen Manning, was read by Miss Celia Hawthorne.

Remarks by Mrs. Swegles.

A collection was taken for Women's Missions, amounting to \$8.69.

Meeting closed with the Doxology.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association was opened by a song and prayer service.

Rev. Dr. Haskell spoke on Foreign Missions.

Rev. Edward Ellis addressed the association in behalf of Home Missions.

Dr. Haskell also presented the Interests of Christian Education.

Singing by the choir.

Benediction by Rev. E. M. Blanchard.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises, led by Bro. J. W. Covey.

Committees reported, and reports adopted.

The association heard the report of the retiring Associational Sunday-school Superintendent, Rev. J. E. Platt; adopted.

A letter from the State Board of Corrections and Charities, was read by the Moderator.

Singing,

"Beautiful Valley of Eden."

The closing sermon was preached by Rev. A. Snider, who also urged the claims of the Ministers' Home, favoring the association with an original poem.

The Minutes of the several sessions were read, approved, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Rev. J. Donnelly, the Moderator was instructed to draw his order on the Treasurer in favor of the Clerk to pay the expenses for editing and printing the Minutes.

It was voted that the association adjourn to meet with the church at St. Johns at 2 P. M., Tuesday, June 6th, 1889.

The choir then sang,

“God be with you till we meet again.”

And the benediction was pronounced by Rev. G. W. Jenks.

Reports of Committees.

IST, ON PLACE AND PREACHER.

We would recommend that the next association be held at St. Johns, Rev. S. A. Cole to preach the opening sermon.

We also recommend as Director to the State Convention, Rev. E. M. Blanchard; Delegates, Rev. H. P. Eldridge, Rev. A. Snider; Rev. Chas. Owen.

I. R. SPENCER,
Chairman.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That while we do not wish to dictate a line of policy to our churches as to their benevolence, nevertheless we are of the opinion that every church however limited in resources, ought to contribute something toward our great missionary societies, remembering the Scriptural promise, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth,"

Resolved, That we approve of the plan of the State Mission Board, to raise at least twenty-five cents per member in our churches, so as to meet the pressing want of our mission churches and we will endeavor to do our part toward securing this amount.

Resolved, That the claims of the Home Mission Society and the "Missionary Union" were never greater than at the present time and their friends were never more encouraged by the frequent conversions to Christ at home and abroad than at the present time.

Resolved, That the maintenance and enlargement of our college, and preparatory education at Kalamazoo, are indispensable in securing the conversion, consecration and training of the generations of our people and the supply of our quota for the Lord's work on the earth.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the church at Byron for the very generous hospitality tendered our delegates at this annual meeting.

Resolved, That we congratulate the "Baptist Ministers' Aid Society" on having nearly completed the "Home" at Fenton, and we cordially commend the wants of this society to the generosity of all our members.

Resolved, That the liquor traffic is one of the greatest obstacles to the evangelization of our country, and that as christian churches our attitude toward it should be one of uncompromising hostility and suppression.

Rev. Charles Owen offered the following:

Resolved, That we can but feel devoutly thankful that such prominent attention has of late years been given to the subject of Social Purity. We therefore urge upon the churches the importance of establishing White Cross Leagues and Mothers' Associations in connection with this movement, so that its literature may be disseminated and the objects of the society be promoted.

Rev. J. Donnelly offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

We are of the opinion that the interests of the Association would be promoted if the Sunday-school Work should be presented under the auspices of this body, as our Missionary Work is now done, and other benevolent objects; therefore,

Resolved, That before our next annual meeting the Programme Committee communicate with our Sunday-school Associational Superintendent and, if deemed best, arrange for one or two sessions in the interests of Sunday-school Work.

OBITUARIES.

In presenting the obituary notices for the year just concluded, we are once again reminded of the fact, that "death is indeed common to us all," and that our call must soon come; therefore should every member of the Associated churches be full of earnest consecration to "work while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work."

Whilst we would desire to extend to those who have tasted the bitter cup of bereavement our truest christian sympathy, and fellowship in the gospel, we would remind them that He is "at hand" at whose coming "the dead in Christ shall rise, and we be caught up together with them, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

BATH records the death of one sister, Phœbe Conklin, who passed away in March, aged 50.

BENGAL AND RILEY one.

BYRON one.

CORUNNA laments the loss of Bro. Moses Allen, aged 56, who as he passed away rejoiced in his prospect of his mansion above. He found strong consolation in the gospel and blessed assurance in the promises of the Scriptures; Sister Durham who died at the age of 76. As a follower of her Savior her influence was great; Sister Amanda Rhodes, aged 21.

LANSING, The church reports five deaths during the year, viz: Mrs. Ella C. Longyear, Mr. F. M. Standish, Mrs. Amanda Bates, Miss Jane Lapham, and Rev. A. H. Parsons. Mrs. Longyear was young and gifted and delighted in Christian work. She passed away rejoicingly to the presence of her Savior.

Rev. A. H. Parsons was well known as a faithful minister of the Gospel. As a clerk of the Association and superintendent of Sunday-school work he was also faithful and efficient.

He entered into his rest in the springtime and is no doubt participating in the joy of his Lord.

OWOSSO, Sister Anna McDonald, July, '87 aged 18. Sister Elizabeth Howell, August, aged 81. Bro. I. A. Thompson, April, aged 57.

OVID, Bro. Cheney Stone died February. Sister Mary Brown died in March. Sister Florilla Andrews died in February. Sister Margaret Master died in December.

PERRY, Dea. I. Whitford, a constituent member, died in Sept. '87 aged 84; is spoken of as being "faithful in his walk, an earnest, consistent member of the church, and a loyal Baptist."

ST. JOHNS, Sister Jane Harris died Sept. '87.

SHEPARDVILLE, The church sorrow over the loss of two of their members.

WEBBEVILLE, Sister Charlotte Allohin, wife of Dea. Allohin, one of the constituent members of the church. She died in February.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Antrim.—Enjoy the ministry of Rev. S. A. Cole. Congregations good and improving. Good Sunday-school maintained.

Ashley.—[Subsequent to the meeting of the Association a letter was received from G. E. Beardslee, giving information that a church had been organized at this place with eight members, and a Sunday-school is sustained with an average of 45. A weekly prayer meeting is kept up.—CLEBK.]

Bath.—During the year Rev. A. R. Hicks relinquished the pastorate and for a time the church was without a pastor. In April, Rev. J. J. Martin was secured and is now faithfully leading and teaching us. Eight have been baptized since the last report and the net gain is five.

Bengal and Riley.—Report a growing interest in the church, both in regard to the Sabbath-school and the spiritual zeal of our members. Rev. M. L. Marvin closed his labors the first Sabbath in March and Rev. C. W. Dealtry began his work as pastor April 8th. Membership the same as last year.

Byron.—Gives a hearty welcome to the Association. Not made as much progress spiritually as we desired, but there are some reasons for congratulation. Our membership has increased from sixty-seven to seventy-six. Our present pastor, S. A. Cole, has endeared himself to all, and is working faithfully and efficiently. Have raised and expended \$200 for improvements.

Chesaning.—No letter sent.

Corunna.—Since Pastor Spencer came to us we have increased 17 in number and have also gained spiritually. Mourn the loss of Bro. Moses Allen and Sisters Durham and Rhodes. Our present number is 44. Our Sunday-school is the hope of the church.

De Witt.—During the year we were supplied by Rev. R. H. Covert and Rev. M. L. Marvin, until our present pastor, Rev. J. J. Martin, came to us. The church has experienced refreshings from on high, and a spirit of helpfulness prevails. Eight have been added by baptism.

Durand.—Reports progress. Special revival services were held by Rev. R. H. Covert and later by Mr. Nelson Williams. A good Sunday-school is sustained and the weekly prayer service is well attended. The church has attained a membership of 31.

Lainingsburg.—Church not represented by delegates at the Association but reported by letter. No settled pastor and no preaching.

Lansing.—While the church cannot report a marked degree of spirituality, it has reason to be grateful for many blessings. The past year was one of financial prosperity, and progress was made in various directions. The Sunday-school is larger than ever, and several members of the school have been baptized.

Maple River.—Rev. A. Snider is still our pastor and is preaching the Gospel in purity and plainness. Revival meetings were held in January and subsequently in two places which resulted in some conversions. Our number has increased and the church has been strengthened.

Morrice.—Sorry that we cannot report progress. Have sustained covenant meetings a part of the time, but have no place to meet in except private houses. Obligated to hold union services on Sunday with other denominations. We are determined to maintain our visibility, and ask prayers from our sister churches.

Okemos.—Endeavoring to maintain a church according to the New Testament pattern. Have enjoyed the faithful preaching of the Gospel by Rev. Geo. L. Conway during the past year. Congregations large and increasing. Sunday school is in a flourishing condition. By the efforts of the ladies' society the house of worship has been neatly decorated and carpeted and seats have been cushioned. Have reduced indebtedness on our parsonage and paid church expenses.

Ovid.—Have cause for both grief and joy. During the winter months enjoyed a precious refreshing, and some souls were saved. Five of our members, however, have been called away from us and from their earthly labors. All our meetings are well attended and the faithful preaching of our pastor is greatly enjoyed. The Sunday-school is large and efficient.

Owosso.—Beyond our statistics nothing of importance to report. A few have put on Christ by baptism. All of our meetings are well sustained and our members seem willing to engage in every good work.

Perry.—Mourn the loss of Dea. J. Whitford who died in the full triumphs of faith. Rev. J. E. Platt, for some time our faithful pastor, resigned in February and was succeeded in April by Rev. W. P. Squires, of Indiana. Our work is prospering and meetings well attended.

Pittsburg.—Rev. Wm. P. Squires has been called as pastor in connection with his work at Perry. Preaching every alternate Sabbath. We are working in a union Sunday-school.

Shepardsville.—Without a pastor most of the year. Recently Rev. L. C. Kerr settled among us and is, under God, doing a good work. Have a good Sunday-school and the church is hopeful.

St. Johns.—Past year one of mingled trial and blessing. Rev. M. L. Marvin resigned the pastorate and for a time we had no regular preaching. In April, Rev. C. W. Dealtry came to us and is doing a faithful work. Congregations good and prayer meetings and Sunday-school interesting. Much reason for encouragement.

Vernon.—We rejoice in the many blessings God has vouchsafed to us. Enjoy great peace and a good degree of prosperity. During the winter Bro. Lyon, the evangelist, visited us and God blessed his labors to the conversion of several souls. Have good congregations and a flourishing Sunday-school. Rev. Charles Owen is still our beloved and efficient pastor. Eleven added by baptism.

Webberville.—Have preaching each Sabbath afternoon by our pastor, Rev. E. M. Blanchard. Mourn the loss of Sister Charlotte Allohin, one of the constituent members. Evangelist Lyon held a series of meetings in April with good results. Have much reason to be encouraged.

Williamston.—Since our last report Rev. E. M. Blanchard has settled with us as pastor, Rev. Wm. Remington, who labored with us for two years, having closed his pastorate in October. Have good congregations and the Sunday-school is increasing in numbers. Enjoyed a season of refreshing during the spring and several conversions took place. Ten have been added by baptism and four by experience.

History of Baptist Church of Byron, Mich.

The First Baptist church of Burns township, Mich., was organized in 1838, at the home of Diaz Rathbun, with twelve members as follows: Dea. Ramah Cole and wife, Henry Wilson and wife, Ezra Sanford and wife, Michael Thatcher and wife, John Barnum and wife. From the fruits of a series of meetings conducted by Revs. Barnes and Eldridge in a log house near the home of Noah Joslyn, nine others were soon added as follows: Jacob Kanouse, Agnes Kanouse, Abijah Barnum, Mary Barnum, Jane Barnum, James Batchford, Richard Baird, Elsie Baird and Jane Duncan. This church existed for a few years; but being weakened by deaths and removals, was disbanded.

About 1848, a revival occurred under the labors of Rev. Wm. Pack, out of which a church was organized, called the First Baptist church of Burns, with about 40 members. It prospered for a few years, but death, removals and other causes soon brought about another disbandment. But like a fountain opened from living sources on the mountain side, sometimes to sink from sight in the desert sands, but still pushing on to break out with greater volume far onward, so in some respects it was in the experience of our church. For though the visible life of the church had ceased, yet it lived on still in the hearts of a few who stood true to the faith, and from a few scattered believers was formed about 1867, the Cohootah and Burns Baptist church at the Green school house near the home of Dea. Kanouse, and from there after a few years, hoping for greater usefulness, was transferred to Byron village and called the First Baptist church of Byron.

The names of those who have been its pastors, or have served as supply, with the time of their service we find from records to be as follows: Pastors of the first organization of 1838, Revs. Barnes, Eldridge and Brigham; of the second organization, 1848, Revs. Wm. Pack and White; of the one of 1867, at the Green school house, Rev. White two years, then Rev. G. W. Jenks became pastor and during his pastorate which was about three years, in 1870 the church was transferred to Byron. At Byron, following Rev. Jenks, Rev. Wood served six months, then Rev. T. H. Cary from Dec. 16, 1871, to Jan. 16, 1876; Rev. M. H. Dewitt from June 3, 1876, to Aug. 31, 1878; Rev. J. E. Wenman from Oct. 5, 1878, to July 13, 1879; Rev. W. R. Northrop from May 1, 1880, to Sept. 4th, same year; Rev. M. H. Dewitt began his second pastorate Dec. 4, 1880, and served to April 4, 1882; Rev. Isaac Horton from May 6, 1882, to Sept. 6, 1884; Rev. H. B. Brayton, principal of Fenton Seminary, as supply from Sept. 1884, to Sept. 1886; Rev. A. Day from Oct. 31, 1886, to Nov. 1887; Rev. S. A. Cole, Dec. 7, 1887, who remains our present pastor.

Our church building was erected during the pastorate of Rev. T. H. Cary and by the self-sacrificing payment of money and personal hard work of the members and friends of the church, is paid for.

Of the constituent members of the first organization but two remain. Of the last also the most are fallen asleep, only eight remain unto this present, one of them is Sister Eliza Shelton now passing home. We are warned that like a river hastening to the sea, our years are hurrying by. Of the 188 who have been members at some time during the twenty-one years

since its last organization 74 remain, making by the late addition of ten to our members the church larger in numbers than at any other time in its history.

The following have worthily served the church as clerks: Of the first organization, Henry Wiltse and J. Kanouse; of the second, S. K. Swick; for the third, Thomas Shelton, Judson Cole, Frank Shelton and J. S. Smith, the last our present clerk.

Of the deacons of the church, those honored officials, and the pastors' right hand supports, too much can scarcely be said in their praise. Dea. Wiltse and Haskell of sainted memory; Dea. J. Kanouse who for about 52 years has carried it in his heart; and Dea. Sherman who from the time of his appointment until the present has used the office of a deacon well. Both are crowned in the beauty of the grey head, in God's grace and in the church's love and honor. May the Lord permit them to tarry many years longer. We have sent one of our number to be a minister, Rev. Sidney Davis.

As a church we have not desired to be self-centred, but have in some fair degree sought to know the Master's meaning when he said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature;" and have done somewhat of the Master's work in aid of missions.

Our Sunday-school dates from our hall meetings in the village here and we hold its welfare and outlook for the future with growing interest.

As we read back to our first organization in 1838, and note how the church has twice gone down into the valley so low as for the time to be lost from sight, and emerged on the side of progress, as we see how God has led us, it stands as a command from Christ never to be discouraged hereafter; and to greet you with heartier thanks for your presence, as you chance to be with us the 50th year from 1838.

Many and hallowed are the memories that cluster in the history of a christian church. Reaching back along the pathway of the years, it repeats visions of the past, faces that have been lost from sight among the living for lo these many years. Those first meetings in the log house homes of the early settlers; the school-house meetings and removals, as in our history, until established here, as we have been for the last twenty-one years, and have gathered in harmonious worship, a christian people.

We speak of writing a church's history. No pen controlled by human hand, ever wrote a church's history. Few in numbers, and weak in wealth, though the church may be, words have been spoken by faithful pastors and earnest believers, which have uplifted souls to God, enlisted careless ones to Christ-like endeavor and noble lives, streams of blessings started from the church which have glorified Christ and heaven has treasured, but of which the christian servant on earth shall never know, while they continue here to flow far and wide and forevermore.

Sunday-School Department.

The Sunday-school Department of the Shiawassee Baptist Association met for institute work at Byron on Wednesday, June 6th, at 11 o'clock A. M., preceding the annual meeting of the Association, Rev. J. E. Platt, Associational Superintendent, in charge. After devotional exercises, the remainder of the morning was spent in conference.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. L. C. Kerr led the devotional exercises.

The first paper: "What the Sunday-school Should Do for a Community," was presented by Dea. Wm. M. Hoag of Lansing. Discussion followed.

Rev. E. M. Blanchard of Williamston led in the discussion of the topic: "Influence of Song in the Sunday-school." After singing by the choir, discussion of the above topic followed.

Rev. A. Snider gave an address on the topic: "The Literature of the Sunday-school; What it Should Be." Followed by discussion.

Rev. R. H. Covert offered the following resolution:

Realizing the necessity of maintaining our distinct denominational tenets, and presenting to the world the unadulterated Word of God,
Resolved, That we protest against the use of any undenominational literature in our Sunday-schools, but would earnestly recommend to the Sunday-schools of this Association the use of the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society.

After some discussion the resolution was adopted unanimously.

After singing No. 235 of Gospel Songs, Rev. I. Horton of Parshallville presented a paper entitled: "The Relation of the Sunday-school to the Temperance Cause."

Rev. E. M. Blanchard gave a talk on the topic: "Our Profits."

The session closed by singing,

"Let the Lower Lights be Burning."

Benediction by Rev. C. W. Dealtry.

EVENING SESSION.

Praise service by Supt. Platt. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Haskell.

The topic: "The King's Little Ones," was presented in a forcible manner by Mrs. Charles Owen of Vernon.

Rev. M. H. Pettit of Howell delivered an interesting address on "The Human Element in Inspiration."

Closed by singing and prayer.

MORNING SESSION.

BYRON, JUNE 7TH.

Devotional exercises led by Rev. J. McLean.

The Associational Superintendent made his annual report.

E. A. Hough, Esq., of Jackson, President of the State Sunday-school Board, delivered an impressive address on "The Field and its Needs."

Rev. E. H. E. Jameson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That our sincere thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Rev. J. E. Platt for the able and effective manner in which he has discharged the duties of Associational Superintendent during the past two years, and we pray God to bless him in the field of labor to which he has been called.

Bro. Hough followed in a prayer of consecration.

The Institute closed with the benediction by Rev. M. H. Pettit.

Woman's Home Mission Society of Michigan.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF SECRETARIES.	No. of Women in Society.	Am't sent to State Treasury.	Am't for other H. M. Work.	Value of Goods.
Bath	Miss Mary Gage	8	\$2 60		
Bengal and Riley	Mrs. W. A. Sutton (P. O. St. Johns)				
De Witt	Mrs. D. P. Goodsell	15	10 00		\$4 00
Lansing	Mrs. J. J. Sherman	30	23 37		
Maple River	Mrs. Carrie Waugh	20		4 30	6 00
Morrice	Mrs. S. M. Ormsby	11	6 00		
Okemos	Mrs. S. C. Hulett	7	2 00		3 00
Ovid	Mrs. J. Thomas	21	13 50		
Owosso	Mrs. W. White	37	29 00		29 20
Perry			1 00		
St. Johns	Mrs. J. Kelley	10	5 00	10 00	
Vernon	Miss Emeline Yerkes	15	4 75		38 20
Williamston	Mrs. S. M. Bowerman		2 50		
BANDS.					
Lansing T. B.	Miss Florence Humphrey	18	8 85		
Lansing Golden Link	Miss Mina Cook	14	3 50		
Ovid	Miss Kitty Vaughn	26	12 00	2 00	
Owosso T. B.	Miss Gertie Galusha		3 00		
Perry	Miss Inez Austin	9	6 55		
St. Johns Children's B.	Miss Addie Cronkite		1 00		
Vernon T. B.	Miss Nellie Wilkinson	24	2 50		
Vernon Children's	Frankie Patterson	18			4 25
Association			8 49		
Okemos, Mrs. Young			10 00		
Total			\$155 01	\$16 30	\$84 66

Women's Mission Societies.

BYRON, MICH., June 7, '88.

Woman's meeting in connection with the Shiawassee Baptist Association:

The President, Mrs. Owen, in the chair.

After prayer and singing Mrs. W. White, Secretary of the Home Mission Society, read her report. A paper on State Missions, by Mrs. Gibson, was read by Mrs. Ladd. Report of Secretary of Foreign Missions, Miss Gertrude Jameson. A paper entitled, "The Master Hath Need of Thee," prepared by Miss Helen Manning, was read by Miss Celia Hawthorne. After some words of timely exhortation by Mrs. Swegles, and taking of collection, meeting closed with Doxology.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. Charles Owen of Vernon.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT—Mrs. W. P. Squires, Perry.

SECOND—Mrs. C. P. Austin, Owosso.

THIRD—Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, Williamston.

CORRESPONDING SEC.—Miss V. V. Potter, Lansing.

RECORDING SEC.—Miss Mary Z. Parsons, Lansing.

ASSOCIATIONAL SEC.—For Home Missions, Mrs. W. White, Owosso.

ASSOCIATIONAL SEC.—For Foreign Missions, Miss Gertrude Jameson, Lansing.

	No. Mem.	Contributions.
Association,		3 45
Bath,	8	4 70
DeWitt,	15	8 74
Lansing,	31	30 00
Ovid,	23	7 50
Okemos,		1 00
Owosso,	27	40 45
Perry,	14	15 75
Pittsburg,	3	3 00
Morrice,	11	3 00
St. Johns,	12	13 19
Shepardsville,		1 25
Vernon,	6	10 50
Williamston,	9	5 00
Lansing Temple Builders,	14	8 83
Lansing Golden Link,	12	4 00
Vernon Temple Builders,		2 50
Total	185	\$162 86

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	PASTORS AND DELEGATES.	INCREASED BY				DIMINISHED BY				Present Number.	Money for Minutes.
			Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Exposure.	Death.		
Antrim	H. W. Clough	Rev. S. A. Cole	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	35	75
Bald	H. Tucker	J. J. Martin, Brothers Mackley and Wilhelm	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	22	1.00
Bengal and Riley	J. Benton	S. A. Cole, Dea. J. Kanoune, Sister Barnum	8	3	3	1	2	6	1	2	47	1.50
Byron	J. S. Smith	S. A. Cole, Dea. J. Kanoune, Sister Barnum	8	3	3	1	2	6	1	2	47	1.50
Chesaning	Mrs. A. S. Burrows	I. R. Spencer, Bro. Grandall and Ausch	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	42	60
Coruna	Mrs. C. J. Gale	J. J. Martin, Dea. J. Arnold and wife	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	43	1.50
De Witt	Mrs. Kate Grinnold	Dea. J. Jones and wife, Dea. S. E. Dean and wife	3	12	1	1	2	1	1	1	31	75
Duraud	Mrs. C. Herriman	Dea. J. Jones and wife, Dea. S. E. Dean and wife	3	12	1	1	2	1	1	1	31	75
Lansburg	J. Satterlee	E. H. E. Jansson, D. D., Dea. J. St. Johns, J. W. Covey, Dea. Wm. A. Hoag, Sister Mary Farnas, V. V. Potter and Celia Hawthorne	9	19	1	1	8	2	5	250	4.00	
Maple River	C. Flint	A. Sneider, Sister Mary Farnas, V. V. Potter and Celia Hawthorne	9	19	1	1	8	2	5	250	4.00	
Morris	A. P. Satterby	No Pastor, Dea. H. Purdy	8	6	1	1	6	1	1	16	1.00	
Omnos	Wm. Cole	G. J. O'Brien	8	6	1	1	6	1	1	16	1.00	
Ovid	G. C. Stanton	H. P. Eldridge, Dea. Richardson and wife, Dea. Losey and wife, G. D. J. Deady	11	3	2	2	6	6	5	265	3.00	
Owosso	W. White	J. Deady, J. R. White, J. B. Petty, F. Thomson	10	16	1	1	15	3	3	271	3.00	
Perry	H. A. Roberts	Wm. P. Squires, Dea. W. Lag and wife, Dea. G. H. Calkins and wife, Sisters Dold, Barnum, Austin and Worten	3	3	1	1	6	2	1	94	1.00	
Pittsburg	J. B. Raymond	Wm. P. Squires, J. B. Raymond and wife	3	3	1	1	6	2	1	18	55	
Shepherdsville	J. W. Walter	I. C. Kerr	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	39	1.00	
St. Johns	Celia C. Smith	C. W. Deatry, Rev. R. H. Covert, Dea. L. Hoffman and Elmer Albertson, Sisters Svegles and Lyon	11	3	2	2	6	3	1	77	1.50	
Vernon	Chas. A. Whelan	Chas. Owen, Rev. J. McLean, J. Parmenter, Dea. Zerkes	11	4	4	1	3	1	1	141	2.25	
Weberville	S. S. Rhoads	F. M. Blanchard, Dea. E. Alphin, J. Monroe	5	5	1	1	2	2	1	55	1.00	
Williamston	Geo. E. Walker	E. M. Blanchard, Rev. E. N. Ney, Dea. Geo. E. Walker	12	1	4	4	7	7	7	69	1.50	
Total			90	80	26	2	79	14	11	24	1751	27.55

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

	Value of Church Property.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	A. M. Baptist Publication Society.	Christian Education.	Other Missionary Objects.	Church Expenses.	Permanent Improvements.	Convention Minutes.	Total.
Antrim.....											
Bath.....	1000 00	3 00			3 00			100 00		17	106 17
Bengal and Riley.....											
Byron.....	3000 00			7 00	13 94			375 00	200 00		595 94
Chesaning.....											
Corunna.....	3000 00							359 00			359 15
Dewitt.....	1000 00	8 84	10 94	6 00				170 10			195 88
Durand.....	2700 00			2 75				167 30	42 00	25	212 30
Laingsburg.....											
Lansing.....	15000 00	55 71	70 74	52 70		22 86	39 00	1975 78		4 00	2170 79
Maple River.....	3000 00	2 00		5 00	8 40	5 00	13 40	178 00		1 00	212 80
Morrice.....			7 75	50			6 50				15 75
Okemos.....	3000 00							450 00	190 00	35	640 35
Ovid.....	8000 00	55 55	23 72	60 00	62 20	12 00	3 50	1268 49	40 83	5 00	1531 29
Owosso.....	15000 00	62 21	72 05	69 69	32 42	56 00	88 55	1871 70	78 29	5 00	2335 91
Perry.....		20 10	7 55				13 11	431 40	5 00	1 75	478 91
Pittsburg.....	2500 00							119 00	100 00	25	219 25
Shepherdsville.....		5 10									
St. Johns.....	3300 00	41 26	19 15	14 50	1 45	6 00				2 00	83 36
Vernon.....	5000 00	20 00		31 20		15 00	51 00	700 00		2 25	869 45
Webberville.....	1200 00	3 00	1 75	15 00	5 00			298 75		1 00	323 50
Williamston.....	3500 00	4 18	5 68	14 00		3 50		887 00		1 00	915 36
Total.....	70200 00	280 95	220 33	278 34	126 41	120 36	215 06	9501 67	656 12	23 02	11266 16

RULES OF ORDER.

- I. In the absence of any of the officers of the Association, others shall be elected to fill in 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 directions 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 to 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 monies that are in or may come into his hands to the several agents to whom said money belongs, and take a receipt therefor.
- RESOLVED,** 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.

Rev. E. H. E. Jameson, D.D., MODERATOR.....Lansing.
 Rev Geo. L. Conway,.....CLERK..... Okemos.
 Reuben Crandall, Esq.....TREASURER..... Corunna.
 W. A. Losey, Esq.....AUDITOR..... Ovid.
 Dea. Wm. M. Hoag.....ASSOC'L S. S SUP'T.....Lansing.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

PASTORS

J. J. Martin..... Bath.
 S. A. Cole.....Byron.
 I. R. Spencer.....Corunna.
 E. H. E. Jameson, D. D.....Lansing.
 A. Snider..... Maple Rapids.
 G. L. Conway..... Okemos.
 H. P. Eldridge..... Ovid.
 J. Donnelly, D. D,Owosso.
 W. P. Squires.....Perry.
 C. W. Dealtry.....St. Johns.
 Chas. Owens.....Vernon.
 E. M. Blanchard..... Williamston.
 Rev. L. C. Kerr. Shepardsville.

MINISTERS.

R. H. Covert, (Evangelist).....St. Johns.
 E. M. Ney Williamston.
 J. W. Covey, (Evangelist).....Lansing.
 A. B. KinneLansing.
 John McLean, Gen'l Missionary.....Vernon.