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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

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The Shiawassee



Baptist Association

—HELD WITH THE—

BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. JOHNS, MICH.

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CONSTITUTION.

ADOPTED IN 1878.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the Shiawassee Baptist Association, and shall be composed of Baptist Churches in fellowship with the denomination, and each church shall be entitled to three delegates, and an additional delegate for every fifty members.

ART. 2 This Association has no power as a LEGISLATIVE body, but as an INDEPENDENT body has power to govern itself, and disclaims all interference with the particular discipline of individual churches. Yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any church in our connection.

ART. 3 The objects of this Association shall be to gather information in regard to the state of the churches, both as 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 this Association shall be the Treasurer of this body.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

TUESDAY, June 4th, 1889.

The Sunday School Department of the Shiawassee Baptist Association, held its Annual Institute in the Baptist Church, at St. Johns, on Tuesday, June 4th. The meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock, p. m., by Rev. E. H. E. Jameson, Moderator of the Association, who, under the Constitution, is President of the Sunday School Department.

A half hour was pleasantly spent in song and prayer.

In the absence of the clerk, Mr. J. E. Littell of St. Johns, was appointed to keep a minute of the proceedings.

Dea. Wm. M. Hoag of Lansing, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, made his annual report. Verbal reports were also made by Superintendents of the various schools represented, and a general conference on Sunday School work ensued.

At 3 o'clock the Moderator announced that the regular Institute work would be taken up and conducted throughout by the Associational Superintendent, Dea. Wm. M. Hoag.

As the speaker assigned to lead in the discussion of the first topic was not present, Rev. S. A. Cole of Byron, presented an excellent paper on "Definite Aim in Sunday School Work." Discussion followed. After singing, in the absence of Rev. E. M. Blanchard, the question "How Teachers May be Helped and Better Equipped," was opened by Bro. J. E. Littell, superintendent at St. Johns, and followed by Bro. Outwater, of Portland, and others.

The discussion of the topic: "Practical Temperance; How to Teach it and Secure it," was opened by Rev. R. H. Covert, and followed by Rev. S. A. Cole, Dr. Jameson, Mrs. McLeod, and others.

A "Question Box," under the direction of Rev. E. H. E. Jameson was not on the programme, but in the discussion of some questions, several took part, which made a very interesting and instructive session. The discussions were interspersed with the singing of gospel songs.

EVENING SESSION.

The Institute was called to order by Supt. Hoag.

Mr. Herbert F. Harris, of Ovid, conducted a very interesting Bible reading and song service entitled, "Christ our Shepherd," in which he was assisted by the young ladies of his school.

Rev. G. T. Curtis of Perry, was then called upon to speak on the topic, "Care and Christian Culture of Young Believers," which had been assigned to Rev. E. L. Little. Bro. Curtis, without much preparation filled Bro. Little's place to the satisfaction of the large audience. A sermon was then preached by Rev. E. H. E. Jameson, D. D., of Lansing, on "Our Children," from the text, Luke 1, 66.

The meeting closed with prayer by Bro. J. W. Covey.

MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 5th, 1889.

A half hour was spent in devotional exercises, conducted by Supt. Wm. M. Hoag.

Rev. J. Fisher of Corunna, read an interesting paper on "The Teacher's Individual Preparation."

The topic "Mission Schools and Mission Classes," by Rev. E. M. Blanchard, of Williamston, in a practical way, and remarks by Supt. Hoag, Pastor Jameson, and others followed.

Rev. Geo. L. Conway made a talk on Sunday School Literature and Music, and Bro. R. H. Covert closed the interesting programme with an earnest talk on "Consecration necessary to Success."

Adjourned.

The Shiawassee Association.

The Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Shiawassee Baptist Association convened with the Baptist church in St. Johns at 10:30 a. m., June 5th, 1889.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. E. H. E. Jameson of Lansing.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. McLeod of Laingsburg.

The Moderator appointed as Committee on Nominations, Bro. W. White, Rev. H. P. Eldridge, Dea. Wm. M. Hoag.

Reading of the 82 Psalm by Bro. J. W. Covey, of Lansing.

Prayer by Rev E. M. Blanchard, of Williamston.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. S. A. Cole, from the 87th Psalm, 5th verse.

A collection was taken for the general fund of the Association, amounting to \$3.14.

Letter from the St. Johns church read, extending a cordial welcome to the Association.

A brief History of the Association during its fifty years of existence, was read by Dr. E. H. E. Jameson, and ordered printed.

Prayer and Benediction by Rev. E. Randall of Grand Blanc.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association opened with a brief song service, after which Rev. E. M. Ney, Rev. I. R. Spencer, and others engaged in prayer.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following names for officers: Moderator, Rev. H. P. Eldridge; Clerk, E. S. Andrews; Treasurer, C. Johnson; Associational S. S. Supt., Dea. Wm. M. Hoag; Auditor, Geo. Morris.

The newly elected Moderator took the chair.

On motion the Chair appointed Bro. Smith of Byron, and Bro. Conway of Okemos as a Committee on Enrollment.

The Chair announced the following committees:

On Obituaries: C. W. Dealtry, E. M. Ney, and R. H. Covert.

On Resolutions: E. H. E. Jameson, E. L. Little, I. R. Spencer.

On Digest of Letters: S. A. Cole, J. Fisher, and the Clerk.

On Place and Preacher: E. M. Blanchard, G. L. Conway, and G. H. Hudson.

The roll of the churches was called and letters were read giving information of their condition. As no letter was received from the Laingsburg church, Rev. J. McLeod and wife, who were present, were accepted as delegates from that church.

After the transaction of some miscellaneous business, the special order for the hour was announced, being a presentation of Woman's Work in Missions.

In the absence of Mrs. Ladd, the President of the Women's Societies, Mrs. Swegles, of St. Johns, conducted the exercises. Reports on the progress of both the Home and Foreign work were made, and interesting addresses were delivered, interspersed with singing and recitations.

The Association resumed its regular order, and on motion proceeded to elect four delegates to the State Convention, as follows: Rev. S. A. Cole, Rev. James Fisher, Rev. Geo. T. Curtis, and Rev. C. W. Dealtry.

Rev. L. H. Trowbridge, on invitation, presented the claims of the Michigan Christian Herald.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Opened with devotional exercises of prayer and singing.

A short time was devoted to reminiscences in the history of the Association. Rev. E. M. Ney, of Locke, Rev. J. McLeod, of Laingsburg, and others spoke.

Committee on place and preacher, reported through their chairman, Rev. E. M. Blanchard, recommending Corunna as the place, and Rev. E. L. Little, preacher, with Rev. C. W. Dealtry as alternate.

Which report was on motion, accepted and adopted.

The Moderator called Rev. I. R. Spencer to the chair.

Interesting and stirring addresses were delivered by Rev. C. E. Conley, on State Missions; Rev. Dr. E. H. E. Jameson on Home Missions, and Bro. G. W. Taft, who is under appointment of the Board of the Foreign Mission Society, as Missionary to Tokio, Japan, was introduced and gave an able and instructive address on Foreign Missions.

Bro. Conley suggested that the Association co-operate with the State Missionary in raising funds to pay the debt which the State Board is carrying.

On motion, a committee of three, consisting of Brethren Jameson, Blanchard, and Dealtry, was appointed to report a plan to this

meeting. The Committee retired for consultation and in a few moments reported as follows:

Resolved, That the Shiawassee Association raise thirty cents per member, in addition to what the Association has already done. That a committee of four, viz: Dr. E. H. E. Jameson, E. L. Little, S. A. Cole and E. M. Blanchard, be that committee to carry out this proposed plan.

Which report was on motion adopted.

Collection of \$2.10 was then taken for Home Missions.

The session was then closed with singing and prayer.

Thursday, June 6th, 1889.

MORNING SESSION.

Opened with praise and prayer, conducted by Rev. R. H. Covert. Moderator H. P. Eldridge, in the chair.

Moved and carried that the Clerk and Dr. Jameson be instructed to superintend the printing of the minutes.

On motion, the Moderator was instructed to draw an order on the Treasurer for the amount necessary to defray the expense in printing the minutes.

The Committee on Obituaries, by R. H. Covert, reported twenty-five deaths in the Association during the past year, and read appropriate memorials and data in regard to many of them.

Committee on Resolutions, by Dr. E. H. E. Jameson, reported at length.

Which report was read and each resolution separately adopted.

On invitation, Rev. Edward Ellis, District Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, gave an outline of this great work and made an eloquent appeal for aid in its behalf.

Rev. J. J. Martin, of DeWitt, being reported in poor health, and in need of assistance, a collection of \$6.78 was taken and turned over to Deacon W. C. Lankton, for him.

Moved and carried that a committee of three for Associations Missionary Work, be appointed to confer with District Missionary J. McLean, as to the condition of the churches, and work with him as aiders in building up weak churches.

On motion the following committee was appointed:

Rev. R. H. Covert, Ovid; Rev. E. M. Blanchard, Williamston and J. S. Smith of Byron.

After prayer by Bro. McLeod, of Laingsburg, the Woman's Educational Society of Kalamazoo, was ably represented by Miss E. J. Teachout.

Dr. E. H. E. Jameson then spoke in the interest of Kalamazoo College and State Education.

Closing prayer was then offered by Rev. Edward Ellis.

Moved and carried that this Association now adjourn to meet at Corunna, the first Wednesday in June, 1890, to be preceeded on Tuesday by the S. S. Association.

Superintendents Report.

DEAR FELLOW S. S. WORKERS:

Another year with all its golden opportunities and grand and glorious blessings has rolled away into eternity, and is now numbered with the past, and which cannot be recalled, so reminding us that as the tree falls so must it lie; a startling truth that should admonish each one to prepare to meet Almighty God, in whose presence we are permitted to assemble together as Sunday School workers in this another annual meeting in connection with the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Shiawassee Baptist Association, of which we form a part.

It was with a good deal of timidity that I took this position a year ago, fearing that a report from me at the end of my term of office would not show that the Sunday Schools of the Association had maintained their high rank and increased interest that they had experienced in the past. But feeling that the cause was the Lord's, and that he was directing, I could not refuse, and so by his help I have done what I could.

This makes the third institute held during the year, viz.: one at Corunna, and one at Lansing. At these places the meetings were not very largely attended, but a good and profitable time was enjoyed. And we trust that the record of this meeting will be pronounced as a meeting with a great deal of spiritual power.

If I should speak of my personal work, I should have to say first, that I have not been able to visit any of the Sunday Schools of the Association and I think this is a very important part of the Superintendent's duties. So allow me to suggest you would urge that this Association appoint one to this office that can devote some time in this direction. I have written about 150 letters and cards, have received 65. The answers have been until of late, very prompt. Circulated the Quarterly Bulletins as sent. Have attended six Sunday School Conventions and Institutes.

I am informed that one school ceases to live, on account of unpleasantness, being without a pastor. May the Lord arouse, strengthen and bless, and soon send them an under shepherd, and the school be revived.

But I can also report one new school added to our number. A mission school has been organized at Lansing, near the Grand Trunk depot, known as the South Street Mission School, with very encouraging prospects. We wish also to mention in our report, a mission class, which has been started in the western part of the

city, held in the home of sister S. L. Higgins. We hope and trust that a year from now we can report a permanently organized mission school here. Rev. E. M. Blanchard also reports a mission school of 50 scholars, as started March 1st, three miles from Williamston.

You will notice by comparing this year's report with last, that with some schools there is a little falling off, while others show a large increase in their numbers, contributions and baptisms. How it gladdens the heart to know that the spirit of the Lord has been moving among us, and also to know that so many teachers and scholars meet together on the Lord's day to study God's word. Still statistics show that thousands of our young never enter a church or Sunday School. So the problem of the day is, what is to be done with the perishing multitude of our nation?

Yet let us bring this question nearer home, and ask what is to be done with the lost in our Association, our cities and towns? We answer, the Sunday School comes with its mighty power as an evangelizing agency, and through it we must reach the children. So may the holy spirit come into every heart to strengthen our faith and aid us in this work of saving souls.

I feel that thanks are due and I gratefully tender them to the Pastors and Superintendents of the Association for their prompt co-operation, also to the brethren and sisters that gave us such valuable papers at our Institutes, especially would I mention the Moderator, Dr. Jameson, for his kind assistance in arranging and securing speakers for this meeting.

In conclusion let me urge upon every Superintendent and Teacher the necessity of being wholly consecrated to this grand work, that the prayers of this meeting be abundantly answered. And that the holy spirit may be with us to the close, following every heart so that all may return to their respective homes and fields, with greater zeal and power in the work that they have been called to perform. And as we labor may each be impressed with our Savior's pleading request of the Father, "That they also who shall believe on me through their word, may all be one." And in this let us realize how the little child is leading the host of Sunday School workers.

I would again urge upon my successor in office the responsibility that will rest upon him to maintain our high rank and promote with energy the object of our Association.

And may the Lord and Master grant unto all officers and teachers his grace and a willing mind to work in his service in this department for winning and gathering in souls for the kingdom of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. M. HOAG, Assoc'l Supt.

Fifty Years of History.

BY E. H. E. JAMESON, D. D.

[The following sketch has been hastily prepared, and is submitted to the public with the hope that it may provoke some one to secure all the missing links and give them to the Association hereafter.]

In the year 1839, when the Shiawassee Association was organized, there were only three others in existence, namely, the Michigan on the east, the LaGrange on the west, and the Rasin River between the two. The Wayne Association however, was constituted the same summer, so that altogether, before the year closed, there were five.

In these Associations there were 97 churches and 4,500 members. The State at that time contained about 185,000 inhabitants. Under what circumstances the Shiawassee Association was organized and who were the officers, I have no data at hand to inform me, but the meeting I am told, was at Maple River. There must be records of this important event somewhere, but they are inaccessible to me. In the semi-centennial number of the Minutes of the State Convention (1886), Dr. Grenell says: "The Churches that composed the Association at the time of its organization, were Owosso, Shiawassee, Perry, Maple River, Vernon and Dewitt. The extreme limits of this young body were separated east and west 100 miles, and north and south about half that distance. The Owosso and Shiawassee Churches were from the Michigan Association and seemed to be the neucleus of the new organization, so that it may be correct to regard the Shiawassee Association as a child of the Michigan."

As it was the custom in former years for the minutes of the Associations to be published with the minutes of the State Convention, it is presumed that something of the early history of this Association can be obtained from this source.

Some of the Churches that came into the organization in its early years have lost their visibility, and some have gone to other associations. The Lansing church now one of the largest in the body, was not organized until the Association was twelve years old. The Ovid church was organized and came into the Association in 1860, twenty-one years after the organization. The first church, called Owosso, must have gone out of existance, and a new one probably took its place, for I find the date for the organization

of the present Owosso Church given as 1856. Other churches now in the Association were organized as follows: Antrim 1853; Bath 1868; Bengal and Riley 1873; Byron 1840; DeWitt 1841; Corunna 1843; Durand 1885; Laingsburg 1864; Maple River 1839; Morrice 1879; Okemos 1867; Perry 1858; Pittsburg 1879; Shepardsville 1871; St. Johns 1856; Vernon 1844; Webberville 1877; Williamston 1841; Chesaning 1878. It will be seen therefore that Maple River is the oldest church now in the Association. Byron comes next and Williamston and DeWitt follow, both having been organized in 1841.

As a matter of curiosity, rather than a careful history, I give you a bare outline of the Association's progress since 1860, which is as far back as I have the minutes. The Association met that year with the Owosso church, June 6th, at 10:30 o'clock. In the absence of Bro. S. Goodman, his substitute, Bro. C. A. Lamb preached the introductory sermon. The officers elected were O. B. Call, moderator; Joel Lyon, clerk; and E. Cook, treasurer. The churches represented by delegates were Antrim, Bengal, Bingham, Burns, Chesaning, DeWitt, Essex, Essex and Fulton, Ithaca, Lansing, Leroy, Maple River, Ovid, Owosso, Owosso and Bennington, Perry, Sciota, St. Johns, Vernon, Wacousta, and Williamston. Number of members reported 782. Among the pastors I find the names of J. Surine, J. Gunderman, J. McLeod, A. B. Kinne, Joel Lyon, L. Church, O. B. Ball, P. C. Bassett, C. A. Lamb, and D. A. Davis.

In 1861 the Association met with the church in Essex. O. B. Call moderator, John O. Palmer clerk. Rev. A. B. Kinne preached the opening sermon. The Corunna church was received back into the Association. The Newark and New Haven church was received into the body. Twenty-three churches reported by delegates. Number of members in these churches, 879.

In 1862 the Association met at Lansing. Rev. O. B. Call, moderator; J. O. Palmer, clerk. Sermon was preached by Rev. O. B. Call. The circular letter was written by Rev. C. A. Lamb.

In 1863 the Association met at Maple River. Sermon by Rev. W. White. Moderator C. A. Lamb, clerk J. O. Palmer, Cor. Sec'y Geo. M. Reynolds. Twenty-two churches reported, 812 members.

In 1864 the Association met at Vernon. Sermon by Rev. Geo. M. Reynolds. Moderator Rev. J. Booth, clerk J. O. Palmer. 21 churches reported, 883 members.

In 1865 the Association met at Perry. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Ludlow. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. Booth. Moderator Rev.

J. McLeod, Clerk J. O. Palmer. Twenty-three churches represented reporting 921 members.

The Association met, in 1866, at St. Johns, June 6th. Rev. J. McLeod was moderator. Rev. Emory Curtiss offered prayer and Rev. G. H. Hickox preached the opening sermon. Rev. J. C. Armstrong was clerk. Among the brethren present were Rev. H. A. Rose, J. S. Goodman, J. Moxom (father of Rev. Dr. P. S. Moxom of Boston), A. Lamb, P. Van Winkle, and O. B. Call. Number of churches represented twenty-four, as follows: Antrim, Bingham, Bengal and Riley, Corunna, DeWitt, Chesaning, Emerson, Leroy, Ithaca, Lansing, Laingsburg, Maple River, Newark and New Haven, North Newberry, Ovid, Owosso, Owosso and Bennington, Perry, Pine River, St. Johns, Vernon, Wacousta, and Williamston. The number of members reported in these churches was 953.

In 1867 the Association met at Vernon. Geo. H. Hickox, moderator. Churches 25, members 1178.

1868—met at Williamston. H. A. Rose moderator. Churches 27, members 1214.

1869—met at Ovid. H. A. Rose, moderator of the last year presiding. Rev. Geo. H. Hickox was chosen moderator. Rev. A. T. Rose, returned missionary from Burmah was present. Churches 27, members 1271.

1870—met at Dewitt. Bro. Hickox moderator. Churches 27, members 1377.

1871—met at Maple River. Moderator H. A. Rose; clerk, A. H. Parsons. Churches 25, members 1151.

1872—met at Bath. A. H. Parsons, clerk, called the Association to order. Rev. G. M. Reynolds was chosen moderator, Rev. Theodore Nelson clerk. Churches 23, members 1104.

1873—met at Laingsburg. Rev. Theo. Nelson moderator, Rev. A. H. Parsons clerk. churches 25, members 1234.

1874—met at Byron. Rev. G. M. Reynolds moderator, Rev. A. H. Parsons clerk. Churches 23, members 1031. This year we find the Sunday School statistics reported for the first time. There were thirteen Sunday Schools, and an average of 572 scholars. G. M. Reynolds, it seems, had been Associational Superintendent, for there is a record of his resignation and the election of Rev. A. H. Parsons to fill the position.

I find that when the Association met at Laingsburg in 1873, Rev. G. M. Reynolds was appointed Associational Superintendent. In the circular letter of that year, the writer, Rev. D. Crosby, says:

"The Sunday School work in our Association ought to be pushed with great vigor. Little or nothing has been done since last year, except by Bro. Spinning, State Missionary, who has held Institutes in a few schools in the Association. The Executive Committee should give greater attention to this another year."

1875—met at Vernon. D. Crosby was moderator and Rev. T. H. Cary clerk. Churches 22, members 1133. Sunday Schools 15, scholars 736, A. H. Parsons Sunday School Superintendent.

1876—met at Ovid. Moderator W. L. Farnum, clerk T. H. Cary. Rev. Dr. Jewett, missionary from India, was present. Churches 20, members 1354. Sunday Schools 16, scholars 1367.

1877—met at St. Johns. Rev. H. Pettit moderator, J. O. Palmer clerk. Churches 23, members 1448. Sunday Schools 18, scholars 1646.

1878—met at Owosso. Churches 23, members 1618. Sunday Schools 22, scholars 1846.

1879—met at Lansing. W. L. Farnum moderator. Churches 24, members 1659. Sunday Schools 17, scholars 1546.

1880—met at Williamston. Churches 23, members 1633. Schools 19, scholars 1808.

1881—met at Perry. R. R. Coon, Jr. moderator. Churches 23, members 1571. Schools 29, scholars 1697.

1882—met at Shepardsville. Churches 23, members 1447. Schools 23, scholars 1614.

1883—met at Vernon. Churches 23, members 1494. Schools 22, scholars 1728.

1884—met at Ovid. Churches 23, members 1455. Schools 22, scholars 1579.

1885—met at Perry.

1886—met at Lansing. Churches 24, members 1541. Schools 22, scholars 1733.

1887—met at Owosso. Churches 23, members 2051. Schools 21, scholars 1996.

1888—met at Byron. Churches 22, members 1751. Schools 19, scholars 1582.

In regard to the office of Associational Sunday School Superintendent, I gather this record in addition to what has already been given: At the meeting in 1878 Rev. A. H. Parsons submitted his fourth annual report. He had done effective work in holding institutes and encouraging the Sunday Schools to do better work. Bro. Parsons was re-elected and held the office until 1879. We find Rev. A. M. Waxman holding the office in 1880. In 1881 Rev. A. Martell; 1882, Rev. T. S. Leonard, who held it two years. The position was given to E. H. E. Jameson in 1884. In 1885 Bro. H. M. Reynolds was chosen. 1886, J. L. Platt, who was re-elected. In 1888 Dea. Wm. M. Hoag, the present incumbent, was elected.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, Since our last meeting, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to take to Himself our beloved brother and fellow laborer, Rev. Charles Owen, for some years pastor of the Vernon church, therefore

Resolved, That we do hereby express our sorrow for his death, and our high appreciation of his character, as a man and as a minister of Christ. His brief obituary, as told in another place, but faintly tells the story of a most remarkable life, separated from the world and its allurements and ambitions, and devoted to the service of his Redeemer and Lord. Our tenderest sympathies are with his bereaved family and with the church, which was so much benefitted by his ministry and which he so much loved.

Resolved, That as an Association and as individual churches, it is our duty to do all in our power to aid in establishing churches in the newer portions of our state, and in strengthening the weaker interests wherever they may need our help. We desire to heartily co-operate with our bretheren of the State Board of Missions, in their efforts to wipe out the debt which has unfortunately been created, and trust that under the wise and energetic leadership of Rev. C. E. Conley, who has recently been appointed Superintendent of State Missions, this may be done.

Resolved, That our country is still an inviting field for missionary work, and that no portion of it should be neglected. While the thousands of unevangelized and half-heathen people of the old world are pouring in upon us every year, we should not slacken our efforts to establish Churches and Sunday Schools in the new states and territories. We regard all the work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society as important, and will aid it to our utmost extent.

Resolved, That we should keep in mind the Saviour's last command to His disciples, and go into all the world with His gospel. It is the only medicine for a sick world, and Christ is still the Great Physician. We are sorry if the contributions to Foreign Missions have fallen off, and recommend to our churches larger giving this year, less selfishness, less luxury, and a more earnest effort to secure from each member a contribution for this cause.

Resolved, That as a disseminator of pure Christian literature, the American Baptist Publication Society is unparalleled. We ought to have its books and publications in all our Sunday Schools and families.

Resolved, That the *Christian Herald* is a model Baptist paper. It has the freshest religious news, is fearless and honest in promulgating and defending the truth, is cheap enough for all, and should be in every Baptist family in this Association.

Resolved, That the only way to secure practical temperance is to get rid of the source of intemperance; and this, in our opinion, can only be brought about by wiping out the saloon and crushing the rum power. We do not believe in legalizing the liquor traffic, or in any way coddling it, by taxation, or license. We cannot, therefore, approve of the temporizing and short-sighted policy of our present legislature.

Resolved, That it is the most sacred duty of all the churches of the Association, to sustain, by an annual contribution, the Minister's Home, located at Fenton. In the present age, and with the abundance of wealth, no faithful servant of God should be allowed to suffer through the neglect of God's church, and die in extreme poverty. Christ said: "The poor ye always have with you, and as oft as ye will, ye may do them good," and "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Resolved, That in our opinion, St. Johns is a first-class town, the people are enterprising, whole-souled and intelligent, and we thank them very much for entertaining us so handsomely. Our thanks are especially due to the pastor of the Baptist church for his untiring efforts in our behalf.

Obituaries.

The Committee on Obituaries submit the following:

At this annual gathering our hearts are made sad by the departure from our midst, of those with whom we have had Christian fellowship. Yet we trust the mantle of power which they possessed, may in some measure, rest on the surviving ones.

CHESANING.—Mrs. W. R. Coryell, died August, 1888. Highly esteemed by the church.

CORUNNA.—Sister Slocum, died December, 1888. Sister Alice Evans.

LANSING.—Miss Esther Ford, died July 29, 1888. Dr. George Brown, died March 12, 1889. Mrs. Kate Brown, died April 7th, 1889. Mrs. E. Milmore, December 18, 1888. She was born in England, and at an early age became a child of God. For several years a great sufferer. Worn out with disease, she sank peacefully to rest, with a song on her lips.

Mrs. Fred Alexander, died December 18, 1888. An active worker in church, in former years. For nearly seven years confined to her chair. Her faith never faltering.

Mrs. Nancy Merrill, died August 27, 1889. She was the widow of Rev. Thomas Merrill. Her life had been quiet and gentle, but had effectually witnessed for the Christian religion.

Mrs. Mary Otis, March 12, 1889. In former years active in church work, in other parts of the state. Bodily infirmities prevented in later life.

Mrs. Marietta Tooker, died September 24, 1889. She was one of the first members of the church.

LAINGSBURG.—Mrs. Mary Pangbourn, died August, 1888. An earnest, devoted, self-sacrificing believer in Christ.

OVID.—Sister Sylvia Woodworth, died March, 1889.

OKEMOS.—Mrs. Hattie Cole, who was a faithful and untiring worker.

Mrs. R. Morton, a sufferer for many years.

Owosso.—Mrs. Zora W. Mitchell. Sister Eliza Shelton. Mrs. G. N. Roberts. Perrin S. Crawford. Mrs. Annah A. White, being one of the constituent members. All were faithful and beloved.

PERRY.—Mrs. Lena Curdne, died December 17, 1888, age 38 years. We mourn our loss and rejoice in her gain. A sister greatly esteemed.

VERNON.—Rev. Chas. Owen, died May 14, 1889. He was born at Margate, England. His parents were members of the Episcopal church. His father was a zealous worker for souls. Bro. Owen began preaching as layman before 1858. Made a trip to Tasmania, Australia, and Cape of Good Hope, and winning many souls. In the study of his Bible for confirmation of baptismal regeneration, he became a believer in immersion only. He followed his conviction and severed former religious ties. He made a second tour to Australia among the Baptists. Returning to England, took up work in East End of London, for eight years. On account of ill health he came to this country, first settling at Brantford, Ontario, from there to Grimsby, in 1883, serving acceptably one year. Afterward visited Chicago and thence to Vernon, in 1885. Here his labors were abundantly blessed. His name will be cherished, not only by his beloved church, but other denominations and the whole community.

His last message to the church was: "O, that my church was more spiritual. I am willing to die, but O, that the young members were more devoted." As a church, we shall mourn our loss, but shall submit to our Loving Father. He was a devoted student of the Bible, and especially delighted in his favorite theme, the near coming and personal reign of Christ on earth.

Funeral services were held on May 16th, Rev. J. McLean presiding. Brief addresses were made by Dr. J. Donnelly and Prof. VanDorn, Bro's. Eldrige, Covert, and Fisher, as well as Rev. F. Bush, Cong'l pastor, and Rev. T. P. Barnum, M. E. pastor, participated. The burial took place at Toronto. Rev. Elmore Harris, Dr. Thomas, Pastor Joshua Donovan and Rev. Alex. Grant, participated in the services. There the body awaits the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

WILLIAMSTON.—Mary A. Cochran, died July 2d, 1888, aged 87 years. She resided in Lansing much of the time. Very sweet Christian. Great reader of the Bible.

Digest of Letters.

BATH.—On account of poor health our pastor, Rev. J. J. Martin, has been unable to perform pastoral labor, and we have been without such service a part of the year. We hope to secure the services of Rev. R. H. Covert a part of the coming year at least. Two young people are waiting for baptism. Sunday School interest good.

BENGAL and RILEY.—The appointments of the church are all well attended. Our Sunday school has been reorganized and good interest and harmony prevail in both Church and Sunday school work. Rev. Geo. H. Hudson is now located with us as our pastor.

BYRON.—Gives kindly greeting on this jubilee anniversary, and reports that the past year has been one of progress and increased spirituality in Church and Sunday school. Rev. S. A. Cole, pastor.

CHESANING.—The fore part of the Associational year, Rev. R. H. Covert, supplied our pulpit and the church was much blessed in his labors by becoming more united and by the addition to her number of six by baptism, and by one being reclaimed. His labors closed with the church about the first of Nov. On the following Jan. 8th, Rev. I. R. Spencer of Corunna, settled with us as pastor. His labors have been crowned with God's blessing as is manifest in the marked increased spirituality of the church and in the increase of members.

CORUNNA.—Rev. J. Fisher, our present pastor, commenced his labors Feb. 24th. We have received during the year eight by baptism, one by experience, ten by letter and five candidates are waiting for baptism. Our prayer meetings are very interesting, average attendance thirty. Our Sabbath school has greatly increased in numbers and interest.

De WITT.—Our experience as a Church has been somewhat varied on account of the impaired health of our pastor, Rev. J. J. Martin. We are without a pastor at present, but not without services as Brother R. H. Covert is serving us as supply.

DURAND.—We do not have morning service, but our Sunday School is in a prospering condition, but since March 3d, Rev. S. A. Cole, of Byron, preaches to us every Sunday evening. Since his coming the church has been revived, two have been added, one by letter and one by baptism.

LAINSBURG.—During a portion of the year, and at present have been without a pastor. Bro. McLean came to us and we were revived. In October Rev. E. R. Clark came, and for five months was faithful in his ministrations. Our present membership is 28.

LANSING.—The past year has been one of financial and spiritual prosperity. During the week of prayer a series of revival meetings was begun by our pastor, Rev. Dr. Jameson, assisted by Rev. E. Ellis, which were productive of much good, and the spirit of labor then induced has continued. There have been added to the church 35 members, 24 by baptism, and 11 by letter.

MAPLE RIVER.—Have been without a pastor the most of the year, but have had occasional preaching. The interest in prayer and covenant meetings is good. Have become incorporated under the state law during the year.

MORRICE.—Our condition as a Church much the same as heretofore reported. Our covenant meetings are maintained, and our sisters are doing what they can in their circle. Present membership 16.

OKEMOS.—Are without a pastor, Bro. Conway having resigned in April, but still supplies our pulpit each alternate Sabbath. Our Sunday school is prospering. Baptisms during the year, three.

OVID.—Our pastor, Rev. H. P. Eldridge, closed his labors with us in January and we have since been without a pastor. Have had preaching nearly every Sunday morning and evening. We sustain three prayer meetings each week, including the Young People's, to all of which there is good attendance and interest, also the Covenant meeting. Sunday School prospering. Present church membership 252.

OWOSSO.—Pastor Donnelly having resigned March 1st, the Church extended a call to Rev. E. L. Little, which was accepted May 1st. During the winter the Church united with the Methodist and Congregational churches and secured the services of Rev. A. Patterson of Chicago, and held union meetings for several weeks. Thirty were added to the Baptist church by baptism and several more are ready to go forward. All the meetings of the Church are well sustained. Present membership 286.

PERRY.—The past has been a year of prosperity with us, although we were without a pastor from August to March 30th, when Bro. Geo. T. Curtis came to us. Our congregations, both morning and evening are good. Our prayer meetings of which we have three each week, are well attended and a spiritual benefit is the result. Our Sabbath School is a permanent feature of our work. Baptisms during the year, 13.

PITTSBURG.—Bro. W. P. Squires closed his labors with us last August. During the winter Bro. J. McLean preached for us through a short series of meetings. Rev. Geo. T. Curtis of Perry commenced his labors with us in April. We enjoy his preaching and our congregations are good.

SPEPARDSVILLE.—Without a pastor. Rev. H. P. Eldridge supplying at present. Present membership 35.

St. JOHNS.—Extend a hearty greeting and cordial welcome. The past year has been one of progression. During March we enjoyed the labors of Evangelist L. G. Brown, of New York, who led many of the church into a closer fellowship with God, and some souls to accept God. Congregations are good, Rev. C. W. Dealtry, pastor, Sunday School interesting and growing. Baptisms, nine.

VERNON.—We mourn the loss of our dearly beloved pastor, Rev. Charles Owen, who for three and one-half years labored zealously, and successfully with us, during which time our church was greatly built up, and many souls have been saved. During the past year the spiritual life of the Church has been revived, the younger members especially have been led into more earnest Christian activity. At present we are supplied by Prof. Van Dorn of Holly, who faithfully preaches the gospel to us. Our Sabbath school is in a good condition. Baptisms three, present membership 139.

WEBBERVILLE.—Have enjoyed the labor of Rev. G. K. McDonald since April 1st, with increasing congregations. Regular prayer meetings well sustained, baptisms four.

WILLIAMSTON.—The Church under pastor Rev. E. M. Blanchard observed the week of prayer, preparing the way for the revival services of Rev. R. H. Covert who continued with us three weeks, which resulted in increased interest and greater consecration on the part of the members and the saving of some souls. Baptisms during the year five, present membership 75.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

ST. JOHNS, June 5, 1889.

The Woman's Societies used their allotted hour in the usual annual resume of the work done, interspersed with recitations, a paper on T. B. work by Miss V. V. Potter, a letter from Missionary Huntley, and a brief outlook on the Home and Foreign fields by Mrs. Swegle's, who in the absence of President elect, Mrs. Ladd, presided. The statistical portion of the Secretaries reports are tabulated below.

The Officers are as follows: Pres., Mrs. M. J. Ladd, Perry; 1st Vice, Mrs. White, Owosso; 2nd Vice, Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, Williamston; 3rd Vice, G. Dunlap, Ovid; Asso'n'l Sec., for Home Mrs. A. A. Bayer, Owosso; Asso'n'l Sec., for Foreign, Miss Gertrude Jameson, Lansing; Corresponding Sec., Miss V. V. Potter, Lansing.

CIRCLES.	SECRETARIES.	Home Missions.	Other H. M. Work.	Foreign Missions.	Mrs. Hancock's House.
Bath	Miss M. A. Sage				\$ 1 00
Bengal and Riley	Mrs. W. A. Sutton, St. Johns	\$ 2 00		\$ 1 00	63
Byron					5 00
Chesaning					1 00
Corrunna					5 50
De Witt	Mrs. D. P. Goodsell	4 26		9 85	1 00
Lansing	Miss Gertrude Swain	13 90		18 13	6 32
Lansingburg					10
Morrice	Mrs. S. M. Ormsby			8 05	1 00
Maple River		4 00			2 00
Okemos	Mrs. S. E. Hulett	4 00		2 00	75
Ovid	Miss E. A. Snover	17 50		7 50	5 00
Owosso	Mrs. C. P. Curtis	35 67	1 75	20 48	1 50
Perry	Mrs. C. M. Austin			10 00	1 00
Pittsburg					15
St. Johns	Mrs. J. Kelly	2 00		25 05	2 05
Shepardsville				3 13	
Vernon	Miss Emeline Yerkes	8 25	1 60	7 50	11 50
Williamston	Mrs. P. Horton	7 38		8 30	1 00
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Bands and T. B.'s	A Friend				5 00
Corrunna	Miss Altha Parks				
Lansing T. B.	Miss Anna Coryell	19 00		10 00	1 00
Lansing Golden Link	Miss Inez Higgins			2 50	
Owosso T. B.	Disbanded	3 00		3 00	
Owosso Band	Miss Blanche Bayer			3 00	
St. Johns T. B.	Miss Ethel Buck			9 00	
St. Johns Boys Band	Master Jack Spaulding			3 00	
Vernon T. B.	Miss Esther Yerkes	2 50		2 50	
"Willing Work'rs	Miss Frankie Patterson			4 37	
Williamston T. B.	Miss Cora VanAlstyne			2 00	
Associational Coll.		2 28		2 28	
Totals,		125 74	3 35	162 64	52 52

Raised for State expenses, \$4.47. Value of goods sent to Missionaries; Lansing, \$25, St. Johns, \$17. Personal, Mrs. J. B. Raymond, Pittsburg, \$1.00, and Mrs. G. C. Young, Okemos, \$5.00,

MRS. C. P. CURTIS,
Recording Secretary,
OWOSSO, MICH.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	PASTORS AND DELEGATES.	INCREASED BY						DIMINISHED BY				Present Number.	Money for Minutes
			Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.				
Antrim.....	(No Letter.)	No Pastor						1					35	-----
Bath.....	Hiram Tooker	Rev. R. H. Covert						1					25	1 00
Bengal—Biley	W. A. Sutton	Rev. Geo. H. Sutton and wife, Bro. W. Sutton and wife, and Sisters Walker and M. E. Jacobs											31	1 00
Byron.....	J. S. Smith	Rev. S. A. Cole and wife, Dea. J. Kanouse											78	1 25
Chesaning	Mrs. A. H. Mead	Rev. J. R. Spencer	5	1	1								45	2 00
Coruna.....	Mrs. C. J. Gale	Rev. J. Fisher	6	7									63	2 00
Dewitt.....	Mrs. K. Grinnolds	Wm. C. Lankton and wife, S. S. Reynolds and wife	8	10	1			4					45	1 00
Durand.....	Mrs. C. Herriman	Dea. J. Jones and wife, Frank Dean and Mrs. C. Merriman						11					36	1 00
Lansburg	M. A. Phelps	No Pastor	1	3				2					27	1 35
Lansing	J. Satterlee	Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Phelps and wife						5					28	1 25
Maple River	C. Flint	E. H. Jameson, D. D., Dea. Wm. M. Hoag, J. W. Covey and Miss V. Potter	24	11				11					8	261 4 00
Morrice.....	A. P. Sutterby	Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. Phelps, J. C. Reynolds, and Harriet Alchin						1					61	1 50
Okenos.....	Wm. Cole	No Pastor	3	1				1					16	1 30
Ovid.....	G. C. Stanton	Rev. G. L. Conway						2					21	1 00
Owosso.....	W. White	Bro. Carpenter and wife, Frank Losey and wife, Dea. Richardson and wife, and C. A. Johnson	1	6	1			12					2	252 1 88
Perry.....	H. A. Roberts	Rev. E. L. Little, Dea. W. White, Mrs. Lou Brockway, Mrs. C. F. Curtis, R. D. Crawford and wife, Mrs. Bayer, Mrs. J. L. Whitcox	30	10	1	2		16	3				5	286 3 10
Pittsburg	J. B. Raymond	Rev. Geo. F. Curtis, E. Roberts, Mrs. N. Barnum, E. Worden	13	4	1			7	1				11	88 1 00
Shepherdsville	J. W. Welter	Bro. John Neal and wife											18	60 00
St. Johns	Celia C. Smith	Rev. C. W. Dealtry, Dea. Geo. M. Morris, Dea. L. Hoffman, Bro. F. Lee, and Sister J. L. Vosburg						3					3	35 1 00
Vernon.....	Wm. McKnight	Mrs. O. Owen, Mrs. W. S. Wilkinson, Mrs. J. E. McKnight, Rev. G. K. McDonald	9	8	7	1		6	17				75	2 00
Webberville	S. S. Rhodes	Rev. G. K. McDonald	4	3				3	3				2	139
Williamston.....	E. S. Andrews	Rev. E. M. Blanchard, Rev. E. M. Ney, E. S. Andrews	5	3				2					1	75 1 50
Total,			112	69	12	5	88	27	32	26	1740	29	68	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENT AND POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Number of Officers.	Number of Teachers.	Whole Number Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Volumes in Library.	Papers Taken.	Benefolent Contributions.	Sunday-School Expenses.	Number of Baptisms.
Antrim.....	No Report.	7	8	78	48	---	50	---	20 00	2
Bath.....	T. Cronkite, Bath.	6	5	60	60	---	---	---	10 00	---
Bengal and Biley	H. F. Keen, St. Johns	7	6	63	52	70	41	10 84	25 00	3
Byron.....	J. S. Smith, Byron.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Chesaning.....	W. R. Corvell, Chesaning	5	11	102	80	50	50	---	50 00	6
Corunna.....	R. Grandell, Corunna.	6	3	123	15	20	20	---	12 00	---
De Witt.....	James Harris, De Witt.	8	5	60	45	---	60	---	20 07	3
Durand.....	F. S. Dean, Durand.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Laingsburg.....	E. C. McKee, Supt. Church School; Mrs. M. A. Phelps, Cor. Mission School	7	16	260	148	242	250	62 56	54 87	5
Laingsburg.....	Wm. M. Hoag, Cor. Grand and Shiawas- see streets, Laingsburg.	5	2	55	55	---	---	---	---	---
Laingsburg.....	W. S. Holmes, Laingsburg	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
South Street Mission	C. Flint, Owosso	6	10	158	145	200	60	13 39	36 75	3
Maple River.....	Wm. Cole, Okemos	8	15	190	145	200	60	53 12	88 44	---
Okemos.....	H. F. Harris, Ovid	8	21	280	197	275	95	51 43	72 84	20
Ovid.....	W. White, Owosso.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Owosso.....	Mrs. M. J. Ladd, Perry	8	9	162	80	51	104	13 38	42 56	7
Perry.....	Union School	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pittsburg.....	No School	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Shepardsville.....	J. E. Pittell, St. Johns	7	10	100	75	140	40	9 00	25 00	1
St. Johns.....	J. B. Harris, Vernon	5	11	90	73	50	66	1 42	33 20	4
Vernon.....	Mrs. S. S. Rhodes, Shepardsville.	6	6	63	42	---	---	2 80	24 00	4
Williamsville.....	E. S. Andrews, Williamston	5	10	88	61	---	60	12 00	72 00	1
Williamston.....	Wm. M. Hoag, Laingsburg.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Association.....	Totals,	103	148	1734	1122	1038	1151	230 94	587 03	69

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

	Value of Church Property.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Am. Baptist Publication Society.	Christian Education.	Other Missionary Objects.	Church Expenses.	Permanent Improvements.	Convention Minutes.	Total.
Antrim											
Bath	1 000			2 75							2 75
Bengal and Riley							192 00	10 00			202 00
Byron	3 000	13 90		11 00							24 20
Chesaning							482 10				482 10
Corunna	3 000	5 50	3 50	8 65			377 61	96 25			491 51
Dewitt	1 000			6 00							6 00
Durand	2 700			2 51	1 50		268 70	28 75			301 46
Laingsburg											
Lansing	15 000	54 24	61 25	42 76	28 71	16 00	70 21	1639 01	100 00	4 00	2016 18
Maple Riv'r	3 000										
Morrice		6 00	5 00				5 90				16 90
Okemos	3 000	4 39	6 00				400 00				410 39
Ovid	8 250		38 24	50 00	50 00		34 50	1150 00	250 00		1572 74
Owosso	15 000	50 98	37 42	74 37			39 22	2230 92	20 00		2452 91
Perry											
Pittsburg Shepardsville	2 500			5 42							5 42
St. Johns	3 300	37 00	3 00	23 70	6 50		1 50				71 70
Vernon	5 000	30 00		42 47	6 00	24 00	12 50				114 97
Webberville	1 200										
Williamston	3 500	10 00	8 00	20 00	10 00		13 00	900 00			950 00
Total	70 450	211 31	154 41	291 63	97 71	40 00	196 83	7640 34	505 00	4 00	9141 23

RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First—The introductory service and organization.

Second—The Rules of Order read.

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

Fourth—Letters from the churches read.

Fifth—Sunday-school reports and exercises.

Sixth—Application for admission into the Association received.

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

Eighth—Communications from corresponding bodies received.

Ninth—Reports of committees called for.

Tenth—Miscellaneous business.

Eleventh—Reading the Minutes of the Association.

XI. All churches neglecting to represent themselves 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.

H. P. Eldridge,..... MODERATOR, Ovid
E. S. Andrews,..... CLERK, Williamston
C. A. Johnson,..... TREASURER, Ovid
George Morris..... AUDITOR, St. Johns
Dea. Wm. M. Hoag,..... ASSOC'L S. S. SUP'T, Lansing

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

PASTORS.

George H. Hudson,.....Shepardsville
S. A. Cole,Byron
I. R. Spencer,.....Corunna
E. H. E. Jameson, D. D.,Lansing
G. L. Conway,.....Okemos
H. P. Eldridge,.....Ovid
E. L. Little,.....Owosso
George T. Curtis,Perry
C. W. Dealtry,St. Johns
E. M. Blanchard,Williamston
G. K. McDonald,Webberville

MINISTERS.

R. H. Covert, (Evangelist)..... Ovid
E. M. Ney,Locke
J. W. Covey, (Evangelist),.....Lansing
A. B. Kinne,Lansing
John McLean, Gen'l Missionary,.....Vernon