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Shiawassee Baptist

ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH THE

Baptist Church, Vernon, Mich.

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CONSTITUTION.

ADOPTED IN 1894.

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

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

ART. 3. The objects of this Association shall be to gather information in regard to the state of Churches, both as respects STATISTICS and RELIGION, to promote the Christian fellowship, and to sustain the various benevolent objects connected with the promotion of Christ's kingdom.

ART. 4. This Association shall, by delegation of Churches, meet annually on the first Tuesday, 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, Treasurer, Auditor, President of Pastors' Conference, Associational Superintendent, Associational President B. Y. P. U., Superintendent of Woman's Mission Work and Missionary Committee of Three (to co-operate with the State Board), to be elected annually, by nomination or ballot, to continue in office until others are elected. It shall be the duty of the Associational Superintendents and Presidents to have general oversight of the work in their departments throughout the Association and to develop and encourage the same and to assist the Program Committee in making out the program for the anniversary meeting.

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.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Clerk be instructed to forward the Minutes to each Association and corresponding Body in the state. Also to the Colgate Library, Hamilton, N. Y., and to the Library of the University of Chicago.

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

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YOUNG PEOPLES' RALLY.

VERNON, Mich, June 5, 1894.

Called to order by E. D. Way. Prayer and praise service led by Miss Elva Quick, of Ovid. Appointment of committees by the Chair.

NOMINATIONS.—L. D. Dunning, Okemos; Jay Pruden, St. Johns; Mrs. H. F. Harris, Ovid; Mrs. Rounds, Bath; Miss E. Quick, Ovid.

RESOLUTIONS.—S. Batchelor, Mrs. J. E. Littell, Mrs. Fuller, Ovid.

H. A. Dennis, of Laingsburg, read a paper on the subject "Why I am a Baptist." A well written and well read paper, which was followed by comments by Rev. I. W. Lamb, Rev. Beardslee and others, in which it seemed to be concurred in that the points were well taken and that it was entitled to hearty commendation.

Mrs. J. E. Littell, of St. Johns, presented an instructive paper on "Junior Work." This work has been neglected until recently but covers more than the Sunday School. Presented several helps and urged some busy person to get and use these helps. Described one of her own meetings and answered some questions.

Prayer for the Juniors was here offered by Rev. J. McLean.

Mr. Pruden, of St. Johns, and Mrs. McDonald, of Williamston, offered some valuable suggestions.

Sang "I'm the Child of a King."

Rev. L. D. Dunning, of Okemos, on "B. Y. P. U.—Its Mission. Are we Fulfilling it?" presented a thoughtful paper. To reach the inactive young folks and set them to work. To harmonize and bring into union and helpfulness the different churches. To bring the youth into the fold of Christ, is the highest and most sacred work we have to do. Our Union is not perfect but experience tends to improvement. Everyone should stand to win or die at his post. Make home meetings as interesting as possible. Watch

for mistakes and rectify them at once, causes us to live higher and do better. Choose wise leaders and give them loyal support. Above all pray, watch and work.

Report of Committee on nominations:

President, E. C. McKee, Laingsburg.

Vice President, C. A. Johnson, Ovid.

Secretary, E. D. Way, Dewitt.

Treasurer, Miss Whiting, Corunna.

All elected by vote of B. Y. P. U. Address by President McKee, who hopes to do better work in the year to come.

Committee on resolutions report as follows, which were adopted:

1. It is herewith resolved that the work of the B. Y. P. U. demands our most earnest thought and zealous effort and we recommend the interests of our young peoples societies to the careful consideration of our churches.

2. *Resolved*, That the C. C. Course is of prime importance and that our pastors should bring it prominently before the attention of our Churches.

3. *Resolved*, That the subject of temperance be given a place at regular intervals on our programs.

4. *Resolved*, That an effort be made to form a Junior Society in connection with every B. Y. P. U. organization.

5. *Resolved*, That our Association and various societies be largely represented at the coming B. Y. P. U. Convention, to be held at Toronto, Canada, July 19-22, 1894.

6. We highly appreciate the earnest, intelligent labors of our worthy President, Bro. E. C. McKee in advancing the interest of our Society in the Association which is so dear to our hearts.

Singing, "Blest be the tie that Binds."

Benediction by Rev. J. C. McDonald.

Collection \$4.51.

EVENING SESSION, 7:30.

Devotional exercises led by Rev. Morgan. Scripture reading from that beautiful lesson "Christ has chosen us and ordained us."

Reports were received verbally from 16 societies. 68 delegates were reported present.

On motion the following were elected delegates to the Toronto B. Y. P. U. Convention: C. A. Johnson, Mrs. Dunlap, G. C. Stanton, Ovid; Rev. S. Batchelor, Bro. Dennis, Miss Bare, Maggie Smith, Elva Quick, E. D. Way, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McDonald.

Singing, "Marching On."

President L. A. Carr, of Detroit, being unable to attend, Rev. E. A. Smith, of that city, interestingly presented the growth and power of the B. Y. P. U. and also presented the "Founding Fund."

Prayer by the speaker.

Collection \$5.00.

Singing and benediction by W. T. Woodhouse.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

WEDNESDAY, A. M., June 6.

A powerful prayer service was held, led by C. A. Johnson.

REGULAR SESSION, 8:30.

Devotional service led by Evangelist Dixon.

Reports from Superintendents.

C. A. Johnson, of Ovid, gave an earnest address on the importance of Tracts. Tract distribution is sowing the seed. Gives Tracts each Sunday to every member of his class. Recommends that Christian workers carry a few tracts in their pockets and give out as occasion offers.

Remarks by Bro. J. Pruden and others.

Rev. Geo. W. F. Dixon, of England, spoke on Evangelistic work in the Sunday School. Order is the first point enforced. Make all meetings bright, happy and joyous, but avoid frivolity. Have plenty of singing. Have meetings short. Make short prayers, ask for what we need at that point.

Three reasons for work in Sunday Schools: The young are easier reached. It saves them twenty to thirty years of grieving Christ. We need to realize that Christ is King and has never lost a battle. Expect results, visit much, do much individual work.

Organization and government of Schools: by W. T. Woodhouse, Vernon.

1. Organize on the line of Life. Needs power—life of God—then it will move.

2. Life and Love will govern the School.

Brother Mather being present presented the work and needs of the Ministers Home at Fenton, which was followed by remarks by several till the matter was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Singing and benediction by Rev. J. Fisher.

SHIAWASSEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

VERNON, Wednesday, June 6, 1:30 P. M.

Association called to order by the Moderator, Rev. S. Batchelor.
Season of praise and prayer.

Remarks by Moderator.

Reading of Constitution and Rules of Order.

On motion the Constitution as read on page 13 of Minutes of 1893 was approved as a whole.

Moved and carried that in first Rule of Order, the words "Annual Sermon" be added after the words "introductory remarks."

Rules of Order were thereupon adopted.

On motion the programme as prepared by the committee was approved for our following this session.

On motion E. H. E. Jameson, District Secretary for the Home Mission Society, was granted 10 minutes time this afternoon.

On motion E. M. Stephenson was granted 10 minutes in the interest of Foreign Missions.

Moderator appointed as Committee on Organization, J. Fisher, C. E. Garner and L. D. Dunning.

Reading of Vernon letter by Church Clerk.

Committee on organization reported:

Moderator, Rev. W. B. Matteson, Owosso.

Clerk, E. S. Andrews, Williamston.

Treasurer, C. A. Johnson, Ovid.

Auditor, John W. Hoag, Lansing.

Associational Supt., Rev. E. D. Way, Dewitt.

On motion report was adopted.

Dr. Jameson presented Home Missions and E. M. Stephenson presented Foreign Missions.

Reading of letters from the churches of the Association by the Clerk, assisted by E. D. Way and J. McLean.

Reported baptisms during the year 308, net increase 376.

Singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Nominating Committee reported for leader B. Y. P. U., E. C.

McKie, Laingsburg; Missionary Committee, J. C. McDonald, E. M. Blanchard, S. Batchelor.

On motion report was accepted so far as completed.

New pastors were then introduced, D. W. Morgan, of Laingsburg and J. W. Wharf, of Bath.

Moderator appointed as member of Nominating Committee, Mrs. Andrews.

Session closed with prayer by J. McLean.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Committee on Nominations reported the name of Mrs. Lemly, of Lansing, as Superintendent Womans Missions, which was adopted.

Moderator then appointed Committees as follows:

PROGRAM—L. D. Temple, of Lansing; C. A. Johnson, of Ovid; Mrs. J. C. McDonald, of Williamston.

RESOLUTION—Rev. J. McLean, of Ovid; M. Smith, of Byron; Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, of St. Johns.

PLACE and PREACHER—Rev. W. L. Woodhouse, of Vernon; Rev. I. W. Lamb, of Perry; Deacon Makeley, of Bath.

ON NAMES—Amos Parmenter, of Vernon; Rev. L. A. Dunning, of Okemos; Mrs. Wellington White, of Owosso.

ON MINUTES—Rev. E. M. Blanchard, of St. Johns; C. A. Johnson, of Ovid; E. S. Andrews, of Williamston.

Time for Annual Sermon by Rev. J. C. McDonald was announced.

Scripture reading from Romans 8, by L. D. Dunning. Prayer by Rev. Curry.

Hymn, "Close to Thee."

Sermon from Romans 8:28.

Anthem, "Let the Daughters of Judah be Glad."

Report of Missionary Committee read by E. M. Blanchard.

Your Committee begs leave to report:

1. That efforts have been made during the year to have all the pastorless churches supplied.
2. Letters were written to churches making suggestions and offering help, where it was thought such would be required.
3. Arrangements were made for Workers Conference in connection with the B. Y. P. U. and S. S. Rally held in Lansing, December 7 and 8, 1893.
4. Letters with program of Conference and Rally were sent to all the Churches, urging them to send delegates.
5. Letters with Collector's Cards for State Mission contributions were sent to each Church asking that this important work should be attended to at the proper time.
6. Advised State Board in regard to aiding Laingsburg and Chesaning.

7. We very much regret that we were not able to do more work during our term of office.

J. C. McDONALD, Chairman.

On motion report was accepted.

Rev. C. E. Conley then spoke in the interest of State Missions, taking occasion to compliment our Missionary Committee and give good cheer from Associations which he had already visited. All but one showing good advancement during the past year; there being a gain of about 800 members in four Associations.

Motion to take collection for State Convention was now put and carried.

Rev. McDonald, of Kalamazoo, was introduced and briefly spoke regarding the work of the Missionary Committee in his Association and closed by pronouncing the benediction.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1894.

Prayer and praise led by Bro. Curry.

Committees reported as follows:

OBITUARY REPORT.

We find upon examination that the angel of death has visited us during the past year and removed an unusually large number from our midst and taken them to their eternal reward. Fifteen of our churches have been thus called to mourn and there has been a total loss of 28. Although we temporarily mourn their loss, we find consolation in the knowledge that our loss is their gain. Let us endeavor to emulate their virtues and follow their examples, in as far as they follow Christ and let us endeavor to be prepared to go whenever the call shall come for us to cross the river.

Brother Daniel Tasket, Antrim.

Sister Louisa Walker, Bengal-Riley.

Sister Walworth, Byron.

Brother L. M. Amsden, Corunna.

Sister Rose Walker, Chesaning.

Sister F. E. Hawley, Brother Moses Smith, Laingsburg.

Sister Alice Burch, Sister Frances Maria Cahill, Sister May Webber, Lansing.

Sister Helen Caroline Waugh, Maple River.

Sister Eliza Cook, Okemos.

Sister Carrie Ross, Sister Sarah Ross, Brother Wm. Hathaway, Ovid.

Brother A. Brewer, Brother L. Conderman, Sister J. Jopting, Sister O. E. Ball, Owosso.

Sister Gracie Havens, Perry.

Sister Bancroft, Brother Thomas Sturgis, Brother Eddie Scott, St. Johns.

Sister Hilichia McLean, Sister Esther Clark, Brother Frederick Miller, Vernon.

Sister Olive Lounsbury, Sister C. M. Phillips, Williamston.
Sister Revenaugh.

Place and Preacher reported Perry as the place and W. B. Matteson, of Owosso, as preacher, with L. D. Dunning, of Okemos, as alternate.

The hour for Woman's Work having arrived the Moderator retired in favor of Mrs. Swegels, of St. Johns.

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

The Woman's Missionary Societies occupied the time allotted them Thursday, A. M. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Swegles presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

The annual report of the Home Mission work was given by Miss Yerkes and that of the Foreign by the Associational Secretary, Mrs. G. S. Huntington.

Mrs. Gay, of Detroit, in a very instructive and impressive address presented the work of the W. B. M. Society of Michigan.

Mrs. E. M. Blanchard gave an excellent paper on Home Missions and Mrs. J. C. McDonald a very practical address on Foreign Missions. A recitation by Nina Holtzman and a solo by Miss Edith Whelan, were given during the session.

The present officers of the Society are:

President—Mrs. Lemly, Lansing.

1st Vice President—Mrs. Swegles, St. Johns.

2nd Vice President—Mrs. Dunlap, Ovid.

3rd Vice President—Mrs. E. S. Andrews, Williamston.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. Fisher, Corunna.

Cor. Secretary and Treasurer—Miss E. G. Swain, Lansing.

H. M. Secretary—Mrs. Geo. DeVore, Lansing.

F. M. Secretary—Mrs. Geo. Huntington, Ovid.

Mrs. J. W. Simmons, Owosso; Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, St. Johns, and Mrs. J. C. McDonald, Williamston, Committee to assist Corresponding Secretary in preparing program for quarterly meetings.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

CIRCLES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Value of Boxes.	Expense Fund.
Bengal-Riley	\$ 1 00			
Byron	12 00	\$ 8 00		\$ 2 00
Chesaning	3 00	3 00		
Corunna	12 00	8 00		25
DeWitt	8 80	8 20	10 00	50
Laingsburg	1 06	2 06		
Lansing	22 75	17 03	10 00	2 00
Maple River	3 00	3 00		
Morrice	1 00			
Okemos	2 50			
Ovid	40 00	9 00		1 00
Owosso	31 55	18 55		2 00
Perry	8 00	6 60		1 00
Shepardsville	4 50			
St. Johns	19 66	12 75	20 60	1 00
Vernon	8 00	8 00		75
Williamston	10 00	10 00		1 50
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Following the order, Moderator resumed the chair and after singing, Committee on Resolutions reported as follows, which after separate motion each one was respectively adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we more heartily support all our Mission Societies established for carrying forward denominational work; each having as the years move on, a dearer place in our hearts on account of the wonderful way in which God through them is lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes of His habitation in the earth with His people.

Resolved, That we commend the Publication Societies literature, "The Michigan Christian Herald" and "The Baptist Union" in every Home, as an educational incentive in all Christian work.

Resolved, That encouraging reports from 21 of our 22 Churches, giving such unprecedented increase numerically and we trust spiritually, calls loudly upon us for special thanksgiving to God for his merciful blessings; also to covenant by the leading of His Spirit this coming year to put forth greater efforts in His service.

The Unity of the Spirit being the bond of perfectness: hence *greater unity* means nearer perfection.

Therefore, your Committee would cautiously suggest, that each Church constantly bear in mind that it is the Church, "The body of Christ," which bears all its branches, such as the Sunday School and Young Peoples Societies, in all their work and not these branches standing alone, nor bearing the Body. We further suggest that in our next Associational gathering these subjects be given a place *in* and not distinct *from* our proper Associational program.

Resolved, That the present unrest, strikes, lockouts and consequent distress in all our labor circles, such condition being a product of and each outbreak and common weal army march, fostered by the legalized liquor traffic, together with

the unearthing of corruption in high places, is as sure an indication as the sound of going in the tops of the Mulberry trees, that now is an acceptable time for concerted action in an attempt for Constitutional prohibition of the liquor traffic; to this end we urge all pastors to thunder it in unmistakable terms from their pulpits that the people may prepare themselves to act as one man and act *now* for the protection of the home. We urge all Christian voters to see to it that their candidates be men pledged to that principle. We further urge *all* to pray, petition and work for the near accomplishment of that much desired end.

J. McLEAN,
MRS. E. M. BLANCHARD,
J. S. SMITH.

Moved and carried that Section 2 of By Laws, regarding Committee on By-Laws, be suspended for the occasion.

On motion the reading of the minutes by the Clerk was dispensed with and after a refreshing season of prayer and thanksgiving, the Association was on motion adjourned.

DELEGATES.

ANTRIM.—Rev. C. C. Willett, Deacon A. J. Clough.

BATH.—Rev. J. W. Wharf, Dea. F. K. Makeley, Bertha Rounds.

BENGAL—RILEY.—Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Winegar, Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, Mrs. Lena Coffman, Maggie Smith.

BYRON.—Rev. A. Curry, J. Kanouse and wife, Mrs. Kelsey, Mrs. Bunce, Mrs. Swick.

CHESANING.—Rev. S. Batchelor, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ackley, Mrs. Jas. Westfall.

CORUNNA.—Rev. and Mrs. J. Fisher, Miss J. Whiting, Mrs. W. Hamilton, Mrs. C. J. Gale, M. M. Chase, R. Crandell.

DEWITT.—Rev. E. D. Way, Dea. Jas. Harris, Sister Kate Grinold.

DURAND.—Dea. and Mrs. J. Jones, Dea. Bozzard, Mrs. C. Wilkerson.

LAINGSBURG.—Rev. D. W. Morgan, E. C. McKee, Mrs. E. C. McKee, H. A. Dennis.

LANSING.—Rev. L. D. Temple, D. D. Mills, Mrs. Lemley, Mrs. Watson, Miss Florence Humphrey, Mrs. S. L. Lockwood, Miss Minnie Downs, Miss Ann Barnes, C. E. Garner, Miss Swain, P. A. Covert, H. W. Squiers.

MAPLE RIVER.—H. Phelps and wife, Ere Mead and wife, C. Flint and wife.

OKEMOS.—Rev. L. D. Dunning, Mrs. U. Hammond, Mrs. Reuben Cook.

OVID.—Rev. J. McLean, L. Stanton, C. A. Johnson, Mrs. H. F. Harris, Mrs. U. Hall, Mrs. Jane Dunlap, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Huntington, Mrs. Lacey.

OWOSSO.—Rev. W. B. Matteson, Mr. and Mrs. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. Archer, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. P. D. White, Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Bigelow, Mrs. Estes, Mrs. E. R. Miller, Mrs. Evans.

PERRY.—Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Lamb, Chas. H. Calkins, Mrs. Mary Calkins.

PITTSBURG.—J. B. Raymond and wife.

SHEPARDSVILLE.—Mrs. Spink, Mrs. Smith.

ST. JOHNS.—Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, Mrs. E. Teachout, Mrs. E. Swegles, M. N. Duncan, Thos. Cowley.

VERNON.—Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Woodhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Yerkes.

WEBBERVILLE.—Adah Hamilton.

WILLIAMSTON.—Rev. and Mrs. J. C. McDonald, Mrs. S. M. Bowerman, Mrs. E. S. Andrews.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

ANTRIM.—C. C. Willett, pastor. February 24th this church extended a call to Rev. C. C. Willett, of Fowlerville to become our pastor, which was accepted and with the assistance of Rev. Napoleon Smith, we have meetings every Sabbath. Our Sunday School is well sustained, our ministers are able messengers of Christ, our congregations attentive. The L. A. S. have been active in raising money to repaint the church. Dea. Danfel Faskett departed this life August, 1893 and many of our older members have gone from among us, but we pray that the coming year may be one of great spiritual growth. **MRS. FANNIE E. HOVEY, Clerk.**

BATH.—J. W. Wharf, pastor. While without a pastor we were blessed by the earnest labors of Rev. L. D. Dunning, of Okemos, Bro. Jay Pruden, of St. Johns, Rev. C. VanDorn, Rev. L. D. Temple, of Lansing, and Rev. J. W. Morgan, of Laingsburg. February 1, 1894, Rev. J. W. Wharf, formerly of Olney, Ill., became our pastor and has since faithfully and earnestly preached Christ. Assisted by Evangelist Dixon, recent meetings at Mission No. 10 have resulted in many conversions. Fifteen have united with the church and others await baptism. Our B. Y. P. U. and Sunday Schools are doing good work. **HIRAM TOOKER, Clerk.**

BENGAL—RILEY.—E. D. Way, pastor. Congregations increasing. Rev. E. D. Way, preaches each Sabbath afternoon. Three weeks' labors by Evangelist Dixon have resulted in much good. Our Sunday School was maintained through the winter and is growing. Our young people hold their meetings each Sabbath evening. **W. A. STURTON, Clerk.**

BYRON.—A. Curry, pastor, reports greatly increased numbers and increased interest in all departments. Revival services held by our pastor during the winter resulted in a united revival and many conversions. Our prayer meeting has become a desirable and happy place for many of our community. Our B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School are largely attended and increasing in interest. We look and hope for better and greater things. **MRS. ROSE KELSEY, Clerk.**

CHESANING.—Samuel Batchelor, pastor, reports the past year to have been the best and most fruitful in its history. Rev. C. VanDorn assisted several days in January. The Church work is broadening and large numbers in the community are coming within its influence. **MRS. F. E. BEARSE, Clerk.**

CORUNNA.—J. Fisher, pastor. The prayers and the labors of the faithful few maintained our prayer meetings and Sunday School through the summer. Pastor Fisher has now been with us six months and all departments of work are reviving and we feel assured that if we go forward and do God's bidding that he will be with us and bless us. **MRS. C. J. GALE, Clerk.**

DEWITT.—E. D. Way, pastor, reports a good spiritual interest which is manifest by a good attendance at prayer and covenant meetings. Have reshingled the church and put in new baptistry, in which three have already been baptised. **MRS. KATE GRINOLD, Clerk.**

DURAND.—W. T. Woodhouse, pastor, held two weeks special meetings in March in which our pastor was assisted by Evangelist Hermison. The church was revived spiritually and sinners were brought to Christ. Have improved our property and gained in numbers and strength. **MRS. C. WILKERSON, Clerk.**

LAINGSBURG.—D. W. Morgan, pastor. Continued special meetings during the winter have given us spiritual growth and added twenty to our numbers. Our B. Y. P. U. is a source of great help. **LIDA WHITING, Clerk.**

LANSING.—L. D. Temple, pastor. Our new edifice which was dedicated to the Lord, March 18, we trust will long stand as a monument to the faith and energy of the Baptist people of Lansing and it is our hope that it will be a source of pride for the Baptists of the State to know that they are so well represented in the capital city. The church has all modern conveniences and a seating capacity of about 1,600. Six weeks of special services were held by our pastor, assisted two weeks by Evangelist Harold F. Sayles and much benefit has resulted. Our Sunday School, under the leadership of D. D. Mills, is growing, being recently graded into four departments. Attendance and interest at prayer and covenant meetings are

increasing. Our two young peoples societies have consolidated into a B. Y. P. U. and are very active in Church work. The Ladies Aid Society have done a noble work during the year. There has also been organized a men's department, designed to interest more men in church work. We are working and trusting for greater victories. JOHN W. HOAG, Clerk.

MAPLE RIVER.—Prayer and covenant meetings have been maintained and interest is increasing. Hoped to be able to report increased numbers, but we have candidates waiting for baptism. Rev. Matteson, of Owosso, has consented to preach to us each alternate Sunday and we pray that his labors may be blessed. C. FLINT, Clerk.

OKEMOS.—L. D. Dunning, pastor. God has abundantly blessed our labors by large accessions to our numbers during the past year. We have besides our home Sunday School, two mission schools in successful operation

WM. COLE, Clerk.

OVID.—John McLean, pastor. Our former pastor, E. M. Stephenson having resigned to enter mission work at Jackson, Rev. John McLean began labor as our pastor, December 1st. January 2 occurred our annual business meeting, followed by a roll call, which was indeed a spiritual feast. Meetings were continued nearly two months, in which we were assisted by Bro. Woodhouse and Bro. J. C. McDonald. Twenty-four have been added to our membership by baptism. Our prayer and covenant meetings have been blessed with more than usual interest. Our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. are doing grand work and our ladies have frescoed the church at large expense. We bless God and take courage to labor on.

MARY E. QUICK, Clerk.

OWOSSO.—W. B. Matteson, pastor, commenced work with us August 15 with most gratifying results, 130 having been added to our church roll. Special meetings were held from January 1st to March and were blessed abundantly. Our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. are increasing in membership and interest. We hope for greater spiritual results than we have yet attained.

F. W. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

PERRY.—I. W. Lamb, pastor, began his labors April 9. Preceding this the M. E. pastor began a series of meetings which resulted wonderfully, over 300 persons professing conversion. Although all denominations participated, but light numerical benefit accrued to us, being pastorless, but we are now progressing. Seven have already been baptized, with two candidates waiting. Have organized a Young Peoples Endeavor. Our Sunday School is prospering. We invite the Association to meet with us next year.

H. A. ROBERTS, Clerk.

PITTSBURG.—Rev. I. W. Lamb has preached for us since May 13 and we hope to secure his services. We have a Union Sabbath School, average attendance fifty.

J. B. RAYMOND, Clerk.

SHEPARDVILLE.—John McLean, pastor, preaches to us each alternate Sabbath. No change in membership to report. We keep up covenant meetings although our numbers are small. We hope and trust that the Lord will revive his work here.

J. W. WELTER, Clerk.

ST. JOHNS.—E. M. Blanchard, pastor, has faithfully preached the gospel. Special meetings were held January 8-16 in which much good was accomplished. Our Sunday School is all alive under the care of J. E. Littell and L. Huffman, the teachers meetings being a wonderful help. The B. Y. P. U. is doing excellent work, also our Junior Union under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Littell.

ISAAC E. HOBART, Clerk.

VERNON.—W. T. Woodhouse, pastor, extend a hearty welcome to delegates to our church, our homes and our town, and may God bless us mutually. Nearly fifty years have passed since this church was organized. 573 members have been enrolled with us, seven of these have been sent out as ministers, six of whom are still living and laboring for the cause we all love and we can point with pride to numerous lay members scattered throughout the field doing noble work. Pastor Woodhouse is laboring zealously and interest is increasing in every department. May God bless and direct us in all things and may the denomination we represent here grow in grace.

A. PARMENTER, Clerk.

WEBBERVILLE.—Our church is acceptably supplied by Rev. J. C. McDonald, of Williamston, each Sabbath afternoon. We have interesting S. S., B. Y. P. U. and prayer meetings, each once a week. Special meetings were held during the winter assisted by E. D. Wav, which resulted in some conversions and several additions to the church. Our Ladies Aid Society is doing a grand work.

S. S. RHODES, Clerk.

WILLIAMSTON.—J. C. McDonald, pastor, has labored zealously, assisted by his faithful and efficient wife. Special work has been done among the young and a Junior Union organized. We report twenty-five baptisms for the year, the youngest six, the eldest upwards of sixty. Evangelist Sayles two weeks union service here resulted in much good and confirmed the former good work of our pastors. Assisted by \$50 from the L. A. S. and \$25 from the B. Y. P. U. we have paid the mortgage on the parsonage. Increased interest is manifest throughout.

E. S. ANDREWS, Clerk.

SHIAWASSEE ASSOCIATION CHURCH STATISTICS.

Year Organized.	CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND YEAR OF SETTLEMENT.	CLERKS.	MEMBERSHIP.											PROPERTY.					EXPENSES.											
				Gains.			Losses.			Present No.					Houses of Worship	Number of Sitzings	Parsonages.	Value of Houses	Value of Pars'n'ge.	Maintaining Public Worship.	Permanent Improvement.	Associational Minutes	Total Home Expenses.								
				Baptised.	Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Bruised.	Died.	Resident.	Non-Resident.	TOTAL.																	
1856	Antrim.	C. C. Willett.	Fannie E. Hovey.	1			1				10	30	1				1200 00								1 00						
1868	Bath.	W. W. Wharf.	Hiram Tooker.	1	2		1				5	35	1				1000 00										1 00				
1873	Bengal-Riley.	E. D. Why.	88 W. Sutton, St. Juns.			6					5	43	1				1000 00										1 00				
1867	Byron.	A. Curry.	88 Mrs. Rose Kelsey.	3			1				38	5	43	1			2000 00										1 50				
1878	Chesaning	S. Bachelor.	90 Mrs. F. E. Bearce.	27			1				6	69	1				1650 00							16 00			1 50				
1848	Coruna	J. Fisher.	85 M. C. J. Gale.	16			1				63	6	69	1			3000 00										1 50				
1846	Dewitt	J. D. Way.	89 Mrs. Kate Grinold.	2			2				58	1	60	1			1500 00										1 00				
1885	Durand	E. T. Woodhouse	88 Mrs. C. Wilkerson	3			2				45	1	46	1			3000 00										1 25				
1884	Lainsburg	D. W. Morgan.	88 Miss Lida Whitney	10			2				47	2	49	1			2700 00										1 00				
1851	Lansing	L. D. Temple.	90 John W. Hoag.	13			5				52	7	59	2			1000 00										1 00				
1857	Maple River	L. D. Temple.	C. Flint, Owosso.	47			23				52	7	59	2			15500 00										3 25				
1879	Morrice	L. D. Dunning.	88 Wm. Cole	1			1				50	1	51	1			8000 00										1 04				
1867	Okemos	L. D. Dunning.	88 Wm. Cole	21			1				50	5	55	1			1800 00										1 10				
1860	Ovid	John McLean	89 Mrs. Mary E. Quick	24			15				250	20	270	1			5000 00										2 00				
1838	Owosso	W. B. Matteson	86 F. W. Lawrence	86			30				395	27	422	1			10000 00										3 00				
1838	Perry	F. W. Lamb.	94 H. A. Roberts	7			2				88	7	95	1			3000 00										2 00				
1877	Pittsburg	L. W. Lamb.	94 J. B. Raymond	6			2				88	7	95	1			2900 00										1 50				
1871	Shepardsville	John McLean	88 J. W. Welter	7			2				20	1	21	1			1500 00										25				
1856	St. Johns	E. M. Blanchard	89 Isaac E. Hobart.	13			4				116	24	140	1			4000 00										1 00				
1848	Vernon	W. Woodhouse.	88 Amos Parmenter	6			2				16	116	1	350	1		2000 00										1 80				
1878	Webbville	J. C. McDonald	86 S. S. Rhodes	5			2				35	3	38	1			1500 00										1 30				
1841	Williamston.	J. C. McDonald	86 E. S. Andrews.	25			1				99	10	109	1			2300 00										2 00				
				308	115	46	13	89	12	29	1892	220	2408	21	6680	9	54150 00	14150 00							9061	07	24457	97	69	30944	15

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCH OR MISSION.	SUPERINTENDENT.		SECRETARY.	Officers.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Total Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Baptisms.	Volumes in Library.	No. Per's taken.	Contributions.		Total.
	NAME.	P. O. Address.										Reverence.	Expenses.	
Antrim.....	Lesley Hankey	Bancroft	Judson Fuller	4	3	30	35	25	50	3				12 00
Bath.....	Horace Hall	Bath	Ola Makley	6	6	40	53	30						
Bath, Mis 10.....	Bio Case	Bath	Della Thompson	7	5	60	72	38						
Benzal-Riley.....	Maggie Smith	St. Johns	Grace Sutton	4	1	35	47	30	60	2				
Byron.....	Jacob Kanouse	Byron	Edna Redmond	7	10	80	97	52	10	75	2			
Chesaning.....	Walter Brainerd	Chesaning	Ralph Eldred	12	8	100	125	60	7	175	5			
Corunna.....	Frank Davis	Corunna	Mary Weeden	5	6	34	34	34						
Dewitt.....	Jas. Harris	DeWitt	Bertha Jutting	5	6	36	52	25	130	3				
Durand.....	J. M. Bozard	Durand	Carrie Breydlig	4	4	25	25	25						
Laingsburg.....	E. C. McKee	Laingsburg	Frank Whitney	6	6	78	90	52	6	25	2			
Laingsburg.....	D. D. Mills	Laingsburg	M. A. Chapman	6	19	382	407	252	25	190	3			66 00
" St. Mis.....	E. L. Skeen	"	Mary Chapman	5	1	105	119	79						26 27
" Mich. av.....	Mrs. L. D. Temple	"	Hattie Bryanton	4	2	96	96	37						11 75
" Forest S.....	C. E. Garner	"	Grace Grennell	4	2	28	28	15						
Okenos.....	L. D. Dunning	Okenos	H. Richardson	7	10	103	120	80	6					
" Cedar R. mis.....	Geo. Hammond	"	Chas. Fink	6	4	36	46	36	30					
" Alaledou Ct.....	Chas. Peabody	"	M. Bertha True	6	5	40	51	36	30					8 75
Owosso.....	G. C. Stanton	Owosso	Mrs. E. Fuller	8	13	150	172	102	14	200	7			
Perry.....	H. K. White	Morrice	Mrs. Mabel Orr	8	24	348	380	183	176	2				
Pittsburg.....	Horace Purdy	Laingsburg	Fanny Spaulding	5	7	92	102	64						
St. Johns.....	Mrs. J. Beardslee	St. Johns	Mrs. M. Barnes	8	13	211	232	140	11	250	12			
Vernon.....	J. E. Liffel	Vernon	Edith Nethercott	5	9	75	125	70						
Webberville.....	Edwin Whelon	Webberville	Minnie Wiggins	4	7	60	71	52	5					
Williamston.....	W. H. Marsh	Williamston	Ira Carr	6	11	150	154	90	17	142	8			76 22
	E. S. Andrews	Williamston	Myrtle Langford											64 22
				145	200	2360	2833	1514	112	1608				200 00

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