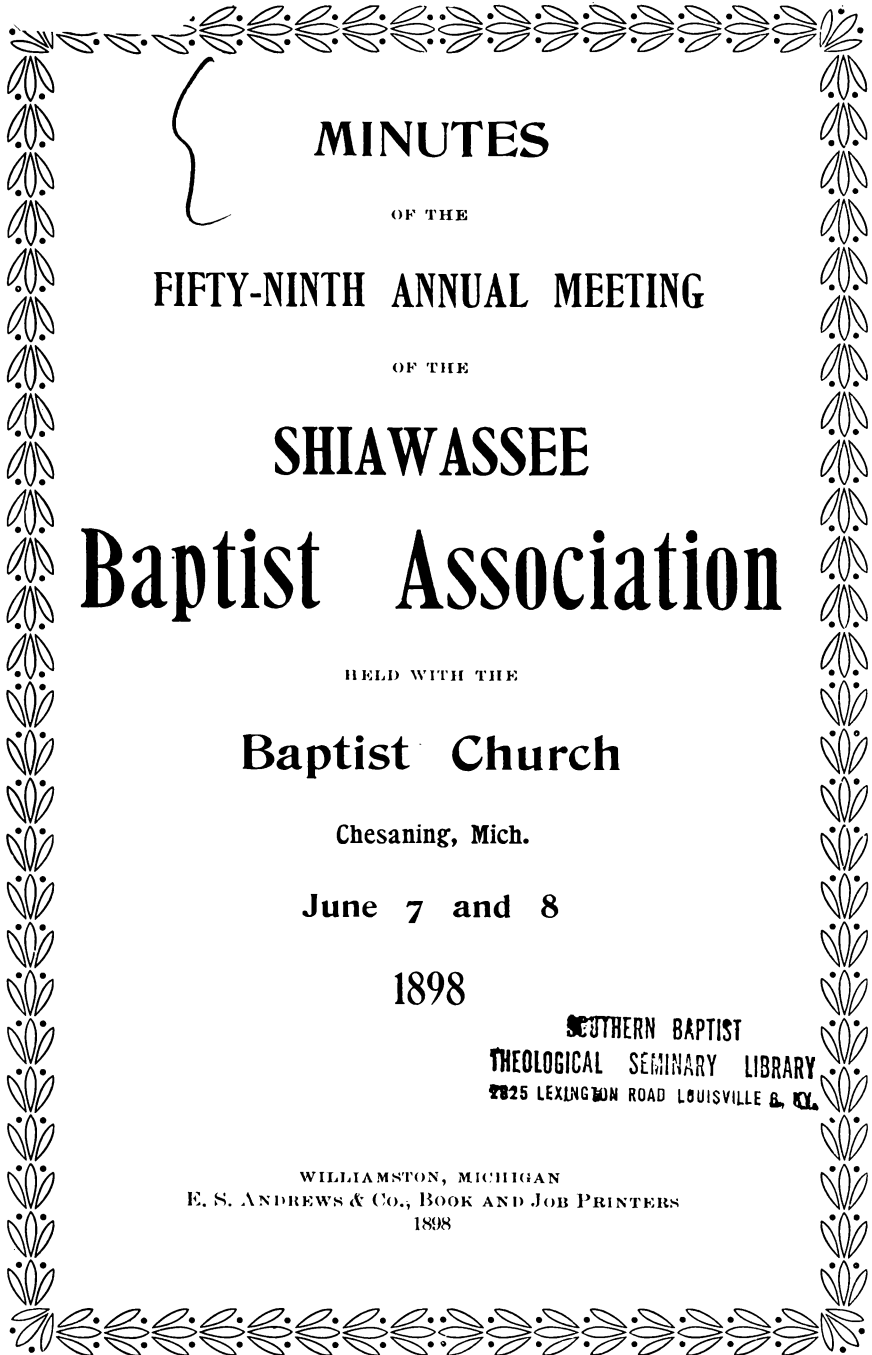


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Shiawassee Baptist Association.

CHESANING, MICH., June 7, 1898.

1:30 p. m.—The association was called to order by the moderator, and Chas. E. Garner, of Lansing, was chosen clerk *pro tem*.

After reading the letter of Chesaning church, a hymn was sung and Rev. F. L. Allen of Laingsburg read 1st. Cor., Chap. 12.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. Fisher, of Corunna.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. A. C. Marshall, of Corunna, from 2nd. Kings, 3:16-17.

After prayer by Rev. J. C. McDonald and singing, the moderator read the rules of order and announced the following committees:

Nominations. Rev. J. C. McDonald, Williamston; Rev. A. C. Marshall, Corunna; Alvin Winegar, Bengal-Riley.

Program for next meeting. Rev. C. L. Seasholes, of Lansing; Rev. K. N. Courad, of Chesaning, and E. C. McKee, of Laingsburg.

Place and Preacher. Rev. F. L. Allen, Laingsburg; Rev. G. D. Kaufman, of Ashley; J. S. Smith of Byron.

Obituaries. Rev. J. Fisher, Corunna; Rev. I. W. Lamb, Perry, W. D. Woolston, Ashley.

Resolutions. Rev. Geo. E. Rowe, of Byron; B. R. Marshall, of Corunna; C. A. Johnson, Ovid.

Publication of Minutes. Chas. E. Garner, of Lansing; G. C. Stanton, of Ovid, and Rev. J. Fisher of Corunna.

Rev. J. C. McDonald read the report of the commission on Systematic Beneficence in substance as follows: After appointment, the commission organized by electing Rev. J. C. McDonald chairman, Rev. J. L. Hudson treasurer and Rev. A. C. Marshall secretary:

The work of organizing commissions in the various churches was divided among the members of the association commission. The following churches were organized:

CHURCH.	CHAIRMAN.	CHURCH.	CHAIRMAN
Antrim	N. H. Blake.	Ovid,	Mrs. G. Huntington
Byron.....	J. C. Smith.	Owosso,	E. M. Miller
Corunna.....	Mrs. Utley.	Okemos	C. L. Hulett
Durand... ..	Mrs. M. E. Brand	Webberville.....	A. Townsend
Laingsburg ..	E. C. McKee.	Williamston, Mrs. A. B. Kinne	
Lansing. Documents have been sent to every church in the Association. Postage and express			\$4.39
		A. C. MARSHALL, Secretary.	

The report was adopted.

It was voted that the names of delegates and list of officers of the Woman's Missionary Society should be published in the minutes.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to revise the rules of order: C. A. Johnson, Rev. J. C. McDonald and Rev. A. C. Marshall.

It was announced that neither Rev. C. E. Conley, Dr. Jameson nor Dr. Boyden would be present at the association.

A short song and devotional service was led by Bro. J. P. Baker.

A collection was then taken to defray the expenses of the Association Commission on Systematic Beneficence, amounting to \$5.25, which was turned over to the chairman of the Commission, Rev. J. C. McDonald.

The committee on Nominations reported as follows:

Moderator.—Rev. A. C. Marshall, Corunna.

Clerk.—Charles E. Garner, Lansing.

Treasurer—Rev. J. Fisher, Corunna.

Auditor,—Wm. M. Hoag, Lansing.

Superintendent of S. S.—D. D. Mills, Lansing.

President of B. Y. P. U.,—G. C. Stanton, Ovid.

Missionary Commission,—Rev. C. L. Seasholes, Lansing; Rev. C. V. Northrop, Owosso, and Rev. F. L. Allen, Laingsburg.

Superintendent Woman's Work,—Mrs. J. Fisher, Corunna.

Their report was accepted and adopted.

The Moderator elect was then called to the chair.

In the absence of Dr. Jameson, Rev. G. P. Mitchell spoke to the Association on Home Missions.

Rev. C. L. Seasholes gave a short talk on the work of the publication society in the south, after which the Association adjourned until evening.

EVENING SESSION—7:15 P. M.

A prayer and praise service led by C. A. Johnson.

Rev. J. C. McDonald was appointed as chairman of the Committee on Obituaries in place of Rev. J. Fisher, who desired to be released.

Chas. E. Garner, Rev. C. L. Seasholes and Rev. J. C. McDonald were appointed a committee to award the Association Sunday School Banner in accordance with the conditions on which it was offered.

B. Y. P. U. SESSION.

Associational President, G. C. Stanton, took the chair.

After singing, followed by prayer by Rev. C. L. Seasholes, the President appointed C. A. Johnson, Rev. F. L. Allen and Rev. G. E. Rowe as a nominating committee to report later in the evening.

A letter from Gen. Secretary, E. E. Chivers, of the B. Y. P. U., was then read.

The President gave his report of the year's work in the Association, which was adopted.

Miss Nellie Carr read her report as Secretary and Treasurer, which was in figures as follows:

Total number of members.....	686
Given for benevolences during 1897	\$108.54
Number of copies of Baptist Union taken	79

As Treasurer:

Received from former treasurer.....	\$ 1.16
" " collections	4.29
" " apportionment for state work.....	24.90

Total receipts.....	\$30.35
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Paid shortage of last year.....	\$ 1.84
" for programs and postage	3.61
" for President's expenses.....	3.19
" to N. B. Ackley, state treasurer.....	22.90
	<u>\$31.54</u>

Leaving a shortage of.....	\$ 1.19
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The report was accepted.

The report of Mrs. Littell as Junior Leader was read by Mr. Morse, of Ovid, and the report was accepted.

A collection was taken to make up the shortage reported by the Treasurer.

Music by a male quartette.

Miss Nellie Carr read a paper on the "Christian Culture Courses."

The Committee on Nominations reported:

Vice President,—E. C. McKey, Laingsburg.

Sec'y and Treas.,— Miss Nellie Carr, Lansing.

Junior Leader,—Mrs. J. E. Littell, St. Johns.

Delegates to Buffalo Convention,—Rev. Geo. E. Rowe, Byron;
Rev. C. L. Seasholes, Lansing; Rev. C. V. Northrop, Owosso.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Rev. G. P. Mitchell gave the address, which closed the evening session.

WEDNESDAY MORNING—8:30 A. M.

A prayer and praise service led by Rev. G. E. Rowe.

Minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

The resident pastors of other denominations being present, were introduced by the moderator.

A talk on "Short Pastorates are they desirable," was given by E. C. McKee, followed by discussions by Rev. C. L. Seasholes, W. M. Hoag, Rev. J. Fisher, Rev. J. C. McDonald and Rev. W. G. Nixon of the M. E. church.

An address on "The Holy Spirits work in the church," was given by Rev. F. L. Allen, followed by the morning sermon by Rev. I. W. Lamb, Subject, "Mind and Spirit's Influence in the Church."

Reading of church letters by the clerk assisted by Rev. G. P. Mitchell.

After reading of letters from Bengal-Riley, Bro. J. P. Baker of Ovid was introduced to the association as a young man who drove fifty miles and preached twice on Sunday.

On motion the clerk was instructed to make a note in the minutes, and write to each pastor requesting that hereafter the church letters and statistics be furnished to the association at its first sitting.

Rev. C. L. Seasholes spoke in behalf of the Aged Ministers' Home at Fenton.

Rev. C. L. Seasholes, Rev. G. E. Rowe, Rev. I. W. Lamb were appointed as a committee to consider whether the standing resolutions adopted at the last annual meeting "concerning the appointment of a committee on Ordination" is consistent with Art. 2 of the constitution of this body," such committee to report at the afternoon sitting.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Prayer and praise service led by Rev. G. D. Kaufman.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The report of the S. S. Superintendent, D. D. Mills was read by C. L. Seasholes, and was adopted.

W. M. Hoag read a paper on "How to study the Bible," the appreciation of which was shown by a rising vote.

Rev. C. L. Seasholes then spoke on "Some methods of studying and teaching the Bible;" Discussion was continued by Rev. G. P. Mitchell and I. W. Lamb.

After a song an address was given on "Primary Work" by Mrs. J. C. McDonald, C. A. Johnson spoke on the subject "That boy, who shall have him."

A discussion followed on the foregoing subject.

Rev. C. V. Northrop of Owosso, having just arrived was introduced to the association.

The committee appointed at close of forenoon sitting, reported that they were not agreed and referred the matter back to the association.

After discussion of the subject, Rev. I. W. Lamb was instructed to prepare a resolution and present it at the evening session.

The following were elected as the commission on systematic beneficence: Rev. J. C. McDonald, Rev. A. C. Marshall, Rev. F. L. Allen, Mrs. J. Fisher and Mrs. C. V. Northrop.

The committee reported St. Johns as the place for holding the next association, and Rev. C. L. Seasholes as preacher, with Rev. G. H. Hudson as alternate.

The report was adopted.

The moderator was appointed to endeavor at the State Convention to have the dates of the association arranged so as not to conflict with each other.

This Association will be sixty years old in 1899, and E. S. Andrews was requested to write the history of the Association for the meeting, next year and also to prepare for the association a bound volume of the minutes of the association for the sixty years.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.—WOMAN'S WORK.

Devotional services led by Mrs. G. P. Mitchell.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The resolution adopted last year in relation to ordinations was recinded.

Rev. I. W. Lamb reported the following resolution which was adopted as standing resolution No. 5:

Resolved, That this association, especially disclaiming any and all authority over the individual churches, yet feeling the need of such a standing committee of judicious brethren, who shall have the endorsements of this body, shall elect annually an advisory committee of five brethren, who shall on the request of any church, give to such church the benefit of their advice and counsel, and we recommend that the churches consult with this committee before calling a council for the ordination of any brother to the work of the Gospel Ministry. We also recommend that every candidate of ordination be advised to consult with this committee and obtain their counsel before asking for ordination. We also recommend that the church calling any such council, invite all the churches in the association to send delegates to sit with them in the Council.

The following were elected as ordination committee: Rev. J. C. McDonald, Rev. G. P. Mitchell, Rev. C. L. Seasholes, Rev. I. W. Lamb and C. V. Northrop.

The Committee on resolutions reported as follows:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the prominence given to our young people's work, and recommend the young people's societies take up the work of the Christian Culture Courses as given in the Baptist Union.

Resolved. That we are in hearty sympathy with each of the great benevolent organizations of our denomination, and rejoice in the extinguishment of the united debts of the Missionary Union and the Home Mission Society.

Resolved. That we recommend all of our churches to make provision for a contribution, each year, for Home, State and Foreign Missions, for the benevolent work of the Bible and Publication Society, for Christian and Ministerial education and for the Baptist Ministers' Aid Society.

Resolved. That we recommend that an earnest effort be made to secure *something from every member* of our churches for each of these objects, so that all may share in the blessedness of giving for the cause of Christ.

Resolved. That we commend the Publication Societies literature, The Michigan Christian Herald and the Baptist Union to our members and urge the more general use of these valuable instrumentalities for the training of our people for Christian work and usefulness.

Resolved. That we believe the traffic in intoxicating liquors is a greivous sin, and that to share in the profits of the business renders society in partnership with the iniquity; and that it is the duty of every Christian voter to persistently demand that all laws which legalize the traffic be repealed, and that the sanction of the law be no longer given to the accursed business.

Resolved. That this association tender a rising vote of thanks to the Baptist church and citizens of Chesaning for the cordial welcome and hospitable entertainment accorded the members and visiting friends of this body.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Obituaries reported 27 deaths in the Asso-

ciation during the year, the youngest being 20 years old, and the oldest 95 years. Okemos, Laingsburg, Shepardsville and Vernon lost one each; St. Johns, Williamston and Chesaning two each; Owosso five and Ovid, six. Their work in the church Militant is over. They have, we trust, all joined the church Triumphant. Who shall be called next? Are we all ready?

The remainder of the evening was given to the woman's work, with Mrs. J. Fisher in the chair.

Mrs. J. C. McDonald gave a report of home mission work, and Mrs. G. P. Mitchell read the report of Melissa Watkins on Foreign missions.

An address on womans work in missions was given by Miss Harriet Cooper of Detroit.

The minutes were read and approved.

A short time was given to quotations of scripture, and after singing, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," the Association closed with benediction by Rev. G. P. Mitchell.

Digest of Letters.

ANTRIM.—Our Sabbath School and Young People are doing good work.
N. H. BLAKE, Clerk.

ASHLEY.—We were without a pastor from April until September when we called Rev. G. D. Kaufman who has labored faithfully with us, dividing his time between us and North Star. Our pastor held meetings and organized a Sunday School at Daggett School House. ROSCOE WILCOX, Clerk.

BATH.—Have been without a pastor the past year. Sunday School has been kept up and kept the church together. All are anxious for a pastor.
MARY CLEMONS, Clerk.

BENGAL-RILEY.—Bro. J. P. Baker is serving us and doing good work among us.
GEO. KARCHER, Clerk

BYRON.—Our pastor Rev. G. E. Rowe settled with us last September, and is doing earnest and effective work. The S. S. and Young People's society have been active. J. S. SMITH, Clerk.

CHESANING.—All has not been smooth sailing for us the past year. Some discord has existed. We were without a pastor from Nov. to March 1st. when Rev. K. V. Conrad settled with us. The B. Y. P. U. is active and among other things has put electric lights into the church.
W. R. CORYELL, Clerk.

CORUNNA.—The past year has been one of great blessings. The gospel has been preached effectively to good congregations. The B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School are both active. A branch has been organized $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant where our pastor preaches every Sunday afternoon.
J. FISHER, Clerk

DEWITT,—We are few and feeble but striving to maintain the cause of the Master. Bro. John Hoag of Kalamazoo College supplied us a part of his vacation. Bro. J. P. Baker of Ovid has supplied us since. We greatly need a settled pastor.
MRS. KATE GRINOLD, Clerk.

DURAND,—Our pastor, A. A. Forshee has been with us Sundays since December, but will be with us all the week after June. Our congregations are good and Sunday School well attended. The Ladies' Aid Society is active.

MRS. J. C. BRAND, Clerk.

LAINGSBURG,—A year of faithful work has added 14 to our number. The debt has been raised from our parsonage. Attendance is good and good work is being done in all departments.

MRS. ESTHER BIXBY, Clerk.

LANSING,—Pastor O'Dell closed his pastorate Sept. 1st. and Rev. C. L. Seasholes became our pastor Oct. 15th. Our church is in a flourishing condition, congregations are good, Sunday School is well attended. The B. Y. P. U. has 156 members and is active in good work. The society publishes a monthly paper called the "Baptist Visitor." Many of the young people took the Christian Culture Courses as published in the Baptist Union. The Ladies' Aid Society raised for various objects \$1,500 last year.

J. O. EMSBERGER, Clerk.

MAPLE RIVER,—We have been without a pastor. Rev. Dunning supplies us a few Sundays. Missionary VanDorn preached for us and baptised. Our covenant meetings have been regularly maintained.

C. FLINT, Clerk.

OKEMOS,—Rev Geo. H. Hudson has served us since November. Congregations are good, and every department of the church is maintained and in a flourishing condition.

C. L. HULETT, Clerk.

OVID,—All departments of the church are actively at work. Our Sunday School maintains a home department with good results.

G. C. STANTON, Clerk.

Owosso —Rev. W. B. Matteson left us July and Rev. C. V. Northrop began his labors Oct. 1. All departments are in active condition.

F. W. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

PERRY.—All departments are in good working order. We are financially weak, but have among us many faithful workers.

MRS. C. H. CALKINS Clerk.

SHEPARDSTOWN.—The past year has not been one of great progress. Rev. Willard served us for six months and we have been without a pastor since.

MRS. EMMA GIFFORD.

ST. JOHNS.—We have been without a settled pastor since January. A good spirit prevails in the church and all departments are in good condition.

I. H. WHITE, Clerk.

VERNON.—Rev. Davidson closed his labors with us in January and Rev. E. M. Blanchard began his labors with us in May. All departments of the church have been maintained in fairly good condition.

AMOS PARMENTER, Clerk.

WEBBERVILLE.—We enjoy the ministrations of the Rev. J. C. McDonald, who preaches for us each Sunday afternoon. All departments of the church work are maintained.

S. S. RHODES, Clerk.

WILLIAMSTON.—The church is in a flourishing condition. An addition has been built on the parsonage. Our young people are actively at work.

E. S. ANDREWS, Clerk.

Delegates.

ASHLEY—Rev. and Mrs. G. D. Kaufman, William and Mrs. Woolston.

BATH—Frederick K. Makeley.

BENGAL-RILEY—Alvin Winegar, Geo. W. Karcher, Maggie Smith, Hattie Jacob.

BYRON—Rev. G. E. Rowe, J. S. Smith, Arthur Botsford, Mrs. Jas. Holly, Miss Elma Russell.

CHESANING—Rev. and Mrs. K. N. Conrad, Mrs. A. S. Burrows, Mrs. F. C. Brainerd, Mrs. J. B. Ackley.

CORUNNA—Rev. A. C. Marshall, Rev. and Mrs. J. Fisher, B. R. Marshall, Mrs. Emma Welch.

DEWITT—J. P. Baker, Mrs. Kate Grinold.

LAINGSBURG—Rev. E. L. Allen, Mrs. Wm. Shirts, Mrs. Phelps, Mr. Phelps, Mrs. A. Bixby, E. C. McKee.

LANSING—Rev. C. L. Seasholes, Wm. M. Hoag, Chas. E. Garner, Mrs. Nellie Carr.

MAPLE RIVER—George Crane, Levisa Crane, Henry Phelps, Edna Phelps.

OKEMOS—Rev. G. H. Hudson.

OVID—Rev. Geo. P. and Mrs. Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Hieok, Mrs. Dunlap, C. A. Johnson.

OWOSSO—Rev. and Mrs. C. V. Northrop, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. White, Mrs. D. M. Estey, Mrs. A. Evans, Mrs. Benoy.

PFERRY—Rev. I. W. Lamb.

ST. JOHNS—H. A. Rose, E. E. Alberson, I. H. White, Mrs. E. J. Teachout.

VERNON—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bronson, Mr. Mrs. Charles Gundry, E. M. Blanchard.

WEBBERVILLE—Rev. J. C. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marsh.

WILLIAMSTON—Rev. and Mrs. J. C. McDonald, Gilbert Witters, Charles Chambers, Mrs. C. Goodspeed.

Treasurer's Report of Shiawassee Association for the year
ending June 1st, 1898:

Received from Ashley for Association minutes	...\$	.50
“ “ Bath “ “	... .75	
“ “ Byron “ “	... 1.00	
“ “ Bengal-Riley “ “	... .75	
“ “ Corunna “ “	... 1.62	
“ “ Chesaning “ “	... 1.00	
“ “ DeWitt “ “	... 1.00	
“ “ Durand “ “	... 1.00	
“ “ Lansing “ “	... 3.00	
“ “ Laingsburg “ “	... .75	
“ “ Maple River “ “	... .50	
“ “ Owosso “ “	... 3.75	
“ “ Ovid “ “	... 2.00	
“ “ Okemos “ “	... .75	
“ “ Perry “ “	... 1.00	
“ “ Shepardsville “ “	... 1.00	
“ “ St. Johns “ “	... 1.50	
“ “ Vernon “ “	... 1.00	
“ “ Williamston “ “	... 2.00	
“ “ Webberville “ “	... 1.00	
		<u>\$25.87</u>
Received from Ashley for S. Con. Fund.....	\$	.50
“ “ Byron “ “	... .55	
“ “ Durand “ “	... 1.00	
“ “ Laingsburg “ “	... 1.00	
“ “ Ovid “ “	... 3.00	
“ “ Okemos “ “	... .75	
“ “ Perry “ “	... 1.00	
“ “ Vernon “ “	... 1.00	
“ “ Williamston “ “	... 2.90	
“ “ Webberville “ “	... .50	
Paid Chas. E. Garner for printing.....	\$25.87	
“ Rev. C. E. Conley, State C. Fund	12.20	
	<u>\$38.07</u>	<u>\$12.20</u>
Total amount received from all sources.....	\$38.07	
“ “ paid.....	38.07	

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FISHER, Treas.

B. Y. P. U. and Y. P. S. C. E. Statistics.

CHURCHES.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	NAME.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	No. Taking C. C. C.	Contributions.		
							Home Work.	Missions.	TOTAL.
Ashley	Mrs. Cora Coon	Rosco E. Wilcox	B. Y. P. U.	16 10		100 00	1 00	1 00	100 00
Antrim	Edson Brown	Miss Lucy Smith	B. Y. P. S. of C. E.	11 7		1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00
Bath									
Bengal-Hiley									
Byron	Miss Esie Lord	R. A. Lord	B. Y. P. S. of C. E.	16 16		69 00			68 00
Chesaning	Charles Bennet	Enla Jones	B. Y. P. U.	30 13		21 21			21 21
Corunna	Miss Rachael Evans	Mrs. C. B. Green	" "			2 00			2 00
Dewitt	J. R. Grinold	Andrew Hath	" "						
Durand									
Lainsburg	Frank Whitney	Mrs. H. A. Dennis	B. Y. P. U.	21		36 30	4 36	4 36	43 00
Lansing	Frank M. Waggoner	Nellie Carr	" "	135 17 20			13 00	13 00	49 30
Maple River									
Okemos	Charles Fink	Maud Ferguson	B. Y. P. U.	15 30		24 00	1 00	1 00	25 00
Ovid	Charles Morse	Grace Wilkins	" "	115 25		25 50	4 15	4 15	29 65
Owosso	J. H. Webster	Mabel Osborne	" "	46					
Perry	Mrs. Inez Hall	Ola Higby	C. E.				6 80	6 80	6 80
Shepherdsville	Etta Longyear	Gertrude Gifford	B. Y. P. U.	12					
St. Johns	Thomas B. Cowley	Edith M. Nethercott	" "	47 10 4		12 00	3 81	3 81	15 81
Vernon	Mrs. Minnie Perry	Jennie Bronson	" "	20 10		25 00			25 00
Webberville	B. Vanarder	Claude Dens	" "	6 9		2 25			2 00
Williamston	Mrs. C. King	May Vannister	" "	22 8					

Benevolent Contributions.

CHURCHES.	Local Missions.		STATE MISSIONS.		HOME MISSIONS		FOREIGN MISSIONS			Publication Society and S. S. work.	Christian Education	Ministers' Aid Socy	Other Objects	TOTAL.		
	Church	Y. P. Society	Church	Womans' Socy	Y. P. Society	Church	Womans' Society	Y. P. Society	Church						Womans' Society	Y. P. Society
Ashley.....	8 60		1 00			90		1 00					2 00	11 60		
Antrim.....			1 00			1 00							45 00	1 90		
Bath.....	8 65		1 00			1 00								47 00		
Bengal-Riley.....														10 65		
Byron.....	1 90									11 47			28 00	11 47		
Chesaning.....	12 35			9 55										29 90		
Coruna.....	15 25			4 80									4 62	34 60		
Dewitt.....									6 50			3 24		33 24		
Durand.....	24 40									2 07				59 44		
Laingsburg.....	3 70	2 85	1 95	3 00		14 04	5 46	1 51	6 23					108 70		
Lausing.....	3 70	13 00	22 45	12 00		45 55	12 00							10 00		
Maple River.....													6 31	18 46		
Okemos.....	20 20	4 15	10 14	11 90		5 00	2 00			5 15			72 80	320 22		
Owosso.....	79 17	8 72		7 50		37 83	47 90	3 00	115 30				14 86	613 00		
Perry.....	289 00			10 00	3 40	17 75	8 00	3 40	4 05				15 00	88 55		
Shepherdsville.....	8 07			8 75										20 07		
St. Johns.....	10 45		18 36	8 71		11 74	11 30						42 95	108 51		
Vernon.....	17 50		10 00	6 00		8 25	10 00			5 12	1 50	5 00	2 70	66 07		
Webberville.....	5 00		5 00			5 25				5 82		3 26		27 33		
Williamston.....	28 75		16 00	13 28		21 00	15 25			5 00	5 00	4 00	51 25	169 56		

Constitution.

ADOPTED IN 1894.

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

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

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

ART. 5. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, President of Pastor's 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 till others are elected. It shall be the duty of the Associational Superintendent 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 sound 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.

Rules of Order.

I. In the absence of any of the officers of the Association, others shall be elected pro tem.

II. The order of business at each annual meeting of the Association, shall be as follows:

FIRST—The introductory service, Annual Sermon and organization.

SECOND—The Rules of Order read.

THIRD—Appointment of Committee on Ministration.

FOURTH—Invitations to Visiting Brothers to sit with us.

FIFTH—Applications for admission of Churches received.

SIXTH—Annual Pastor's Conference.

SEVENTH—Election of Officers.

EIGHTH—Annual Rally of Baptist Young People's Union.

NINTH—Sunday School session.

TENTH—Reading of Letters.

ELEVENTH—Addresses by representatives of denominational, benevolent, educational and missionary organizations.

TWELFTH—Woman's Work.

III. No person shall speak more than once on any one subject, nor longer than allowed on program or vote of the Association.

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

V. No motion shall be discussed if such discussion be opposed by a majority of the members present.

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

FIRST—A Committee on Nominations.

SECOND—A Committee to provide program for next Anniversary.

THIRD—A Committee on Obituaries.

FOURTH—A Committee on Publication of Minutes, of which the Clerk and Treasurer shall be members.

FIFTH—A Committee on Resolutions.

SIXTH—A Committee on place and preacher of annual sermon for next anniversary.

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

VIII. All churches neglecting to represent themselves in this Body for two years in succession, shall be visited by a committee chosen for the purpose, who shall report at the next annual meeting.

IX. Any article of this order may be suspended for consideration of other business, by a vote of the Association.

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

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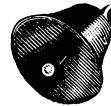
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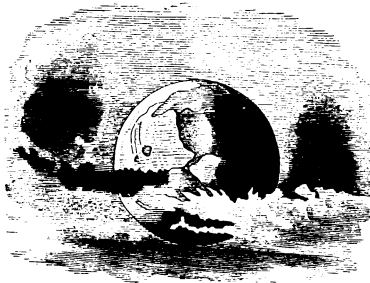
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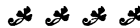


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