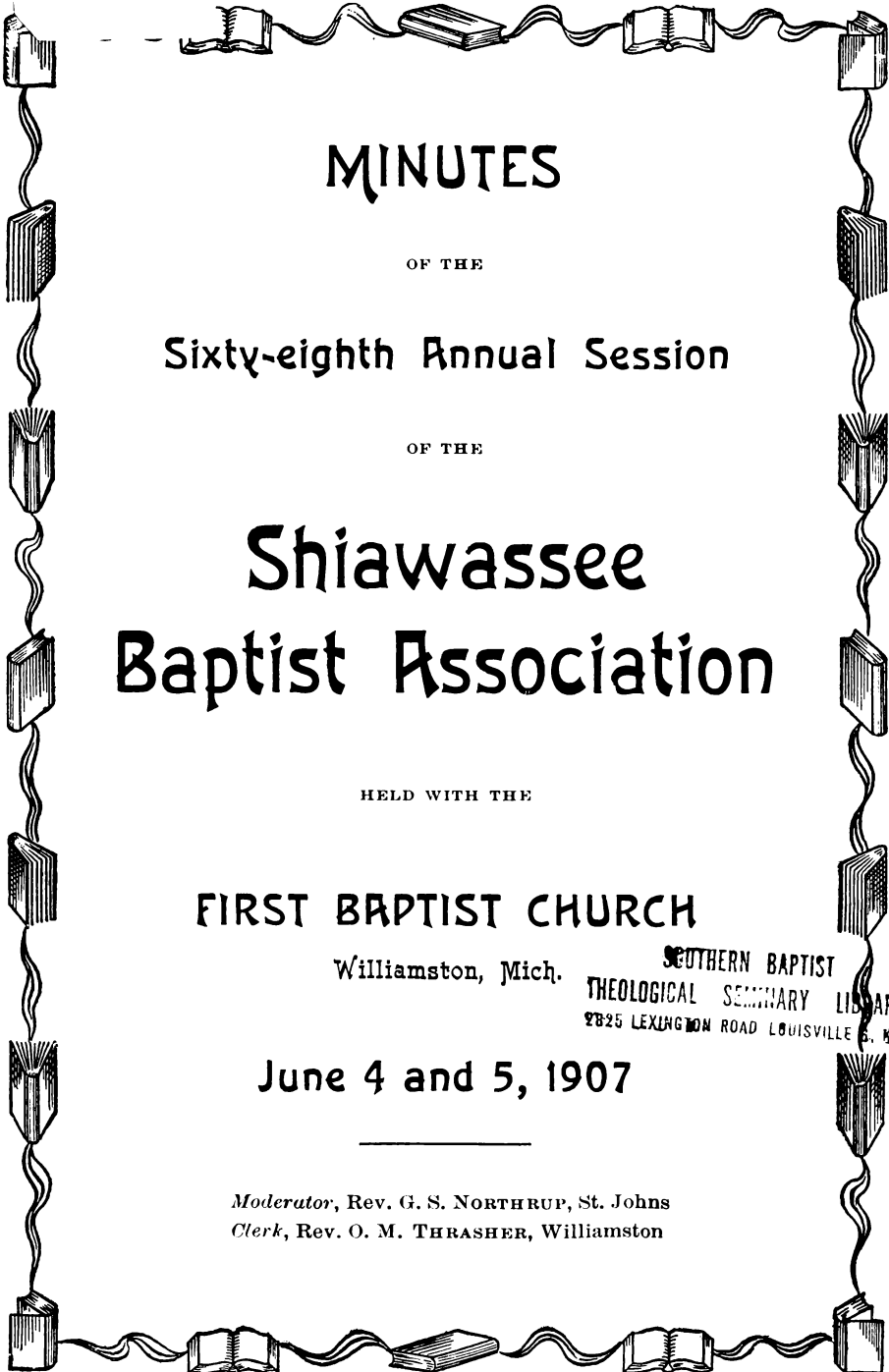


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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Shiawassee Baptist Association

HELD AT

WILLIAMSTON, MICHIGAN, JUNE 4-5, 1907.

Opening Meeting,—Tuesday Afternoon.

Rev. Blon Colvin of Chesaning led in an opening devotional service.

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. J. J. Cooper who had removed from the Association, Rev. G. S. Northrup of St. Johns was elected temporary Moderator.

The provisional program was adopted with such changes as would be necessary to make.

The preacher of the annual sermon and his alternate, both being absent, Rev. Thos. Howland of Laingsburg consented to deliver a sermon. He gave a very helpful sermon, based on John 19:30, on Christ's finished life and work, after which all joined in singing "Alas, and did my Savior bleed."

At this time the Moderator appointed the following Committee on Nominations: Deacon Hoag and Revs. Brown and Baker.

Women's Hour.

Our new Home Secretary, Mrs. F. L. Church of Owosso, gave a very encouraging report and urged the circles to be sure and raise their apportionment.

Mrs. P. A. Johnson's report as Foreign Secretary was read by Mrs. O. M. Thrasher of Williamston. An exceptional feature of the report was that the circles of the Association had exceeded their apportionment, and this in face of the fact that some circles failed to contribute anything.

Mrs. E. M. Lake of Lansing read the report on young women's work and urged the organization of more Farther Lights' Circles and What I can Societies.

Mrs. Kittie Bare Cooper gave an exceedingly interesting address on Missions among the Indians.

Mrs. Pettit of Detroit spoke in behalf of Foreign Missions in a manner pleasing to all.

An offering received at this time amounted to \$4.45.

Sunday School Hour.

A symposium on "Better Sunday Schools" proved of great interest.

Mrs. E. M. Lake gave an excellent talk on primary work and the cradle roll.

"More Adults" was discussed by Revs. F. L. Church and E. M. Lake.

"The Home Department" was presented by Rev. F. L. Curry of Lansing. This was followed by a general discussion.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report, which was adopted:

Rev. G. S. Northrup, St. Johns, Moderator.

Rev. O. M. Thrasher, Williamston, Clerk—Treasurer.

Rev. Thos. Howland, Laingsburg, Ass'n'l S. S. Supt.

Rev. W. B. F. Brown, Ovid, Ass'n'l B. Y. P. U. Pres.

Rev. F. L. Church, Owosso, Ch'm Miss. Com.

Wm. M. Hoag,

Chairman of Committee.

Tuesday Evening.

The music of the evening was in charge of Rev. O. M. Thrasher who led a chorus of 25 voices.

A stirring address was given by Rev. G. W. Morrow of Detroit, on the work of the anti saloon league.

The Moderator announced the following Committees which were to report the next day:

Obituaries, Revs. Thos. Howland, A. M. Bailey and J. P. Baker.

Resolutions, Revs. W. B. F. Brown, F. L. Church and Geo. Goodrich.

Place and Preacher, Revs. F. L. Curry, Jas. Fisher and Bion J. Colvin.

An interesting devotional service led by the Moderator closed the day's work.

Wednesday Morning.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. M. Bailey of DeWitt.

Rev. F. I. Drexler of Fowlerville and Bro. Morse of Ovid were appointed Reading Clerks, and the reading of the church letters followed.

"Needs of the weaker churches" was freely discussed by Revs. Bailey, Drexler, Northrup and Thrasher.

The Association joined in singing, "Footsteps of Jesus."

Favorite scripture texts were given by the audience, and Rev. Brown followed with prayer.

"The Child of a King" was very effectively sung by Brother Morse.
 Rev. W. B. F. Brown then delivered the doctrinal sermon from Eph. 5:18, "Be Ye Filled with the Spirit?"
 This service was closed by singing "Wonderful Peace."

Wednesday Afternoon.

The service of song was led by Rev. F. B. Cutler of Oxford.
 Rev. C. H. Irving gave one of his characteristically strong addresses on State Mission Work.
 "Rescue the Perishing" was heartily sung by the Association.
 The Committee on "Place and Preacher" reported as follows:
 Place of meeting next June, St. Johns; Rev. F. L. Curry, preacher of annual sermon and Rev. O. M. Thrasher, alternate.
 The doctrinal sermon to be given by Rev. Leslie Bower with Rev. A. E. Cook, alternate.

F. L. Curry,
 Jas. Fisher,
 Bion J. Colvin,

Committee.

The Committee on Obituaries rendered the following report, showing the churches, name, date of death and age of deceased:

Bath, Mrs. Elizabeth Everett, April 2, aged 50.
 Bengal-Relley, Brother Purvis, Nov. 14, aged 59.
 Bengal-Relley, Rosetta Strong, May 23, aged 51.
 Byron, N. F. Tripple, aged 80.
 Corunna, W. A. Weeden, July 17, aged 76.
 Corunna, Wm. Fields, Jan. 19, aged 53.
 Corunna, Thos. Tinsley, March 7, aged 76.
 Durand, Abner Sears, Sept. 10, aged 64.
 Durand, Mrs. Susan Craig, June 18.
 Laingsburg, Mrs. Mary Ann Kennedy.
 Laingsburg, Mrs. Mary McKee.
 Laingsburg, Milton Phelps.
 Laingsburg, Moses Headley.
 Lansing, Mrs. Wm. Hoag, July 8, aged 62.
 Lansing, Archie Bennett, July 28.
 Lansing, Mrs. Frank Lefke, Jan. 5, aged 26.
 Lansing, Winnifred Grant, March 12, aged 20.
 Maple River, Malissa Sheldon, June 30, aged 74.
 Ovid, Edna P. Brown, March 3, aged 18.
 Ovid, Jacob Dolph, April 20.
 Owosso, Mrs. Bartlet.
 Owosso, J. McIntosh, aged 50.
 Owosso, Alex Johnson, aged 60.
 Owosso, Mr. Richardson, aged 55.
 Perry, Rev. I. W. Lamb, July 14, aged 66.
 Perry, Mrs. Mary Hall, July 9.
 Perry, Mrs. Olive McKlintis, April.
 Perry, Mrs. Oscar Stitsler, November 31.
 Shepardsville, Wm. H. Faragher, May 18.
 St. Johns, Mrs. C. F. Smith, Dec. 27, aged 87.
 St. Johns, Mrs. C. L. Compton, Jan. 1, aged 69.

- St. Johns, Mrs. Eva Addis, April 10, aged 21.
- Vernon, Chas. A. Potter, Dec. 11, aged 74.
- Vernon, David J. Kendall, January 31, aged 85.
- Vernon, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, April 7, aged 83.
- Williamston, Jas. C. Webber, January 30, aged 87.
- Williamston, Noah Porter, Feb. 25, aged 71.
- Williamston, Angeline Jakeway, May 31, aged 68.
- Thos. Howland,
- A. M. Bailey,
- J. P. Baker,

Committee,

"The central need of the church today" was the theme of a deeply interesting and awakening sermon by Rev. F. L. Church of Owosso.

The report of the Beneficence Committee was given as follows:

The Committee on Beneficence would most gladly render the following report:

Money Paid this Year.

Local Missions	\$2206 0)
State Missions	229 49
Home Missions, Women's Work.....	212 49
Home Missions, Churches	279 51
Foreign Missions, Women's Work.....	214 60
Foreign Missions, Churches	287 12
Publication Society, Churches	58 95
Publication Society, Bible School	69 30
Ministers' Aid Society	60 42
Christian Education	76 35
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	\$3694 23
Paid last year	2616 28
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Increase this year	\$1077 95

W. B. F. Brown,
Committee.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Whereas the saloon is the certain menace to every home and life in this Association and state, therefore we,

Resolved, That in harmony with the action by the American Anti Saloon League, as also by Michigan Anti Saloon League, we accept and recommend Sunday, June 30, 1907 as "Stainless Flag Sunday" and that as preachers we will on that day devote one service, or at least part of one service to the discussion of the unconstitutionality of the whole liquor license system and at that service will distribute judiciously such copies of Dr. Chapman's famous Stainless Flag address as may be furnished by the Michigan Anti Saloon League for that purpose.

II. **Resolved**, That since the Missionary Spirit is the life of the church and hope of the kingdom, we express our appreciation of the excellent work being done by all our Boards and exert ourselves to increase their efficiency.

III. **Resolved**, That we in recognition of the great value of all our Missionary Journals and the ever increasing worth of The Christian Herald, shall endeavor to place them in every Baptist home in our Association.

IV. **Resolved**, That we deplore the lack of space on the statistical table of the church letter for proper report of B. Y. P. U., Bible School, Junior union, and Farther Light Contributions; and further we implore for such a table as shall encourage all our workers.

V. **Resolved**, That we recommend to the Program Committee that a place be given at each associational gathering for a special Evangelistic Sermon.

VI. **Resolved**, That we learn with regret of the illness of our Brother Rev. M. A. Thomas, the worthy pastor of Perry and express to him the full sympathy of the Association in session assuring him of our prayers.

VII. **Resolved**, That we express our most earnest appreciation of the excellent service of song provided by the chorus choir and especially to Rev. Thrasher for his part in this work.

VIII. **Resolved**, That we show by rising vote our hearty appreciation of the generous hospitality of the good people of Williamston who have so kindly ministered to our comfort in this Associational gathering.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. F. Brown,
F. L. Church,
J. P. Baker,

Committee.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:
Ordination:—Revs. Leslie Bower, A. E. Cook, M. A. Thomas, Thos. Howland and Geo. Goodrich.

Missionary:—Revs. F. L. Church, A. M. Pailey and F. L. Curry.

Beneficence:—Rev. W. B. F. Brown.

Publication:—Revs. O. M. Thrasher, B. J. Colvin and Brother E. S. Andrews.

Program:—Clerk of Association, pastor of entertaining church and Rev. J. P. Baker.

Rev. F. B. Cutler, our State Sunday School Missionary gave an impressive address in behalf of his work. At his suggestion the Association instructed the clerk to convey to Brother Jay Pruden their most earnest and heartfelt sympathy in his deep sorrow in the loss of his little boy and youngest brother.

Rev. O. M. Thrasher was elected Director and Rev. F. L. Curry Delegate to the State Convention. Rev. W. B. F. Brown was elected delegate to the Northern Baptist Convention to be held next May somewhere on the Pacific coast.

Rev. Geo. Goodrich of Byron gave a very practical and suggestive address on "Church Membership."

This was followed by Rev. C. H. Irving who closed the Association with a very impressive consecration service.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

B. Y. P. U.

The Baptist young people of the Shiawassee Association had charge of the evening session.

The session was inspiring beginning with a splendid song service by the large chorus choir under the leadership of Rev. Thrasher. Rev. Drexler led in prayer.

Rev. J. M. Moore the National Secretary of "The Forward Movement" came from Boston to give us a message of power, "A broader outlook for missions through the young people," the speaker compared the mission field of today with the promised land of old, it is ours if we will possess it.

The chorus choir favored with an anthem.

Reports and letters were read from the different unions all of which were encouraging. Three new unions organized during the year and one reorganized.

The reports with statistics appear on another page.

A solo, "There shall be no Night There" was beautifully rendered.

The nomination made by the Association of Rev. W. B. F. Brown for President was ratified and Rev. George Goodrich with Messrs P. A. Johnson of Lansing and Arthur H. Morse of Ovid were appointed a nominating committee for the remaining officers.

An anthem by the chorus choir, "Tell it Out" was heartily appreciated by all.

The State B. Y. P. U. rally song was taken up by the entire congregation and sung with an enthusiasm that prepared all for the great treat that was in waiting.

The hour was late but when Rev. F. L. Church of Owosso was introduced for an address, "The Peerless Leader" he had the attention of all and not a word of his masterly address was lost by anyone. The world is full of leaders, but there is one "Peerless" Leader, Christ.

The Committee on nominations reported:

O. L. Snow of Lansing, Vice President.

W. E. Thorpe of Owosso, Secretary.

Paul N. Johnson of Ovid, Treasurer.

Mrs. O. M. Thrasher of Williamston, Junior Leader.

The report was received and the election was unanimous.

Song, "Loyalty to the Master."

Rev. O. M. Thrasher closed with the benediction.

Thus ended one of the most encouraging sessions ever held by the B. Y. P. U., workers of the Shiawassee Association.

STATISTICS.
Baptist Young Peoples Union of Shawanee Association.

Name of Unions.	MEMBER-SHIP.			Local Expenses.	To Local Church.	Associational.	State Work.	National B. Y. P. U.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication So.	Education.	Miscellaneous.	Totals.	
	Service Taken.	Active.	Associate.													Total.
*Bengal-Riley	1	8	5	13					2 50						137 04	
Brant Mission		22	10	32	5 64	124 00					2 50				31 25	
Byron	1	28	17	45	6 25	25 00									50	
Chesaning	1	28	17	45	6 25	25 00									75 36	
**Corumna	3	16		16	50										24 72	
Durand	3	28	13	41	73	74 63			15 00						30 97	
Laingsburg	20	77	16	93	22 25	20 00	3 00								75 36	
Lansing, First	2	32	7	39											29 97	
Lansing, South St.	3	20	15	35	9 60	5 76	1 00	1 50	50	50	50	50	50	50	2 00	
Ovid Junior	1	31	17	48	6 22				50	50	5 00				20 22	
***Owosso		30		30											10 00	
***Owosso, Junior	59	25		73											5 00	
Perry	2	35	6	41						1 75					10 15	
Perry, Junior		10	15	25	1 50						2 05				2 05	
St. Johns		22	7	29	2 50	15 00			2 00						2 50	
Vernon		22	7	29	2 50	15 00			2 00						19 50	
Williamston	9	21	15	36	80 40	85 00									165 40	
Totals	15,430	108,598	135,490	451,396	15,163	451,396	1,501	501	501	20,257	30,100	1,001	1,001	1,001	31,72,684	

* Just Organized.

** No Report.

*** Reorganized.

DIRECTORY.**Reports and Letters.****Bengal-Riley.**

Just organizing, no report.

Byron

Reports, more given for missions than ever before, besides a splendid work for the local church.

The officers are: Matie Raymond, President; Mrs. N. La-May, Vice President; Nellie Reynolds, Secretary; Bessie Romig, Treasurer.

Brant Mission, R. F. D., No. 3.

Union just organized, outlook bright though membership is small.

The officers are: Anderson Hath, President; Miss Olive Bailey, Vice President; Miss Lizzie Bailey, Secretary; Mr. Coddleberg; Treasurer.

Chesaning.

Regret loss of many useful members, but hopeful.

Officers are: W. E. Thorpe, President; Mrs. B. J. Colvin, Vice President; Miss Pearl Lewis, Secretary; Miss Lottie Haist, Treasurer.

Corunna.

No letter or statistics.

Officers are: Edith A. Marshall, President; Emily Welfore, Vice President; A. C. Marshall, Secretary; Ruth Davis, Treasurer.

Durand.

No letter to Association, statistics limited, pastor praying.

Officers are: Miss Lizzie Wortman, President; Ethel Love, Secretary; Lulu Barnard, Treasurer.

Lansing First

A very prosperous year, good interest in bible study, assisted pastor in meetings on Sabbath evenings last summer in smaller churches, offerings good.

Officers: O. L. Snow, President; E. T. Crossman, Vice President; Miss Ethel Kirk, Secretary; Miss Ann Job, Treasurer.

South Street, Lansing.

Just organized, prospects most encouraging.

Officers: S. D. Starnaman, President; Stewart Carpenter, Vice President; Miss Fern Hall, Secretary; Mrs. P. A. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Susie Marshall, Treasurer.

Laingsburg.

Finances good, membership encouraging.

The officers are: Archie J. Gibbs, President; Isaac Thompson, Vice President; Allie Clark, Secretary; Mabel Clark, Treasurer.

Ovid.

The Lord has richly blest the work, the roll corrected.

Officers are: Miss Anna Westfall, President; Mr. A. H. Morse, Vice President; Bessie R. Brown, Secretary; Paul N. Johnson, Treasurer.

Ovid Junior.

Doing aggressive work under discouragements, a good in-

terest in bible study with the pastor; fourteen (14) graduates in special course.

Officers are: Rev. W. B. F. Brown, Superintendent; Vern Scudder, President; Harold Flucke, Vice President; Gracie Johnson, Secretary.

Owosso.

Reorganized in May, little to report but the field is one of promise.

The officers are: Arthur Zimmerman, President; Miss Ina Odell, Vice President; Sylvester Thorpe, Secretary; Miss Ethel Chapman, Treasurer.

Owosso Junior.

The prospects good for a splendid work.

Officers: Rev. F. L. Church, Superintendent; Mirthe Berry, President; Lyle Kneeland, Vice President; Nono Bryson, Secretary.

Perry.

The union in splendid condition, not satisfied with good, it must be the best.

Officers: Mrs. C. H. Calkins, President; Mrs. H. C. Ward, Vice President; Mrs. B. E. Green, Secretary; Miss Aletha Austin, Treasurer.

Perry Junior.

Still moving forward.

Officers: Mrs. Myrtella Stichler, Superintendent; Elva Pincomb, Secretary.

St. Johns.

A body of earnest christians doing personal work:

O. C. Osborne, President; Miss Sylvia Halsey, Vice President; Miss Theresa Cool, Secretary; Blanch Karcher, Treasurer.

Vernon.

Not large in numbers, but firm of purpose.

Officers: H. Brunson, President; Mrs. Will Dean, Vice President; Mrs. J. P. Baker, Secretary; Mrs. D. Higgins, Treasurer.

Williamston.

One of the best years, more young people interested than before, larger enthusiasm in culture courses, keeping close to the source of power.

Officers: Mrs. F. N. Monroe, President; Floyd Mixter, Vice President; Kathleen Beardsley, Secretary; Tillie Hale, Treasurer.

By a careful study of the entire field it is found, that a spirit of hope and determination prevails. May God's richest blessings rest and abide with each union through the year in the earnest prayer of all the officers. We plead for your co-operation and prayers.

Associational Officers.

Rev. W. B. F. Brown, Ovid, President.

O. L. Stone, Lansing, Vice President.

W. E. Thorpe, Owosso, Secretary.

Paul N. Johnson, Ovid, Treasurer.

Mrs. O. M. Thrasher, Williamston, Junior Leader.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Antrim:—For three years have been without regular Baptist preaching. Have kept up our Sunday school. Last year secured the services of Rev. F. I. Drexler of Fowlerville to preach for us once in two weeks. Five have been baptized. Church in better condition than before in years.

Bath:—But few changes in last year. Our Sunday School, Aid Society and Young People's meeting are being kept up. Congregations have improved. We need a pastor living on the field.

Bengal-Riley:—Have sustained regular preaching and Sunday School. Held special meetings during the winter. Two have been baptized and four are awaiting the ordinance.

Byron:—But few changes during year. Prayer and young people's meetings are small. Financially the church is in fine condition. Have paid an old debt and our offerings for missions nearly doubled. Good interest in Sunday School. Pastor Goodrich has resigned which we regret.

Chesaning:—There have been five additions by baptism, five by letter, and two by experience. Our retiring pastor Colvin has rendered efficient service. Our prayer and covenant meetings have been very helpful. The Ladies' Aid has been faithful to the interests of the church. Our Mission Sunday School and B. Y. P. U., are doing good work.

Corunna:—The past year one of great blessing. A spirit of love and unity prevails. Have a well attended Sunday School B. Y. P. U., holds weekly services, Farther Lights Circle is active. The ladies' "Baptist Social Union" aids in the finances of the church. Have lost three of our number by death. Seven have been received by baptism.

DeWitt:—Hold services each alternate Sunday. Have met our regular church apportionments.

Durand:—The year has been one of changes. Pastor M. A. Thomas resigned and Rev. A. E. Cook accepted a call to the pastorate. Increased attendance at prayer meeting and Sunday services. Finances fairly good condition. Have adopted "Rotary Plan" of beneficences. Our Sunday school, B. Y. P. U., and Women's Mission circle are prospering.

Laingsburg:—Discouragements at beginning of year. Best paying members gone. Congregations small. United with Bath in supporting a pastor. Have good officers and teachers in Sunday school. Ladies' Aid and Mission Circle doing excellent work. B. Y. P. U., grown in numbers and interest.

Lansing:—Work has advanced beyond our expectations. Congregations good, indebtedness decreasing. Offerings for Missions run high. The Women's Home and Foreign Mission work is carried on in a systematic way. The Ladies' society have done magnificently. Mrs. Lemley presented the church with a communion table and Mrs. Bowerman with an individual communion set. Bible school making marked advancement, our Primary is ideal. Young people a great factor in our work. Work at South street under Rev. F. L. Curry moving encouragingly. Pastor Lake resigned which we greatly regret.

Maple River:—Our pastor, Rev. M. A. Thomas has been prostrated by sickness. Rev. Leslie Bower of Corunna comes to us in our great need. Death has taken one of our honored members, Mrs. Malissa Sheldon.

Okemos:—No letter.

Ovid:—A falling off in nearly all departments, have been clearing away dead wood. Sunday School in good condition, Women's Mission work prosperous, Ladies' Aid raised \$167.18 during year, Farther Lights Circle met their apportionment, the young people are active. Our hearts saddened by the death of two of our members. We have a faithful messenger in pastor Brown. We invite the Association to meet with us in 1908.

Owosso:—Some changes since last year, Rev. J. A. Clyde closed three years' pastorate. First Sunday in January, Rev. F. L. Church came to us as pastor. Held union revival services in March, much interest shown, twenty-eight baptized, several received by letter. Sunday evening services very popular. Midweek prayer services well attended. Financial condition excellent, Ladies' Aid doing noble work. Have an enthusiastic Junior Society.

Perry:—Pastor Cooper left us in October. Rev. M. A. Thomas of Durand came to us January first, filled the pulpit one Sunday and was stricken in sickness; has been able to preach a few times since, is still very feeble, are planning to give him a vacation of two months. A very kindly feeling toward our church and pastor by the other churches. Maintaining prayer services, business meetings and Sunday School. B. Y. P. U. and Junior flourishing. Women's Mission Circle and Aid Society doing faithful work.

Pittsburg:—No letter.

Shepardsville:—No marked success. Two baptized and one united by letter. Have preaching once in two weeks. Have no Sunday School or prayer meeting.

St. Johns:—Work greatly hindered by sickness, plans for meetings during winter failed. Considering our resources our contributions for missions and general finances are excellent. Are planning for great things during the next year. Invite the Association to meet with us next year.

Vernon:—Have been blessed financially and spiritually. Have lost three of our aged members by death. Have purchased new seats for the auditorium. Special meetings resulted in quickening the church and the conversion of others. Prayer and covenant meetings and B. Y. P. U., are doing good and the Sunday School is effective. The Ladies' Aid is a strong helper.

Webberville:—Rev. Wm. Allenbaugh closed his labors with us last January, Rev. O. M. Thrasher began April first as our stated supply. Preaching service and Sunday School each Sunday afternoon. Sunday School has good interest, Ladies' Aid is doing efficient work.

Williamston:—We heartily welcome the Association. The past year one of pleasant fellowship. Five have been baptized. Three of our older members removed by death. Several active members have moved to other fields, Brother Floyd Mixer our

Sunday School Superintendent moved to Kalamazoo to prepare for the ministry.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1,—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, 2,—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, 3,—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, 4,—That churches requesting admission to this Association be required to show a formal recognition from a council of Baptist churches convened for that purpose.

Resolved, 5,—That this Association appoint a Commission on Systematic Beneficence in accordance with the suggestions of the Baptist Denomination at its Anniversary Meeting at Asbury Park in 1896, to co-operate with the various Missionary Agencies of the Denomination in disseminating Missionary literature throughout the State, the nation and the world.

Resolved, That the Commission consist of one person, and that he be instructed to secure the appointment of a Commission in each church at once to aid in carrying out the plan of the work.

Resolved, 6,—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 endorsement of this body shall elect annually an advisory committee of five brethren, who shall on request of any church give to such church the benefit of their advice and counsel, and we recommend that the churches consult with the 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.

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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 5. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, President of Pastors' Conference, Associational Superintendent of Sunday Schools, Associational President of B. Y. P. U., Superintendent of Womans' 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 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 anniversary meeting.

Article 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.

Article 7. Churches giving satisfactory evidence of being sound in doctrine and sound in practice, may, on application, be admitted into the Association.

Article 8. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, provided that motion of the proposed amendment has been given at the previous meeting.

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 Pastors' Conference.

Seventh—Election of officers.

Eighth—Annual Rally of Baptist Young Peoples' 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 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 meeting; 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.

Seventh—An Ordination Committee, consisting of five brethren.

Eighth—A Commission on Systematic Beneficence, consisting of one person.

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.

MISSION S. S. STATISTICS.

Chesaning, Brant Center:—J. B. Hath, Supt., R. F. D., No. 3. Brant. Nine officers and teachers; 39 scholars; 22 average attendance; amount raised, \$16.50.

Lansing, South St.:—P. A. Johnson, Supt. Seventeen officers and teachers; 172 scholars; 91 average attendance; 40 baptisms from school; amount raised, \$95.72; benevolence, \$22.50; cradle roll, 50; home department, \$5.00.

Williamston, Lee:—R. N. Porter, R. F. D., No. 15. Six officers and teachers; 40 scholars; 25 average attendance.

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 Clerk—TreasurerRev. O. M. Thrasher, Williamston
 Supt. of Sunday Schools.....Rev. Thos. Howland, Laingsburg
 President of B. Y. P. U.....Rev. W. B. F. Brown, Ovid

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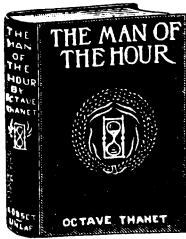
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Bath.....	70 Thos. Howland... '06	Mrs. H. Makley	1	1000	---	---	---	---	1	16	---	---	8	60	33	---	---	Mrs. O. Spangler	
Bingl-Riley.	59 G. S. Northrup... '04	Mrs. B. Jennings	1	1500	---	2	1	4	1	28	---	---	10	35	28	2	4	Burt Jennings	
Byron.....	65 Geo. Goodrich... '05	Minnie Bishop	1	3500	1200	5	2	5	2	79	---	---	9	60	42	---	---	H. L. Bishop..	
Chesaning..	73 B. J. Colvin... '05	Mrs. S. E. Dresser	1	2700	800	5	5	2	---	61	58	---	12	87	39	2	5	W. S. Thorpe	
Coruna.....	43 Leslie Bower... '06	Edith Marshall	1	8000	200	7	3	---	3	70	40	---	16	125	90	5	A. W. Green...		
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Durand.....	85 A. E. Cook... '06	Mrs. F. E. Leonard	1	2200	1000	5	2	5	2	40	51	---	7	67	40	2	A. E. Howland..		
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Owosso.....	56 F. L. Church... '07	Clara M. Gooding	1	3000	3000	28	4	1	17	1	353	50	75	25	255	150	25	R. A. Lord....	
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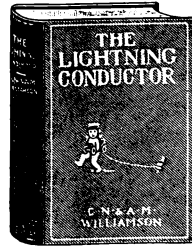
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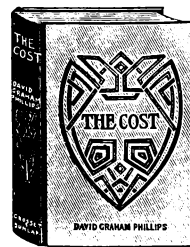
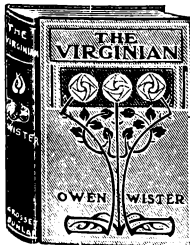
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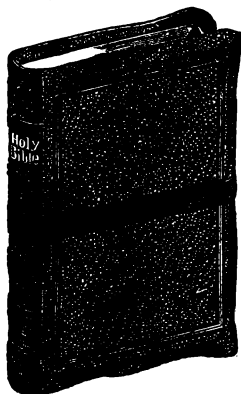
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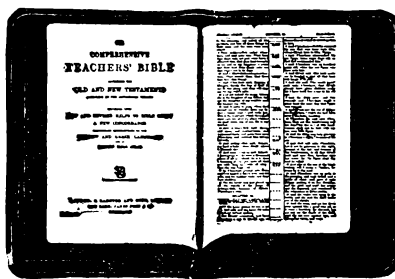
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