

MINUTES

F. M. Lee

OF THE

Seventy-Seventh Anniversary

OF

The Shiawassee Baptist
Association

HELD WITH THE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PERRY, TUESDAY AND
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 and 5, 1912

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD WITH THE SOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH
OF LANSING. JUNE 3 AND 4, 1913**

ORLO J. PRICE, MODERATOR
420 N. Capitol Ave, Lansing, Mich.

W. H. THOMPSON, CLERK
1016 E. Franklin Ave., Lansing, Mich.

SHIAWASSEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

DIRECTORY.

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| Moderator..... | Orlo J. Price, Lansing |
| Clerk..... | W. H. Thompson, Lansing |
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| Ass'nl S. S. Superintendent..... | C. R. Hutchings, Perry |
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| Delegates to State Convention..... | Henry Morgan, Byron J. G. York, Owosso J. E. Gregory, St. Johns A. Brunson, Vernon A. D. Werden, Lansing |

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.

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| President Emeritus | Mrs. Nathan Fisher, Corunna |
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| Children's Cor. Sec..... | Mrs. Arthur Morse, Ovid |

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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| Associational Missionary— | W. H. Thompson, G. H. Hudson, J. E. Gregory. |
| Ordination— | J. G. York, A. D. Werden, Asa Hoskins. |
| World Wide Missions— | D. Q. Barry, R. A. Lord, R. S. Holmes. |

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1913.

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| Place..... | South Baptist Church, Lansing |
| Time..... | June 3 and 4 |
| Preacher of Annual Sermon..... | John G. York |
| Alternate..... | Henry Morgan |

MINISTERS

PASTORS.

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| Barry D. Q.....Ovid | McLean John.....Durand |
| Barry Ralph.....Bath | Morgan Henry Byron |
| Callahan C. H Laingsburg | Northrup G. S....Williamston |
| Davies Robert .....Corunna | Price O. J. |
| Edwards J. R. ....Vernon | Lansing, First |
| Gregory J. E. ....St. Johns | Thompson W. H. |
| Hoskins Asa.....Perry | Lansing First |
| York J. GOwosso | Werden A. D...Lansing South |

NOT PASTORS.

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| Carpenter John.....Lansing So. | Hudson G. H.....Okemos |
| Cross E. J.Vernon | Pierce A. J.....Morrice |
| Fisher Nathan.....Corunna | Putnam Wm. Lansing First |
| Van Dorn C. C.....Vernon. | |

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. NAME.

This association shall be known as the Shiawassee Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT.

The object of this association shall be, to gather information as to the state of the churches, their statistics, to promote Christian fellowship, and to advance the various benevolent enterprises of the denomination.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.

This association shall be composed of Baptist Churches, which approve of this constitution and work in harmony with the same.

ARTICLE IV. MEETING.

This association shall, by delegations from the churches, meet annually on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of June.

ARTICLE V. DELEGATES.

Each church shall be entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for every fifty members or fraction thereof above one hundred.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS.

The officers of this association shall be moderator, clerk, treasurer, bible-school superintendent, and delegates to, and directors of the Baptist Convention of the State of Michigan, as provided in Section 1 of the by-laws of said convention. These officers shall be elected annually; their duties shall be those usually performed by such officers.

ARTICLE VII. LETTERS.

Each church shall send to the clerk two weeks previous to each annual meeting, a letter containing the numerical and financial statistics, with a concise account of the spiritual state of the church.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment or amendments be given at the meeting one year previous.

BY-LAWS.

1. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Each meeting shall be governed by the parliamentary usage common to such gatherings.
3. The order of business shall be arranged by the program committee, subject to the vote of the delegates present.
4. A nominating committee, composed of five delegates from as many Churches, shall be appointed at the opening session of each annual meeting.
5. The program committee, shall consist of the moderator, clerk, pastor of the intertaining church, and the presidents of the auxiliary associational organizations.
6. The moderator shall appoint at the first afternoon session of each annual meeting the following committees, each to consist of three delegates:
 - Standing Committees: Associational Missionary, Ordination, World Wide Missionary.
 - Temporary Committees: Resolutions, Obituary, Place and Preacher.
7. It shall be the duty of the Associational Missionary committee, to inquire into the state of religion in the churches, to assist in every way possible the weak churches, and to report the result of its observations and effort to the association with such recommendations as seem wise.
8. It shall be the duty of the Committee on World Wide Missions to co-operate with the National societies to advise the churches regarding their apportionment for the various benevolences and to get a full response from each church. It may also suggest to the churches methods of raising their finances.
9. The clerk shall receive five dollars annually for services rendered.
10. Each church shall make contribution toward the expenses of the Association and the State Convention.
11. These By-Laws may be changed at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the delegates present.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. RESOLVED, that we endorse the Northern Baptist Convention, promise our co-operation in its work, and urge our Churches to raise their apportionment.
2. RESOLVED, that we recognize the marks of Divine favor bestowed on the activities of the Laymen's and Forward Movements that have recently come into our Church life; that we express our hearty appreciation with what is being accomplished with the other missionary activities; that we urge larger effort to co-operate with the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and that we exert ourselves to increase the efficiency of all our missionary activities.
3. RESOLVED, that we express our confidence in the Supt. of State Missions, Joshua Roberts, and that we urge increased contributions for his work.
4. RESOLVED, that we pledge our undying allegiance to the cause of temperance, the abolition of the saloon, and we express our confidence in, and appreciation of the Anti-Saloon League and all other moral forces used of God to the extinction of the liquor traffic.
5. RESOLVED, that recognizing the power of the religious press, we especially commend our missionary magazine—Missions—and the Michigan Edition of The Standard, to our Churches and urge a systematic canvass of the members for both of them.
6. RESOLVED, that we recommend the establishment of a Home Department in each of our Churches as a special means of reaching the unchurched, and urge each of the Bible Schools to earnest effort to increase their efficiency.
7. RESOLVED, that we look and labor for the fulfilment of the prophecy, "And he will judge between the nations and will decide between many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plow-shares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:3.
8. RESOLVED, that we thank the Perry Church for its bountiful hospitality and splendid entertainment.

W. L. PARKER, JOHN MCLEAN,
E. J. CROSS,
Committee.

DECEASED.

| Church | Name. | Date of Death | Age |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----|
| Byron | Mrs. Sarah H. Hetchler. | Nov. 19 1911 | 64 |
| Corunna | Mrs. Mary Evans | Sept. 4 1911 | 76 |
| | Mrs. Emiline Forsythe | | |
| DeWitt | Mrs. Ortney A. Knapp | Dec. 6 1911 | 80 |
| Laingsburg | J. B. Huff | Nov. 16 1911 | 72 |
| | Mrs. Sarah Shirts | May 25 1912 | 68 |
| Lansing | Mrs. Julia Gross | Dec. 31 1911 | |
| | A. D. Holmes | Oct. 9 1911 | |
| | Mrs. Mann | Oct. 1911 | |
| | Mrs. Everett Griffeth | Jan. 31 1912 | |
| Lansing, South. | Effie M. Johnson | Mar. 5 1912 | 26 |
| Ovid | Mrs. Myron Shinaberg | Sept. 25 1911 | 25 |
| | Mrs. Wm. Losey | Dec. 23 1911 | |
| | Mrs. Mary Hall | Dec. 8 1911 | 82 |
| Owosso | Mrs. J. Bell | | |
| | Mrs. M. D. Grow | | |
| Perry | Mr. Philo Hall | Oct. 17 1911 | 70 |
| St. Johns | Hamilton Lyon | Aug. 18 1911 | 75 |
| | R. D. Foote | Mar. 26 1912 | 65 |
| Pittsburg | Caroline Raymond | Oct. 6 1911 | 73 |
| Vernon | Mrs. Watson | Mar. 20 1912 | 82 |
| Williamston | Mrs. Elizabeth Wilber | July 4 1911 | 82 |
| Maple River | Wm. H. Phelps | Apr. 23 1912 | 67 |
| Okemos | Mrs. Addie Cole | Mar. 10 1912 | 55 |
| Owosso | Mr. Lorenzo Johnson | | |

IN MEMORIAM.

Several members from the churches of our Association have passed to the better land since our last meeting. While we feel deeply their loss, we are grateful that they were ripened for heaven; and while we extend to mourning churches and friends our heartfelt sympathy, we pray the Great Head of the Church that He will still add of those who are being saved, that each church may still remain a city set upon a hill, that cannot be hid.

G. S. NORTHRUP,
MRS. JENNIE C. MAHANEY,
MRS. D. Q. BARRY,

Committee.

MINUTES.

TUESDAY MORNING.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Meeting of the Shiawassee Baptist Association was called to order by the clerk, at Perry Baptist Church, Tuesday morning June 4, 1912, at 9.50 o'clock.

Mr. John G. York, pastor of Owosso Baptist Church, read a selection of the scriptures, and a season of prayer in behalf of the churches of the Association was conducted.

In the absence of the Moderator, Mr. John McLean, the body elected Dr. O. J. Price temporary chairman.

At 10.20 A. M. Moderator McLean was called to the chair, and delivered his address of welcome to the delegates and visitors. This was followed by the Annual Sermon, delivered by Mr. D. Q. Barry, of Ovid, from the text:—"How long halt ye between two opinions?"

At 11:00 A. M. the Moderator appointed a nominating committee consisting of Messrs. Parker, Thompson, Cross, Morgan and Stechler.

The following men were introduced by Dr. O. J. Price, as new pastors in the Association: John G. York, of Owosso; A. D. Werden, of South Baptist Church, Lansing; J. R. Edwards, of Vernon; each of whom responded with words of appreciation of the opportunity of fellowship and work with the members of the Association.

By vote the program committee were authorized to make such changes in the printed program as they deemed wise.

After the singing of a song by the congregation, and the reading of the letter from the Perry Baptist Church, Mr. Asa Hoskins, pastor of the entertaining church, responded with an address of welcome to the delegates and visitors.

Upon motion, "Standard time" was adopted as the standard during the entire session.

Adjourned till 1:00 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

1.00 Devotional Exercises conducted by A. D. Werden.

1.15 The Annual report of the clerk was read.

The Committee on Nominations made a report which was referred back to the committee.

The Committee on Nominations made a second report, which was adopted with certain substitutions, and the names declared elected.

1.45 Miss Lou Latourette, Ass't Treasurer of the Baptist Ministers' Home at Fenton, made an address in behalf of that institution.

2.00 The retiring Moderator welcomed Dr. O. J. Price to the said office. The annual report of the treasurer, W. L. Parker, was read and referred to the auditing committee.

Upon motion the moderator was instructed to appoint an auditing committee.

Messrs. Parker, Ernsberger, and McLean were appointed as a committee to consider a resolution offered by P. B. Ernsberger suggesting a plan for raising finances for minutes, and report.

2.08 Reading of letters from churches.

Mr. E. J. Cross gave verbal report of Antrim Church.

Mr. G. H. Hudson gave verbal report of Maple River Church.

Mr. C. L. Going gave report of Shepherdsville field, saying that they had voted to sell the property and close work.

Mr. G. S. Northrup gave report of situation at Webberville. No meetings, hope of revival vanished. Of the opinion that the property ought to revert to State Convention.

Introduction of Mr. C. H. Callahan, pastor of Laingsburg Church.

Courtesies of the Association extended to all visiting parties.

3.00 Chairman appointed Enrollment Committee consisting of Mr. C. L. Going, and Dr. L. M. Cudworth

After singing "I gave My Life for Thee," a conference on the "Rural and Weaker Churches" was led by Dr. O. J. Price, and G. H. Hudson.

Mr. Young, pastor of the M. E. Church of Perry, and Mr. M. G. Powley, pastor of the Congregational Church of Perry, were introduced.

4.00 Women's session.

The woman's meeting of the Shiawassee Baptist Association was called to order by the president Mrs. R. S. Holmes. After singing, the President of the W. A. B. H. Society of Michigan gave a grand and helpful address, touching on much of the work as a society, and telling of its needs. Every one present must have been uplifted and helped.

The election of officers had been deferred from our last meeting, also the change in our present constitution to that which had been adopted by the State.

It was suggested that we discontinue our Spring and Fall meetings and hold one meeting at the time of the Annual Associational meeting. The chair appointed a committee to confer with regard to these suggestions. Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Fisher.

MRS C. MAHANEY,
Secretary.

5.00 Announcement of Committees as follows:

Ass'n'l Missions—W. H. Thompson, G. H. Hudson, J. E. Gregory.

Ordinations—J. G. York, A. D. Werden, Asa Hoskins.

World Wide Missions—D. Q. Barry, R. A. Lord, R. S. Holmes.

Auditing—Dr. M. L. Cudworth, C. R. Hutchings.

Obituary—G. S. Northrup, Mrs. R. C. Mahaney, Mrs. D. Q. Barry.

Resolutions—W. L. Parker, John McLean, E. J. Cross.

Place and Preacher—Nathan Fisher, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. C. E. Benoi.

Mr. S. T. Waugh announced that he declined the office of treasurer, and the nominating committee was instructed to name another.

On motion, adjournment was taken until 7:15 P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING.

7.15 Devotional and song service led by Mr. C. L. Going.

7.30 Motion carried that the reading of the minutes be omitted.

Program for Wednesday morning read by the clerk.

The Letter from Bath Church was read.

Local Committee on assignments made report.

7.40 Address—"The Northern Baptist Convention," by R. S. Holmes.

7.55 Address—"The B. Y. P. U.," by E. J. Cross.

8.05 "The Standard of Efficiency" for the local church as recommended by the Northern Baptist Convention in 1911, was read by Mr. W. L. Parker of Owosso, as follows:

THE STANDARD CHURCH.

To lift the meaning of church membership from the mechanical to the vital realm, the Northern Baptist Convention has adopted the following standard of efficiency for the local church:

1. Every member should render some form of personal service in the varied ministry of the church.

2. Every member should give proportionately—according to ability and need—to the local expenses of the church and to the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

3. Every member as a learner in the school of Christ should teach or be taught in the educational work of the church.

4. Every church should have a constructive program for serving the social needs of its community, either individually or through the largest possible co-operation with other organizations for human uplift.

5. Whenever possible, the local church should co-operate with other local bodies, both Baptist and non-Baptist, for increased fellowship and efficiency.

6. Non-resident membership should be reduced to a minimum. Upon motion this standard was adopted by the Association, and upon further motion by J. E. Gregory the clerk was instructed to have same made upon posters, and send one to each church of the association, and that an order on the treasurer be granted for cost of same.

8.20 After joining in the singing of the song "The Fight is On," Dr. A. Y. Aitchison delivered an address upon, "The Home and Foreign Work."

Motion carried that the missionary committee of the association make recommendation concerning challenge of Dr. Aitchison to assist in an every member canvass of the association for benevolences.

9.25 Benediction by Mr. John McLean. Adjourned till 9 o'clock Wednesday A. M.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

9.00 Devotional exercises led by Mr. J. R. Edwards.

9.20 In the absence of the Moderator, the clerk called Mr. A. D. Werden to the chair.

Conference by women in S. S. annex.

WOMEN'S MEETING.

Wednesday A. M. 9.30 Mrs. Holmes called meeting to order. Business taken up. Report of committee on time of meeting for next year and also new constitution:

Upon motion, the report was accepted, which was that the program committee of next year's association agreed to give the women two hours of an afternoon session, and one speaker of an evening session; therefore the committee recommended this instead of the two other semi-annual meetings held, besides meeting at the association. The new constitution was read by the chairman of the committee, Mrs. Thompson:

CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE SHIAWASSEE ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

This society shall be known as "The Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of the Shiawassee Baptist Association, of Michigan."

ARTICLE II.

Object.

Its object shall be to advance the cause of missionary work in this Association by encouraging and assisting in the organization

and development of local societies among the women, young women and children, for systematic study and work, and the collection of funds for the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West.

ARTICLE III.

Meetings.

The times of meeting shall be the first Tuesday in June with the Shiawassee Association, in Michigan, the Annual Day of Prayer for Missions, and other meetings as planned by the executive committee.

ARTICLE IV.

Membership.

Its membership shall consist of women and young women contributing to the Woman's Baptist Foreign and Home Missionary Societies.

ARTICLE V.

Officers.

Its officers shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, secretary of literature, corresponding secretary and associate corresponding secretary, for the women's department (*Both of whom, for convenience in working together, shall be chosen from the same vicinity*), and one corresponding secretary each for the young woman's and children's department, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

The election of these corresponding secretaries, by this association, constitutes their *nomination* (which *must* be ratified by the two Woman's State Boards) to office under the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West, to which this state is auxiliary.

ARTICLE VI.

Funds.

The funds of this society shall comprise any voluntary contributions and the collections taken at the meetings to defray current expenses for both home and foreign departments.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees.

The executive committee shall consist of the officers, who shall be subject to the control of this organization, and

whose duties shall be to plan programs; secure places for meetings; arrange for the necessary visiting among the churches of the association; control and direct the disposition of the funds in the treasury, and decide all matters of importance occurring between the meetings.

ARTICLE VIII.

Duties of Officers.

Section 1. The president shall preside over all meetings and have general oversight of all the missionary work in the association. She shall appoint a nominating committee a year in advance.

Section 2. The vice-president shall fill the president's place in her absence or inability—taking her place on all committees, as well as presiding at the meetings.

Section 3. The secretary-treasurer shall keep and read the minutes of all meetings, and prepare them for publication with the minutes of the association. She shall give notice of the meetings at least two weeks in advance; notify newly elected officers and members of committees, and send the names of all officers and the chairman of the nominating committee (with their full post-office addresses) to the two state secretaries, *immediately after each annual meeting*, also a copy of the printed minutes of the association, as soon as they are ready each year. She shall receive all funds and disburse them by order of the executive committee.

Section 4. The secretary of literature shall obtain subscriptions to "Missions" promote the distribution of missionary literature and provide for its exhibit and sale at each meeting of the association.

Section 5. The woman's corresponding secretaries shall take charge of all correspondence necessary to stimulate and encourage an interest in missionary work among the women of each church in the association, and perform the duties assigned them by the state secretaries of the two woman's boards.

Section 6. The young woman's corresponding secretary shall take charge of all correspondence necessary to stimulate and encourage an interest in missionary work among the young women and girls of each church in the association, and perform the duties assigned her by the Young Woman's Secretaries of the two Woman's Boards.

Section 7. The children's corresponding secretary shall take charge of all correspondence necessary to stimulate and encourage

an interest in missionary work among the children of each church in the association and perform the duties assigned her by the Children's Secretary of the two Woman's Boards.

ARTICLE IX.

Amendments.

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, by a two-thirds vote, notice of the proposed change having been given at the preceding meeting, or at the same meeting if recommended by the executive committee.

The chairman of the nomination committee made a report, which was adopted, and the persons named declared elected.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies of Perry church for their kind hospitality during the association.

Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Northrup of Williamston.

MRS. C. MAHANEY,
Secretary.

Conference on "Rural and Weaker Churches in the Association" led by A. D. Werden.

On motion speeches were limited to three minutes each.

10.00 Committee on place and preacher reported. Report adopted.

The report of committee on resolutions was read and adopted.

The report and recommendations of the committee on associational missions were read as follows:—

1. That it is the sense of the missionary committee that Mr. Hudson shall spend some time with the church at Webberville, and try to solve the problem as seems best according to his good judgment.

2. That Mr. Hudson be requested to visit Shepherdsville and assist as far as feasible in the disposal of their property for the benefit of State Missions.

3. That we recommend to the Corunna and Maple River Baptist Churches that they endeavor to unite in the support of a pastor.

4. That the offer of Dr. Aitchison in regard to an every member canvass be accepted.

O. J. PRICE P. B. ERNSBERGER
G. H. HUDSON D. Q. BARRY

Committee

Upon motion by John McLean the report with recommendations was adopted.

The Nomination Committee reported the name of Dr. M. L. Cudworth for Treasurer.

Upon motion the report was laid on the table.

A certain resolution offered by P. B. Ernsberger was referred to the committee on resolutions.

The committee on Obituaries reported, which report was adopted.

A few moments were given in meditation and thanksgiving to God for the lives which were taken from us during the past year. Mr. Northrup led in the prayer.

The special committee on formulating plans for raising expenses for printing minutes reported through Mr. W. L. Parker, chairman.

On motion by Mr. Werden, it was decided to assess the churches two cents per member for assn'l expenses.

Mr. Thompson sang a solo: "Open my Eyes."

10.55 Mr. McLean delivered an address on "The Baptist Standard."

11.00 Mr. C. W. Barber delivered an address on "Kalamazoo College."

11.15 After a song, Scripture was read by Mr. Northrup, and prayer was made by Mr. Morgan.

11.35 Mr. J. E. Gregory delivered a sermon: "Searching for a Christian."

On motion, adjourned till 1.15, P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

1.15 Devotional exercises led by Mr. McLean.

1.30 On motion, report of the nominating committee recommending the name of Dr. M. L. Cudworth for Treasurer of the ciation was taken from the table.

On motion the report was accepted, and Dr. Cudworth declared elected.

The committee on Resolutions offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved:—That the Shiawassee Baptist Association concur with the Washtenaw Association, recommending the Baptist State Convention at its meeting in Bay City to appoint a committee to study the situation, communicate with associational officers, and plan, for redistricting the associations of the state, and for rearranging the time of associational meetings in order that they may follow in such rotation as to make them easy of access by the board secretaries.”

The following resolution was offered by the Committee on resolutions and adopted:

Resolved:—That we express our appreciation of the work of the A. B. P. Society through the colporter, Mr. E. J. Cross, in the organization of Sunday Schools and encouragement of the smaller churches, and that we ask Mr. Cross to continue his kindly offices with the Antrim church and any other interest needing his help; and that we commend the Publication Society to the benevolence of our churches.

The enrollment committee reported that there were one hundred delegates and visitors in attendance. Report adopted.

The auditing committee reported that the books and report of the treasurer had been inspected, and found to be correct as made; Total receipts \$108.53. Total disbursements \$103.65. Balance on hand \$4.88.

On motion the report of the treasurer was accepted.

On motion the clerk was instructed to send greetings to all the Free Baptist Churches in the territory of the association, inviting them to meet with us at our next annual associational meeting.

1.45 Conference on S. S. Work led by Mr. A. D. Werden.

2.20 Mr. Northrup delivered an address on “The Publication Society.”

2.35 Mr. Thompson sang “Kept for Jesus.”

2.40 Mr. Hudson made an address on “State Work.”

3.05 On motion Mr. McLean was granted permission to address the Association for twelve minutes representing “The Standard.”

Mr. McLean presented the same.

3.15 Closing consecration service led by Mr. J. G. York.

3.30 On motion adjournment was taken to meet in one year, which will be Tuesday and Wednesday, June 3 and 4, 1913.

W. H. THOMPSON, Clerk.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

BATH—The year has been one of encouragement, although we see so much ahead. Maintain weekly prayer meeting, S. S. and B. Y. P. U.

BENGAL-RILEY—Thanksgiving to God for his encouragement during the year. Weekly services, and growing interest in the S. S. Many new and faithful people taking up the work.

BYRON—Past year one of great spiritual blessing to the church. Daily prayer offered for the pastor and the work. Weekly prayer meetings not well attended, but deeply interesting. Exposition of the S. S. Lesson led by the pastor proves helpful at the prayer service.

CHESANING—Although have had no pastor for five years, have had preaching most of the time during the past year by supply. Two weeks of special meetings last winter. Hoping and praying for a brighter future.

CORUNNA—New pastor came Oct. 1st. Preaches the truth with force and devotion. 20 of the 56 members have moved away and taken no letters. S. S. is kept up with some interest. B. Y. P. U. recently organized; prayer-meetings interesting but not well attended.

DEWITT—Past year witnessed some progress. Regular services every two weeks. S. S. increasing in numbers and efficiency. Improvements in building. Under the pastoral care of the First church of Lansing.

DURAND—Still have a name to be living, but more a name than a fact. Dried branches; withered leaves; if this be life, then we live. Not enough vital spiritual life-force to even remove the dead branches. Yet many are consecrated to the work both at home and abroad.

LAINGSBURG—Many things to be thankful for during the past year. Supt. Joshua Roberts assisted in finding a new pastor for us. Regular services maintained.

LANSING FIRST—Church has prospered under the efficient leadership of the pastor and all its workers. Celebrated 60th anniversary Oct. Mr. R. E. Olds made a gift of a new pipe organ, also \$6,000 to assist in cancelling the debt on the church. Planning to raise \$10,000 for improvements and indebtedness.

LANSING SOUTH—Work most encouraging during the year. Mr. and Mrs. Werden have been an inspiration to us. S. S. flourishing under the management of the supt. and his officers and teachers. New interest in prayer meetings. B. Y. P. U. shows signs of new

life. Debt on the church largely reduced by gift from Mr. R. E. Olds of \$5,000.

OKEMOS—Improved the building, installed lighting plant. Attendance at all the services about as last year. Grateful to God for his care and blessings.

OVID—Quite an increase in membership through the good work of the S. S. Departments of work well organized and bringing things to pass under the duplex system of finances and weekly offerings. Church out of debt in January. Budget apportionment all paid in full.

OWOSSO; FIRST—The past year has brought many changes; much damage was done by the cyclone, but at the coming of the new pastor, we have new courage and believe we shall be led into larger usefulness.

PERRY—Under the leadership of the pastor the church has grown in every line of work during the past year. Morning and evening services well attended, prayer-meetings interesting, S. S. Lessons actually studied by the pupils, B. Y. P. U. rebuilt and doing business for the master. Debt on parsonage lifted, new carpets placed on the auditorium floors. Spiritual awakening generally through the special meetings during the winter.

PITTSBURG—Since last Oct. we have had the inspiring leadership of Mr. Hoskins of Perry, and although this is the first time in many years we have sent in a letter we rejoice to greet you thus. We are still weak and our future is problematic.

ST. JOHNS—The year one of material and spiritual benefit and progress. Building remodeled and rededicated, and payment provided for. Work in all lines doing nicely; S. S., B. Y. P. U. and women's work in fair shape for much aggressiveness.

VERNON—Without a pastor part of the year, but under the inspiration of the present pastor who came in December, we find things moving along. S. S. has organized classes, and a mission school has been organized in the country, with hopes for the future.

WILLIAMSTON—The year has been marked by activity along all lines. A unified financial system is being tried with success. S. S. and preaching services and prayer-meeting well attended and interesting. Parsonage redecorated, and electric lights installed in parsonage and church. Three weeks special meetings held jointly with other churches in the village proved of high value to the work of building Christ's Kingdom in Williamston.

CHURCH STATISTICS—PASTORS, MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

| CHURCHES | EXPENSES | | | | | | | | | | BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---|
| | Maintaining Public Worship | Permanent Improvements | S. S. Expense | Young Peoples Expense | Associational Minutes | State Convention Expenses | Total Home Expenses | Local Missions | State Missions | Home Missions Church | Home Missions Women's Society | Foreign Missions Church | Foreign Missions Women's Society | Publication Society and State S. S. Work, Church | Pub. Society, State S. S. Work, Sunday School | Christian Education | Minister's Aid Society | Other Objects | Total Benevolent Contributions | Grand Total Home Expense and Benevolent Contributions |
| Autrim | \$117.00 | \$210.10 | \$38.00 | \$6.60 | ..... | ..... | \$671.70 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bath | 77.09 | 1.40 | 7.50 | 1.40 | 70 | 86.78 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bengal-Riley | 600.00 | 61.20 | 38.26 | ..... | 1.00 | 1.00 | 701.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Byron | 125.00 | 12.00 | 30.00 | ..... | 1.25 | 75 | 169.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Chesaning | 388.00 | ..... | 52.04 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 440.04 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Coruna | 145.00 | 106.00 | 45.00 | ..... | 65 | 30 | 296.95 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Darard | 369.80 | 24.85 | 72.00 | ..... | 2.00 | 1.65 | 451.80 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| DeWitt | 435.84 | 210.51 | 48.68 | 21.27 | 4.18 | 230.43 | 720.43 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lainburg | 6986.78 | 889.88 | 445.54 | 84.25 | 13.12 | 8369.57 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lainburg-First | 1065.68 | 150.00 | 150.73 | 53.77 | 2.38 | 3.12 | 2004.68 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lainburg-South | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lainburg-Mission | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Maple River | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Oremos | 276.92 | 154.42 | 46.52 | ..... | 1.00 | 75 | 479.61 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Ovid | 873.64 | 3.71 | 136.27 | 25.00 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 1031.12 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Owosso-First | 2950.00 | 800.00 | 389.56 | ..... | 6.00 | ..... | 4065.56 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Perry | 725.00 | 50.00 | 44.89 | ..... | 1.75 | ..... | 821.64 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Pittsburg | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Shepardsville | 465.57 | 2000.00 | 61.27 | ..... | 3.17 | 2.00 | 2561.84 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| St. Johns | 977.18 | 10.75 | 43.98 | ..... | 2.00 | ..... | 1033.91 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Vernon | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Webberville | 788.00 | 450.00 | 60.00 | ..... | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1310.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Williamson | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Total | 18306.59 | 4732.92 | 1649.24 | 140.89 | 25.85 | 29.82 | 25446.72 | 29.56 | 443.57 | 820.25 | 272.28 | 970.25 | 445.32 | 79.25 | 338.57 | 120.84 | 56.90 | 163.51 | 2002.09 | 28192.90 |

CHURCH STATISTICS—PROPERTY, MEMBERSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOLS

| CHURCHES | Year Organized | Pastors and Year of Settlement | Clerks | PROPERTY | | | MEMBERSHIP | | | | Total Present Membership | Y. P. S. | | S. S. STATISTICS | | Superintendent and Post Office Address | | | |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|--|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| | | | | Houses of Worship | Value of Houses of Worship | Value of Parsonages | GAINS | | Excluded and Erased | Died | | B. Y. P. U. or C. E. | Junior Society | Officers and Teachers | Scholars | | Average Attendance | Baptisms | |
| | | | | | | | By Letter | By Experience and Restoration | | | | | | | | | | | By Letter | Losses |
| Antonia | 30 | Ralph Barry | 10 Mrs. Mary Clemmons | 1 | \$1700 | \$900 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | .. | 10 | 99 | 46 | 1 | Mrs. Frank Dalton | Bath | | |
| Bath | 70 | J. E. Gregory | 11 Mrs. Jennie Hamilton | 1 | 1500 | 3200 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11 | 50 | 12 | .. | Howard Pope | St. Johns | | |
| Byron | 88 | Henry Morgan | 08 Minnie Bishop | 1 | 3500 | 1200 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | .. | 12 | 58 | 29 | .. | Calvin Clark | Byron | | |
| Chesnut | 88 | Robert Davies | Mrs. S. E. Dresser | 1 | 2500 | 1200 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9 | 35 | 23 | .. | Mrs. S. E. Dresser | Chesnut | | |
| Corinna | 48 | W. H. Thompson | 11 Germaine Gale | 1 | 1000 | .. | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 9 | 82 | 60 | .. | David Evans | Corinna | | |
| DeWitt | 48 | John McLean | 11 Mrs. Wm. Beckwith | 1 | 1500 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9 | 60 | 22 | .. | E. B. Clark | DeWitt | | |
| Durand | 49 | C. H. Callahan | 12 Mrs. Knapp Smith | 1 | 2000 | 1400 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 18 | 125 | 57 | .. | H. N. Shultz | Durand | | |
| Lansburg | 51 | O. J. Felce | 11 Mrs. F. M. Warkner | 2 | 2500 | 1850 | 43 | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | 9 | 75 | 59 | .. | Mrs. Anna Colister | Lansburg | | |
| Lansing | 51 | W. D. Wenden | 11 Mrs. F. T. Trendwell | 2 | 6580 | 3000 | 43 | 3 | 13 | 25 | .. | 48 | 359 | 273 | 18 | Edbert Crossman | Lansing | | |
| Lansing South | 11 | W. H. Thompson | 11 B. J. Martin | 1 | 2000 | 3000 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | .. | 30 | 101 | 11 | .. | F. A. Johnson | Lansing | | |
| Lansing West | 30 | Ralph Barry | 10 Mrs. Grace Williams | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 17 | 137 | 7 | .. | Ives W. Wood | Lansing | | |
| Maple River | 47 | D. O. Barry | 10 Mrs. A. Jorae | .. | 1830 | 850 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16 | 64 | 40 | .. | Ralph S. Hudson | East Lansing | | |
| Oxide | 60 | G. York | 12 L. O. Underwood | 1 | 4000 | 800 | 8 | .. | 6 | .. | .. | 10 | 171 | 162 | 7 | Edward Bondage | Oxide | | |
| Owosso First | 50 | Asa Hoskins | 11 Aug. Crawford | 1 | 3000 | 2900 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10 | 171 | 162 | .. | Mrs. F. E. Miller | Owosso | | |
| Perry | 38 | Asa Hoskins | 11 A. Hutchings | 1 | 2500 | 1200 | 7 | 2 | 10 | 10 | .. | 28 | 225 | 145 | .. | C. E. Hutchings | Perry | | |
| Pittsburg | 77 | Asa Hoskins | 11 A. Hutchings | 1 | 2500 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11 | 69 | 48 | .. | J. Hancock | Owosso | | |
| Shepardsville | 71 | J. E. Gregory | 11 E. P. Hobart | .. | 5000 | 1800 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 7 | 60 | 12 | .. | Deat Parr | St. Johns | | |
| St. Johns | 53 | J. R. Edwards | 11 Mrs. B. L. Marsh | 1 | 4000 | 1800 | 3 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | 12 | 82 | 55 | 2 | E. C. Wheelan | Vernon | | |
| Vernon | 78 | J. R. Edwards | 11 Mrs. B. L. Marsh | 1 | 4000 | 1800 | 3 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | 12 | 82 | 55 | 2 | E. C. Wheelan | Vernon | | |
| Webberville | 41 | G. S. Northrup | 09 E. S. Andrews | .. | 4000 | 1200 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | 15 | 100 | 48 | 3 | Floyd Mixer | Williamston | | |
| Williamston | 41 | G. S. Northrup | 09 E. S. Andrews | .. | 4000 | 1200 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | 15 | 100 | 48 | 3 | Floyd Mixer | Williamston | | |
| Total | .. | .. | .. | 19 | 202190 | 31100 | 87 | 86 | 27 | 64 | 37 | 24 | 2344 | 235 | 48 | 392 | 2678 | 1384 | 55 |

Missions: Bush Superintendent, Mrs. Frank Bush, Perry Officers and Teachers 7 Scholars 30 Average Attendance 30
 Shiawassee Superintendent, J. R. Edwards, Vernon Officers and Teachers 5 Scholars 18 Average Attendance 15
 Williamston Superintendent, Clayton Porter, Williamston Officers and Teachers 7 Scholars 40 Average Attendance 30 Sunday School Expense \$0