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Denominational Objectives:

Rev. G. Woolcock, Ovid
 Mrs. H. H. Allen, Owosso
 Mrs. F. C. Fistler, St. Johns
 Mr. Grant M. Hudson, Lansing
 Rev. A. M. Bailey, Durand

Ordination:

Rev. C. W. Kemper, Lansing
 Rev. E. E. Burdick, Lansing
 Rev. W. T. Woodhouse, Corunna.

Preacher of Annual Sermon Rev. C. W. Kemper
Alternate Rev. E. D. Wright

Place of Next Meeting—to be decided.

Time of Next Meeting—June 14 and 15, 1922.

MINUTES

Wednesday Morning

The eighty-sixth annual meeting of the Shiawassee Baptist Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. C. W. Kemper, at 10:30 A. M., June 8, 1921, at Ovid Baptist Church.

Rev. G. Woolcock, of Ovid, conducted a devotional service, after which the Moderator appointed the following committee on Nominations:

Rev. W. T. Woodhouse,
Mr. H. E. Hurd,
Rev. E. E. Burdick.

The Program Committee submitted a printed program and asked for its acceptance. The same was voted, subject to any necessary changes.

The Pastor of the entertaining Church read the Church's letter and supplemented it with a short talk in which a most hearty welcome was extended to the visitors and delegates. This was followed by the reading of the letters from the Churches, a digest of which will be found on another page.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Rev. A. P. McDonald and Rev. F. L. Currey were introduced to the Association and responded with reminiscences of an earlier period when both were active in the work of this Association.

Wednesday Afternoon

1:00 Rev. A. M. Bailey conducted a very helpful devotional service.

Women's Session No. 1.

1:45 The first of two Women's Sessions opened with the Vice-president, Mrs. H. H. Allen, in the chair.

The Basket Meeting held in the First Church, Lansing, in May, was fully reported, and other matters of business attended to, after which the Ovid Circle entertained the Session with a play entitled "How Not To Do

It." How not to run a Missionary Meeting was graphically and laughably set forth.

2:45 Rev. D. T. Grey, of Olivet Church, Lansing, gave an interesting address on "Associational Progress."

The Nominating Committee submitted their report and the same was adopted as indicated in the Directory.

The newly elected Moderator, Rev. H. A. Waite, took the chair and announced the appointment of the following committees:

Place and Preacher:

Revs. W. T. Woodhouse, F. D. Hague and L. A. Meade

Resolutions:

Revs. E. E. Burdick, G. S. Northrup, G. T. Curtis and A. M. Bailey.

Obituary:

Revs. F. E. Fistler, A. P. McDonald, Levi Miller and Mr. L. A. Underwood.

Denominational Objectives:

(See Directory)

Ordination:

(See Directory)

The Ordination Committee of last year reported the investigation and subsequent ordination of two young men to the Baptist Ministry: Brother L. A. Meade, of Grand Ledge, and Brother J. H. Stevens, of Hart and Pentwater, the former ordination occurring at Grand Ledge and the latter at Owosso.

3:30 The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. W. T. Woodhouse of Corunna. This inspiring, cheering message brought to a close an interesting afternoon program.

Wednesday Evening

7:00 The evening service opened with a rousing song-service directed by Rev. L. A. Meade. Brother Meade also conducted devotionals.

7:30 An audience that taxed the capacity of the church heard, with keenest interest, the two addresses of the evening; the first by Rev. F. L. Currey, our Director of Evangelism, on the subject—"The Ideals of Evangelism" and the second by Dr. C. H. Barlow, one of our esteemed medical missionaries, on "Christ in China."

Thursday Morning

9:00 Rev. F. D. Hague, of Okemos, conducting the devotional service gave a most helpful exposition of Rev. 2:1-7, in which he dwelt upon the Christian's debt of love to Jesus.

9:30 The rest of the morning was taken up with the presentation and discussion of various Church Standards of work as follows:—

Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Standards were ably presented by Dr. C. H. Berry, Director of the Department of Religious Education.

Various suggestions on "The Local Church's Yearly Program" were made by Rev. E. E. Burdick of Lansing.

"Local Church Finances" was the subject assigned Rev. L. A. Fisher of Elsie, while "Association Standards" was presented by Rev. G. S. Northrup of DeWitt.

Thursday Afternoon

1:15 Rev. F. C. Fistler, of St. Johns, conducted a devotional service which included an instructive exposition of Rev. 2:8-11.

1:40 A letter from the Fowlerville Church, requesting membership in the Shiawassee Association, was read and the request unanimously granted. Moderator Waite, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed the Fowlerville Church into the fellowship and work of the Association and extended the hand of fellowship to their Pastor, Rev. W. C. Roof.

Women's Session No. 2

1:45 Following the appointment of a nominating committee and some routine business, Miss Florence E. Grant, of Birmingham, gave some delightful reminiscences of a recent trip to Porto Rico. Miss Grant also spoke earnestly of the task assigned to her to lead the Baptist women of Michigan in raising one hundred thousand dollars for the building of a Girls' Dormitory at Kalamazoo College.

Miss Grant was followed by Miss Lydia Huber, a missionary of the W. A. B. H. M. Society, whose labors had been in Porto Rico, the land of little people and big opportunities. Miss Huber's address touched the hearts of all as it revealed the genuine Christian spirit in which her work was done.

Then Mrs. Dr. Barlow was introduced and in response made a soul-stirring plea for greater unity among Michigan Baptists and for a more adventurous faith in reference to our Missionary tasks.

The session was concluded with a selection by the Ladies' Quartet of the Ovid Church.

2:45 George Lawrence, Director of the Department of Rural Churches, spoke on "The Awakening of the Rural Church;" a vital topic handled in a practical way.

3:15 Following the reading of a letter from the South Lansing Church to the Clerk of the Association a spirited discussion took place with regard to the general desire to heal the breach between the South Lansing Church and the Association. It was finally decided by an unanimous vote that all records of the South Lansing Church matter of a year ago should be expunged from the Minutes of the Association of 1920—1921, and that the Pastor, Rev. C H. Heaton and the members of the South Lansing Church be assured that it is the desire of the Shiawassee Baptist Association to fellowship with them and to work unitedly for the healing of all former and present unpleasantnesses.

3:30 The report of the Committee on Resolutions

was read and adopted as follows:—"Whereas the work in which the Churches of this Association are engaged for the purpose of building up the Master's kingdom at home and abroad centers in the program of the New World Movement of the Northern Baptist Convention, therefore Be it resolved that we commit ourselves to carrying out its plans of financial and evangelistic effort, and urge upon each Church that in loyalty to Christ it can do no less than to carry out that portion of the program that is allotted to the local field.

"As our Governor is in sympathy with efforts for the advancement in our State of a better moral life, and of respect for law and order, Be it resolved that we deplore the lax situation with reference to gambling, Sabbath desecration and the illegal traffic in intoxicating liquors.

"Be is also resolved that we call the Governor's attention to these evils and pledge the hearty cooperation of all our people in eradicating them from our State.

"Be it resolved that we express our hearty appreciation of the cordial hospitality of the people of Ovid, and of the splendid way the Ovid Church and Pastor have entertained this Association.

"Be it further resolved that we express to our State Superintendent, Grant M. Hudson, and his family, our love and sympathy in their great bereavement which they have experienced in the loss of their beloved wife and mother, Mildred Hudson.

Signed, E. E. Burdick,
G. S. Northrup

The Obituary Committee submitted the following report:—

"Thirteen Churches of this Association have been visited by the death angel. In these thirteen Churches thirty-five members have been called to their eternal home. These have verified the statement by the apostle Paul that "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."

Signed, F. C. Fistler.

Following is a list of the deceased:—

CHURCH	NAME	DATE	AGE
Perry.....	Mrs. E. Bemis	March 10, 1921	73
	Mrs. Mary Walker	May 8, 1921	87
Owosso.....	Mrs. W. L. Parker	June 13, 1920	63
	Herman Wickham	Sept. 5, 1920	68
	Wellington White	Jan. 9, 1921	88
Okemos.....	William Cole Sr.	Feb. 22, 1921	85
Durand.....	Mrs. W. D. Darling	April 21, 1921	41
Lansing, First.....	Mrs. W. R. Whitney	June 10, 1920	
	Miss Ruth Young	July 8, 1920	19
	Mrs. R. P. Killy	July 14, 1920	
	Reuben Fenner	July 20, 1920	23
	Mrs. D. Raymond	Oct. 17, 1920	
	Mrs. H. C. Hendershott	Dec. 1920	
	Mrs. W. M. Casper	1920	
	Mrs. Lora Sunt	1920	
	Margaret Kirby	Jan 1921	12
	Mr. A. M. Boice	April 4, 1921	
Lansing, Olivet.....	Mrs. G. M. Hudson	May 13, 1921	
	Chas. E. Baldwin	May 24, 1921	
Lansing, Olivet.....	Miss Sadie Sibley	Oct 21, 1920	
	Mrs. Marie Ryal	Nov. 28, 1920	
Laingsburg.....	Mrs. C. Neilson	March 10, 1921	76
	Mrs. S. Hempstead	Jan. 15, 1921	54
Elsie.....	Charles Warner	Aug. 12, 1920	62
	Clyde Warner	Dec. 1, 1920	30
	Mrs. F. Johnson	May 27, 1921	66
Vernon.....	Elizabeth Jones	March 10, 1921	86
St. Johns.....	Mrs. Mary Webb	March 8, 1921	77
Rose.....	Mrs. Cleo Trumble	May 28, 1921	
Williamston.....	Mrs. J. Webber	Sept. 22, 1920	92
	Charles H. Chambers	Sept. 24, 1920	76
Grand Ledge.....	Mrs. B. Foster	March 1921	82
	Mrs. Dora Northrup	Oct. 3, 1920	71
	Mrs. Hattie Dixon	Oct. 3, 1920	50
	Mrs. Polly Potter	May 31, 1921	72

In a brief memorial service, Rev. W. T. Woodhouse offered prayer and an appropriate hymn was sung.

The Committee on Place and Preacher recommended as the preacher of the Annual sermon—Rec. C. W. Kemper, of Lansing. As alternate preacher—Rev. E. D. Wright, of Byron. The place of next year's meeting to be decided later. Report was adopted.

3:15 The closing address of the Association was given by Rev. H. A. Waite. It was a masterful presentation of the subject of Christian Stewardship.

The registration clerk announced a total enrollment

of 115 delegates and visitors from outside of Ovid.

A touching scene was enacted in the closing moments of the Association when the Moderator called upon all to join hands in one large circle inclosing our beloved missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Barlow. "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," was sung, followed by a closing prayer and benediction, after which refreshments were served to all who tarried.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

Perry—Pastor Curtis gaining affections of Church and community.

Lansing, North—Daily Vacation Bible School held. Intermediate and Junior B. Y. P. U. and Boy Scouts organized. Sunday School and Prayer-Meeting growing.

Owosso—Decision Day brought in fine class of teenage boys and girls, also some adults. Missionary vision enlarged. Property improved. Thirty-three baptisms.

Okemos—Evangelistic campaign resulted in twenty-four baptisms. Tithing Campaign followed by organization of League with forty members.

Haslett—Ten baptized and twelve tithers.

DeWitt—Building enlarged. S. S. and Women's Missionary Society doing good work.

Corunna—Property improved. Finances good. Outlook encouraging.

Byron—Congregations increasing. Prayer-meetings well attended.

Durand—Very good year. Twenty baptisms. Numerous improvements to property. Mission Circle planning to educate Chinese student.

Lansing, First—Emphasis on evangelism blessed. Ideal site for Community House purchased. S. S. and B. Y. P. U. in prosperous condition.

Laingsburg—Raised more money for current expenses and missions than in several years.

Elsie—One organized adult class numbers eighty members. Attendance increasing and conversions occurring.

Vernon—Cradle Roll established. S. S. increased. All departments doing fine.

Ovid—Twenty-three conversions during year. Property painted and redecorated. New World Movement pledges being promptly paid.

Fowlerville—B. Y. P. U. organized. Planning to enlarge and equip basement. Outlook good.

Bath—Still on the job and looking for a leader.

Rose—Sent seven delegates and Pastor, but no written greetings.

Lansing, Olivet—Beautiful sectional building erected on fine site, thru help of State Convention, City Union and First Church. Many conversions. S. S. tripled. Senior and Junior B. Y. P. U. and Boy Scouts organized. Great outlook.

Williamston—No settled Pastor. E. E. Burdick supplying faithfully.

Grand Ledge—A wonderful year. Fifty-one baptisms. Congregations large. Baracca and Philathea Classes and B. Y. P. U. all on the firing line for Christ. Enlargement of property contemplated.

Antrim—No Pastor. Pulpit supplied. S. S. and B. Y. P. U. at work. Eight baptisms during year.

SHIAWASSEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
SUNDAY SCHOOL

B. Y. P. U. Or. C. E.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT AND P. O. ADDRESS		Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Members	Average Attendance	Baptisms	Home Department	Cradle Roll	Leaders Training Course	Number of Points in Standard of Ex.	PRESIDENT AND P. O. ADDRESS				Active Members	Associate Members	Percentage in Standard of Ex.	Members in Junior	The "Baptist	Mission	"The Mich. Baptist"
	Mr. Judson Bigelow.....																					
Antrim	Mr. Floyd Rix, Perry.....		13	52	65	33	8		12						20	5						
Bath	Mrs. Frank Dolton, Bath..		6	20	26	18																
Bengal Riley	William Dyer, Bancroft..		8	52	60	40																
Byron	Al. Morris, Corunna.....		14	100	114	86																
Corunna	Hubert E. Hurd,		9	70	79	32																
DeWitt	Mrs. Ira Sturgis, Durand..		13	105	118	70	3	14	56		55											
Durand	Lewis Bennett.		15	150	165	73	8	10	10													
Elsie	Mr. Basil McCall.....		29	250	279	183	13	30	30													
Grand Ledge	E. Ratzlaff, E. Lansing....		10	130	140	60	6	50	50													
Haslett	Archie Gibbs.		12	50	62	35	1															
Lansburg	E. M. Hunt & F. S. Smith.		46	536	582	350	30	75	75													
Lansing, First																						
Lansing, South																						
Lansing, South	C. N. Rix, Okemos.....		15	158	173	68	24	25	25													
Okemos	S. E. Ewing.		22	121	143	90	20															
Ovid	S. J. Hicks.....		30	395	425	260	24	45	45													
Owosso	George Curtis, Perry.....		10	60	70	48		15	15													
Perry	Leon Witchell, Bath.....		5	35	40																	
Rose	Mr. Leslie Brown.....		10	116	126	56		15	15													
St. Johns	Fred Miller.		14	70	84	45		9	9													
Vernon	Miss Margaret Pierce.....		10	100	110	50	4															
Williamston	Wm. Berry, Fowlerville....		17	87	104	64	1															
Fowlerville																						
Mission Churches																						
Lansing, North	Mrs. J. T. McLean.....		18	200	218	150																
Lansing, Olivet	Roy Dickinson.		15	160	175	135	5	90	90													
			341	3017	3358	2173	147	14	454		55											

SHIAWASSEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES AND YEAR OF ORGANIZATION	PASTOR'S NAME AND YEAR OF SETTLEMENT	CHURCH CLERKS	Value of Houses of Worship	Debt	Value of Parsonages	Debt	MEMBERSHIP						FINANCES								
							GAINS			LOSSES			Total Present Membership	Current Expenses	Improvements	Total Home Expense	Missions	Other Benevolence	Total Home Expense and Benevolence		
							By Baptism	By Letter	Experience or Restoration	By Letter	Exclusion or Erasure	Death								19	4
Antrim	'47	Mr. N. H. Blake.....	2000		1200		8	2		2		1	42	300		300		85	129	514	
Bath	'68	Mrs. Frank Dolton, Bath..	2500									1	14	265		265		90	54	409	
Benal Riley..	'68	1920/Minnie G. Bishop, Byron..	2500		3000			2		4			62	1273	284	1557		409	84	2050	
Byron	'66 E. D. Wright.....	1919/Mrs. A. Linbury, Cornuna	14000	550			1	3	1	1			65	1545	521	2066		263	90	2419	
Cornuna	'51 W. T. Woodhouse....	1919/Mrs. C. S. Hurd, Lansing..	4000					1	4	4			63	612				210		822	
Dewitt	'40 G. S. Northrup.....	1918/Mrs. W. T. Beckwith....	4000		1000		20	1	6	4	1		1	75	1211	308	1519	213		1732	
Durand	'85 A. M. Bailey.....	1920/Mrs. Carne Blunt, Elsie..	4000		2500		51	10	4	3	7	1	3	42	854	291	1146	75	10	1221	
Elsie	'51 L. A. Fisher.....	1919/Mrs. L. Potter.....	7000		3500		10		1				4	261	2500	500	3000	500	500	6000	
Grand Lodge..	'71 L. A. Meade.....	1918/Mabel Buxton, E. Lansing	4000				10						50	827		827		206	45	1078	
Haslett	'92 Fred Hague.....	1919/Julia E. Whipple.....	1000000		1800		1					20	2	60	1121	120	1241	159	14	1414	
Laingsburg ...	'64 H. A. Halverson....	1920/Mrs. Ralph Smith.....	2300				35	40	30			8	12	1282	15000		15000	25000	500	40500	
Lansing, First.	'51 C. W. Kemper.....	1919/Grace Williams, Lansing..	5000		2500		24	1				1	85	988	4013	5001		53	55	5217	
Lansing, South	'13 C. H. Heaton.....	1917/Dean S. Tucker, Ovid.....	9000		2500		23	10	4	6		1	173	2042	335	2377		1208	78	3863	
Okenos	'66 Geo. Woolcock.....	1915/L. O. Underwood.....	50000		5000		33	10	2	7		3	544	7749	3290	10979		2750	159	13888	
Ovid	'66 Harvey A. Waite....	1921/Jennie Hammond, Perry..	5000							1		2	65	766	75	841		104		945	
Owasso	'38 Geo. T. Curtis.....	1919/Leon Witchell, Bath.....	2500									1	50	325							
Perry	'62 F. C. Fisher.....	1917/Mrs. Blanche Parr.....	5500		3500		3	1	1	8		1	94	1615	454	2069		623	82	2774	
Rose	'45 Rev. Levi Miller....	1920/Blanche Dishrow, Vernon..	2000		2200		1	9	5				75	1667				323	50	2041	
St. Johns	'41 E. E. Burdick.....	1919/Mrs. Mable Mann.....	4000		1500		4	4	4	5	12	2	81	900		900		732	20	1650	
Vernon	'69 W. C. Roof.....	1919/Miss Mable Mann.....	10000		2500		1	9		2	3		107	1629	314	1937		105	6	2048	
Williamston ..																					
Fowlerville																					
Mission Churches																					
Lansing, North	'14 D. T. Grey.....	1920/Mrs. Inez Trumble.....	5000	2500			19			3			(149)	2320		2320		572	50	2942	
Lansing, Olivet	'17	E. C. Thayer.....	10800	7600			17	4	2	1	1	2	(117)	742	750	1492		150	20	1668	
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