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Vernon, Michigan

Alternate Rev. A. K. Scott
Ovid, Michigan

Place of Meeting—DeWitt.
Time—First Week of October, 1926.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Denominational Objectives

Rev. A. K. Scott	Rev. Theodore A. Thompson	Rev. R. J. Brown
Ordination		
Rev. G. S. Northrup	Rev. H. A. Huey	Rev. Ralph W. Hobbs
Stewardship		
Rev. F. I. Osborne	Rev. Glenn Haggarty	Rev. J. C. Austin
Evangelism		
G. W. Lawrence	Rev. E. D. Wright	Rev. E. E. Burdick

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President.....Miss Alice Cummings, Corunna
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MINUTES

The Ninetieth Annual Session of the Shiawassee Baptist Association was held with the Olivet Baptist Church, Lansing, Michigan. The Session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Donald T. Grey, who offered a prayer for the leading of the Holy Spirit in all of the Associations Activities.

Rev. Toy, led in a short song service, and Rev. Northrup, led us in devotion and worship, as we thought together on the theme: "Faith as a Factor in Life."

Rev. Grey substituted for Brother E. L. Dennis of Olivet Church, in extending a hearty welcome in the name of the Church to the Association.

Motion made and supported that we accept the Printed Program as the Official program for the Association.

The Moderator nominated the following committees:

Nominating Committee

Rev. Northrup F. I. Osborne Thomas Toy

Obituary Committee

Rev. Huey Rev. Hobbs Rev. Phelps

Resolutions Committee

Rev. A. K. Scott Geo. Lawrence Theodore A. Thompson

The Annual Sermon was now delivered by Rev. F. I. Osborne, subject, "Deepening the Spiritual Life of Our Churches."

A splendid and appropriate sermon considering the Official program of our great Convention for this year is "Evangelism."

Rev. Geo. Lawrence, now delivered a very fine address, to take the place of a conference, on our "ASSOCIATION THEME."

(Adjourned for Lunch.)

1:30 p. m. Song Service led by Rev. Pilcher.

In the absence of Rev. Wright, Dr. Hobbs led us in a service of prayer. The report of the Nominating Committee was now read and accepted.

Moderator—Harry W. Buckborough.

Clerk—Rev. Thomas Toy.

Treasurer—L. O. Underwood.

Associational S. S. Superintendent—Miss Nina Hewitt.

Member State Board of Managers—Mr. Theodore A. Thompson.

Delegate State Convention—Mrs. Geo. Pratt.

Alternate—Mrs. Alice Cummings.

Member Nominating Committee State Convention—Rev. F. I. Osborne.

Committee on Denominational Objectives—Rev. A. K. Scott, Theodore A. Thompson, Rev. R. J. Brown.

Committee on Stewardship—Rev. F. I. Osborne, Glenn Haggerty, Rev. J. C. Austin.

Evangelism—Rev. Geo. Lawrence, Rev. E. D. Wright, Rev. E. E. Burdick.

Committee on Ordination—Rev. Northrup, Hobbs, Huey.

Matter of Digest of Church letters by the vote of the Association was left to the Secretary.

Next Associational Meeting will be held at DeWitt.

Preacher—Rev. H. A. Huey.

Alternate—Rev. A. K. Scott.

Obituary Committee

Brother Phelps in the name of this committee reported that the following servants of God who were members of one of our Master's Churches in this Association had been called to their reward:

Chesaning—Rev. J. W. Green, Sept. 5, 1925, age 39 years.

DeWitt—F. L. Hurd, April 11, 1925, age, 72 years.

Olivet-Lansing—D. Schuon, Oct. 20, 1924, age 19 years; Nathan Pine, June 23, 1925, age 21 years; John H. Engle, August 1, 1925, age 60 years.

Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing—Truman Insleman, Dec. 26, 1924.

Ovid—Miss Lida Carter, June, 28, 1924, age 35 years; Mr. J. J. Knapp, April 13, 1925, age, 78 years; Mrs. Lou Scott, Sept. 28, 1925, age 44 years.

Perry—Mrs. L. Marble, March 21, 1925, age, 83 years.

Vernon—Mrs. A. Parmenter, age 62 years; Mrs. H. A. Huey, age, 75 years; Stephen Bronson.

Williamston—Mrs. D. Chambers, Jan. 20, 1925, age, 68 years; Mrs. E. Tobias, July 17, 1925, age, 85 years.

Motion made that all Churches represented that have not received hand of fellowship into the Association be on hand Friday evening.

The Association now broke up into separate sessions, as follows: Associational Missionary Society in their Semi-Annual Meeting, and the Men to study under the leadership of L. O. Underwood and P. A. Johnson the problems and duties of Church deacons and trustees.

The men's meeting was certainly worthwhile, and such meetings and conference sessions on such practical questions should certainly occupy a place on all of our Associational Annual Meetings.

The Secretary of the Missionary Association reports as follows:

Meeting called to order by the President, Mrs. C. E. Ludwig.

Devotionals led by Mrs. S. E. Collins, of Okemos.

Three-minute talks on Golden Anniversary by Mrs. John E. Carr; W. W. G., by Mrs. F. W. Griswold; Literature by Mrs. J. K. Pattengill.

College Church, by Mrs. Geo. Lawrence.

Americanization, by Miss Zelda Waters.

Crusade, by Miss Nina Hewitt.

White Cross, by Mrs. J. T. McLean.

Mrs. J. K. Pattengill gave a very interesting talk on "Our Task," after which Mrs. Crabb offered a prayer for the salvation and prosperity of all our "Missionary Fields."

The leading feature of this session was Miss Dona Whittaker's talk on "Our Missionary Work In India." Miss Whittaker has served 27 years as missionary in India.

Fifteen churches were represented at the meeting, making a splendid attendance.

Invitation was extended that we hold our spring meeting with the Pennsylvania Avenue Church, Lansing, on the third Friday of April, 1926. This invitation was graciously accepted.

President appointed the following on the nominating committee, to report at the April meeting:

Mrs. Geo. Hudson, Mrs. Ralph W. Hobbs, Mrs. E. S. Andrews.

The meeting closed with prayer.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

This session was handed over to the Young Peoples Organization for their Semi-Annual Meeting.

A very fine program was enjoyed after which the following officers were elected:

President—Miss Alice Cummings.

Vice-President—Miss Blanche Huff.

Secretary—Miss Rosalia Rideout.

Treasurer—Mr. Dart C. Hooker.

Place of Meeting in Spring—Antrim.

FRIDAY, OCT. 2

Session opened with a season of prayer at 10:00 a. m.

Rev. Huey led the devotions, giving us a very touching Bible Exposition on "IMMORTALITY."

Solo.—Mrs. Donald T. Grey.

Reports were now listened to as brought from delegates to the N. B. C., held at Seattle, Washington. Dr. Hobbs, Bro. Geo. Lawrence, and Dr. John E. Smith brought the reports.

Dr. Smith now spoke on "Loyalty to our Denominational Task," and conducted a very beneficial conference.

The Church Letters were now read, and the Clerk offered to print a digest of them in the Minutes. (Digest will be found preceding financial table.)

The Carey Centennial Church requested a withdrawal from the Shiassee Association to join the Berrien Association. The withdrawal was recognized and the clerk was instructed to write this church a letter notifying them of our action and conveying to them our best wishes in their new associational relationships.

(Adjourned for Lunch.)

1:30 p. m. Song Service.

Devotional led by Rev. Brown, of Perry. Theme: "The Meaning of the Cross."

Conference: "The Spiritual Value of Stewardship," led by Rev. J. C. Austin.

Conference on Evangelism led by Rev. F. L. Currey.

Associational Reports

All reports were unanimously accepted, results of which can be found throughout the Minutes.

Motion made that the clerk pay for the printed programs before mailing receipts from churches to the treasurer.

The afternoon session adjourned after celebrating the "Lord's Supper," at the invitation of the entertaining church. I am sure that everybody present offered a prayer that the prevalent spirit of this last session might be manifest at our next gathering.

FRIDAY

7:30 p. m.

Association met for the purpose of recognizing the Olivet and Pennsylvania Avenue churches of Lansing into the Association. Dr. Hobbs acted as moderator, after the petitions for admittance and the articles of faith had been presented, the association voted unanimously to recognize these churches, which for a number of years have been working in the association as branches of the First Church, Lansing.

Rev. Harvey Waite delivered the address of recognition and moved our hearts as he reminded us afresh of the glory of our beloved denomination, due to the sacrifice of human lives, homes and money, in less favorable days.

The Association adjourned to meet at DeWitt the first week of Oct., 1926.

THOMAS TOY, Clerk.

DIGEST OF LETTERS

Antrim—Fine year, good spirit of co-operation. Pastor Wright much loved and respected.

Chesaning—Regret the loss of Pastor Broom by removal, and later death of his successor, Rev. Green by death. Prayer meeting and S. S. being sustained but all interested praying for pastoral supervision and leadership.

Corunna—Regret the loss of Pastor Roof by removal, but people have been faithful in preparing the way for a new pastor who will be on the field soon. Debt on parsonage lessened, and church membership roll thinned out.

DeWitt—Everybody loves Brother and Sister Northrup and are trying their utmost to make DeWitt church life what it really ought to be.

Durand—Still holding on, praying for better things, due to pastor's efforts. Missionary quota more than raised.

Elsie—Greatly regret loss of Pastor Gould, who left for Colon in the early part of the Associational year. Church rather unsettled in its search for a pastor but certain that God will lead them in right paths.

Lansing, Olivet—Making rapid strides in Kingdom Progress in every department of church work. Became self-supporting this year and looking forward to a new and adequate church edifice. Pastor and people happy together with much to be thankful for.

Lansing, Pennsylvania Avenue—Became independent this year; spent \$16,000 on remodeling and enlarging church edifice; pastor and people happy together; Sunday School under the leadership of Harry W. Buckborough making a rapid growth.

Owosso—Had a delightful year but sorry to report that Pastor and Mrs. Waite who have spent ten of the best years of their life building up this church are leaving us January 1, 1926.

Ovid—Happy with Rev. Scott as leader; church in very healthy condition; new furnace installed and church re-roofed.

Perry—Still enjoying leadership of Rev. Brown; hoping for great things in the coming year.

Vernon—Every department had a good year; Pastor Huey much loved and respected.

Williamston—Asking for the prayers of the Association, that we may hold fast that which is good, and that God may lead us into a worthy forward and consistent movement of progress.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1925.

Church	Paid for Assoc.	For State Convention.
Antrim	\$0 99	\$0 66
Byron	2 52	1 68
Chesaning	1 00
Corunna	1 74	1 16
Durand	3 51	2 34
Elsie	2 10	1 40
DeWitt	05
Lansing Penn. Ave	2 10	1 40
Lansing Olivet	3 00	1 30
Ovid	5 01	3 34
Vernon	1 84
Williamston	3 00	2 00
Totals	\$26 86	\$15 28

SHIAWASSEE ASSOCIATION

Churches and Year of Organization.	Pastor's Name and Year of Settlement.	Church Clerks.	Property.		Membership.						Finances.							
			Value of houses of worship.	Value of Parsonages.	Debt.	Gains.			Losses.			Current Expenses.	Improvements.	Missions.	Other Benevolences.	Total Home Expense and Benevolences.		
						By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restoration or	By Letter.	Exclusion or	Death.						Total Present Membership.	
Antrim.....	1856	E. D. Wright..... 1922	Wilcox Kingsley.....	\$3,000			2							\$221	\$170	\$44		\$265
Bath.....	1870	Lloyd Green..... 1922	Mrs. Frank Dalton.....	3,000	\$1,900		1	1						330		50	\$10	560
Byron.....	1866	E. D. Wright..... 1920	Mrs. J. H. Brown.....	3,000	3,500		13							1,200		130	200	1,550
Chesaning.....	1878	Geo. W. Broom..... 1922	Almeda Cook.....	4,000	1,500		3	6	1	4				1,237		100	2	339
Coruna.....	1851		Glen Ragerley.....	10,000	6,000	\$2,500	2	1	16	2				1,251		155		1,405
DeWitt.....	1840	G. S. Northrup..... 1919	Mrs. C. L. Kurd.....	3,500			2	3	16	2				1,900		300	150	1,350
Duraad.....	1865	F. I. Osborne..... 1924	Mrs. Belle Beckwith.....	3,000			8	4	7	1				1,972	18	135	25	2,150
Elsie.....	1851		Mrs. Pearl Price.....	3,000	2,500		2	2	4	4				849		63	912	
Footville.....	1860	Harold J. Hamilton..... 1924	Clara B. Hinckley.....	10,000	3,500	1,100	2	2	4	5				1,416	489	64	71	2,040
Hazellet.....	1892	Fred D. Hague..... 1918	Mabel Buxton.....	2,000			12	1	2	2				879		50		929
Laansing, First.....	1851	Ralph W. Hobbs..... 1923	Mrs. M. L. Kinton.....	100,000			52	11	2	2				19,726		7,348	887	27,941
Laansing, Penn. Ave.....	1924	Thomas J. Grey..... 1920	Mrs. A. E. Moles.....	15,000			2	5	3	58				2,800		162		2,962
Laansing, Olivet.....	1867	Donald J. Grey..... 1915	I. J. Dixon.....	14,000	1,200		37	32	12	9	37			3,432	347	253	20	4,052
Okenos.....	1867	Fred D. Hague..... 1918	M. V. Worthington.....	5,000	3,500		1	1	2	2				1,134	353	53		1,540
Ovid.....	1860	A. K. Scott..... 1924	Mrs. A. S. Jorae.....	10,000	3,500		4	4	2	7				1,809		350	75	2,234
Owasso.....	1856	H. A. Waite..... 1915	L. O. Underwood.....	50,000	5,000		30	15	3	12				5,955		1,470	140	7,565
Perry.....	1838	Roy Brown..... 1923	Mrs. Jennie Hammond.....	5,000	2,000		6	2	2	1				478	150	43		671
Vernon.....	1845	H. A. Huey..... 1922	Belle Lawson Deau.....	3,000	1,500		6	1	1	3				1,142	72	397		1,611
Williamston.....	1841	R. O. Thompson..... 1922	E. S. Andrews.....	4,000	1,200		4	7	2	2				1,752		204		1,956
Totals.....				\$251,500	\$36,100	\$3,600	177	95	49	87	124	34	3,089	\$47,483	\$1,599	\$11,491	\$1,560	\$62,033

SHIAWASSEE ASSOCIATION

Churches.	Sunday School.										B. Y. P. U. or C. E.				Subscriptions		
	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total Members.	Average Attendance.	Baptisms.	Home Department.	Cradle Roll.	Leaders Training Course.	Church Vacation Bible Schools.	President and Post Office Address.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	Junior Members.	Points on Mission Books Read.	The "Baptist."	Missions.	"The Michigan Baptist."
Antrim.....	15	30	45	30			21			Miss Lucile Rix, Perry, R. 2	20						
Bath.....	8	35	43	25			8								1		
Byron.....	11	60	71	50													
Chesaning.....	9	36	45	28													
Corunna.....	15	80	95	60			24	1		Max Miller	15	10			3	3	
De Witt.....	12	131	143	45	2		5										
Durand.....	14	109	123	85	6		25	48		Arthur Bailey	27	4			4	9	15
Elsie.....	11	75	86	59			10	1									
Fowlerville.....	15	155	170	66	2					Helen Cook	2	10	10		3	2	12
Haslett.....	7	91	98	50			50			Lester Smith	20	15					
Lansing, First.....	48	587	635	380	10		75	1	1	Harvey Burdick, 929½ E. Michigan	20	15	40				
Lansing, Penn. Ave.....	15	170	185	130	1					Mrs. Roy Burdick	35	35			1	1	17
Lansing, Olivet.....	31	340	371	177	25		150	1	1	Kieth Crane, 641 N. Fairview	12	6			8	10	15
Okemos.....	19	110	129	90			30				18		40		4	6	22
Ovid.....	14	122	136	60	4					Dart Hooker	18		40				
Owosso.....	27	293	320	210	23		50			Katherine Mirdaugh	35	25					
Perry.....	14	64	78	45			23										
Vernon.....	10	45	55	30	6					Frances Smith	15						
Williamston.....	9	147	156	85	6		30										
Totals.....	304	2,680	2,984	1,705	85	63	522	4	2		279	105	90		24	31	81