

Annual County Sunday School Convention.

The nineteenth annual convention of the Shiawassee county Sunday school association met in the M. E. church of Corunna at 10:30 a. m., Nov. 10, and was called to order by the vice president, M. H. Reynolds.

Rev. Thos. Mott led the opening devotional exercise, presenting the thought of the Holy Ghost as the greatest need of the convention. We are to tarry until endowed with power from on high. We need to get close together and can do so effectually only by coming nearer to our common center, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eleven o'clock was the hour set for the opening conference to consider, 1st, The Sunday school as the educational opportunity of the church, and 2nd, How to increase its power as a converting agency? In the opening of this conference Mr. Reynolds spoke feelingly of the death of our departed brother Charles Holman, who has been identified with the work for so many years.

In speaking on the topic for the hour, Rev. O. J. Roberts, of Morrice, said that the Sunday school work was full of infinite possibilities and its success is measured by the degree of consecration with which we undertake it. Rev. T. R. Mott spoke of the possibility of impressing the child mind and the need of gathering them into the Sunday school. To Sunday school teaching and influence he largely attributed his present work for the master. Mr. Dunning, in speaking of the advance in Sunday school work and methods thought it but suggestive of what may yet be accomplished. He saw great possibility in normal work to increase the converting agency of the Sunday school.

The afternoon session was devoted entirely to primary work and methods and proved both entertaining and helpful. It began at 1:30 with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Shuttleworth. Mrs. Ferry spoke on "Helps in Lesson Preparation for the Primary Teacher." Leaving the question of publications she spoke of the helps in the teacher and emphasized the following: 1st, prayer; attempting to teach without prayer like trying to read in dim light, 2nd, read; not simply the text, but the context and everything you can get on the lesson, 3rd, the need of good common sense to select what shall be used, we should select from the children's standpoint. Choose the juiciest and best. 4th, the need of humility—to say things in the simplest possible way.

Mrs. M. H. Reynolds presented the subject of "Environments" which she counted among the most important influences in child life; hence, the need of carefulness. This principle recognized in day schools. Adorn walls with pictures which children can appreciate. Have an atmosphere of love. Rev. Roberts said there were three environments the children would notice: 1st, the teacher's face, 2nd, the teacher's dress, and 3rd, how the teacher walks.

Miss Shanafelt discussed the topic, Co-operation of the home and school, its importance and how to secure it, and said, some results may be expected without co-operation of parents, but not the best results. She emphasized these four things: that teachers should know the home surroundings, that they should look up absentees, that they should hold mothers' meetings, and that there should be a home department for children.

"Songs and music for the little ones" was the topic of an interesting and thoughtful paper by Miss Florence Zimmerman, the points of which were that children should be taught to worship God in song; that music should voice the inner thought of the child; that the meaning of songs should be made clear; that the music should be adapted to children's voices; that they should be taught the words correctly; that a few songs well learned is better than many poorly learned; and that the children should be taught a few

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of the best church hymns. The Corunna Sunday schools then illustrated the use of primary songs.

Miss Charlena Robbins then taught the lesson in such a way as to hold the attention of the children throughout.

In the evening session, Prof. J. W. Simmons addressed the convention on "The Teachers' Meeting and How to Conduct It." He said, first of all have a high ideal. The leader need not necessarily be the superintendent or the pastor, but one who can do it best. The leader should be well prepared along broader lines than can be expected of teachers. He should be able to devote time for the preparation of lesson, holding meetings, and for supervision. He ought not to have the burden of the Sunday school manipulation but have opportunity to visit various classes. A library of reference books and lesson helps would be a great advantage. There should be two kinds of meetings—general and special. The general for general culture and inspiration, and the special for the study of the lesson, how to suit the lesson to the various classes and individuals.

Following Prof. Simmons, Rev. J. C. Cromer addressed the convention on "Methods of Profitable Bible Study." He began by saying, "Method isn't anything by the side of a passion to know. I'd say, 'God meant this book for me,' and then I'd study it for myself" rather than take another's word for it. Study critically, get as close to the text as possible by using the old version, the revised version, Greek and Hebrew texts. Take a book at a time, know its place in history, what it was written for, everything you can learn about it.

After the devotional exercises on Thursday morning, the secretary read her report as to the condition of the work in the county. This report showed a decided advance all along the line and was full of encouragement. There are 85 schools in the county all of which have been kept open during the entire year. Nineteen township conventions have been held showing only three townships that have failed in this department of the organization. There are 1,235 officers and teachers and 6,331 scholars recorded making a total of 7,566 in the schools and showing an average attendance of 5,334.

The following officers were then elected: President, Rev. O. J. Roberts, Morrice; vice president, M. H. Reynolds, Shawsburg; secretary, Miss Maud Harper, Shawsburg; treasurer, D. D. Dunning, Perry; president northwest four townships, M. H. Reynolds, Owosso; president northeast four townships, H. W. Spitzer, Easton; president southeast four townships, John Kirker, Bancroft; president southwest four townships, N. D. Dunning, Perry. One hundred dollars was pledged for state work for the ensuing year. It was voted to hold a county rally in 1898 and the rally to be by townships rather than by schools. W. H. Simmons was chosen county delegate to the state convention at Port Huron, with Rev. O. J. Roberts as alternate.

Mrs. Watkins, of Owosso, presented a paper on how to study and how to teach the Sunday school lesson, in which she urged thorough preparation with reference to those who are to be taught, the use of the best helps in study, the necessity of good beginning in presenting the lesson to the class and the importance of finishing on time, saying that nothing is completed until we get to the end. To teach, one must know the scholars, the lesson and how to teach it.

Rev. O. J. Roberts spoke of the Sunday school teacher as a soul winner and in his pastoral work, saying to win souls is the main thing, other things subsidiary. To do this the teacher ought to win the confidence, sympathy, affections of the class. He must win, not drive, coax nor pad, i. e., not seek to reach the head rather than the heart. There must be careful preparation by prayer and study.

Treasurer D. D. Dunning reported the amount needed for the year's work as \$120.03 of which \$112.91 had been received, leaving a deficiency of \$7.12 with excellent prospects of raising the entire amount.

The afternoon session opened at 1:45 o'clock. Morrice was chosen as the next place of meeting. Prof. C. I. Collins presented a thoughtful paper on Sunday school management, in which he emphasized care in selection of superintendent, promptness in every department, freedom from interruptions and the acquaintance of the superintendent with pupils. Rev. Roberts and M. H. Reynolds spoke briefly on normal work and Dr. Sutherland on the securing of lesson study in the homes.

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Common Council.

Common Council Room, Owosso, Mich., Nov. 15, 1897. Regular meeting of Common Council, Mayor E. A. Gould, presiding.

Aldermen present at roll call, Wiley Copas, Zimmerman, Shaw, White, Jordan, Walsh.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Ald. Wiley presented following petition which was referred to the committee on streets and sidewalks.

Owosso, Mich., Nov. 15, 1897. To the Mayor and Common Council: We the undersigned citizens and taxpayers do respectfully petition your honorable body to grant us the privilege of building a crosswalk across Mulberry street at the corner of Mulberry and Gravel street, the said walk to be built at our expense with the understanding that the city will hereafter maintain and keep the walk in repair. It is a much needed improvement, there being no way to cross to the opposite side of the street in muddy weather only through the mud. Hoping that our petition may be granted, we are respectfully yours, Herbert Dennis and seven others.

Ald. Copas presented following petition which was referred to the committee on streets and sidewalks.

Owosso, Mich., Nov. 15, 1897. To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Owosso: We the undersigned citizens and taxpayers of the city of Owosso petition your honorable body to have removed three oak trees situated in the highway on the west side of the north end of North Howell street. D. F. Moulton and 6 others.

Following claims and accounts were presented and upon motion were referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

From Contingent Fund—A K Gies 4.00, John Ashford 16.00, John S Porter 75.75, E B Tubbs 2.50, George D Moreau 5.00, H M Post 2.50, Frank Mack 11.00.

From Highway Fund—A R Shoup 63c, D Nickels 2.50, Chas Bailey 12.50, W Farr 6.63, Wm Ball 1.10, David Moss 12.50, Percy Edwards 7.04, F C Ached 60c, A Holmes 1.70, S G Burbank 60c.

From Water Works Fund—H Robbins & Son 49.15, A F Hollis 8.45, same 8.45, J F Wildermuth 2.00, Hugh F Doran 35.00, Illinois Malleable Iron Co, 17.06, Chas Balcom 1.25, same 1.06, same 1.26, Fred Edwards, stamps, 1.00, Fred Edwards, seal water works, Williams and Clinton street extension, 164.38, Fred Jackson 1.25, J M Young 3.12, A Young 3.50, G F Zimmerman 2.55, A Fowler 60c.

Labor on Sewer Connections. From Contingent Fund—Thos. Atkinson 2.50, D Speck 13c, A Young 13c, G F Zimmerman 15c, F L Brown 1.25, H Parker 1.25—Mrs. Beckwith, E. Main St, D Speck 2.68, C A Chatterton 2.68, S R McClintock 2.68, G F Zimmerman 1.05, H Parker 88c, F L Brown, 1.61—W A Woodard, N. Washington street. Dell Butts 1.25, J M Young 2.50, Jerome Bradley 1.25, G F Zimmerman 1.05, Thos Atkinson 38c, H Parker 63c—M L Parker, C A Chatterton 3.00, S R McClintock 3.00, F L Brown 2.13, H Parker 1.88, G F Zimmerman 60c—J H Calkins, South Washington street. A Sigris 53c, A Currie 4.18, R L Johnson 3.43, G F Zimmerman 1.50, F L Brown 1.25, Fred 1.75, H Parker 75c—Chas. Jackson, west Exchange street. A Young 4.12, D Speck 3.00, G F Zimmerman 1.80, F L Brown 1.25, H Parker 87c, Thos Atkinson 1.62—Wm Fletcher, James Doyle 1.25, H Parker 1.25—J H Calkins Thos Atkinson 2.25, A Curtis 2.25, R S Johnson 2.25, H Parker 1.00, F L Brown 37c, G F Zimmerman 45c—City hall hydrant sewer.

Washington street sewer—Castree & Shaw 14.00, D Nichols 95c, Ed Hayes, 1.75.

Ald. Copas presented following report which was adopted; ayes 7, nays 0.

Your committee on streets and sidewalks to whom was referred a petition praying for the removing of three oak trees on North Howell street, would beg to report in favor of the same. G. F. Zimmerman, V. M. White, J. H. Copas.

Ald. Copas presented following report, which was adopted; ayes 7, nays 0.

Your committee on streets and sidewalks to whom was referred a petition praying for a permit to build a crosswalk on Mulberry street at the intersection of Gravel street, would beg to report in favor of the same. G. F. Zimmerman, V. M. White, J. H. Copas.

The committee on claims and accounts reported favorable on accounts as above presented; unanimous consent being given same was allowed; ayes 7, nays 0.

Ald. White presented following report, which was adopted, ayes 7, nays 0.

Gentlemen—Your committee on streets and sidewalks do hereby most respectfully recommend to this common council that it is a necessary public improvement that certain sidewalks in the city of Owosso be repaired and made safe for public travel, and that certain sidewalks be built in said city of Owosso, on certain streets in said city, and in front of certain lands abutting on said street, as follows, to-wit:

On the west side of Chipman from the M. C. R. R. north to intersect with walks already built.

Also north of aforesaid walks on M. L. Stewart's 3d add, 12 rods, being on North Chipman street, in the city of Owosso, state of Michigan.

3d. Howell, Simon, 1/2 of sec 17 1/2, 14-7-2, lying w of highway, running w through same 1 sec, 29 acres more or less, except land sold.

4th. Howell, John, on the n 1/2 of sec 14-7-2, com on the line of highway where a line of Oliver would intersect said line, w 8 rods, s 8 rods e 8 rods, n to beg.

5th. Howell, Wm., com 6 1/2-100 chs w of e 1/2 post, 14 7 2, 4 7/8-100 chs s of e and w 1/2 line, s 89° 45', w 14 98-100 chs to the M. C. R. R., s 42° 1', e 3 11-100 chs, n 89° 45', e 15 88-100 chs, n 5° 30' links, n 89° 45', e 2 31-100 chs n 37°, e 1 26-100, s 89° 45', w 2 chs n to beg.

6th. Ward W., on the n 1/2 of sec 14-7-2, com on w line of Chipman street 12 rods n of n line of Oliver street, w 8 rods northerly parallel to Chipman street 1 22-100 chs, s to a point 4 rods n of first li. e, s 8 rods to Chipman street, s along Chipman street to beginning.

7th. McDonald, Eliza, com 24 1/2 chs w of e 1/2 post, 14-7-2, 2 92-100 chs s of e and w 1/2 line, s 89° 44' e 2 504-100 chs, n 89° 45', e 15 88-100 chs, n 5° 30' links, n 89° 45', e 4 74-100 chs n 37° e 1 ch 26 links, s 89° 45', w 2 chs n to beg.

8th. Foot, com 1 67-100 chs w of e 1/2 post 14-7-2, 1 ch 37 1/2 links s of e and w 1/2 line, s 89° 45', w 23 24-100 chs to the M. C. R. R., s 42° 1', e 27 1/2 chs n 89° 45' e 18 74-100 chs, n 37° e 29 links, n 89° 45', e 2 chs n 37° e to beg.

9th. McReddie Helen, on n 1/2 of sec 14-7-2, com on line of Chipman street, 4 rods n of lands sold Strickland, w 7 rods, n 7 rods, e 8 rods s to beg.

10th. Doney Ann, com on the 1 63 1/2 links w of e 1/2 post, 14-7-2, w on 1/2 line to M. C. R. R., s along R. R. 1 87-100 chs, e 23 294-100 chs n to beg.

11th. Stewart, M. L. & Co., s 25 acres of e 1/2 of n 14-7-2, except lands sold, known as a part of M. L. Stewart & Co's 3d add.

Dated Nov. 15th, 1897. G. F. Zimmerman, V. M. White, J. H. Copas, com. on streets and sidewalks.

Ald. White offered following resolution which was adopted, ayes 7, nays 0.

Resolved, that the common council of the city of Owosso do ordain that it is a necessary public improvement that a sidewalk be repaired, built, laid out and constructed on the different streets in accordance with the report of the committee on streets and sidewalks of said city of Owosso, which said report is hereto attached and made a part of this resolution. The same to be built and constructed according to the terms and provisions of an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to provide for the construction and expense of the repair of sidewalks and sidewalks hereafter to be built or constructed within the city of Owosso, and for the payment and collection of the costs and expense of the construction thereof," approved August 10, 1891.

And said walks repaired according to the terms and provisions of an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance providing for the repair of sidewalks and the assessment and collection of the cost and expense thereof, within the city of Owosso." Approved September 13, 1891.

Dated Owosso, Nov. 15, 1897. Upon motion council adjourned.

FRED EDWARDS, City Clerk.

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Board of Supervisors Proceedings, October Session, 1897.

(Continued from last week.)

DRAIN COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable the Board of Supervisors: Gentlemen—

In accordance with the provisions of section 9 of chapter 2 of act No. 227 of the session laws of 1885 as amended.

I have the honor herewith to submit my annual report as county drain commissioner covering the period from Oct. 1 1896, to Oct 1, 1897.

The following named drains were left unfinished at the date of my last report: The Atherton, Alder Creek, Burns and Antrim, Caledonia and Venice, Chipman, Copas, Gla don, Hurrell, Jordan, Mishtegic Creek, Obtossin, Onion Creek, Porter Creek, Quay, South Looking Glass, Travis, Thomas, Webb Creek and Huckleberry.

The following named drains have been begun by me and are only partly completed:

Alder Creek, Caledonia & Venice, Cravins, Fauth, Mishtegic Creek, North Creek, Ockerman, Onion Creek, Olney, Perry No. 2, Rush Creek, South Looking Glass, Travis, Town Line and Webb Creek.

The following named drains have been finished by me during the year:

The Atherton, Burns and Antrim, Chipman, Copas, Caledonia Park, Gladden, Hurrell, Huckleberry, Jordan, Middlebury county, Obtossin, Porter Creek, Quay and Thomas.

The work finished during the year in clearing out old drains and constructing new ones is 12500 rods or a little over 39 miles.

There is 6086 rods or over 19 miles of drains sold that are not yet completed. But within sixty days when the last contract for this work expires, with as favorable weather as we have had in the past few months we think this work will be nearly or quite completed.

We have had no law suite nor any appeals from assessments during the year.

I have nine applications for drains in my office that no action has been taken on for want of time. One in Bennington, one in Owosso township, one in New Haven, one in Sciota, one in Caledonia and New Haven, one in Fairfield and Duplain, Clinton Co., one in Antrim and Perry, one in Bennington and Sciota.

The total amount of drain tax reported to be raised for the year 1897 is \$8175.00, of which Antrim has \$234.00, Bennington \$525.00, Burns \$416.00, Caledonia \$131.00, Corunna City \$14.00, Fairfield \$425.00, Hazelton \$1130.00, Middlebury \$325.50, Owosso township \$104.50, Venice \$4870.00, total \$8175.00.

On the following drains no orders have been drawn since October 1, 1896, and the following are the balances in the same Oct. 1, 1897:

Drains—Baker \$14.91, Bates \$6.26, Bodamer \$2.55, Bear Swamp \$2.51, Briggman \$16.15, Bear Creek \$77.03, Burns & Vernon \$8.93, Cripps \$.34, Curtis \$ 1.80, Cooney \$1.50, Clinton & Shiawassee \$30.23, Caledonia \$11.49, Cass \$14.75, Darling & Bennett \$17.50, Davenport \$1.72, Diamond \$16.00, Edgar \$63.47, Farley \$4.70, Fairfield & Rush \$19.72, Fuller & Flinn \$—, Grubb \$—, Gates \$8.86, Gallagher \$81.44, Gute \$20.33, Galloway \$3.85, Hyde \$.45, Hudson \$9.24, Hopkins \$15.09, Heart \$10.44, Jones \$2.39, Johnson \$4.21, Jones Creek \$—, Jennings \$18.07, Kay \$12.83, Looking Glass River \$299.80, Linzie \$44.97, Love \$3.07, Lodge \$4.19, McCann \$90.25, Morrice \$—, Mitchner \$30.20, McKenzie & Dwyer \$47.55, Magee \$10.34, Northway (over-drawn) \$.94, Osburn \$4.60, Ower \$7.35, Obert (over-drawn) \$4.21, Perry \$32.30, Parkhurst \$10.23, Peddington \$4.34, Prvris \$19.32, Porter \$8.30, Perry No. 2 (over-drawn) \$32.69, Ridge (over-drawn) \$2.50, Ream \$1.80, State road extension (over-drawn) \$5.47, Smith \$9.05, State road \$82.98, Shotwell \$13.40, Shepherd \$13.16, Totam \$9.95, Tawson \$23.79, Wagner (over-drawn) \$7.66, West \$4.19, Wilkinson \$8.62, Wright \$12.04, Wait 1.82, Wheeler (over-drawn) \$37.94, Waters \$10.54, Walter \$58.21, Woodruff (over-drawn) \$3.35, Wolf Creek \$73.99, Total in drain funds on which no orders have been issued during the year \$1378.13.

The total amounts of drain orders issued during the year is \$9265.07.

Financial Statement of Alder Creek Drain.

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GETTING READY

Every expectant mother has a trying ordeal to face. If she does not



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