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CONFERENCE ROLL

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Thomas Bailie	Artesian, S. Dak.
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W. C. Brannon	306 S. 32nd St., Billings, Mont.
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Arthur Calhoon	Adra, B. N. Rly., India.
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John Hunter	Buffalo, Wyo.
Otto Jensen	Yankton, S. Dak.
Mrs. Otto Jensen	Yankton, S. Dak.
W. W. Jefferies	1810 Young St., Cincinnati, Ohio
Marvin Jones	Almont, N. Dak.
Paul Kindschi	700 W. 7th St., Mitchell, S. Dak.
Wesley Knapp	Miltonvale, Kans.
Minnie Knecht	Pomeroyton, Ky.
W. J. Leyh	Mina, S. Dak.
Mrs. Viola Leyh	Mina, S. Dak.
J. C. McGovern	Watford City, N. Dak.
S. J. McIntyre	Redfield, S. Dak.
Mrs. Laura Raymer	Haywarden, Iowa
Arthur Reisdorph	Forsyth, Mont.
R. D. Reisdorph	212 8th Ave., N. E., Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph	212 8th Ave., N. E., Aberdeen, S. Dak.
George Robbins	Mt. Tabor, Ia.
W. D. Shelor	303 N. Lincoln St., Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Harry Shreve	China
J. F. Simpson	721 S. Minnesota St., Mitchell, S. Dak.
J. E. Spry	Northville, S. Dak.
Raymond Sausoman	Britton, S. Dak.
George Thomas	Huron, S. Dak.
C. K. Thompson	Northville, S. Dak.
Mrs. Elizabeth Traver	Bushnell, S. Dak.

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LICENTIATES

Romeo Baronía	1810 Young St., Cincinnati, Ohio
Archie Buell	Baker, Mont.
C. W. Calhoon	Ekalaka, Mont.
Mrs. C. W. Calhoon	Ekalaka, Mont.
Hazel Carter	Olean, N. Y.
Ben Findley	Miltonvale, Kans.
Donald Gerriets	Redfield, S. Dak.
Ralph Helle	Willard, Mont.
Thomas Hersey	Mitchell, S. Dak.
Kathleen Kelsven	Almont, N. Dak.
L. L. Knapp	Ipswich, S. Dak.
Wesley Knapp	Marion, Ind.
Marion Koth	Hitchcock, S. Dak.
Isla Knight	India
Lester Meyers	Knobs, Mont.
Chester Reed	St. Paul, Neb.
Leslie D. Smith	Watford City, N. Dak.
Frank Traver	Bushnell, S. Dak.

DELEGATES

Mrs. L. Blaser	Baker, Mont.
Mrs. W. H. Bryant	Artesian, S. Dak.
Miss Marion Evans	Ipswich, S. Dak.
William Fessenden	Aberdeen, S. Dak.
E. A. Girard	Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Miss Frances Gooding	Huron, S. Dak.
Thomas Hersey	Mitchell, S. Dak.
Mrs. Henry Hillen	Houghton, S. Dak.
Mrs. William Kegler	Athol, S. Dak.
Mrs. Henry Knecht	Houghton, S. Dak.
Robert Kronwald	Britton, S. Dak.
Mrs. Robert Kronwald	Britton, S. Dak.
Mrs. H. W. Johnson	Mitchell, S. Dak.
Miss Marye Meade	Northville, S. Dak.
Miss Ida Olson	Almont, N. Dak.
Miss Marjorie Olin	Almont, N. Dak.
Mrs. Harry Ray	Billings, Mont.
Charles Reisdorph	Houghton, S. Dak.
Lyle Stewart	Bushnell, S. Dak.
Joe Traud	Buffalo, Wyo.
Mrs. Herbert Veeder	Croff, N. Dak.
August Wegner	Mina, S. Dak.
Harold Yetter	Billings, Mont.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

OPENING OF CONFERENCE

Minutes of the sixtieth annual session of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America for the year of 1940 and 41 held in Aberdeen, S. Dak. June 3-9, 1941.

Conference Sermon—The Conference opened at eight o'clock Tuesday evening, June 3 with a good number of Conference preachers, delegates and laymen present to hear Rev. W. D. Shelor, pastor of the Aberdeen Church, bring a message on "Reaffirming our Faith in the Fundamentals of the Gospel" using as a text, Rom. 1: 16.

Wednesday Morning

Devotionals—Devotions were conducted by Rev. R. D. Reisdorph reading from John, the ninth chapter and commenting on verse 4. "The night cometh when no man can work." This was followed by earnest prayer that the Conference work might be in keeping with God's plan for us in the Dakota Conference.

Business—Called to Order by Rev. J. F. Simpson, Conference President, with a few words of appreciation for those who had gone before and left the work to us along with the responsibility we must carry on with our dependence upon the Spirit of God in the Dakota Conference for leadership.

Roll Call—Roll was called to which twenty-four Conference preachers and twenty-one delegates answered.

Report—The report of the Program Committee was read and adopted.

Election—A Committee on Nominations for Organization of Conference was elected as follows: Rev. A. M. Wiley, Chairman; Rev. R. D. Reisdorph, August Wegner, Charles Reisdorph.

Conference Bar—The first ten seats in middle section of the tabernacle was the Bar of Conference.

Recess—President declared a recess for the Nominating Committee to prepare their report.

Called to Order—President declared the Conference called to order.

Report—The Nominating Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 1.)

Election—The members of committees were elected as nominated.

Courtesies—Rev. Roy Nicholson, Home Missionary Secretary, was introduced and spoke briefly.

Adjournment—Adjourned by vote for committee work.

Wednesday Afternoon

Devotionals—Devotions were conducted by Rev. W. J. Leyh reading from John 9, and commenting thereon.

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Roll Call—Roll was called.

Minutes—Minutes read and approved.

Publishing of Minutes—Secretary was instructed to have 300 copies of the minutes printed at our Publishing House. These to be distributed as last year and an offering taken at the time of distribution and sent to the Conference Treasurer.

Appointment—President appointed Harold Yetter and August Wegner to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

Courtesy—Rev. Roy Nicholson was invited to a seat in the Conference body.

Instruction to Secretary—Announcement of Conference and Camp Meeting to appear on the back page of Minutes.

Adjournment—Adjourned to Committee work.

Thursday Morning

Devotionals—Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. E. Spry reading and commenting on scriptures from John 14 and Rev. 7:9 to the end of the chapter.

Roll Call

Minutes—Minutes read and approved.

Courtesies—Rev. O. G. Wilson of Miltonvale, Kans. was introduced and spoke briefly.

Reports—Committee on Auditing read a partial report. (See Report No. 2.)

Ministerial Relief—Secretary-Treasurer read his report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 3.)

Camp Meeting Treasurer—Camp Meeting Treasurer read his report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

President—Conference President, J. F. Simpson read his report and it was adopted by a unanimous standing vote. (See Report No. 5.)

Greetings—Secretary was instructed to write a letter of greetings to Miss Isla Knight as member of our Conference, now a missionary in India.

Recess—President declared a recess to the call of the Chair.

Friday Morning

Devotionals—Devotions were conducted by Rev. Marvin Jones reading the sixty-third Psalm.

Roll Call

Minutes—Minutes read and approved.

Orders of the Day—The President called for the Order of the Day which was the election of officers.

The election resulted as follows:

President—Rev. J. F. Simpson.

Vice-President—Rev. W. C. Brannon.

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Secretary—Rev. L. D. Harris.

Treasurer—Frank Martin.

Trustees—Rev. J. C. McGovern, Rev. J. E. Spry.

Sunday-school Secretary—Rev. W. J. Leyh.

Tithing and Stewardship Secretary—Rev. W. D. Shelor.

Transportation Secretary—Rev. J. F. Simpson.

Educational Secretary—William Fessenden.

Courtesies—Lowell Jennings, son of one of our former missionaries, Marion, Ind., was introduced and spoke briefly.

Reports—Committee on Vacancies reported the resignation of Rev. A. M. Wiley as Representative to Miltonvale and the appointment of Rev. W. D. Shelor to take his place. (See Report No. 6.) The appointment was approved and name forwarded to Book Committee.

Nominating Committee read their report on Standing Committees and it was adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

Election—They were elected as nominated. Thomas Bailie was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Ministerial Relief Fund.

President—Motion prevailed that the President travel the Conference.

Nomination—President nominated Rev. J. C. McGovern and Frank Martin to the Advisory Board and they were elected.

Treasurer's Report—Treasurer's Report was read and it was received subject to the approval of the Auditing Committee. (See Report No. 8.)

Itineracy and Orders—The Committee on Itineracy and Orders gave their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

Passage of Character—The Committee on Passage of Character read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 10.)

Statistical Report—The Statistical Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Statistical Report.)

Appraisement—Motion prevailed to have the Conference Trustees appraise the value of the Camp Meeting property.

On motion all the churches were to be instructed at the beginning of the Conference year, and before the close, of their obligations to the Conference, relative to budget and indebtedness.

Orders of the Day—Orders of the Day was to hear the Educational program and address by Professor O. G. Wilson and a group of Miltonvale students. This was a very good program and an interested audience listened in on it. We heartily pledge our support to Miltonvale College.

Friday Afternoon

Devotionals—Devotions were conducted by Rev. Mrs. Laura Raymer reading and commenting from John 15:1-8.

Courtesies—Rev. W. W. Jefferies was introduced and gave a few remarks to the Conference.

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Railroad Expense Report—Committee on Railroad Expense gave their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 11.)

Resolutions—Committee on Resolutions read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 12.)

Motion prevailed that W. D. Shelor, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee convey the resolutions to the Railroads for their passes and the Newspapers for their space contributed to Conference and Camp Meeting programs.

Conference Date—On motion time of next Conference was set to begin on the first Tuesday evening of June, 1942.

Courtesies—Rev. and Mrs. Cretsinger of the Iowa Conference were introduced and gave brief testimonies and greetings to the Conference.

Orders of the Day—A short Sunday-school rally was conducted under the leadership of W. J. Leyh, Sunday-school Secretary.

Tithing—A tithing service was conducted by W. D. Shelor, Tithing Secretary. Rev. Roy S. Nicholson being the speaker brought us a very helpful message on this theme.

Monday Afternoon

Call to Order—Called to Order by President at 1:30.

Roll Call

Minutes—Minutes read and approved.

Report of Pastoral Relations—Pastoral Relations Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 13.)

Resolution—A resolution memorializing the Book Committee to elect a committee to investigate the offer of the management of Fletcher College was voted by the Conference to be sent to the Chairman before its next meeting. (See Resolutions Report No. 12.)

Missionary Board Report—Missionary Board read their report and a motion prevailed that we have a division of the items for consideration as read. (See Report No. 14.) The items relative to appropriations was approved as read. The items relative to empowering Trustees and Building Committee was acted upon separately and passed as recorded. (See also Report No. 14.)

Election—A committee was elected on Church and Parsonage Building and Location consisting of the following: Conference President, J. F. Simpson; R. D. Reisdorph, J. C. McGovern, Frank Martin, and Wayne Cretsinger.

Character Passage—Motion prevailed that the passage of character be on the same basis in raising the Superannuated Minister's Fund and working the 7½% plan for Conference Fund.

Minutes—Minutes read and approved.

Adjournment—Final adjournment was by vote of the Conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Nominations for Conference Committees, submit the following report:

Pastoral Relations Committee—J. F. Simpson, W. C. Brannon, J. E. Spry, J. C. McGovern, Raymond Sausoman, Charles Reisdorph, Mrs. Louis Blaser.

Passage of Character—W. J. Leyh, Thomas Bailie, Mrs. Robert Kronwald, Mrs. William Kegler.

Auditing Committee—Marvin Jones, Frances Gooding.

Railroad Expense Committee—A. C. Buell, Mary Meade, Mrs. Harry Ray.

Resolutions—W. D. Shelor, W. O. Howard, Mrs. Fred Johnson.

Courtesies—Rufus Reisdorph.

Conference Report—W. D. Shelor.

A. M. WILEY, Chairman;
R. D. REISDORPH,
AUGUST WEGNER,
CHARLES REISDORPH,
Committee.

Report No. 2

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the Conference Treasurer, Camp Meeting Treasurer and Treasurer of Ministers' Relief Fund and find them to be correct.

MARVIN E. JONES,
FRANCES GOODING,
Committee.

Report No. 3

MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND

Receipts

Cash on hand at the beginning of year \$ 23.15

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Received on first assessment	43.60
Received on second assessment	30.75
Received on third assessment	32.00
Received to June 1st on fourth assessment	27.23

Total receipts for Conference year	\$156.73
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Disbursements

Paid to Rev. J. F. Simpson	\$ 14.40
Paid to J. E. Winterberg	4.00
Paid to Rev. W. J. Leyh	42.80
Paid to Rev. A. C. Buell	25.00
Paid for card mimeograph	4.40
Paid to Thomas Bailie	8.00
Paid for printing of post cards	9.00
Check exchange and postage .....	.55

Total disbursements	\$103.15
Balance on hand June 1st, 1941	48.58

Total receipts to June 1st, 1941	\$156.73
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THOMAS BAILIE, Secretary-Treasurer.

Report No. 4

CAMP MEETING TREASURER

Amount on hand June 1st, 1940	\$ 118.21
Total receipts from all sources	1358.36

Total	\$1476.57
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Disbursements

Beds, springs, and mattresses	\$ 45.85
Tuning piano	2.50
Dishes	7.75
Meat	73.75
Milk and chickens	19.00
Groceries	171.07
Evangelists	310.00
Miscellaneous items	23.09
Hardware	12.13
Printing and advertising	38.11

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Installing meter and lights	19.06
Trees	16.41
Paint and supplies	76.89
Lumber	203.27
Shavings	8.54
Interest	42.00
Water	7.50
Insurance	48.60
Building material	89.41
Bread	52.14
Cooks	55.00
Ice	10.29
Song books	27.11
Cash on hand	117.10
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Total	\$1476.57.

Report No. 5

PRESIDENT

It is with the sense of gratitude to God and those who have assisted in this great work, that I bring a report to you of my official duties and a statement of the condition of our churches in the Conference.

It is difficult to properly value the Daily Intercession prayer chain which has been sponsored by the W. H. & F. M. Society. We feel that the secret of the spirit of revival that is coming to our Conference is in answer to the prevailing prayers of these faithful women?

The following churches have purchased parsonages during this year, Baker, Mont.; Watertown, S. D.; Artesian, S. D.; Aberdeen, S. D. Butte, Mont. has completed a five room apartment in their church.

The following churches, Bushnell, Richland and Redfield, have beautified and made their churches more serviceable and valuable by putting in basements and added repair.

Johnson Corners and Mitchell churches have liquidated their long standing indebtedness by adopting a systematic method of finance.

New fields are beckoning for our Conference to come to them with the Gospel of Light. Our task is increasing, our God is unfailing. We must act quickly or our opportunities will pass not to return.

Our Conference is one of magnificent distances and great possibilities. It is claimed by some to be the largest area in our Denomination. We give praise to God who has sustained us as we have traveled close to forty

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thousand miles in Conference activities, at a minimum expense to the Conference, which the financial statement will show.

If it had not been for the great courtesy of the Railroad Companies in granting passes for our official work, we would not have been able to have served all our fields as the expense would have been prohibitive.

I am convinced that if our Conference meets the challenge of the hour, it is imperative that the President whom you may elect this year devote full time to this great field which God has entrusted to us as a Conference.

Official Acts

Have conducted three quarterly meetings in most of our churches during the year.

Conducted three revivals in the Conference and assisted in one.

Accepted the resignation of Rev. A. M. Wiley as a member of the Board of Managers of Miltonvale College.

Assisted in four church anniversary services.

Appointed Lester Meyers as pastor of Knobs, Mont. Church.

Appointed Wayne Cretsinger as pastor of the missionary field in Butte, Mont.

Accepted the resignation of Rev. Laura Raymer as pastor of the Bradley Church.

Appointed Marvin Jones as pastor of the new field at Britton, S. D.

Appointed Frank Traver to supply the new work at Flandreau.

Appointed George Thomas as supply to the new field at Willow Lake, which is opening to our Conference.

New works have been opened and partial organization effected in the following cities: Forsyth, Mont.; Britton, S. D.; Flandreau, S. D., with prospects of a good work in each place if the field is worked effectively.

Completed the organization of the Watertown Church.

Assisted in the purchase of church buildings for our work at Butte, Mont.; Watertown, S. D.; and a lot for our church at Huron, S. D. A building has been moved in and made into a serviceable church.

Plans for being made for the purchase of a church property at Flandreau, S. D., and Forsyth, Mont. The present value of these properties is gratifying.

Financial Statement

Salary:

Received from churches for Quarterly Meetings and revivals	\$ 474.75
Received from Conference Treasurer	716.42
Total salary	\$1191.17

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Expense:

Including telephone, telegraph, hotel, bus fare, postage, and miscellaneous items	\$ 143.00
Received from Conference Treasurer	141.00
J. F. SIMPSON, President.	

Report No. 6

COMMITTEE ON VACANCIES

We, your Committee on Vacancies, submit the following report:

Upon the acceptance of Rev. A. M. Wiley's resignation as our representative to Miltonvale College by our Conference President, J. F. Simpson, we nominated Rev. W. D. Shelor to fill the vacancy.

J. E. SPRY,
FRANK MARTIN,
CHARLES REISDORPH,
W. C. BRANNON,
Committee.

Report No. 7

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ON STANDING COMMITTEES

Advisory Board—W. C. Brannon, Frank Martin.

Camp Meeting Board—R. D. Reisdorph, J. F. Simpson, W. D. Shelor, J. E. Spry, L. D. Harris, J. C. McGovern, Dan Palmer, Frank Martin, President of W. Y. P. S., President of Missionary Society.

Conference Program Committee—J. F. Simpson, L. D. Harris, W. D. Shelor, President of W. H. & F. M. Society.

Judiciary Committee—L. D. Harris, J. C. McGovern, A. M. Wiley, R. D. Reisdorph.

Missionary Board—J. F. Simpson, J. C. McGovern, J. E. Spry, L. D. Harris, Mrs. W. J. Leyh, R. D. Reisdorph, H. B. Engel, Wm. Fessenden.

Vacancies Committee—W. C. Brannon, J. E. Spry, Charles Reisdorph, Frank Martin.

Sunday-school Board—W. D. Shelor, W. J. Leyh, Chairman; R. D. Reisdorph.

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Examining Board—Rufus Reisdorph, S. J. McIntyre, W. D. Shelor,
A. M. Wiley.

A. M. WILEY,
R. D. REISDORPH,
AUGUST WEGNER,
CHARLES REISDORPH,
Committee.

Report No. 8

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Receipts

Cash on hand beginning of year	\$ 273.33
Received from Conference W. H. & F. M. Society	321.37
Received from churches, individuals, etc.	1103.00
Total	\$1697.70

Disbursements

Minister's carfare	\$ 65.09
Gordon Goodsell, rent at Watertown	120.00
H. W. Cretsinger, for Butte church	135.00
J. F. Simpson, salary	725.25
J. F. Simpson, expenses	143.00
L. D. Harris, expenses as Secretary	1.50
Wesleyan Methodist Pub. House, printing minutes	69.85
Educator Supply Co., letterheads	9.12
G. F. McLean, painting sign	7.00
Huron Church, offerings, etc.	49.87
Wesleyan Meth. Pub. House, statistical blanks, etc.	9.13
F. R. Eddy, General Conference President's salary..	2.50
Charles Schreibeis, interest on note	27.50
Interest on loans, Superannuated Fund	44.66
Bank exchange	1.15
McKeever Printing Co., Treasurer's book, check blanks	4.82
Total disbursements	\$1415.44
Cash on hand to balance June 1, 1941	282.26

Home Mission Fund

Receipts

Received total from church offerings.....	\$ 34.91
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Disbursements

Paid Roy S. Nicholson, Home Missionary Secretary \$ 34.91

Superannuated Ministers' Fund

Receipts

Cash on hand at the beginning of year.....	\$ 312.13
Received from church offerings, total	48.77
Interest on loans to Conference	44.66
	\$ 405.56
Total	\$ 405.56

Disbursements

Loan to Conference for Butte, Mont. church	\$ 210.00
Cash on hand to balance June 1, 1941	195.56
	\$ 405.56
Total cash and disbursements	\$ 405.56

Statement of Assets

Loan No. 1 to Conference	\$ 289.49
Loan No. 2 to Conference	349.39
Loan No. 3 to Conference	105.48
Loan to Billings, Mont. Church	200.00
Loan to Buffalo, Wyo. Church	100.00
Loan No. 4 to Conference	210.00
Cash on hand June 1, 1941	19.56
	\$1449.92
Total assets	\$1449.92

FRANK MARTIN, Treasurer.

Report No. 9

ITINERACY AND ORDERS

We, your Committee on Itineracy and Orders, submit the following recommendations:

That Romio Baronia, L. L. Knapp and Isla Knight be continued in the first year's Course of Study and that their license be renewed.

That Frank J. Traver, A. C. Buell, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Calhoon, and Leslie D. Smith be continued in the studies of the second year and that their licenses be renewed.

That Ben Findley, Chester Reed, and Hazel Carter be continued in the fourth year and that their licenses be renewed. That the following be placed in the third year Course of Study and that they be given license to

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preach: Lester Meyers, Ralph Helle, Kenneth Knapp, Marion Koth, Thomas O. Hersey, and Raymond Rist.

That the license of Miss Kathleen Kelsven and Donald Gerriets be renewed.

That the following candidates be ordained at this session of Conference: Mrs. Elizabeth Traver, Gordon Goodsell, Mrs. Louise Goodsell, Wesley Knapp and Raymond Sausoman.

That the ordination service be held Sunday morning and that Rev. Oliver G. Wilson deliver the ordination sermon.

We recommend that every licentiate be required by action of this Conference to report, either in person or by letter, to their Annual Conference. Failure to do so may result in their license not being renewed another year.

A. M. WILEY,
RUFUS REISDORPH,
W. D. SHELOR,
S. J. McINTYRE,
AUGUST WEGNER,
HAROLD H. YETTER,
Committee.

Report No. 10

PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

We, your Committee on Passage of Character, have examined the pastors' reports and passed their characters.

W. J. LEYH,
THOMAS BAILIE,
R. B. KRONWALD,
Committee.

Report No. 11

RAILROAD EXPENSE

We, the Railroad Expense Committee, have found the amount sent in from the various charges to be \$37.20 while the amount paid out is \$65.55 leaving a deficit of \$28.45.

The deficit added to the expense and divided equally throughout the churches makes an apportionment of \$4.96. We recommend that this

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amount be raised by July 1st and be sent in to the Conference Treasurer so that the money can be used in other needy channels.

A. C. BUELL,
MRS. HARRY RAY,
MISS MARY MEADE,
Committee.

Report No. 12

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

RESOLVED:

That we of the Dakota Conference, unite in praise to God our Heavenly Father for His guiding hand and abundant grace throughout another Conference year, and for His blessing upon this session of our annual Conference here assembled.

That we express our appreciation to our Conference President, Rev. J. F. Simpson, for his faithful and energetic labors within the bounds of the Dakota Conference the past twelve months, and that we pledge to him our prayers and coöperation for the year now beginning.

That we are grateful to the men and women who have improved and beautified the campgrounds and buildings in recent weeks, and to those who have provided the comforts and meals for us during this annual gathering.

That we express our thanks to Rev. Roy Nicholson, Prof. Oliver Wilson, the Miltonvale Quartet, the men and women of our own Conference, for their presence here and for the service and help they have rendered us, both in public ministries and service on committees.

That we thank the local newspapers for their liberal amount of publicity they have given to our Conference and Camp through their publications.

That we express our appreciation to Mr. F. C. Drake at Pierre for surplus commodities his department has made available to us.

That we Wesleyans of the Dakota Conference will faithfully stand by the landmarks our pioneering fathers have set for us and that we will give ourselves to greater prayer and effort toward evangelizing our great Conference territory, and the organization of new churches wherever revivals can be held, and the establishing of souls in the fundamental of the gospel.

That we send a letter of thanks to the various Railroads that have extended the courtesy of free transportation to our Conference officials.

That we request and urge the United States Senators from our four states to use their influence in every possible way to establish moral safe-

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guards for our youth who are now serving their country, either in the army, navy, aviation, or stationed at the various training camps of the country, and urge them to give their support to any proposed legislation that will restrain such evils as liquor and prostitution near our armed forces.

We, members of the 60th Annual Dakota Conference, in session at Aberdeen, S. D., June 3-9, 1941, do hereby petition the Book Committee meeting in Syracuse, N. Y., on June 18th, 1941 to appoint a representative committee to make a thorough investigation of the possibility and desirability of our Church possessing and operating the plant known as JOHN FLETCHER COLLEGE, located at University Park, Iowa, as a Wesleyan Methodist educational institution.

Inasmuch as investigation and possible action by a committee will of necessity modify and postpone building operations at Miltonvale, Kansas, we urge the Book Committee to give their immediate attention to this important matter.

W. D. SHELOR,
W. O. HOWARD,
MRS. FRED JOHNSON,
Committee.

Report No. 13

PASTORAL RELATIONS

We, your Committee on Pastoral Relations, submit the following report:

Aberdeen—W. D. Shelor.
Almont—Marvin Jones.
Artesian—Thomas Bailey and wife.
Avon—John Winterberg.
Baker—A. C. Buell.
Billings—W. C. Brannon and wife.
Bradley—In hands of President.
Buffalo—John J. Hunter.
Bushnell and Flandreau—Frank Traver.
Butte—Wayne H. Cretsinger.
Forsyth—Arthur F. Reisdorph.
High Prairie—To be supplied.
Houghton and Britton—Raymond Sausoman.
Ipswich—L. D. Harris.
Knobs and Mill Iron—Lester Meyers.
McIntosh—In hands of President.
Medicine Rocks—Ralph Helle.

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Mitchell—Paul Kindschi.
Mission—Thomas Hersey.
Mobridge—In hands of President.
Northville and Brentford—J. E. Spry.
Pollock—In hands of President.
Redfield—S. J. McIntyre.
Richland—W. J. Leyh and wife.
Watertown—Gordon Goodsell and wife.
Webster—In hands of President.
Willow Lake (missionary work)—Donald Gerriets.
Conference President—J. F. Simpson.
Conference Evangelist—Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph.
Unstationed Elder—C. K. Thompson.
Missionary Work in India—Arthur Calhoon.
Missionary Work in India—Isla Knight.
Mountain Mission Work—Minnie Knecht.
Missionary Work—C. W. Calhoon, Ben Findley, Kenneth Knapp,
Ralph Helle, Marion Koth.
Missionary Evangelist—W. W. Jefferies.
Song Evangelist and Children's Worker—Kathleen Kelsven.
Supply M. E. Church—A. M. Wiley.
Supply in Holiness Mission—Mrs. Laura Raymer.
American S. S. Union—L. L. Knapp, Chester Reed, Otto Jensen and
wife.
General Sunday-school Secretary—R. D. Reisdorph.
General Evangelist—W. O. Howard.

J. F. SIMPSON,
J. C. MCGOVERN,
W. C. BRANNON,
J. E. SPRY,
RAYMOND SAUSOMAN,
MRS. BLAZER,
CHARLES REISDORPH,
Committee.

Report No. 14

MISSIONARY BOARD

We, the Missionary Board, recommend that:

We leave the arrangements for quarterly meetings to the Conference President and that he be paid \$100 per month and traveling expenses for time employed in the Conference.

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The churches make special effort to raise as much as possible on Quarterly Meeting visits and revival meetings held by the President and all monies thus raised apply on President's salary.

That we pay ten dollars per month to the Watertown work.

That we pay thirty dollars per month to the Butte work until Jan. 1, 1942, with sixty dollars available at once.

That we elect a Board of Church and Parsonage Building and Location according to disciplinary requirements.

That the Conference Board of Trustees be given specific authority as follows:

To sign all necessary legal papers for the securing of funds with which to liquidate Conference, church, or parsonage property indebtedness; or with which to purchase, repair, remodel, or recondition Conference, church, and parsonage property; when such plans are approved by the Board on Church and Parsonage Building and Location, and the President of the Conference and his Advisory Board.

This paragraph was amended to add "Providing these projects shall not increase Conference Liabilities over \$500.00."

To sign all necessary legal papers for the sale or transfer of Conference, church or parsonage property which may have ceased to be used for religious purposes as outlined in the Book of Discipline and such other Conference, church, or parsonage property, when the written statement of the Conference Board of Trustees and the President and his Advisory Board declares such sale or transfer to be in the best interests of the Conference.

That all deeds to property on which help is desired, be deeded to the Conference.

L. D. HARRIS, Secretary.

CONFERENCE STANDING RULES AND RESOLUTIONS

Financial Plan for Conference Fund

Money for Conference Fund shall be obtained by each local church paying 7½% of all money raised for all purposes, this to include local treasury, Sunday school, Y. M. W. B., W. Y. P. S., and the W. H. & F. M. S.; one-third of which shall be used for Church Extension within the Dakota Conference, the balance, two-thirds, to constitute the regular Conference Fund.

This amount is to be sent to Conference Treasurer monthly.

Railroad Expense

The amount for Railroad Expense is \$4.96 per charge, this money, to be raised and sent to Conference Treasurer as soon as possible.

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Ministerial Relief Fund By-Laws

Purpose: To provide financial assistance for Elders and Conference Preachers in times of serious illness or death in their families.

All Ministers and Licentiates of the Conference shall become members on payment of first assessment. Those who desire to become members later, may do so by paying up all assessments made previous, of the Conference year.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall make four assessments each year, or more if emergency arises, in the following manner: Each Minister on the Conference Roll shall be assessed one dollar on due notice from the Secretary, excepting both husband and wife are preachers. In such case, only one is assessed. Each pastor shall collect one dollar from his church or charge each time an assessment is made, except ministers not serving as pastors in the Conference. These are to pay \$1.50 for each assessment.

Disbursements: The Secretary shall, on receipt of the worthiness of a case, signed by the Conference President, pay out of said fund forty per cent of the amount of the expense incurred, provided the expense is more than twenty dollars, and furthermore providing that no payment shall exceed fifty dollars. (Normal maternity cases excepted). In case of death the maximum of \$75 will be paid to the beneficiaries. That assessments be raised fifty cents in this particular case.

Members who are delinquent in the payment of the last two or more assessments prior to claims for help, shall be ineligible. In case one is delinquent two or more payments, no benefits will be paid in emergencies, by paying of delinquent assessments.

If assessments are paid by check, please add service fee.

Postage and necessary expense shall be deducted from said funds.

That Presidents of W. H. & F. M. S. and W. Y. P. S. be members of the Camp Meeting Board.

That the characters of Pastors will NOT be passed unless the Superannuated Ministers' Fund is paid.

That all the churches will be instructed at the beginning of the Conference year, and before the close of their obligations to the Conference, relative to budget and indebtedness.

That all officers hold office until close of Conference Session in which they are retired.

That Conference Treasurer be authorized to close his books seven days before date of opening of Conference.

See Resolutions under Report No. 12.

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Budget Apportionment

Foreign Missions	\$2.00 per member
Home Missions50 per member
Orphanage .....	.25 per member
Education	1.50 per member

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Information

Rufus Reisdorph	Term expires in 1942
S. J. McIntyre	Term expires in 1943
A. M. Wiley	Term expires in 1944
Education	Term expires in 1945

List of books and examiners as follows:

Rufus Reisdorph—

First Year, Study of the Bible by Books, by Sell; and Applied Business English.

Second Year, Bible and Homeletics, by Kearns.

Third Year, Bible and Christian Evidences.

Fourth Year, Bible and Bible Geography.

S. J. McIntyre—

First Year, Robert's Rules of Order.

Second Year, How to Prepare an Expository Sermon.

Third Year, System of General Ethics.

Fourth Year, Psychology.

A. M. Wiley—

First Year, Theological Compend; and Perfect Love.

Second Year, Teacher Training and Theology.

Third Year, Theology.

Fourth Year, Theology.

(All reading books and grades to be reported to A. M. Wiley.)

W. D. Shelor—

First Year, Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.

Second Year, Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.

Third Year, Church History and All About the Bible.

Fourth Year, Church History and System of Christian Evidence.

Books to be examined on can be had from the examiner for a fee of ten cents.

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STATISTICAL REPORT

Item I. Pastor's Labors.

Item II. Periodicals

Charges	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Teachers' Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart
Aberdeen	12	1	1	20	50	46	6	65	8	14	5	8	60	24	...
Almont	12	1	1	8	33	12	7	20	7	3	11	6	5	14	1
Artesian	12	1	1	2	15	8	4	35	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
Avon	12	2	1	5	15	8	6	...	5	30	12	8	15	7	...
Baker	12	1	1	4	12	9	5	14	6	8	...	...	...	...	...
Billings	12	1	1	21	40	22	11	45	12	30	10	30	15	15	1
Bradley	12	1	1	...	6	...	...	4	2	...	...	3	4	...	...
Brentford	12	1	1	3	12	18	4	12	18	12	4	18	12	6	...
Britton	12	2	1	12	25	18	8	25	16	...	5	12	10	10	1
Buffalo	12	2	1	1	18	10	5	20	...	10	...	10	5	14	...
Bushnell	12	1	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	...	...
Butte	12	1	1	2	8	3	3	9	...	4	...	2	4	...	...
Calvary	12	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forsyth	12	1	1	10	15	5	5	15	...	5	2	8	4	8	...
High Prairie	12	1	1	2	18	10	2	14	10	...	...	1	5	12	...
Houghton	12	1	1	9	20	20	9	43	11	15	...	15	12	16	1
Huron	12	2	1	9	15	5	2	20	...	8	...	...	5	6	...
Johnson Corners	12	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ipswich	12	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kinning	8	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Knobs	12	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
McIntosh	12	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	12	1	1	8	40	25	10	45	18	20	...	20	8	12	...
Mission	8	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mitchell	12	1	1	4	15	6	4	20	4	5	...	4	4	5	1
Mill Iron	12	1	1	4	25	15	6	30	...	15	...	20	10	30	1
Mobridge	12	2	1	4	40	10	5	40	6	10	...	12	20	10	1
Northville	12	1	1	9	5	9	3	5	...	10	...	1	4	15	...
Pollock	12	1	1	4	25	25	6	30	...	20	...	20	10	20	1
Redfield	12	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Richland	12	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Watertown	12	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Watford City	12	1	1
Webster	12	1	1
Totals	268	29	22	144	455	284	111	511	133	219	49	198	218	231	8

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Item III. Membership

Charges	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	No. Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss	Gain	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Local Preachers	Membership Tithing
Aberdeen	4				4	123	123			2				35
Almont						39	39						1	15
Artesian			7	2	3	69	57	12						
Avon	1				1	21	21						1	
Baker	6		20	1		48	33	15						5
Billings	9				3	78	84		6	3	24		2	52
Bradley						16	16						1	32
Brentford						26	25	1		5				4
Britton					1									
Buffalo	1		1	1	2	27	24	3		3				18
Bushnell			4			20	16	4						6
Butte						17	17			1				10
Calvary						2	2							
Forsyth						33	36		3					14
High Prairie	6		1		2	19	26		7		4			4
Houghton	10			1	2	71	67	4						
Huron	4		8			51	54		3	3				23
Johnson Corners	3					13	13							3
Ipswich						10	10							
Kinning						14	14							
Knobs						17	17							
McIntosh	15		1		4	85	95		10		15		3	25
Medicine Rocks						9	9							
Mission						9	9							
Mitchell						58	57	1		6	1	1		6
Mill Iron						27	27							
Mobridge						45	46		1				1	24
Northville						78	78				5			18
Pollock	3				2	12	16		4		1			6
Redfield						30	30			1				19
Richland						7								
Watertown	4													
Watford City	2		2											
Webster														
Totals	68		42	6	24	1074	1068	40	34	24	50	1	9	274

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Item IV. Sunday School

Charges	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers	Whole No. of Teachers	No. Officers, Teachers, and Scholars in Main School	No. Schol. in Home Dept.	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. Scholars Converted	No. Schol. Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts.	Teacher's Training Course	No. of Organized Classes	No. of Books in Library
Aberdeen	1	8	10	185	5	18	208	111	12		2			160
Almont	1	4	5	54	21	14	89	24						26
Artesian	1	6	9	70	10	9	89	55						
Avon	1	5	5	67		6	73	40	6					
Baker	1	3	5	38		6	44	34	3	5	1			
Billings	1	9	11	160	7	22	189	125	4	4	3		1	
Bradley														
Brentford	1	3	3	23			23	10						40
Britton	1	5	5	40	4		44	20	2	4				
Buffalo	1	7	5	61	3	17	81	44	7	2	2	20		12
Bushnell	1	5	4	49			49	27						
Butte	1	1	2	15			15	12						
Calvary	1	2	3	15			15	10						
Forsyth														
High Prairie														
Houghton	1	3	5	41	1		42	31	2		2			18
Huron	1	4	5	64			64	45						
Johnson Corners	1	8	8	85		12	97	50		4	1			
Ipswich	1	3	4	37			37	28						
Kinning														
Knobs														
McIntosh														
Medicine Rocks														
Mission														
Mitchell	1	8	8	140		10	150	84	30	15	1		1	30
Mill Iron														
Mobridge														
Northville	1	5	5	33			33	20	1					
Pollock														
Redfield	1	2	5	93		9	102	55	3	1			2	22
Richland	1	2	6	79			79	60						
Watertown	1	4	3	39			39	24						
Watford City	1	8	5	95		14	109	44		1	1			
Webster														
Totals	22	102	121	1483	51	137	1671	953	70	36	13	20	4	308

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Item V. Church Property

Charges	No. Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Aberdeen	1	\$10000	.....	1	\$5000	\$ 700	\$ 139
Almont	1	4600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Artesian .....	.....	.....	.....	1	800	300	.....
Avon	1	5000	.....	1	1000	.....	.....
Baker	1	2000	\$ 312	1	2000	2000	12
Billings	1	12000	3134	1	5000	.....	2000
Bradley .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brentford	1	750	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Britton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo	1	3500	234	1	2500	1655	20
Bushnell	1	1300	200	1	500	.....	.....
Butte .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calvary	1	2000	120	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forsyth .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
High Prairie .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Houghton	1	4000	.....	1	1250	.....	.....
Huron	1	1000	100	.....	.....	.....	.....
Johnson Corners	1	3000	2	.....	.....	.....	18
Ipswich	1	4000	.....	1	1000	558	.....
Kinning .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Knobs .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
McIntosh .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medicine Rocks	1	1500	.....	1	1000	.....	.....
Mission	1	800	200	1	2500	1400	.....
Mitchell	1	5000	.....	1	3000	1800	68
Mill Iron .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mobridge .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northville	1	2500	.....	1	1000	.....	700
Pollock .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Redfield	1	3000	60	1	500	.....	.....
Richland	1	2500	.....	1	2000	.....	125
Watertown	1	500	.....	1	1500	1000	.....
Watford City	1	2000	65	1	1000	8
Webster
Totals	21	\$70950	\$4427	17	\$36050	\$9413	\$3054

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Item VI. Amount Contributed for Pastor

Charges	Pastor's Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Aberdeen	\$1280	\$300	...	\$ 50	\$1630
Almont	602	200	\$10	100	912
Artesian	294	...	9	47	350
Avon	410	108	1	81	600
Baker	213	...	50	60	323
Billings	1200	300	30	193	1723
Bradley .....	...	...	...	...	...
Brentford	161	...	...	15	176
Britton	159	...	...	...	159
Buffalo	580	158	45	235	1018
Bushnell	956	60	10	33	1059
Butte	46	15	...	...	61
Calvary	237	...	...	49	286
Forsyth .....	...	...	...	...	...
High Prairie .....	...	...	...	...	...
Houghton	459	96	10	87	652
Huron	290	...	27	38	355
Johnson Corners	691	...	5	81	777
Ipswich	767	120	10	50	947
Kinning .....	...	...	...	...	...
Knobs	134	...	...	1	135
McIntosh .....	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks .....	...	...	...	...	...
Mission .....	...	...	...	...	...
Mitchell	770	180	22	97	1069
Mill Iron	87	...	...	...	87
Mobridge .....	...	...	...	...	...
Northville	332	60	16	37	445
Pollock .....	...	...	...	...	...
Redfield	600	96	5	196	897
Richland	700	100	26	75	901
Watertown	230	186	...	132	548
Watford City	247	...	2	52	301
Webster
Totals	\$11445	\$1979	\$278	\$1709	\$15411

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Item VII. Amount Contributed for Church

Charges	Conference President's Salary	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday-school Expense	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Total for Church
Aberdeen	\$15	\$172	\$262	\$638	\$ 323	\$1410
Almont	56	88	60	...	52	256
Artesian	2	21	50	185	42	300
Avon	10	42	32	4	72	160
Baker .....	...	53	27	324	74	478
Billings	18	219	142	859	205	1443
Bradley .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brentford .....	...	20	10	30	...	60
Britton	20	42	4	...	58	124
Buffalo	10	119	60	102	49	340
Bushnell	7	67	31	500	35	640
Butte .....	...	...	...	...	1000	1000
Calvary	8	...	31	...	...	39
Forsyth .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Prairie .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Houghton	17	62	34	17	67	197
Huron	8	...	57	460	163	688
Johnson Corners .....	...	50	58	131	8	247
Ipswich	10	50	39	200	63	362
Kinning .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Knobs	3	43	...	...	...	46
McIntosh .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mission .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mitchell	5	130	130	664	179	1108
Mill Iron .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mobridge .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Northville	6	40	45	65	...	156
Pollock .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Redfield	15	55	82	545	134	831
Richland	20	80	57	400	52	609
Watertown	9	23	...	174	8	214
Watford City	50	59	157	71	337
Webster
Totals	\$239	\$1426	\$1270	\$5455	\$2655	\$11045

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Item VIII. Amount Contributed for Benevolences

Charges	Undivided Budget	Home Missions	Education	Conference Work	Foreign Missions	Superannuated Ministers' Fund	Connectional Sunday-school Work	Other Benevolent Objects	W. Y. P. S.	Orphanage	Total for Benevolences
Aberdeen		\$28	\$ 64	\$104	\$106	\$6	\$5	\$ 67	\$58	\$ 5	\$443
Almont		16	19	51	77	2	3	77	3	11	259
Artesian		6	8	9	49			27	5	5	101
Avon		36	83	14	16	8				22	179
Baker	\$ 8	8	18		63			124		5	226
Billings	17	22	28	105	97	5	8		4	49	335
Bradley		5	14	9	4	24				5	61
Brentford											
Britton		60	35	125	70	1	4	69	2	24	390
Buffalo		12	27	53	52	2		16		4	166
Bushnell											
Butte			8	28		1		12		4	53
Calvary											
High Prairie		27	17	64	73	7	2	48	3	11	252
Houghton		20	1	8	18	1			4	4	56
Huron		6	68	34	89	97	3	53	1	19	371
Johnson Corners		17	14	67	89	4					191
Ipswich			10	3	9	13	5	33			73
Kinning											
Knobs											
McIntosh											
Medicine Rocks											
Mission											
Mitchell		17	18	151	71		7	50	41	5	360
Mill Iron				7							7
Mobridge											
Northville	5		7	20	33			20		5	90
Pollock											
Redfield			8	62		2	4	65	4	10	155
Richland		65	139	127	138	4	4	142	5	16	640
Watertown	4	2	2	29	24			21			82
Watford City		11	51	48	73	5	3	18		5	168
Webster											
Totals	\$45	\$439	\$539	\$1174	\$1183	\$54	\$43	\$842	\$130	\$209	\$4658

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Item IX. Totals

Charges	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
Aberdeen	\$1630	\$1410	\$443	\$3483
Almont	912	256	259	1427
Artesian	350	300	101	751
Avon	600	160	179	939
Baker	323	478	226	1027
Billings	1723	1443	335	3501
Bradley				
Brentford	176	60	61	297
Britton	159	124		283
Buffalo	1018	340	390	1748
Bushnell	1059	640	166	1865
Butte	61	1000		1061
Calvary	286	39	53	378
Forsyth				
High Prairie				
Houghton	652	197	252	1101
Huron	355	688	56	1099
Johnson Corners	777	247	371	1395
Ipswich	947	362	191	1500
Kinning				
Knobs	135	46	73	254
McIntosh				
Medicine Rocks				
Mission				
Mitchell	1069	1108	360	2537
Mill Iron	87		7	94
Mobridge				
Northville	445	156	90	691
Pollock				
Redfield	897	831	155	1883
Richland	901	609	640	2150
Watertown	548	214	82	844
Watford City	301	337	168	806
Webster				
Totals	\$15411	\$11045	\$4658	\$31114

Minutes of the Thirty-Sixth Annual Session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of the Dakota Conference, June 3—7, 1941

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Houghton—President, Mrs. Effie Reisdorph, Houghton, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Vivian Edwards, Houghton, S. D.

Huron—President, Mrs. Goodsell, Huron, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Holger Johnson, Huron, S. D.

Ipswich—President, Mrs. Harriet Harris, Ipswich, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. H. B. Engel, Ipswich, S. D.

Johnson Corners—President, Mrs. Bennie Veeder, Watford City, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Herbert Veeder, Schafer, N. D.

Knobs—President, Mrs. Nora Knipfer, Mill Iron, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. George Most, Knobs, Mont.

Medicine Rocks—President, Mrs. Winifred Clocksene, Willard, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. Art Clocksin, Plevna, Mont.

Mitchell—President, Mrs. Martha DeJong, 110 E. 4th, Mitchell, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Julia Holshire, Mitchell, S. D.

Mission—President, Mrs. Lefler, Mission, S. D.

Northville—President, Mrs. Myrtle Spry, Northville, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Nultemeier, Northville, S. D.

Redfield—President, Mrs. Erwin Bailey, Redfield, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. R. E. Jaquith, Redfield, S. D.

Richland—President, Mrs. Lucy Wolter, Ipswich, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Doris Wolter, Cresbard, S. D.

Sandstone—President, Mrs. B. G. Bucklin, Keene, N. D.; Secretary, Miss Edna Wheeler, Berg, N. D.

Watford City—President, Mrs. Alec Hartel, Watford City, N. D.

Watertown—President, Mrs. Louise Goodsell, 501 E. Kemp Ave., Watertown, S. D.

DELEGATES

Aberdeen—Mrs. A. E. Hatten.

Almont—Mrs. Lillian Bailie.

Artesian—Mrs. Jim Blow.

Avon—Mrs. Marie Winterburg.

Baker—Mrs. Ella Buell.

Billings—Mrs. Albert Johnson.

Brentford—Mrs. Hazel Overby.

Buffalo—Mrs. Amy Hunter.

Bushnell—Mrs. Elizabeth Traver.

Calvary—Mrs. Blanche Larson.

Cresbard—Mrs. Louisa Hunter.

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Houghton—Mrs. Lillian Griffiths.
Huron—Mrs. John Waldner.
Ipswich—Mrs. H. B. Engel.
Johnson Corners—Mrs. S. P. Linseth.
Mitchell—Mrs. Martha DeJong.
Northville—Mrs. Dorothy Nultemeier.
Redfield—Mrs. William Ketzbach.
Richland—Marie Anderson.
Sandstone—Mrs. Howard Mosholder.
Watford City—Mrs. Leslie Smith.
Watertown—Mrs. Louise Goodsell.

Daily Proceedings

Wednesday, 10:00 a. m.

Devotionals—After congregational singing, Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph led the opening devotions, speaking on the subject, "The Portrait of an Ideal Woman," basing her thoughts on Proverbs 31. Mrs. Louisa Hunter and Mrs. Amy Hunter led in prayer, after which we joined in singing, "'Tis the Old Time Religion."

Call to Order—President called the session to order.

Credentials—Mrs. Cretsinger was appointed Committee on Credentials.

Welcome—Chairman gave cordial welcome to all present, and introduced each delegate and pastor's wife to the body.

Election of Committee—A Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Erma Brannon, Mrs. Harriet Harris, Mrs. Susie Shelor, Mrs. Vena Simpson and Mrs. Ella Buell.

Conference Bar—The first six seats of the Young People's Tabernacle was made the Bar of Conference.

Conference Body—Motion carried that the wife of our Conference President, the wife of the Connectional Sunday-school Secretary, the delegates, the Presidents, the Pastor's wives and the Y. M. W. B. Superintendents constitute the Conference body.

Adjournment—By motion adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Wednesday, 11:30 a. m.

Call to Order—The President called the meeting. Mrs. Lillian Bailie led in prayer.

Report—The report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 1.)

Adjournment—By motion, adjourned to meet at 1:00 o'clock. Mrs. Effie Reisdorph dismissed with prayer.

Wednesday, 1:00 p. m.

Devotionals—Following congregational singing, Mrs. Erma Brannon read to us Psalm 46 and commented on same.

Minutes—The minutes were read and approved.

Roll Call—Partial roll call was made and 27 responded.

Elections—Motion carried that the following be elected to their respective duties: Mrs. LaVerne Jones as Conference Reporter, Mrs. Nellie

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Sausoman as Wesleyan Missionary Solicitor, Mrs. Charles Reisdorph as Pianist, and Mrs. Louise Goodsell as Chorister.

Adjournment—Motion carried that we adjourn to meet at 4 o'clock.

Wednesday, 4:00 p. m.

Devotionals—Following a congregational song, Mrs. Bardell gave a word of testimony after which she led us in prayer.

Report—The report on Orders of the Day was read and adopted. (See Report No. 3.)

Courtesies—Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Charles Wilson were presented to the Society and responded with words of testimony.

Quadrennial Missionary Convention—Motion prevailed that we send a delegation to the Convention in Miltonvale, Kansas the latter part of June.

Home Missions—Rev. Roy Nicholson was presented to the Society and responded with a heart-stirring appeal in behalf of Home Missions, with special emphasis on Hephzibah.

Adjournment—Motion prevailed to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Spry.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING

Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

The Public Missionary Meeting was held Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The song service was under the leadership of Rev. Charles Wilson of Alva, Oklahoma. Rev. J. E. Spry led in prayer. A mixed quartet from Aberdeen favored us with a special arrangement of "Let the Lower Lights be Burning" and "Rescue the Perishing." A reading, "Paul's Defence before Agrippa" was given by three ladies. Rev. Roy Nicholson, Connectional Representative, brought a heart-stirring message, "The Macedonian Cry." A good offering in cash and pledges was taken, in the amount of \$318.60. The pledges, amounting to \$290.50, to be equally divided between Conference and Foreign Missions; the cash offering of \$28.10, was given to Hephzibah Orphanage as a special gift. In closing, the Miltonvale Quartet introduced themselves with song, following with another selection, "I've Been Redeemed." Rev. W. D. Shelor pronounced the benediction.

Thursday Morning, 9:30 o'clock

Devotionals—Mrs. Goodsell led the audience in singing, "Where Jesus is 'Tis Heaven." Mrs. Lillian Bailie read the 56th Psalm and commented on the same. Mrs. Simpson led in prayer.

Minutes—Minutes were read and approved.

Orders of the Day—The local reports were all given.

Adjournment—Motion prevailed to adjourn. Mrs. Engel dismissed with prayer.

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Thursday, 1:30 p. m.

Call to Order—Called to order by Vice-President, after which we were led in prayer by Mrs. Cretsinger.

Minutes—Minutes were read and approved.

Orders of the Day—Orders of the Day called for a brief study of Parliamentary Law.

Adjournment—Adjourned by motion. Dismissed with prayer.

Thursday, 4:00 p. m.

Devotionals—After congregational singing, we were led in prayer by Mrs. Houchen.

Minutes—Minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

Roll Call—The roll was called and 30 responded.

Election of Officers—Orders of the Day called for election of officers which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Viola Leyh; Vice-President, Mrs. Erma Brannon; Secretary, Mrs. LaVerne Jones; Treasurer, Mrs. Blanche Larson; Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, Mrs. Louise Goodsell.

Reading—Mrs. Lyle Overby gave an inspirational reading entitled, "A Single Soul."

Courtesies—Mrs. Martha Jenkins was presented to the Society as the first President of the Dakota Conference Missionary Society. Mrs. Leyh tenderly spoke in her behalf, and Mrs. Jenkins responded briefly.

Report—Auditing Report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 2.)

Report—Treasurer's Report read and adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

Adjournment—Adjourned by motion. Dismissed with prayer.

Friday, 9:30 a. m.

Devotionals—After prayerfully singing, "My Faith Looks Up Thee," we were inspired with the reading of Psalm 121 by Mrs. Bardell, which was followed with prayer.

Secretarial—Motion carried that the retiring Secretary fill her post of duty until close of Conference, with the incoming Secretary as her Assistant.

Minutes—Minutes of the preceding session were read and adopted.

Roll Call—The roll was called and 28 responded.

Correspondence—Mrs. Larson read a letter to the Society from Mrs. Clara Buntain Webb, home missionary, the same to be answered by the incoming Secretary.

Orders of the Day—An inspirational talk on the work of the Y. M. W. B. was given by Mrs. Louise Goodsell.

Orders of the Day—Reports of the Conference Missionary Society Prayer Program were given by representatives from the three districts: The Northwest District represented by Mrs. Brannon; the Southern Dis-

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trict by Mrs. Jim Blow and Mrs. Louise Goodsell; the Aberdeen District by Mrs. Frank Martin. This program was under the sponsorship of Mrs. Myrtle Spry.

Adjournment—Motion prevailed that we adjourn. Dismissed with prayer.

Friday, 1:00 p. m.

Devotionals—The congregation united in song, which was followed by a season of prayer.

Postponement of Orders of the Day—By vote, the Order of the Day was postponed in favor of Educational program held in the main Tabernacle.

Adjournment—Recessed to attend the Educational service.

Friday, 2:30 p. m.

Call to Order—Called to order by Vice-President, Mrs. Brannon. Prayer by Mrs. Buell.

Orders of the Day—A book review, "Miracles in Black," given by Mrs. L. F. Kindschi, was enjoyed by all.

Efficiency Standard—Motion prevailed that report blanks be returned to delegates for notations on efficiency rating.

Finance—Motion prevailed that \$25.00 be retained in treasury to apply on Conference Minutes.

Missionary Convention—Motion prevailed that the Treasurer meet expenses of the delegation to the Missionary Convention in Kansas, and the remainder from the treasury be given to Rev. and Mrs. Cretsinger, pioneer workers in Butte.

Appointment—Upon motion the President appointed the following Chairmen for the Conference districts: Southern District, Mrs. Vena Simpson; Aberdeen District, Mrs. Myrtle Spry and the Northwest District, Mrs. Brannon. These were asked to meet with their respective districts for the nomination of Organizers.

Butte, Montana—Mrs. Cretsinger spoke to the Society on the new work in Butte, Montana. Motion prevailed that each local Society raise \$2.20 in cash this coming year, said amount to be raised the first meeting of the new year, and sent to Mrs. Larson. Motion prevailed that a love-offering be made to Rev. and Mrs. Cretsinger.

Adjournment—Adjourned by motion.

Saturday, 8:30 a. m.

Devotionals—Mrs. Sausoman led the devotional period which resulted in refreshing testimonies. Prayer by Mrs. Howard.

Minutes—Minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

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Roll Call—Roll was responded to by a majority of the delegates.

Adjournment—Recess was called until 10:30.

10:30 a. m.

Call to Order—Called to order by President, followed by prayer.

Report—Committee on Plan of Word read report which was adopted.
(See Report No. 6.)

Report—Committee on Resolutions read report which was adopted.
(See Report No. 5.)

Report—Committee on Statistics read report which was adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

Instruction to Delegates—The Treasurer will close her books on May 21, 1942.

Conference Visitation—Motion prevailed authorizing the President and Y. M. W. B. Superintendent to travel the Conference at their convenience, and that the matter of travel and finance be taken up at the District conventions, and definite plans made.

Adjournment—Adjourned with prayer.

Saturday 1:30 p. m.

Call to Order—Called to order by singing unitedly, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Prayer by Mrs. Buell.

Minutes—Minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

Presentation—Mrs. LaVerne Jones, on behalf of the Society, presented Mrs. Cretsinger with a love offering in cash.

Pollock, S. D.—Mrs. Severson from Pollock gave a report of the work she has carried on among the children there, bringing them to the knowledge of salvation.

Instruction to Secretary—Motion prevailed we instruct our new Secretary to send a word of greeting to the Pastors' wives who have not been able to attend the Missionary Conference.

Courtesies—Rev. Oliver Wilson was introduced to the Society and brought to us an expression of appreciation for the work and W. H. & F. M. S. is doing for Miltonvale. He also gave a brief report of the work of the school in general.

Adjournment—Adjourned to call of the Chair.

Saturday, 3:15 p. m.

Call to Order—Called to order by President to resume business.

Presentation—Mrs. Brannon, in behalf of the Society, presented to the outgoing Secretary a beautiful Sacred Art Gift.

Report—The reports of the District Chairmen were given. Motion prevailed that this matter be postponed indefinitely because the Pastoral

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Relations Committee. Report might effect this election, and give the President authority to appoint the Organizers.

Adjournment—In a final closing we sang the Doxology, and Mrs. Johnson dismissed with prayer.

Reports of Committees

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following report:

Statistical—Mrs. Nellie Sausoman, Mrs. Louise Goodsell.

Auditing—Mrs. Louise Hunter, Mrs. Goldie Johnson.

Orders of the Day—Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, Mrs. Lavena Simpson, Mrs. Susie Shelor, Mrs. Blanche Larson and Mrs. LaVerne Jones.

Resolutions—Mrs. Marion Cretsinger, Mrs. Elizabeth Traver, Mrs. Dorothy Nultemeier.

Courtesies—Mrs. Myrtle Spry.

Plan of Work—Mrs. Amy Hunter, Mrs. Marion Cretsinger and Mrs. Erma Brannon.

MRS. ERMA BRANNON,
MRS. SUSIE SHELOR,
MRS. LEVENA SIMPSON,
MRS. ELLA BUELL,
MRS. HARRIET HARRIS.

Report No. 2

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the Treasurer's books and found them correct.

Signed: MRS. LOUISA HUNTER,
MRS. ALBERT JOHNSON.

Report No. 3

ORDERS OF THE DAY

We, the Committee on Orders of the Day, submit the following report.

Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, the Public Missionary Meeting, with our Home Missionary Secretary, Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, as speaker. Thursday morning, 10 o'clock, Local Reports; 1 o'clock, Parliamentary Drill; 4 o'clock, Election of Officers. Friday he observed as "Tag Day." Y. M. W. B. work to be presented by Mrs. Goodsell, Friday, 10:30. Report of Prayer Program by Mrs. Spry, 11 o'clock, Friday. Parliamentary Drill, 1 o'clock, Friday. Book Review, "Miracles in Black," by Mrs. L. F. Kind-schi, 1:30 Friday.

Signed: RUBY REISDORPH,
LAVENA SIMPSON,
SUSIE SHELOR,
BLANCHE A. LARSON,
LAVERNE JONES.

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Report No. 4

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary Report for the Year 1940-41

On hand at the beginning of the year	\$ 41.10
Received from all sources	1850.24
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Total	\$1891.34
Disbursed	1793.64
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Balance on hand	\$ 97.70
Signed, MRS. BLANCHE LARSON.	

Report No. 5

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

Inasmuch as the missionary activities of a number of the Christian nations of Europe have been so seriously curtailed by existing war conditions, Be it Resolved—That we, the members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, dedicate ourselves anew to the cause of world evangelism, and assume the obligation that this Missionary crisis has thrust upon us, giving ourselves unsparingly to "the effectual fervent prayer that avails much," thus endeavoring to "stand in the gap" for precious souls.

Be it further Resolved, That we enter into a prayer ministry for the Christian boys in the Army Camps and also in behalf of those in war-torn countries, whose lives are being snuffed out so ruthlessly, that our God will salvage some for His Bride.

Be it also Resolved, That we express our sincere appreciation to Brother Nicholson for the missionary messages that stirred our hearts to greater zeal and devotion to the work of our Lord. Also to Brother Wilson, speaking in behalf of Christian Education, do we express our appreciation.

Be it also Resolved, That we thank all who have in any way provided for our needs and entertainment throughout the Conference session.

Be it also Resolved, That, whereas we are spared those things which other nations are suffering, we, as a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society render gratitude and praise to the Lord.

Signed: MRS. MARION CRETSINGER,
MRS. ELIZABETH TRAVER,
MRS. DOROTHY NULTEMEIER.

Report No. 6

PLAN OF WORK

We, the Committee on the Plan of Work, urge each Society to observe

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at least one night of prayer each month in the Conference Prayer Program, in addition to the following plan of work outlined by the General Conference:

1. Arrange with the pastor for one missionary service each month.
2. A minimum of ten meetings during the year in which prayer service is held and business transacted.
3. Red Letter Days:
 - (a) Harvest Day for Educational work.
 - (b) Easter-program, gifts and offering for Home Mission work.
 - (c) World Day of Prayer—that we coöperate in observing the World Day of Prayer.
 - (d) May Day—to be known as gift day, bandages and such gifts as can be sent out with outgoing missionaries or used on our Home field.
 - (e) Wesleyan Missionary Day—with program to secure subscriptions for our official organ.
4. One public meeting.
5. Correspond with missionaries.
6. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and 50% of membership to be subscribers to the Wesleyan Missionary.
7. A solicitor elected for the Wesleyan Missionary gaining not less than two new subscribers a year.
8. A delegate elected to the Annual Conference of the W. H. & F. M. Society.
9. Report blanks properly filled out on time.
10. At annual meeting instruct delegate the amount to pledge at Conference session for the Society.
11. Officers elected at last meeting of Conference year.
12. All monies received as dues be sent to the Conference Treasurer, designating where 50% of same shall be applied on missions. (See par. 293 of Discipline.)
13. A Superintendent and fully organized Y. M. W. B.
14. Every woman of the church a member of the Society, or a 20% gain in membership.
15. Money sent to Conference Treasurer on time.

Ten points on each.

In conclusion:

We recommend the formation of prayer circles in each local society, also the reading of the Efficiency Standard quarterly. All societies making a grade of 100 points be placed on the Honor Roll. How will your Society be rated at the Annual Conference session?

Signed: MRS. AMY HUNTER,
MRS. ERMA BRANNON,
MRS. MARION CRETSINGER.

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Report No. 7 W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Receipts

Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Members Gained	Members Loss	Regular Meetings Held	Special Meetings Held	Do You Use Missionary Programs?	No. Wesleyan Missionaries	Cash on Hand From Last Year	Membership Dues
Aberdeen	21	1	5	...	21	1	Yes	9	\$.04	\$21.00
Almont	8	1	...	...	21	1	Yes	5	.63	9.00
Artesian	7	1	...	8	9	4	No	3	.63	8.00
Avon	11	1	...	...	10	1	No	4	6.27	9.90
Baker	15	...	3	...	17	2	Yes	5	...	15.00
Billings	17	...	22	...	21	6	Yes	21	1.43	17.00
Brentford	7	2	3	...	12	...	Yes	4	...	9.00
Buffalo	11	4	1	...	10	5	Yes	9	.03	15.00
Bushnell	5	...	...	...	6	1	No	2	.46	5.00
Calvary	8	3	...	...	13	...	Yes	5	.01	11.00
Cresbard	13	1	...	...	17	4	Yes	6	.92	14.00
Houghton	9	...	...	...	12	1	Yes	...	.42	9.00
Huron	9	...	...	...	10	2	Yes	...	...	9.30
Ipswich	4	1	...	4	10	...	Yes	1	2.71	5.00
Johnson Corners	10	...	...	8	15	1	Yes	9	.65	10.00
Knobs*	3	...	3	...	12	...	No	1	...	3.30
Medicine Rocks	7	...	...	5	10	1	Yes	3	...	7.00
Mitchell	14	...	5	3	12	2	Yes	6	1.39	15.40
Northville	11	...	1	...	13	1	Yes	6	...	11.00
Redfield	11	...	1	...	21	7	Yes	10	1.50	11.00
Richland	15	7	3	...	21	1	Yes	8	...	22.00
Sandstone	8	1	1	...	11	...	Yes	3	...	8.00
Watford City	9	...	...	...	11	...	Yes	3	...	9.00
Watertown*	8	...	8	...	1	1	Yes	1	...	8.00
Mission*
Totals	241	22	36	28	317	43	...	128	\$17.09	\$261.90

* Indicates new societies.

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Receipts						
Societies	Offerings	Labor	Clothing and Other Gifts to Home Work	Bandages and Other Gifts to Foreign Work	Other Objects	Total
Aberdeen	\$56.45	\$9.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50	\$73.40	\$167.39
Almont	56.07		7.00		14.61	87.31
Artesian	63.40		12.00			89.03
Avon	33.55				29.59	81.31
Baker	73.85		22.00	10.00		121.25
Billings	65.31		16.00		37.50	137.24
Brentford	56.70		18.00			83.70
Buffalo	57.63		37.95		29.00	139.61
Bushnell	42.61	3.00			6.00	57.07
Calvary	72.39		2.00			85.40
Cresbard	18.99		15.00		43.12	92.03
Houghton	25.76	6.60	18.40		75.53	135.71
Huron	18.19		16.00			43.49
Ipswich	16.65				49.95	74.31
Johnson Corners	38.28		3.25	25.20	35.07	112.45
Knobs	24.25	1.50	25.05			54.10
Medicine Rocks	49.61			28.37	75.02	160.00
Mitchell	51.89			55.18		123.86
Northville	27.40		27.93	18.50	1.10	85.93
Redfield	24.55		39.70	16.00		92.75
Richland	34.24	7.00	93.06		60.00	216.30
Sandstone	18.19			14.50	.70	41.39
Watford City	25.20	3.00		64.64		101.84
Watertown						
Mission						
Totals	\$953.16	\$30.10	\$358.34	\$234.89	\$530.59	\$2383.47

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Disbursements

Societies	Undivided	Home, Cash	Home, Clothing and Other Gifts	Hephzibah, Cash	Hephzibah, Provisions	Foreign, Cash	Foreign, Bandages and Other Gifts	Education, Cash
Aberdeen	\$19.00	\$ 9.20	\$ \$3.50	\$ \$5.00	\$ 5.00	\$63.83	\$ 2.50	\$27.50
Almont		8.00	2.00	5.00		38.19		8.86
Artesian		6.20	12.00	5.00		49.00		
Avon		20.00			10.00	2.24		5.11
Baker		6.00	22.40	5.00		32.65	10.00	5.00
Billings		6.00			12.00	47.75		10.00
Brentford		8.65	15.35	5.00		24.50		9.00
Buffalo		9.00	44.00	5.00		33.65		10.00
Bushnell		8.20		1.00		32.00		6.00
Calvary		11.00	2.00	5.00		35.00		12.44
Cresbard		6.00	15.00	6.00		29.22		3.00
Houghton		13.88	18.40	11.48		52.36		11.57
Huron			16.00		4.00	14.24		
Ipswich		1.50			2.00	49.95		2.00
Johnson Corners		39.17	5.00	8.50		9.50	25.20	5.85
Knobs		9.72	25.05		3.65	13.18		2.50
Medicine Rocks	3.50	10.00		8.00		20.00	28.37	2.50
Mitchell		6.00		5.00		55.18		1.00
Northville			27.93	5.00		18.50		5.50
Redfield		4.70	25.00	5.00		31.60		10.00
Richland		33.39		10.00		50.00		10.00
Sandstone		6.00		5.45		16.90		1.20
Watford City		7.13		5.00		69.14		1.05
Watertown								4.00
Mission								
Totals	\$22.50	\$229.74	\$233.63	\$105.43	\$36.65	\$788.58	\$66.07	\$154.08

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Disbursements									
Societies	Education, Provisions	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Delegate's Fee to General Conference	7½ % Plan	Cash on Hand	Total	Rank Under Efficiency Standard, in Per Cent
Aberdeen		\$10.10	\$10.50	\$10.42	\$2.10	\$3.83	\$ 3.41	\$167.39	120
Almont		3.33	4.50	4.50	1.90	5.88	.15	87.31	104
Artesian				15.03	.80			89.03	100
Avon		23.72	5.00	7.74		4.50		81.31	90
Baker		19.20	7.50	8.79	1.50		3.21	121.25	100
Billings	\$4.00		17.00	40.49		7.00		137.24	100
Brentford		4.72	4.50	7.54		4.32	.12	83.70	100
Buffalo			7.50	10.77	2.90	6.76	.03	139.61	106
Bushnell	5.04		2.50		.60	1.73		57.07	60
Calvary		2.03	5.50	4.20	1.00	5.77	1.46	85.40	92
Cresbard		9.78	7.00	11.90		4.13		92.03	100
Houghton			4.50	17.66	1.00	4.02	.84	135.71	120
Huron			4.50	2.73		2.02		43.49	70
Ipswich		4.50	4.50	3.30		6.66		74.31	114
Johnson Corners		3.00	5.00	5.11	.70	4.00	3.42	112.45	140
Knobs								54.10	80
Medicine Rocks			3.50	78.00	1.90	4.02	.21	160.00	100
Mitchell			15.40	37.20	3.00		1.08	123.86	130
Northville			5.50	20.27	1.10	2.06	.07	85.93	110
Redfield		3.78		4.50	1.70	1.86	4.61	92.75	114
Richland	7.00		11.00	74.58	2.20	6.92	11.21	216.30	73
Sandstone			4.00	4.20	.70	2.94		41.39	110
Watford City			4.50	7.38		7.64		101.84	120
Watertown			4.00						
Mission									
Totals	\$16.04	\$84.16	\$137.90	\$376.31	\$23.10	\$86.06	\$29.82	\$2383.47

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Bands	No. of Members	No. of Meetings Held	Dues	Offerings	Education	Total
Aberdeen	8	30	\$ 7.65	\$ 1.00	\$3.50	\$12.15
Almont	3	5	1.56	2.89		4.45
Artesian	25	5	4.25	6.67	2.22	13.24
Avon	4		2.08	4.92	1.00	8.00
Baker	12	26	6.24	2.75	2.50	11.49
Billings	18	24	9.36	18.84	9.00	37.20
Brentford	14		7.28	12.57	3.00	22.85
Buffalo	9	10	4.68		.32	5.00
Bushnell	8	12	6.24	4.48		10.72
Calvary	6	4	5.94	30.00		35.94
Cresbard	15	11	7.80	18.20	9.00	35.00
Houghton	10		5.20	14.46	4.00	23.66
Huron	8	23	4.16	2.34		6.50
Ipswich	11	11	5.72	9.66	2.00	17.38
Johnson Corners	12	8	6.24	16.76		23.00
Knobs	24		12.48	39.59	1.00	53.07
Medicine Rocks						
Mitchell						
Northville						
Redfield						
Richland						
Sandstone						
Watford City						
Watertown				8.50	2.00	10.50
Mission						
Totals	187	169	\$96.88	\$193.63	\$39.54	\$330.15

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At the close of the morning service of young people's day, June 13, President John J. Hunter declared a brief business session in which a Nominating Committee was elected. Ruth Bixler, Chairman; Mrs. R. J. Sausoman, second member; Gladys Eime, third member.

The annual business session was called at 1:30 p. m., June 13. After devotions, led by Rev. O. G. Wilson of Miltonvale, Kans., our young people's worker, the meeting was called to order by our President. The reading of last year's minutes was approved. The question arose as to who was entitled to vote. With common consent all present were permitted to vote in compliance with the discipline which declared no church young people's society could have more than five delegates, since no one church had more than five members present.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Our Journal Solicitor, Raymond J. Sausoman, gave an encouraging report, stating there had been an increase in the number of subscribers over that of last year.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following report:

President—John J. Hunter.

Vice-President—Gordon Goodsell.

Executive Committee:

Representative from Southern District—Frances Gooding.

Representative from Aberdeen District—Marjorie Wegner.

Representative from Northwest District—Alice Jones.

Journal Solicitor—Harold Dufloth.

Assistant Solicitors:

Northwest District—Ruth Klamm, Dorothy Bruins.

Aberdeen District—Ellis Sollie.

Southern District—Duane Janssen, Robert Bateman.

The report was adopted and each elected as read.

A motion was made and seconded that we set aside at least one Sunday during the year for a church extension program, and an offering be taken to be applied towards the church extension program of the Conference. The matter of a date was left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

A motion was made and seconded that the discussion concerning the Conference W. Y. P. S. President traveling to the local societies and presenting Conference interests be left to the Executive Committee.

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It was moved and seconded that the minutes be incorporated into the Annual Conference Minutes.

It was moved and seconded we adjourn.

GORDON W. GOODSSELL,

Sec.-Treas. Dakota Conf. W. Y. P. S.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the President, John J. Hunter, June 15, 1941. The minutes of the last executive meeting were read and approved. The committee voted to pay the \$12.00 which was lacking in the church extension project last year to Butte, Mont., and Watertown, S. D. In addition to the \$7.00 owed to Butte, \$1.00 more was appropriated to cover the cost of a pew. It was moved and seconded the balance of \$5.00 due Watertown be appropriated.

It was a unanimous vote to change the date of young people's day from the last Friday of camp to the first Tuesday of camp, the reason being because of those who leave before Friday.

It was moved and seconded that Brother Hunter be empowered to arrange the program for young people's day next year.

It was moved and seconded Gordon Goodsell be Secretary-Treasurer.

With common consent the committee acted to have the church extension funds kept in a separate account.

The second Sunday in September was set as the day for church extension Sunday to be observed by all W. Y. P. S.

It was moved and seconded that the church extension funds be placed in the hands of the Conference President and his Advisory Board to be used at their discretion. However, this money will be handled through the Secretary-Treasurer, and all church extension funds and other W. Y. P. S. funds should be sent to G. W. Goodsell, 501 E. Kemp Ave., Watertown, S. D.

It was moved and seconded each society have prayer partners in which each society is asked to coöperate in a prayer program of each society having one day out of each month for prayer, the schedule of which was left to be worked out by the President.

It was moved and seconded that this committee suggest to the local societies of taking monthly offerings to apply on membership dues until same is raised.

It was moved and seconded that \$15.00 out of the treasury be sent to Butte for assistance in a revival effort.

It was moved and seconded the young people's President visit the Northwest District convention and the Vice-President the Aberdeen and

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Southern District conventions to present the Conference interests of the W. Y. P. S.

It was moved and seconded we adjourn.

GORDON W. GOODSELL,

Sec.-Treas. Dakota Conf. W. Y. P. S.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Amount on hand June 16, 1940 \$51.18

Church Extension Assessments

Buffalo	\$ 2.00
Mitchell	2.00
Houghton	2.00
Redfield	2.00
Billings	2.00
Richland	2.00
Bushnell	2.00
Baker	2.00
Ipswich	2.00

W. Y. P. S. Dues

Houghton	\$ 3.00
Artesian	1.50
Billings	3.50
Watford City	1.50
Johnson Corners	4.75
Almont	3.00
Mitchell	3.75
Buffalo	2.45
Aberdeen	4.65
Ipswich	2.50

Total \$99.78

Expenditures

Mimeograph expense	\$ 2.84
Postage .....	.50
Bank charges on out of town items .....	.15
Miltonvale Wesleyan College Building Fund	20.00
Watertown—Church extension	20.00
Butte—Church extension	18.00

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Pulpit for young people's tabernacle	2.51	
Placards for Young People's Day51	
Total		\$64.51
Amount on hand June 13, 1941		35.27
Total		\$99.78