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Please Note: Opening date of next Camp Meeting Thursday evening, June 3, 1954. Wesleyan Methodist Campgrounds, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

The Dakota Conference

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President—J. F. Simpson

Vice President—John J. Hunter

Secretary—Marvin E. Jones

Treasurer—S. J. McIntyre

Educational Secretary—Marvin E. Jones

Sunday School Secretary—Lester Buckman

Tithing Secretary—Clyde McCone

Transportation Secretary—J. F. Simpson

Card Call Secretary—R. J. Sausoman

Conference Prayer Secretary—A. L. Cretsinger

Promotional Secretary for Wesleyan Men's Fellowship—Marvin E. Jones

Representatives to Miltonvale College—Marvin E. Jones, A. L. Mudgett

Alternate Rep. to Miltonvale College—Richard Rossow

Secretary-Treasurer Ministerial Benefit Fund—Thomas Bailie

Trustees—H. W. Cretsinger, term expires 1954; L. D. Harris, term expires 1955; J. E. Spry, term expires 1956; Harold Duflath, term expires 1954; Dan Palmer, term expires 1955;

Temperance Secretary—W. J. Leyh

Treasurer Superannuate Pension Fund—Henry R. Duflath (address: 520 So. Montana St., Mitchell, S. D.)

President's Assistant and Quarterly Conference Evangelist—S. J. McIntyre

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

STANDING COMMITTEE

Camp Meeting Board: Conference President, Conference W.M.S. President, Conference W.Y.P.S. President, L. L. Hildebrandt, Irvin Bailey, Max Hansen, Pastor of Aberdeen Church

Auditing Committee Chairman: H. R. Dufloth

Conference Program Committee: Conference President, Conference W.M.S. President, Conference W.Y.P.S. President, Pastor of Aberdeen Church

Conference Missionary Board: Conference President, Conference W. M. S. President, Conference Treasurer, H. W. Cretsinger, O. Theo. Beckman, H. H. Franklin, David Robertson, R. E. Jaquith

Committee on Itineracy and Orders: Lester Buckman, term expires, 1954
John J. Hunter, term expires 1955; Walter Simpson, term expires 1956, H. W. Cretsinger, term expires 1957

Judiciary Committee: L. D. Harris, W. J. Leyh, Thomas Bailie

Sunday School Board: Conference Sunday School Secretary, Claude Bandy, Darrell Wagner

Board of Church and Parsonage Building and Location: Conference President. John J. Hunter, L. D. Harris, J. E. Alexander, L. W. Peterson

Vacancies Committee: A. L. Mudgett, Richard Rossow, R. J. Sausoman, Rudolph Geist, Dan Palmer

Committee on Evangelism: A. L. Cretsinger, Quarterly Conference Evangelist, Marvin E. Jones, Conference Sunday School Secretary

Committee on Superannuate Minister's Aid: Quarterly Conference Evangelist, Conference Secretary, Treasurer of Superannuate Pension Fund

President's Advisory Board: L. D. Harris, O. Theo. Beckman

Chairman Statistical Committee: R. J. Sausoman

Chairman of Committee on Railroad Expense: Dean Watson

Chairman Committee on Resolutions: A. L. Cretsinger

Conference Representative to S. D. United Temperance League: W. J. Leyh

Conference Roll

ELDERS

Alma Aldinger (1950)..... Sierra Leone, West Africa
 Thomas Bailie(ph. 4172) Watford City, North Dakota
 Mrs. Thomas Bailie (ph. 4172) Watford City, North Dakota
 Robert Bateman (1952)(ph. 5471) Ipswich, South Dakota
 A. A. BeckerFreeman, South Dakota
 Ruth Bixler (1950)Sierra Leone, West Africa
 Lester Buckman (1942 ..(ph.2293J) 616 1st St., Rapid City, South Dakota
 Romeo Baronia Urdaneta, Pagasinan, Philippine Is.
 H. A. Cottrill..... Rapid City, South Dakota
 Elton ClydeSand Point, Idaho
 Walter E. Cook (1951)Northville, S. D.
 A. L. Cretsinger Rawlins, Wyoming
 Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger Rawlins, Wyoming
 H. W. Cretsinger (1939)(ph. 312M) Redfield, South Dakota
 Mrs. Wilbur Drown(ph. 54) Redfield, South Dakota
 Earl Fessenden (1943) Miltonvale, Kansas
 Charles Fisher (1946) Huron, South Dakota
 William GaleHot Springs, South Dakota
 Donald Gerrietts (1942)Flandreau, South Dakota
 B. I. Griffin Flandreau, South Dakota
 R. L. Gowan..... Hill City, South Dakota
 Emil Hansen (1948)Mobridge, South Dakota
 C. J. Goodspeed—
 L. D. HarrisStrool, South Dakota
 Ralph Helle (1942) 420 So. Duff St., Mitchell, S. D.
 Mrs. Grace Miller Hoen 2223 Gaither St., Selma, California
 W. O. Howard..... Mount Vernon, South Dakota
 John J. Hunter (1938)(ph. 44078) 306 So. 32nd St., Billings, Montana
 W. W. Jeffers Haywarden, Iowa
 Marvin E. Jones (1936)(ph. 2337 308 No. Lincoln St., Aberdeen, S. D.
 R. M. Kelly Hot Springs, South Dakota
 L. L. Knapp(ph. 3601) Ipswich, S. D.
 Minnie Knecht (1950)Brainerd Indian School—Hot Springs, S. D.
 Marion Koth (1943) 513 Nelson St., Sedro Wooley, Wash.
 W. J. Leyh (1929)(ph. 3210) 320 Kansas Ave., N. E. Huron, S. D.
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 Clyde McCone (1952)(ph. 1154) 422 8th St., Brookings, S. D.
 S. J. McIntyre (1920)..... 48 Jackson St., Billings, Montana
 Lester Myers (1942)..... Baker, Montana
 A. L. Mudgett (1943).....(ph. 3779) 501 E. Kemp Ave., Watertown, S. D.
 Richard O'Conner (1949)—

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Warren Pamp	Box 41 Battlecreek, Michigan
Mrs. Laura Raymer (1936)	Miltonvale, Kansas
Arthur Reisdorph	Gas City, Indiana
R. D. Reisdorph	Houghton, New York
Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph (1930).....	Houghton, New York
Richard Rossow (1949)	(ph. 156J) Sturgis, South Dakota
J. F. Simpson (1914) (ph. 2544J) 2812 Meadowbrook Dr.,	Rapid City, S. D.
Walter Simpson (1947)	Rapid City, South Dakota
Mrs. Walter Simpson (1945).....	Rapid City, South Dakota
R. J. Sausoman (1941)	(ph. 3730) 408 W. 6th Ave., Mitchell, S. D.
Ellis Sollie (1946)	(ph. 1 long, 2 shorts) Almont, North Dakota
J. E. Spry (1929).....	701 W. 2nd Ave., Mitchell, S. D.
Kenneth Shelley	(ph.1733) Miles City, Montana
Harry Shreve.....	Cuba
Mrs. Elizabeth Traver (1941).....	Grand Island, Neb.
H. J. Van Vliet (1933)	Missoula, Montana
B. H. Veeder (1950).....	(ph. 2179) Mobridge, South Dakota
H. Vreugdenhill	Tolstoy, South Dakota
Mrs. H. Vregdenhill	Tolstoy, South Dakota
John Kearns	Hot Springs, South Dakota
Dallas Wadsworth (1950)	(ph. Warner 2643) Mina, South Dakota
George Warinner (1950) (ph. 51362) Wes. Campgrounds,	Aberdeen, S. D.
A. M. Wiley	Spearfish, South Dakota
John Winterberg (1939)	Miltonvale, Kansas
John Mickley	Rapid City, S. D.

LICENTIATES

Wilbert Becker	Huron, South Dakota
Lester Bennett	Conner, Montana
Howard Boyle	Tuthill, South Dakota
Gene Cowing	Brentford, South Dakota
Paul Davidson—	
Wilbur Drown	(ph. 43) Redfield, South Dakota
Richard Follette—	
Andrew Gerleman.....	Ridge, Montana
Allen Gisselbeck.....	Watertown, South Dakota
Evelyn Chapman Gisselbeck	Ipswich, South Dakota
Lee Goodell.....	Sundance, Wyoming
Harold Griffin	Belle Fourche, South Dakota
Ralph Frazier	Mission, South Dakota
Godfrey Broken Rope	Rapid City, South Dakota
A. J. House	Conner, Montana
Mrs. A. J. House	Conner, Montana
Ralph Howard	Conde, South Dakota

Daniel McCandless	Ipswich, South Dakota
Wesley McIntyre	Harlowton, Montana
W. E. Moulton	Artesian, South Dakota
Mrs. W. E. Moulton	Artesian, South Dakota
Earl Olson	Lily, South Dakota
Mae Palmer	Haiti
Wesley Sime	Garden City, South Dakota
Eugene Stanislaus	601 No. 4th St., Missoula, Montana
Paul Steward	Chelsea, South Dakota
Henry Vanderbush	Bushnell, South Dakota
Darrell Wagner	Buffalo, Wyoming
Dean Watson	Pierre, South Dakota
Glen Wessel	Mobridge, South Dakota
Andrew Wilson	Deadwood, South Dakota
Isla Knight	India
Elvia Turner	Miltonvale, Kansas

DELEGATES

Max Hensen	Aberdeen, South Dakota
Thomas Edwards	Houghton, South Dakota
Henry Dufloth	Mitchell, South Dakota
Chas. Schmidt	Redfield, South Dakota
Mrs. Don J. Klingensmith	Almont, North Dakota
Delores Pudwil	Avon, South Dakota
Alice Nellis	Avon, South Dakota
Ila Hamm	Artesian, South Dakota
Anton Strouckel	Tolstoy, South Dakota
Melvin Toldmi	Rapid City, South Dakota
Goldie Patterson	Mount Vernon, South Dakota
Mrs. Inez Hinds	Ipswich, South Dakota
Mrs. Emma Poole	Ipswich, South Dakota
Esther Grosenback	Hot Springs, South Dakota
William Greenberg	Deadwood, South Dakota
Mrs. Bern Bucklin	Watford City, North Dakota
H. H. Franklin	Watertown, South Dakota
Genevieve Dickinson	Rapid City, South Dakota
Lettie Ketzback	Redfield, South Dakota
Mrs. Cora Blaser	Baker, Montana
Ben Fey	Brentford, South Dakota
David Robertson	Brookings, South Dakota
Beulah Carlson	Sturgis, South Dakota
Fred Nultemeier	Northville, South Dakota
Velma Hughes	Billings, Montana
Mrs. Verda Betz	Billings, Montana

Lee Wagner	Loyalton, South Dakota
Mrs. Lee Wagner	Loyalton, South Dakota
David Enos	Willard, Montana
Elmer Bachlor	Mission, South Dakota
Claude Bandy	Huron, South Dakota
Dan Palmer	Mina, South Dakota
Ben Larson	Mobridge, South Dakota
John Herman	Huron, South Dakota
Mrs. Rena Newburn	Flandreau, South Dakota
Mrs. E. W. Stanislaus	Missoula, Montana
Mrs. Dousha Olson	Garden City, South Dakota
Sam Row	Ridge, Montana
O. Theo. Beckman	Strool, South Dakota

Daily Proceedings

Minutes of the Seventy-Second Annual Conference of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, held at Aberdeen, South Dakota, June 2nd through June 8th, 1953.

Conference Sermon—The Conference Sermon was delivered, Tuesday evening June 2nd, 1953, by the Rev. John J. Hunter of Billings, Montana. The text for the message was taken from II Chronicles 16:9. A large number of pastors, delegates and friends gathered together in the new Tabernacle for this initial service.

Wednesday Morning, June 3rd, 1953

Communion Service—A communion service was held in the early morning prayer meeting with the Rev. S. J. McIntyre in charge, assisted by Conference Officers J. F. Simpson, John J. Hunter, Marvin E. Jones, and L. D. Harris. A gracious sense of God's holy presence was upon this service.

Devotionals—The Devotional period was conducted by the Rev. Thomas Baile, pastor at Watford City and Johnson Corners, North Dakota. The lesson was taken from Philippians the third chapter.

Called to Order—Conference was called to order with the President, J. F. Simpson in the chair. The roll call was made to which thirty-nine ministers and thirty-six lay delegates responded.

Motion to Seat Delegate—Miss Esther Grosenback was seated as the Delegate from Hot Springs on motion from the floor, with stipulation that she be free to conduct Children's meetings.

Motion to Receive Report—The Conference Program was read by a member of the Conference Program Committee. A motion prevailed to refer the matter of a Chairman for the Committee on Railroad Expense back to the Committee on Nominations. The report on Program was then accepted by motion.

Motion—Motion prevailed that the hour of meeting of the Beckman Board be clarified. A change from the program was made, setting the date of such meeting for Tuesday, June 9th.

Bar of Conference—Motion carried that the first eight rows in the center section and the first four rows on either side of the Tabernacle, constitute the Bar of Conference.

Election—Lester Bennett was elected to be the official Bell Ringer for all services.

Election: Nominating Committee—The following persons were elected to the Committee on Nominations: John J. Hunter, Marvin E. Jones, W. J. Leyh, H. H. Franklin, Max Hansen.

Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

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Called to Order—The body was called to order by the President to resume business.

Report: Nominating Committee—The Committee on Nominations brought in a report, the report was accepted as amended. (See Report No. 1.)

Work Committees—The President read the list of Committees responsible for various tasks during Conference and Camp Meeting. The report was accepted by motion.

Greetings to Conference—Mention was made of greetings received from the following persons: Misses Alma Aldinger and Ruth Bixler, Harry Shreve, Warren Pamp, Mrs. Grace Miller Hoiem, and John Winterberg.

Motion prevailed that correspondence received from the above persons be read at the time of the reading of the Minister's reports.

Itinerary and Orders—The President appointed the following laymen to the Committee on Itinerary and Orders: Max Hansen, Fred Nultemeier, Dan Palmer.

Wednesday Afternoon, June 3rd, 1953

Devotionals—The devotional period was conducted by the Rev. A. L. Mudgett, pastor at Watertown, South Dakota. The lesson was based on Philippians 2: 15, 16.

Called to Order—Conference was called to order by the President, and then, because of considerable committee work yet to be done, the Conference was adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Thursday Morning, June 4th, 1953

Devotionals—The devotional period was conducted by the Rev. Dean Watson, pastor at Pierre, South Dakota.

Called to Order—Conference was formally called to order by the President. There was a presentation of "Wesleyan Signs" by Rev. J. F. Simpson.

Roll Call—Roll call was made with thirty-one ministers and twenty-nine laymen responding.

Courtesies—The Committee on Courtesies introduced the Rev. Howard Boyle, pastor at Tuthill, South Dakota. He spoke briefly in testimony.

Dr. R. D. Reisdorph of Houghton, New York, denominational representative, and Sunday School Secretary and Editor, was introduced. He brought greetings from the official family of the Church, as well as his own personal greetings.

Partial Report: Conference President—A partial report of labors for the year was read by the Conference President, and the report was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 2.)

Partial Report: President's Assistant—The President's Assistant read a partial report of his labors for the year, and the partial report was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 3.)

Report: Wesleyan Men's Fellowship—A report was read by the Conference Secretary for the Promotion of the Wesleyan Men's Fellowship. The report was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 4)

Motion—A motion prevailed that greetings be sent to the Rev. A. M. Wiley, veteran member of the Conference, who is serving a Free Methodist Church at Spearfish, South Dakota.

Report: Committee on Railroad Expense—The Committee on Railroad Expense read its report and by motion the report was accepted. The amount to be paid by each charge on this item is \$10.50. (See Report No. 5.)

Adjourned for Committee work.

Thursday Afternoon, June 4th, 1953

Sunday School Rally—A Sunday School Rally under the direction of Rev. Richard Rossow was held, with Dr. R. D. Reisdorph as the speaker.

Called to Order—The President called the meeting to order.

Courtesies—The Rev. Ernest Hobby was introduced to the Conference. He spoke briefly.

Report: Building Committee—The Committee on Church and Parsonage Building and Location read its report, and the report was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 6.)

Partial Report: Auditing Committee—The Auditing Committee read a partial report, and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 7.)

Report: Conference Treasurer—The Conference Treasurer read his report, and by motion the report was accepted. (See Report No. 8.)

Report: Camp Treasurer—The Camp Treasurer read his report and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 9.)

Partial Report: Conference President—A partial report, completing the report, of the Conference President was read and by motion accepted. (See complete Report No. 2.)

Report: Treasurer President's Advisory Board—The report of the Treasurer of the President's Advisory Board was read and accepted by motion. (See Report No. 10.)

Report: Pension Fund Treasurer—The Conference Superannuate Pension Fund Treasurer read his report and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 11.)

Report: President's Assistant—A partial report, covering a financial statement and completing his report, was made by the President's Assistant. The report was accepted by motion. (See complete Report No. 3.)

Courtesies—The Rev. Martin Cox, Public Relations Man for Miltonvale Wesleyan College was introduced and spoke briefly. Then quartet members from the same institution were introduced: Paul Britton, Pat Ryan, Mike Ryan, William Butcher, Dick Ernst. A number, "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" was sung by the quartet.

Courtesies—Earl Olson, who is joining the Conference was introduced and spoke briefly.

Testimony—The President mentioned the work that had been done in supervising the building of Rest Rooms on the grounds by Rev. H. J. Van Vliet, then he asked for a testimony from Brother Van Vliet.

Report: W.M.S. President—A brief report was brought to the Conference body by the President of the Woman's Missionary Society regarding funds raised by that organization and by the Young Missionary Worker's Band.

Motion—Motion prevailed that the Conference Trustees set a value on the grounds and buildings of the Campgrounds, and that such evaluation be brought in for inclusion in this year's minutes.

Adjourned by motion.

Friday Morning, June 5th, 1953

Devotionals—The devotional period was conducted by the Rev. Harold Griffin, pastor at Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

Roll Call—Forty-three ministers and thirty lay delegates responded to the roll call.

Motion to Seat Delegate—By motion O. Theo. Beckman was seated as the delegate from the Strool Church.

Courtesies—Wesley McIntyre, pastor at the new Church at Harlowton, Montana, and Eugene Stanislaus, pastor at Missoula, Montana, were introduced to the Conference, and each one spoke briefly.

Tellers Appointed—The following men were appointed tellers by the President: Thomas Bailie, Lee Goodell, Bonnie Veeder, Andrew Wilson.

Election: Conference Officers—The election for Conference officers resulted as follows:

President—J. F. Simpson

Vice President—John J. Hunter

Secretary—Marvin E. Jones

Treasurer—S. J. McIntyre

Trustee (term to expire 1956)—J. E. Spry

Quarterly Conference Evangelist and Assistant to the President—
S. J. McIntyre

Partial Report: Nominating Committee—The Committee on Nomina-

tions read a report on Standing Committees. (See Report No. 12.)

Nominations to Advisory Board—The President nominated L. D. Harris, and O. Theo. Beckman as members of the President's Advisory Board and they were elected.

Report on Vote on Change in Articles of Religion—A report of churches voting on the Change in Articles of Religion was read. (See Report No. 13.)

Report: Treasurer Ministerial Benefit Fund—The treasurer of the Ministerial Benefit Fund read his report and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 14.)

Courtesies—Paul Faulkenberry, from Marion College, was introduced to the Conference and spoke briefly.

Partial Report: Itineracy and Orders—A partial report of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders was read, and by motion accepted. (See complete Report No. 15.)

Motion—Motion was made that we grant any local Church who holds property the right to lease lands, as far as Conference authority in the matter goes.

Motion to Refer—Motion prevailed that the above motion be referred to a special Committee of three members for proper phrasing.

Election—The following were elected to the above mentioned special committee: Conference President, R. D. Reisdorph, Thomas Bailie.

Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

Saturday Morning, June 6th, 1953

Devotionals—The Rev. W. J. Leyh, pastor at Hyron, South Dakota, led in the devotional period.

Roll Call—The roll call was made to which thirty-four ministers and twenty lay delegates responded.

Minutes were read and approved as read.

Motion—Motion prevailed that 450 copies of the Minutes be printed at our Publishing House, provided that we can have delivery of same within forty-five days of submitting of copy. Amended to read 500 copies.

Partial Report: Auditing Committee—The Auditing Committee gave a partial report, completing their former report. (See complete Report No. 7.)

Report: Treasurer Beckman Board—The Treasurer of the Beckman Board read his report and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 16.)

Motion—A motion was made that we give a rising vote of thanks to Brother O. Theo. Beckman for his fine report and for the work involved in keeping the books for the Beckman Board.

The Conference President turned the chairmanship over to the Vice

President, who in turn asked our denominational representative, Dr. R. D. Reisdorph, to preside.

Report—The Committee on Passage of Character read its report and the report was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 17.)

Report: Committee on Resolutions—The Committee on Resolutions read a report, and it was referred back to the Committee by motion. (See Report No. 18.)

Report: Statistical Committee—The Statistical Committee read the report on Statistics and by motion the report was accepted. (See Statistical tables.)

Report: General Evangelist's Labors—A report of Evangelist's Labors was read by the Chairman of the Statistical Committee, and the report was accepted on motion. (See Report No. 19.)

Election—A memorial was received and accepted by the Conference from the Aberdeen Prayer District asking that we have a Conference Prayer Secretary. Elected to this position was the Rev. A. L. Cretsinger.

Motion—That expenses involved in the promoting of the above office be raised by offerings taken at Prayer Conferences in the Conference.

Report: Appraisal—The Trustees brought in a report of valuation for Campgrounds and buildings. Motion prevailed to refer the report back to the Committee for further study.

Partial Report: Itinerary and Orders—A report was read by the Committee on Itinerary and Orders completing the report of said Committee. The report was accepted by motion. (See complete Report of Committees.)

Motion—Motion prevailed that the President and the President's Assistant work out the details of a slate for the Assistant with pastors involved as they see fit.

Courtesies—The Rev. H. K. Sheets, General Secretary of the Wesleyan Young People's Society, was introduced and he told something about the trip he is to make this summer to the Orient in the interests of the men in service.

Brother and Sister Daniel McCandless were introduced to the Conference.

Report: Resolutions Committee—The Committee on Resolutions read a corrected report and it was adopted by motion. (See Report No. 13.)

Adjourned for committee work.

Monday Morning, June 8, 1953

Called to Order—Conference was called to order by the President.

Report—The Special Committee on leasing of properties for oil leases read a report. The report was amended by motion, and then accepted as amended. (See Report No. 20.)

Motion—By a member of the Board of Trustees a motion was made that the valuation of Campgrounds and Buildings be set at \$85,000.00. The motion prevailed.

Report—The Conference President made a report on purchase of property in Rapid City for an Indian cemetery. First purchase for this purpose, is being divided by a super-highway, so a grant in a different location for a cemetery is now being acquired.

Motion—Motion prevailed that we assume costs involved in purchase, deeds, abstracts for 20 acres of land in Rapid City, above mentioned, and that we reimburse Rev. J. F. Simpson for any personal money advanced in the purchase.

Election—Rev. Darrell Wagner was elected a member of the Conference Sunday School Board.

Report—A report was read by the Conference Prayer Secretary, and by motion the report was referred back so that he might harmonize this prayer program with that of the Woman's Missionary Society—then word is to be sent to the pastors regarding the program.

Report: Special Committee—A report was read from a special committee consisting of the Judiciary Committee and the Conference Officers containing a recommendation. (See Report No. 21.)

Report: Committee on Passage of Character—The Committee on Passage of Character read a report pertaining to men on the Conference Roll who are not stationed as pastors. (See Report No. 22.)

Motion: Statistical Reports—Motion prevailed that pastors be requested to mail their completed Statistical Reports to the Conference Statistical Committee Chairman by May 15th.

Motion: Committee to be Elected—Motion prevailed that a committee of three be elected to help in screening and choosing books to be sold on the Bookstand. The following were elected to said committee: Clyde McCone, Robert Bateman, John Hunter.

Motion—Motion prevailed that an earlier date be set for the meeting of the Missionary Board during our next Conference.

Motion—Motion passed that whenever money is paid by the Conference for rent, and whenever such rental money is used for the purchase of a parsonage, that said parsonage be deeded to the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, Dakota Conference. This to become a Standing Rule.

Report: Pastoral Relations—The Committee on Pastoral Relations read its report and by motion the report was accepted. (See Report No. 23.)

Report: Missionary Board—A report was read by the Conference Missionary Board, containing an item for the Standing Rules as part of the report. The report was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 24.)

Motion—Motion prevailed that the above report be clarified in regard

to the item having to do with an appropriation for the Watertown Church, adding these words to the report: "That interest involved in a loan to be secured by the local Church be assumed by the Conference."

Motion: Amend Standing Rules—Motion prevailed that the following amendment be made in the Standing Rules: Pioneer Pastor's Fund, paragraph 2, page 47 of 1952 Minutes, the following words to be struck out "of salary received on charge," and these words be substituted: "A statement of monies received from the charge and from secular work be made by the pastor, said statement to be sent to the Conference Treasurer. The Conference Treasurer on receipt of said statement shall send a check to make up any deficit."

Motion: Rental for Pioneer Pastor—Motion prevailed that some Treasurer of some Conference Fund be committed to pay \$40.00 per month toward the rent of the Pioneer Pastor.

Motion: Group Insurance—Motion carried that a Committee of the following two, Thomas Bailie and Marvin Jones, be instructed to continue study of the matter of Group Insurance for our ministers.

Minutes Read—Minutes for last sessions, including current one, were read, and after certain corrections were approved.

Motion prevailed that we adjourn to call of Chair.

Reports of Committees

Report No. 1

We, your committee on Nominations, submit the following report:

Pastoral Relations Committee: Conference President, Emil Hansen, W. J. Leyh, Dallas Wadsworth, Mrs. Don Klingensmith, H. H. Franklin, David Robertson

Passage of Character: Conference President, L. D. Harris, Claude Bandy

Auditing Committee: Henry Dufloth, Walter Simpson, Dave Robertson, Ila Ham

Committee on Railroad Expense: Dean Watson, Harold Griffin

Committee on Resolutions: A. L. Cretsinger, Ben Larson, Thomas Edwards

Conference Reporters: Marvin E. Jones, J. F. Simpson

Statistical Committee: R. J. Sausoman, Darrell Wagner, Velma Hughes, Delores Pudwil

Committee on Courtesies: H. W. Cretsinger, Walter E. Cook

Committee: John J. Hunter,
Marvin E. Jones,
W. J. Leyh,
Max Hansen,
H. H. Franklin

Report No. 2

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Conference President is keenly conscious of his weakness, his limitations and some mistakes during his years of official work but he is thankful for the patience and cooperation of the pastors and layman as we have labored together to advance God's cause in the Conference.

We are thankful for the fine band of young men and women whom God has sent to us to help push the battle. The future is bright if we remain spirit energized. We are also deeply grateful for the men and women who have stood by and borne the burden in the heat of the day for twenty-five or thirty years. Their number is getting smaller but in the day of God they will have their reward for much of the victory that will be won in Dakota Conference.

These who hold seniority in our Conference in years of service rendered are, Rev. L. D. Harris, Rev. A. M. Wiley, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Leyh, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Baillie, Rev. Arthur Reisdorph, Rev. and Mrs.

Rufus Reisdorph, Mrs. Frank Traver, Rev. J. E. Spry, Mrs. Laura Raymer, Rev. S. J. McIntyre. Without them the Conference would have been short of a staff of workers to carry on in those hard days. Esteem them very highly in love for their works sake, and hold such in reputation because for the work of Christ they have not regarded their lives.

We are also keenly conscious of and appreciative for the fine band of laymen who have stood by during this time and have helped to carry the financial load as well as the spiritual phase of the Conference and Camp; their number is getting smaller year by year as they are being called home, however, God is raising up others to take their place and share their vision and concern.

Year by year God is placing on the hearts of different layman to donate a beef to the Conference and Camp, which is deeply appreciated and God is making a record of this love service. This year Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lerew of Ashton, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Beckman of Strool have each made such a donation to Camp. We say thank you and may the Lord reward you.

We give praise to God for the ground that has been gained in the Conference but it seems that it should have been more.

God has placed a love in the heart of your leader for the souls of men and the advancement of the Conference work, so that it has been a JOY to give the work of the Lord in the Conference FIRST PLACE; so that it is ahead of his comfort and the comfort of his family, ahead of his financial interest, ahead of his health interest, ahead of every earthy interest. He can say with the apostle, "I have coveted no man's silver or gold," as offers have been made him which surpassed the remuneration he was receiving, but these things had no attraction. The will of God surpassed all earthly values.

One of the prayer burdens and ideals your President has had for years, has been the desire to help lift the burden of rent from every pastor where there is no parsonage by helping to purchase a suitable modern parsonage. By God's help, and the cooperation of those involved, the ideal has almost been reached, as there are very few of the churches without a parsonage today. For which we all should say, "Praise the Lord." For almost twenty years the Lord has enabled your Conference President not to be chargeable to the Conference for his rent. Sometimes it has involved heavy indebtedness on him but God has provided and will provide. In these years three properties have been built or bought as a parsonage home at his own expense, namely, Houghton, S. D. and Ipswich, S. D. and Rapid City, S. D. two of them have been sold in order better to serve the Conference interests by moving to a point where the need seemed the greatest. The present parsonage was erected in the summer of 1952 on contract bid and financed personally by a bank loan.

Probably the Conference President should say in the language of Paul "Forgive me this harm." However the day is coming in which the Conference should have in their planning a parsonage for the President.

Some day all of us will stand before the judge of all the earth to give an account of our stewardship, whether we be layman, pastor, or Conference President. Each one will have to give an account of himself to God. If we have failed God or His cause and betrayed the trust given us, it will be too late then to make amends. Let us labor while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to see and develop the potential God has placed in our reach, as stewards of God's Treasury.

The question has been asked many times by many people, does Pioneer effort pay? We wish to submit a partial report of Pioneer efforts for the past 13 years.

During this time 30 church properties and 21 parsonages have been built or bought, the value as listed in the Conference Minutes is \$448 700. Two of these churches have been closed and sold and one parsonage, leaving a net gain in Pioneer churches in 13 years of 28, and 20 parsonages, a total of 48 properties, an average of more than three a year for thirteen years. In this time the Sunday school has been more than doubled by the addition of the pioneer churches. The Church membership gained by the addition of these churches is over 400.

These new churches, as above mentioned, contributed in 1951-52 Conference year \$3,897.00 on General Budget; \$6,992.00 on Conference Budget; making a total raised in the one year about \$11,000. for budget items. The receipts from the crop and Beckman Estate, last year added to the \$11,000 raised on Pioneer fields for budget would make the total of over \$30,000. raised in 1951-52 from Pioneer fields for Conference and General budget. The salary for pastor and local church expense is not added to this list.

The property received from Willie E. Beckman by deed and will is the product of pioneer effort. The value of this property added to the value of the 30 new churches and 20 parsonages, secured in the past 13 years makes a total of over \$800,000. added to the Dakota Conference by pioneer effort. Does pioneering pay?

J. F. Simpson

Official Business

June 17-20, 1952—Attended the meeting of the Board of Administration in Syracuse, New York.

July, 1952—Assisted in the erection or completion of the Sundance church.

August 8, 1952—Dedicated the Sundance Church.

September, 1952—Assisted in the dedication of the Redfield Church.

October, 1952—Dedicated the Pierre Church.

November 19-20 1952—Attended a special Called Meeting of the Commission of Home Missions in Dayton, Ohio.

Attended three special called meetings of the Committee on Church and Parsonage Building and Location, namely, Watertown, S. D., Aberdeen, S. D., Harlowton, Montana.

Transferred Rev. George Robbins, Jr. to the Kansas Conference.

Attended various meetings of the Conference Advisory Board.

Conducted five conferences for pastors and their wives, namely, Sturgis, Rapid City, Artesian, Aberdeen, Miles City. The pastors co-operated almost 100%.

It has been necessary for me to spend two or three days a week in the office to take care of the legal, administrative and clerical work.

Assisted in the erection and supervision of the Camp Building on the Campground.

Have sent out 3,000 pieces of mail for the conference 1952-53.

May 5-7 attended the Leaders Conference at Miltonvale, Kansas, which included the General officials of the Church and Conference Presidents.

Conducted one revival.

Organized a Church at Tolstoy, S. D. May 18, 1953.

I have visited each Church, or charge once and several of them twice, and conducted services and business meetings, except two, and they were visited by the Conference President's Assistant, and were given time for him to hold evangelistic services for them several days.

Conducted Annual Business Meetings in 18 churches, which was an extra visitation to said churches.

The Lord has given strength for these many duties, for which I humbly give praise to God.

It has been one of my duties to arrange the itinerary for the year for the Assistant to the President.

J. F. Simpson

President's Financial Report

Salary received from Conference.....	\$3,185.00	
Salary received from Churches	500.60	
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Total.....		3,685.60
Expense received from Conference.....	1,145.39	
Expense received from back deficit	164.39	
		J. F. Simpson

Report No. 3**SECRETARY FOR PROMOTION OF WESLEYAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Your Secretary for Promotion of Wesleyan Men's Fellowship submits the following report:

In September, 1952, a letter was sent to all Pastors, asking for a report from all churches having a W.M.F., and suggesting that such an organization be formed, if not already existing. No report was received except from Aberdeen charge, so we concluded that there were no other organizations in the Conference.

Marvin E. Jones, Secretary

Report No. 4**QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELIST AND ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT****Item I Labors:**

2 months as pastor of Billings Church

1. Time Employed—11 months

2. Revivals held:

(1) In local Conference—14

(2) Quarterly Meetings held—12

(3) Other Services held—87

(4) Communion Services—8

(5) Number Forward—114

Item II Receipts:

Salary	\$1840.62
Offerings	1099.38
Total	<u>\$2940.00</u>

Salary, Billings Church	450.00
Total Salary	<u>\$3390.00</u>

Other Income:

Marriage and Funeral fees	\$30.00
Gifts	40.92
Total	<u>\$70.92</u>

Grand Total	<u>3460.92</u>
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Received on Rent	440.00
Total Receipts	3900.92
Travelling Expense	440.25
S. J. McIntyre	

Report No. 5

RAILROAD EXPENSE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Railroad Expense, have agreed on the following:

Four cents a mile one way to Conference. Last year's assessment was \$11.76.

We, the Committee, recommend that the assessment for this year be \$10.50.

Committee: Dean Watson.
Harold Griffin.

Report No. 6

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH AND PARSONAGE BUILDING
AND LOCATION

Business Session at Wesleyan Methodist Church, Watertown, S. D., August 26, 1952—10:00 a. m.

Members present—Rev. J. F. Simpson. Harold Yetter, L. L. Hildebrandt, Rev. John Hunter.

Property of both Church and parsonage were looked over thoroughly by the Committee and were persuaded that an acute need existed for additional space for Sunday school rooms.

After an opening season of prayer the Committee was called to order by Rev. Simpson and several tentative plans for enlargement were discussed. The members of the local building committee were called in, also the pastor, Rev. A. L. Mudgett.

The first plan suggested by the Conference Committee took into consideration the value of the present parsonage quarters and recommended:

1. That the parsonage quarters be moved to another lot for use as a parsonage, or for salable property.
2. That the extension of the present auditorium to within 6 feet of property line on the north.
3. That the construction of a corner tower and entrance with an upstairs classroom on the southeast corner of the auditorium.

In the discussion which followed, this plan was, in the opinion of the local committee, inadequate for their needs. They felt the problem should be approached from the angle of solving the problem of classroom space first, rather than the enlargement of the auditorium.

A second plan was suggested by Brother Simpson which called for the construction of an "L" addition on the east side of the building 30 feet wide and 34 feet long, the south wall of the "L" to be off-set eight feet from the front of the church, and calling for the construction of a vestibule tower at the southeast corner of the present church structure.

Following a discussion of this second proposed plan a report was given by the building committee of the local Church on the construction plan and cost of a basement "L" 38 feet by 34 feet, including two rest rooms, 2 by 12 floor joists on 16 inch centers, subflooring and weather proof covering on top—\$2,345.00.

After lengthy discussions of the pros and cons of the above suggested plans the following motion was passed upon by the Conference Committee: Moved by Hunter, seconded by Hildebrandt that the Committee approve the basement plan submitted by the local committee with the provision that the plans be revised to include an indentation in the front wall, with the understanding that in the matter of finance the committee is approving only the present construction (the basement). plans for further construction to be referred again to the Conference Building Committee. The above motion was passed unanimously.

The local committee gave an expression of their satisfaction with the action taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

HARLOWTON, MONTANA—February 24, 1953

Rev. J. F. Simpson, Harold Yetter and Rev. John J. Hunter, members of the Building Committee, looked over quite thoroughly a Church and parsonage property being offered for sale in the city of Harlowton. The investigation being made in response to a request from a Wesleyan Methodist family who are desirous of having a Wesleyan Methodist Church in the community.

The Church building is a concrete block structure with an auditorium approximately 30 by 45 feet, plus a side room "L" approximately 24 by 14 feet, the auditorium being equipped with pews and the side room with chairs. The basement consisted of two small unfinished rooms in which a new oil furnace and forced air system had recently been installed.

The parsonage property located adjacent to the Church had been converted into a Sunday School Annex building, but could easily be remodeled for parsonage quarters and consisted of four rooms and bath downstairs and two rooms upstairs with an oil heatrola as heating unit.

A price of ten thousand dollars was being asked for the two buildings. As several items of repairs were needed on the buildings, it was decided by the members of the committee present to recommend to the Missionary Board that an offer of eight thousand dollars be made on the property.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes of Conference Building Committee meeting held at Aberdeen, S. D., Tuesday, March 3, 1953.

Members of the Committee present were: Rev. J. F. Simpson, Rev. Bennie Veeder, Harold Yetter, and Rev. John Hunter. Meeting jointly with the Committee were Rev. Marvin E. Jones and Rev. A. L. Mudgett representing the Camp Meeting Board. Mr. Roy Wilhelm of the Spink County Co-operative Lumber Co., representing the contractors, also met with the Committee.

The first item discussed was that of meeting the City requirements for modernizing the Camp. It was unanimously agreed by those present that the site of the old Tabernacle was the most suitable location for the erection of a building to house the rest rooms and wash room. It was further agreed upon that the north end of the concrete slab constituting the floor of the old Tabernacle be covered with approximately 3 inches of new concrete to provide a base for a new building 20 or 24 by 50 feet—rest rooms to be located in each end, with a wash room between them. It was the mind of the committee that the side walls and lean-to roofs of the old Tabernacle could be cut and properly braced and moved on rollers onto the above specified base to constitute the outside structure of the rest rooms building. It was also agreed that a structure approximately the same size as the rest room building be erected on the south end of the old Tabernacle floor to serve as additional dormitory space. The unused portion of the old tabernacle floor would constitute a court approximately 30 feet between the two above described buildings.

The committee next went over the tentative contract on the new tabernacle with Mr. Wilhelm, who suggested changes that would make a considerable saving. Changes passed on included changing the size of single doors from 3 foot doors to a standard size of 2' 8" by 6' 0", at a saving of approximately \$35.00 on the four single doors. A second change passed upon was to change from the use of interlocking asphalt shingles to roll rubberoid applied with metal strips at 18 inch intervals at an estimated saving of about \$300.000. A change in the platform piers was also passed upon at a further saving of approximately \$100.00. It was also requested that lapsiding be used on the front of the building at approximately the same cost.

Mr. Wilhelm agreed to a provision in the contract, granting the Con-

ference the privilege of using donated labor to apply the sheeting on the roof and sidewalls of the new tabernacle with deductions allowed on the contract price according to cost of applying the sheeting by hired labor.

A motion was unanimously carried that further details that might arise be handled by the Conference President.

Meeting adjourned.

John J. Hunter, Committee Secretary

Report No. 7

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited the books of the following treasurers and find them to be correct:

Conference Treasurer, Treasurer of the Advisory Board, Treasurer Ministerial Benefit Fund, Superannuate Pension Fund Treasurer, Camp Meeting Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Beckman Board. We have also audited the financial statements of the Conference President and of the Assistant to the President and find them to be correct.

Committee: H. R. Dufoth,
Walter E. Simpson,
Ila M. Hamm,
E. David Roberson.

Report No. 8

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER

Receipts

Balance Cash on hand June 1, 1952	\$5343.91
Romeo Baronia, Philippine	60.00
Pioneer Pastor's Fund-Emergency Relief	976.55
Refund from a Lost Check	30.00
Pension Fund	644.69
Conf. S. S. Assessment	73.25
Gen. Conf. Del. Fund	152.05
Received from 7½ Fund, One third Pledges	7870.99
Miltonvale College	1326.16
Received, for Harlowton, Mont. Property	500.00
Hunter, Caven, Escrow, Missoula Parsonage	2061.02
Railroad Carefare	420.58
On Sale of Butte Church	320.00
Crop Money	9702.66

Oil lease	16.00	
Home Missions	557.36	
Orphanage	108.98	
Australia	122.98	
Foreign Missions	964.71	
Gen. Conf. S. S. Assessment	168.95	
Gen. Administrative Budget	318.05	
Conference Minutes	343.22	
Sioux Chapel	10.00	
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Total		\$32092.21

Disbursements

Rapid City Church note	\$300.00
Flandreau Church, Sinking Fund	180.00
J. F. Simpson, Salary	3185.00
J. F. Simpson Balance due on back Expense	164.36
J. F. Simpson, Expense	1145.00
Garden City, Parsonage rent	411.87
Romeo Baronia, Philippine	620.00
John Mickley, Sioux Chapel, Salary	900.00
Harold Griffin, Belle Fourche, Salary	800.00
Belle Fourche, Parsonage rent	360.00
John Hunter, Missoula, Salary	125.00
E. Stanislaus, Missoula, Salary	825.00
Missoula Parsonage rent, Paint	452.68
Quarterly Conf. Evangelist, Salary, S. J. McIntyre ..	1840.62
Conference Evangelist, on rent	440.00
Conference Evangelist, Expense	440.25
Free Methodist Conference note	900.00
Ralph M. Kelley, Note	1150.00
Hot Springs Church, on improvements	150.00
Rocky Point, Church, Lumber	476.06
Sundance, Wyo. Church loan	550.00
Sundance, Wyo. Church furnace	228.00
Dean Watson, Pierre-Salary from P. P. Fund	1770.00
Dean Watson, Moving expense	75.00
Dean Watson, Parsonage rent	135.00
Sundance, Wyo. Parsonage rent	390.00
H. Dufloth, Pension Fund, Treas.	644.69
Conference S. S. Sec'y. R. Rossow	18.00
Gen. Conf. Del. Exp. Bal. Due	3.57
On Harlowton, Church and Parsonage	1000.00
Miltonvale College	1326.16

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Chas. D. Haynes, Missoula, loan	642.78
Deficit 1951-1952 Pension money	398.00
Incidental Expense	216.64
Conference Sec'y.	50.00
Railroad fares	419.64
Rawlins, Wm Gale, Salary	720.00
Home Missions	557.36
Orphanage	108.98
Australia	122.98
Foreign Missions	964.71
Gen. Conf. S. S. Budget	168.95
Gen. Administration Budget	318.05
Conf. Treas.	150.00
Fares to Board Meetings (Buildings, etc.)	93.15
Forsyth, Sewer Tax	69.30
Miles City, Church improvements	178.50
Assembly of God, Church, Missoula	1680.00
Leaders Conf.	90.00
Conf. Minutes postage	377.47
Sioux Chapel	10.00
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Total	\$28342.77
Total Receipts	\$32092.21
Total Disbursements	28342.77
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Balance in Funds, June 1, 1953	\$3749.44

PIONEER PASTORS' FUND AND EMERGENCY RELIEF

Balance on hand June 1, 1952	\$604.59
Receipts	976.55
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Total Receipts	\$1581.14
Disbursements	\$1770.00
No Balance	

ROMEO BARONIA FUND

Balance on Hand June 1, 1952	\$218.86
Receipts	60.00
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Total Receipts	\$278.86
Disbursements	\$620.00
No Balance	

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND

Balance on hand June 1, 1952	\$348.68	
Received, Pension money	644.69	
Total Receipts		\$933.37
Disbursements		644.69
Balance on hand June 1, 1953		<u>\$348.68</u>

CONFERENCE S. S. FUND

Balance on hand June 1, 1952	\$241.65	
Receipts	73.25	
Total Receipts		\$314.90
Disbursements		18.00
Balance on hand June 1, 1953		<u>\$296.90</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE EXPENSE FUND

Balance on hand June 1, 1952	\$144.81	
Receipts	152.05	
Total Receipts		\$296.86
Disbursements		3.57
Balance on hand June 1, 1953		<u>\$293.29</u>
Pension Fund Balance	\$348.68	
Conf. S. S. Fund Balance	296.90	
Gen. Conf. Del. Exp. Fund	293.29	
Balance in (3) Funds		\$938.87
Balance in Conf. Treas.		2810.57
Balance in full		<u>\$3749.44</u>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS OF SUPERANNUATED
MINISTERS' FUND**

Loan No. 1 to Conf.—	\$289.49
Loan No. 2 to Conf.—	249.39
Loan No. 3 to Conf.—	348.68
Total Assets	<u>—\$887.56</u>

S. J. McIntyre, Conf. Treas.

Report No. 9

CAMP MEETING

Receipts

Balance on hand at beginning of year.....	\$ 174.24
Pledges and gifts	5608.96
Tabernacle offerings	1575.03
Dining hall registration and meals.....	823.31
Surplus food sold	124.52
Snack room profit	35.00
Phone calls	37.87
Elm St. Water Assoc.	288.09
Total Receipts	\$8667.02

Disbursements

Northwestern Public Service Co.....	\$ 54.43
Bell Telephone Co.	275.31
City water	18.00
Groceries for Camp	720.36
Co-op for peas sold to Camp attendants.....	134.40
Cooking utensils	20.00
Bed, springs, mattress	37.50
Espe printing	38.35
Building and repairs	4372.24
Hospital and Dr. bill for Mrs. Van Vliet.....	89.00
Evangelistic help	695.00
Kitchen and other help	312.50
Work on buildings.....	373.52
Refrigeration	24.00
Travel expense	137.42
Bank Charges	2.45
Insurance	360.00
Stamps and envelopes	17.25
Propane gas	40.85
Sunflower add	9.00
Total disbursements	\$7731.58

Cash balance	\$ 935.44
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R. L. Rossow,
Camp Meeting Treasurer

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Report No. 10

TREASURER OF PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY BOARD

Amount in bank May 15, 1952	\$ 379.02
Received from Beckman farm	3,805.00
Received from oil lease	60.00

Total Receipts	\$4,244.02
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Disbursements

Rev. Ralph Frazier (Moving expense and salary)	\$ 335.00
Rev. Lee Goodell (salary)	460.00
Rev. R. M. Kelly (salary and fuel)	800.00
Rev. Lester Bennett (House rent, refund on building material)	480.00
Rev. Dean Watson (house rent)	150.00
Rev. A. J. House (salary)	100.00
Bear Butte Bank (furnaces at Pierre and Sundance) ..	1200.00
Bear Butte Bank (improvements Pierre, Sundance) ..	560.00
Holmgren Printing Co. (Forward Movement)	102.59
Rev. J. F. Simpson (postage on Forward Movement) ..	17.22
Total disbursed	\$4,204.81

Cash in bank, May 15, 1953.....	39.21
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\$4,244.02

J. E. Spry, Treasurer

Report No. 11

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATE PENSION PLAN TREASURER
DAKOTA CONFERENCE ENDING APRIL 30, 1953

Pastors Income Assessment		Church	Budget	Mem.	Due	Bal. Due
Lester Buckman	\$45.49	Aberdeen, S. D. ...	\$12.00	74	\$111.00	\$99.00
Thomas Bailie	47.66	Flandreau, S. D. ..	12.00	8	12.00	
Ralph Howard	15.27	Johnson Corners ..	67.50	47	70.50	3.00
W. O. Howard	23.51	Avon, S. D.	57.00	38	57.00	
L. D. Harris	12.90	Rapid City	36.00	27	40.50	4.50
W. J. Leyh	42.60	Watertown	88.50	59	88.50	
J. F. Simpson	27.26	Houghton	31.50	21	31.50	
Ellis Sollie	21.79	Ipswich	48.50	33	49.50	1.00
S. J. McIntyre	7.78	Conner	15.00	10	15.00	
Lester Meyers	28.40	Brentford	19.70	13	19.50	
A. L. Mudgett	33.91	Bushnell	18.00	12	18.00	
A. M. Wiley	15.40	Deadwood	33.00	22	33.00	
B. I. Griffin	36.00	Hot Springs	37.50	25	37.50	

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A. L. Cretsinger	25.72	Mount Vernon	15.00	13	19.50	4.50
		Missoula, Mont.	4.50	11	16.50	12.00
	\$383.69	Baker, Mont.	69.00	46	69.00	
		Almont, N. D.	33.00	22	33.00	
		Ridge, Mont.	18.00	14	21.00	7.00
		Knob, Mont.	6.00	9	13.50	7.50
		Richland	81.00	54	81.00	
		Medicine Rock	13.50	9	13.50	
		Belle Fourche	5.00			
		Mitchell	132.00	88	132.00	
			\$853.26			
Total Amount received on Church Budget			\$853.26			
Amount received from Conference on last year's deficit			398.00			
Total amount received pastors' assessment			383.69			
Remitted July 24, 1952 to David A. Rees					\$398.00	
Remitted Oct. 7, 1952 to David A. Rees					141.47	
Remitted Jan. 6, 1953 to David A. Rees					20.00	
Remitted Feb. 13, 1953 to David A. Rees					417.26	
Remitted May 30, 1953 to David A. Rees					658.22	
			\$1,634.95		\$1,634.95	
Dakota Conference church members 1202 at \$1.50 per member						\$1,803.00
Paid membership						853.26
Deficit payments						\$ 949.74

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. Dufloth,

Superannuate Pension Plan Treasurer.

Report No. 12

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ON STANDING COMMITTEES

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following list of nominations:

Camp Meeting Board—Conference President, Conference W.M.S., President Conference W.Y.P.S. President, Pastor of Aberdeen Church, L. L. Hildebrandt, Irvin Bailey, Max Hansen

Auditing Committee Chairman—H. R. Dufloth

Conference Program Committee—Conference President, Conference W.M.S. President, Pastor of Aberdeen Church

Conference Missionary Board: Conference President, W.M.S. President, Conference Treasurer, H. W. Cretsinger, O. Theo. Beckman, H. H. Franklin, E. David Robertson, R. E. Jaquith

Committee on Itineracy and Orders—Term to expire 1957—H. W. Cretsinger

Judiciary Committee—L. D. Harris, W. J. Leyh, Thomas Bailie

Sunday School Board—Conference Sunday School Secretary, Claude Bandy, Darrell Wagner

Conference Board of Church and Parsonage Building and Location—Conference President, John J. Hunter, J. E. Alexander, L. D. Harris, L. W. Petersen

Vacancies Committee—A. L. Mudgett, Richard Rossow, R. J. Sausoman, Rudolph Geist, Dan Palmer

Committee on Evangelism—A. L. Cretsinger, Quarterly Conference Evangelist, Marvin E. Jones, Conference Sunday School Secretary

Committee on Superannuate Ministers' Aid—Quarterly Conference Evangelist, Conference Secretary, Treasurer of Superannuate Pension Fund

Chairman of Statistical Committee—R. J. Sausoman

Chairman Railroad Expense Committee—Dean Watson

Committee on Resolutions—A. L. Cretsinger

Representative to S. D. Temperance League—W. J. Leyh

Conference Temperance Secretary—W. J. Leyh

Conference Sunday School Secretary—Lester Buokman

Treasurer Ministerial Benefit Fund—Thomas Bailie

Conference Tithing Secretary—Clyde McCone

Transportation Secretary—J. F. Simpson

Conference Educational Secretary—Marvin E. Jones

Conference Superannuate Pension Fund Treasurers—H. R. Duflloth

Secretary for Promotion of Wesleyan Men's Fellowship—Marvin E. Jones

Card Call Secretary—R. J. Sausoman

Report No. 13

REPORT ON VOTE TO CHANGE ARTICLES OF RELIGION.

Churches reporting on Vote to Change Articles of Religion:

Aberdeen	unanimously in favor
Artesian	" " "
Rapid City	22 for, 2 against
Ipswich	unanimously in favor
Garden City	" " "
Redfield	" " "
Flandreau	" " "
Houghton	" " "
Watford City	" " "
Brentford	" " "
Medicine Rocks	" " "
Watertown	" " "
Deadwood	" " "
Mitchell	" " "
Huron	" " "
Avon	" " "
Hot Springs	" " "
Bushnell	" " "

Mobridge	"	"	"
Johnson Corners	"	"	"
Mission	"	"	"

Twenty-one churches reported.

Marvin E. Jones, Conference Secretary

Report No. 14

TREASURER MINISTERIAL BENEFIT FUND

Receipts

Cash on hand, June 1, 1952	\$37.27	
Received on Mortuary assessment	64.20	
Received on First Assessment	93.20	
Received on Second assessment	111.50	
Received on Third assessment	125.35	
Received on Fourth assessment	107.83	
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Total Receipts		\$539.35

Disbursements

W. O. Howard	\$90.00	
Ralph Howard	50.00	
Mrs. L. Raymer	12.00	
W. E. Moulton	50.00	
W. O. Howard (balance)	10.00	
Postage and supplies	9.63	
Banking	6.25	
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Total Disbursements		\$227.88
Balance on hand June 1, 1953		311.47
Total Receipts to June 1, 1953		\$539.35

Thomas Bailie, Secretary-Treasurer

Report No. 15

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders submits the following report:

We recommend that the licenses of Elvie Turner, Isla Knight, Jas. Bleine, Paul Steward, Paul Davidson, Lee Goodell, Dean Watson, Darrell Wagner, and Wilbur Drown be renewed.

We recommend that Wesley McIntyre having completed his course of study have his license renewed.

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We recommend that Justus Strimple be returned to his Quarterly Conference.

We recommend that Mr. and Mrs. Alvin House be placed on the inactive list.

We recommend that Andrew Gerleman be placed in the first year of study and granted a license to preach.

We recommend that Glen Wessel be granted a license to preach.

We recommend that Earl Olson be placed in the second year of study and license be granted.

We recommend that Godfrey Brokenrope be advanced to the second year of study and his license be renewed.

We recommend that W. E. Moulton and Mrs. W. E. Moulton be continued in second year of study and their license be renewed.

We recommend that Mae Palmer and Gene Cowing be placed in the third year of study and licenses be granted.

We recommend that Allen Gisselbeck, Howard Boyle, Wilbert Becker be continued in the third year of study and licenses renewed.

We recommend that Daniel McCandless and Richard Follette be placed in the fourth year of study and licenses to preach be granted.

We recommend that Lester Bennett and Henry Vanderbush be advanced to the fourth year of study and licenses be renewed.

We recommend that Andrew Wilson, Ralph Frazier, Harold Griffin, Eugene Stanislaus, Ralph Howard and Evelyn Chapman Gisselbeck be continued in the fourth year of study and licenses renewed.

Committee: Lester Buckman,
John J. Hunter,
Walter Simpson,
H. W. Cretsinger,
Dan Palmer,
Max Hansen,
Fred Nultemeier.

We recommend that Wesley Sime, having completed his course of Study, be granted a license to preach.

Report No. 16

TREASURER OF BECKMAN BOARD

Balance Sheet ending April 30, 1953

Cash on hand May 1, 1953 in First National Bank	\$1220.33
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Receipts

Grain sold	\$7800.00
Rentals grazing	97.00

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Rentals, oil	4040.00
Lemmon Equity shares	78.64
Sales of livestock	10624.97
Notes, First National Bank	6500.00
Other loans	570.61
Part payment on pews	302.87

Total Receipts	\$30014.65
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Grand Total	\$31234.98
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Disbursements

Grain (Seed and feed)	\$803.25
Wages	6125.00
Leases and Taxes	969.96
Hay and Livestock	600.05
Combining, Hauling, Spraying	1726.00
Dakota Conference, various fields	6420.00
Buildings, fencing, machinery	3297.12
Interest, Insurance, etc.	291.05
Miscellaneous	1021.32
Paid on First National Notes	7500.00
Paid on other loans	570.61
Uncashed checks	302.87

Total Disbursed	\$29628.19
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Balance on hand	1606.79
Two checks, outstanding and paid this year	717.83
Net balance, corresponds with April 30, 1953	

Bank statement	888.91
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Notes Payable

Outstanding May 1, 1952	3500.00
Borrowed during year	6500.00

Total	\$10000.00
Paid on notes during year	7500.00
Outstanding April 30, 1953	\$2500.00

O. Theo. Beckman, Treasurer

Report No. 17

COMMITTEE ON PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

We, the Committee, wish to report we have examined all pastor's reports and find them satisfactory.

Committee: J. F. Simpson,
L. D. Harris,
Claude Bandy.

Report No. 18

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

As we approach the end of the Conference year, we make a retrospect of the past, and in humble gratitude give thanks to Almighty GOD for the blessings and benefits which have been ours. We say with the psalmist, "O give thanks unto the LORD for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever" Psalm 136: 1; also, "The LORD hath been mindful of us." Psalm 115: 12.

To insure success in our efforts to make Christ known to all the world as the Saviour of mankind, it is necessary that we make greater room in all our activities for the Holy Spirit.

We would recommend to our constituency, to spend the best hour of each day in prayer: to be a greater Bible reading and Bible loving Christian: to be more loyal to the person and to the teachings of the Christ, and to give themselves to the God given task of building Christ's Kingdom, in soul winning and witnessing for him.

Daniel 12: 3 reads, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

The Word of God has not changed to suit the fashionable tendencies of the age, but ever remains the same. God has said, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" I John 2: 15. The Christian can find no pleasure in the world, and desires to keep separated from it. We recommend, that the members of the Church of Christ, do not support with their presence nor means, the many world programs and the modern and false religions which conspire against the work and worship of GOD, and tend to keep men from the House of the LORD. Spiritually fitting it is, to refrain from reading those books, and singing those songs, attending those places, and having associations that do not stimulate to that knowledge and love for GOD.

Be it resolved also, that we do hereby declare and reaffirm our faith and adherence to those doctrines and standards that have been held as

fundamental in the Word of GOD, and as have been epitomized and written in the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline: also to pray for our leaders and to use every influence to strengthen the structure of the Church of God.

We express our sincere appreciation to the following Railway Companies: The Chicago and North Western: the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and Pacific: the Great Northern, and the Northern Pacific Lines, for special rates and passes granted to those traveling on Conference business.

We express our appreciation to Miss Marie Brannon, and to Sister Viola Leyh, who have handled the office of Registration with grace and dignity.

To Rev. S. J. McIntyre, to Mrs. Lillian Griffith, Mrs. Dora Kilzer, Rev. Lester Buckman, Rev. Eugene Stanislaus, and all others who have helped, or who have contributed in any way to the dining hall or kitchen we say thank you.

To those of our Conference who have suffered bereavement, sorrow or loss we extend to them our deepest sympathy, and pray that GOD will comfort their hearts, and give to them good hope through grace.

To Rev. A. L. Mudgett, the Conference gives thanks for the use of his Public Address System, and in advertising: also to Rev. M. Jones and to those of our number who are preaching the gospel by radio and who in any way helped to advertise special meetings during the year, as well as the Conference and Camp Meeting. We thank God, and Rev. Robert Bateman for the excellent sign he has so kindly given to the Camp Meeting. May the Lord return to him much reward.

To our Conference President and Pastors, and to all others who have helped to dismantle the old Tabernacle, and in building the new structures we give thanks.

To Brother Theodore Beckman who has submitted his Annual Financial Report to the Conference, we are grateful.

To the Miltonvale Wesleyan College and her representatives who have so ably presented the subject of Christ Education, we are grateful to the Lord and to them for having met with us. We pledge to this great branch of the Church of Christ, our full allegiance, in giving of our students, our means and support—and our prayers.

To Rev. Thomas Bailie and his helpers who placed the electrical wiring in the Conference Tabernacle and buildings, we say, the Lord return to you this kindness.

We thank also Brother and Sister H. J. Van Vliet, and Rev. and Mrs. George Warriner, and all others who have had a special part in the carpenter work.

To Rev. and Mrs. Richard Rossow and to the Sturgis Church in bringing the Memorial Electric Organ for its use in the religious services, we give thanks unto God and to them.

We wish to express gratitude to GOD for our Conference President, Rev. J. F. Simpson, and for all of our Conference officials, in their sacrifices and labors of love.

While the forces of evil are boldly violating civil laws, also those governing liquor, tobacco, and other social evils, be it resolved that we use our influence in every manner to combat; also to cooperate with all legitimate forces in resisting and destroying the same.

We are thankful to the Lord for sending to us our Denominational Representative, Dr. R. D. Reisdorph, who pointed out in the denominational address, the present need of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit upon the Church, having and possessing the power of the Spirit within every life. He also represented different branches of the Church.

We are thankful to God and to Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, denominational Woman's Missionary Society President, who ably presented to a large audience the Missionary Message, and spoke of the work of God and the power of the Word on some of the different mission fields.

For Rev. H. K. Sheets, denominational Wesleyan Young People's Society President, and for Rev. Martin Cox, Field Representative for Miltonvale Wesleyan College in our midst, and their contribution to the work of the Lord in our Conference, we give thanks.

Most of all, for the New Testament spirit of unity in the Conference among the brethren, we are grateful to our Heavenly Father.

Finally, be it resolved that we give ourselves to the God-given task of EVANGELIZING and PLANTING WESLEYAN METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS and CHURCHES over our large unreached Conference area, and to the SPREADING of BIBLE HOLINESS over these lands.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee: A. L. Cretsinger,
Ben Larson,
Thomas H. Edwards.

Report No.19

EVANGELIST'S LABORS

Item I Labors:

Abraham Becker, 12—months time employed

John Winterberg, 12—months time employed

Total time employed—24 months

Revivals held:

Abraham Becker—22

John Winterberg—18

Total revivals held—40

In Local Conference:

Abraham Becker—6

John Winterberg—3

Total in Conference—9

In Other Conferences:

Abraham Becker—2

John Winterberg—9

Total in other Conferences—11

In Other Denominations:

Abraham Becker—2

John Winterberg—2

Total in Other Denominations—4

Other Services Held:

Abraham Becker—12

John Winterberg—4

Total Other Services—16

Item II Receipts

Offerings and Salary:

Abraham Becker 1,324.65

John Winterberg 1,584.00

Total Offerings and Salaries 2,908.65

Marriage and Funeral Fees:

Abraham Becker.....

John Winterberg 20.00

Total Marriage and Funeral Fees 20.00

Gifts:

Abraham Becker 245.00

John Winterberg

Total in Gifts 245.00

Traveling Expenses:

Abraham Becker 270.00

John Winterberg

Total Traveling Expenses 270.00

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Total Evangelists' Receipts:

Abraham Becker	1,299.65
John Winterberg	1,604.00
Grand Total Receipts (Net)	2,903.65

Report No. 20

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LEASING PROPERTIES

This Committee recommends that:

Authority be granted the Johnson Corners Wesleyan Methodist Church, Watford City, North Dakota, to give a non-developing lease to ground owned by said Church for oil and minerals.

Authority is also granted other local Church Trustees in the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church to lease their holdings for oil and minerals, providing that where cemeteries or Church buildings are involved the lease be non-developing.

Committee: J. F. Simpson
Thomas Bailie
Rufus Reisdorph

Report No. 21

SPECIAL OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND CONFERENCE OFFICERS

The Conference Officers and the Judiciary Committee, constituting the personnel of an appointed Committee to study the questions involved in the passage of character for Charles Fisher, a Conference Elder, have studied the questions involved and have interviewed the Elder and other individuals, and in consideration of certain acknowledgements, and definite and satisfactory adjustments having been made, it is the recommendation of the Committee that the character of Rev. Charles Fisher be passed.

Committee: John J. Hunter, Chairman
Marvin E. Jones,
Thomas Bailie,
L. D. Haris,
W. O. Howard

Report No. 22

COMMITTEE ON PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

Your Committee on Passage of Character having had nothing reported

against the character of any of the Conference Elders, or Licentiates, who do not hold pastorates recommend the passage of their character.

Committee: L. D. Harris,
J. F. Simpson,
Claude Bandy

Report No. 23

COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS

We, Your Committee on Pastoral Relations, prayerfully submit the following report:

Aberdeen—Marvin E. Jones
Almont—Ellis Sollie
Artesian—W. E. Moulton and Wife
Avon—To be supplied
Baker and Knobs—Gordon Carey
Belle Fourche—Harold Griffin
Billings—John J. Hunter
Bradley—In hands of President
Brentford—Ralph Howard
Brookings—Clyde McCone
Buffalo—Darrell Wagner
Conner—Lester Bennett
Deadwood—Andrew Wilson
Flandreau and Bushnell—B. I. Griffin
Forsyth—In hands of President
Garden City—Wesley Sime
Harlowton—Wesley McIntyre
Hot Springs—R. M. Kelly
Houghton—Paul Esek, supply
Huron—W. J. Leyh and Wife
Ipswich—Robert Bateman
Loyalton—Paul Faulkenberry, supply
McIntosh—In hands of President
Medicine Rocks and Mill Iron—In hands of President
Miles City and Terry—Kenneth Shelley
Mission—Ralph Frazier
Mitchell—R. J. Sausoman
Missoula—Eugene Stanislaus
Mount Vernon—Enest Hobbie, supply
Mobridge—Bennie Veeder
Northville—Walter Cook
Pierre—Dean Watson

- Rapid City—Lester Buckman
 Rawlins—A. L. Cretsinger and Wife
 Redfield and Calvary—H. W. Cretsinger
 Richland—Dallas Wadworth
 Ridge and Biddle—A. Gerleman
 Rocky Point—In hands of President
 Sioux Community Chapel—John Mickley
 Strool—L. D. Harris
 Sturgis—Richard Rossow
 Sundance—Lee Goodell
 Tolstoy—H. Vreugdenhill and Wife
 Tuthill—Howard Boyle
 Watertown—A. L. Mudgett
 Watford City and Johnson Corners—Thomas Bailie and Wife
 Webster—In hands of President
 Sierra Leone, West Africa—Alma Aldinger, Ruth Bixler
 Philippine Islands—Romeo Baronia
 Unstationed Elders—Ralph Helle, Donald Gerrietts, W. W. Jeffers,
 Mrs. Grace Miller Hoiien, Charles Fisher
 Brainerd Indian School—William Gale
 American Sunday School Union—L. L. Knapp
 General Evangelism—John Winterberg, A. A. Becker
 Conference Evangelism—Emil Hansen
 Transferred to California Conference—James Judy
 Supply Pastor to Methodist Church, Washington—Marion Koth
 Missionary Work—Walter Simpson and Wife, Wilbur Drown and
 Wife, George Warinner, Wilbert Becker, Daniel McCandless, Otto Jensen,
 H. J. Van Vliet, Elton Clyde, Isla Knight, Mrs. Laura Raymer, Paul
 Steward, C. J. Goodspeed, Evelyn Gisselbeck, A. T. Reisdorph, H. A.
 Cottrill
 Missionary to Haiti—Mae Palmer
 Missionary to Cuba—Harry Shreve
 General Sunday School Secreary—R. D. Reisdorph
 General W. M. S. President—Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph
 Conference President—J. F. Simpson
 President's Assistant and Quarterly Conference Evangelist—S. J.
 McIntyre
 Missionary Evangelists—Warren Pamp, W. O. Howard
 Teaching in Miltonvale Wesleyan College—Elvie Turner
 Transferred to Kansas Conference—George Robbins, Jr.
 Attending College—Henry Vanderbush, Richard O'Connor, Allen
 Gisselbeck, Richard Follette, Gene Cowing, Earl Olson, Glen Wessel,
 Indian Missionary Work—John Kearns, Minnie Knecht, Paul Davidson,
 Godfrey Broken Rope, R. L. Gowan

Inactive List—Alvin House and Wife

Superannuated—A. M. Wiley, Elizabeth Traver, J. E. Spry

Committee: J. F. Simpson,
W. J. Leyh,
Emil Hansen,
D. L. Wadsworth,
Mrs. Don Klingensmith,
H. H. Franklin,
E. David Robertson

Report No. 24

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD

We, your Missionary Board, submit the following report:

A meeting of the Missionary Board was called by the Conference President Friday, June 5, 1953.

The following recommendations were made:

1. That all pastors receiving aid from the Conference, whether the funds come from the Conference Treasurer, Advisory Board, Beckman Board, or Pioneer Pastor's Fund, shall send a monthly statement of monies received—1st, from the Charge, and 2nd, from secular work. This report to be sent to the Conference Treasurer, also this information to be included in the regular quarterly report to the Conference President. That these reports be kept for the Missionary Board to Study. We recommend that each pastor who receives Conference aid meet with the Missionary Board at the time of his appointment. That where a church is unable to give a pastor a living wage, that the matter be studied by the Stewards and Pastor and there be given time for secular employment to supplement the salary. We further recommend that any church that receives Conference aid for two consecutive years and does not show a gain in at least some department that the case be studied by the Missionary Board. We recommend that this become a Standing Rule.

2. That we pay \$12.50 per month on the Rapid City note.

3. That we continue to pay \$15.00 on the Flandreau note per month and that the local church make a liberal offering as payment on this note.

4. That we pay \$70.00 per week salary for the Conference President and that his traveling expenses be paid.

5. That at the time of his visitation, the churches endeavor to raise a liberal offering for either the Conference President or the President's Assistant, to apply on his salary, thus reducing the amount to be paid from the Conference Treasury.

6. That \$60.00 per month be paid Romeo Baronia for salary unless information from the field warrants reduction of same.

7. That \$100.00 per month be paid toward the salary of John Mickle as Pastor of Sioux Community Chapel. We recommend that an itineracy be worked out by the Conference President for Rev. Mickle and Rev. Broken Rope to visit our churches in the interest of Indian Missions and raise funds to be directed to the Conference Treasurer through Missionary channels.

8. That the Charles D. Haynes monthly payment on principal and interest be paid.

9. That we pay the Quarterly Conference Evangelist \$60.00 per week.

10. That we pay the Quarterly Conference Evangelist \$40.00 per month for house rent.

11. That the traveling expenses of the Quarterly Conference Evangelist be allowed.

12. That we delegate to the Quarterly Conference Evangelist the authority to hold quarterly business meetings in our churches.

13. That we apply the Pioneer Pastors' Fund to the Pierre work, and that his salary be set at \$50.00 per week.

14. That we give \$75.00 per month for Pastor's salary at Missoula, Montana.

15. That we pay \$40.00 per month for house rent, and \$50.00 per month salary to the Sundance work.

16. That we assist in moving pastor to Rawlings, Wyoming.

17. That we assist in moving pastor to Harlowton, Montana.

18. That we assist in moving pastor to Brookings, South Dakota.

19. Motion was carried that we appropriate \$3,000.00 to the Watertown Church, \$1500.00 payable at time of construction and \$1500.00 payable one year later.

20. That all unfinished business be considered at the Fall meeting.

21. That we give \$30.00 per month for house rent at Belle Fourche.

22. That the following requests for assistance be referred to the Conference Advisory Board: Hot Springs, Mission, Tolstoy. That the request for assistance for Rawlins be referred to the Beckman Board.

That the following churches who have requested consideration for assistance, namely, Belle Fourche and Miles City, that their need be studied in the Fall meeting of the Missionary Board.

Committee: J. F. Simpson,
S. J. McIntyre,
H. W. Cretsinger,
Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger,
O. Theodore Beckman,
Henry Dufloth,
E. David Robertson.

Report No. 25

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF SUPERANNUATE PENSION
FUND TREASURER

This report covers the Superannuate Pension Plan Treasurer's report of April 30th, 1953.

Additional Church Budget monies received as follows:

Artesian	\$36.00
Redfield	84.00
Watford City	60.00
Loyalton	54.00
Huron	72.00
Aberdeen	25.69
Ridge	7.50
Brookings	9.00
Billings	109.50
Sturgis	34.50
Calvary	10.50
Medicine Rocks	13.50
Missoula	1.50
Buffalo	40.50
Mission	18.00
Rawlings	4.00
Ipswich	6.00
Garden City	10.00
Ridge	4.50
Missoula	7.40
Mobridge	40.00
Total	<u>\$647.19</u>

The amounts listed here are in addition to the amounts listed in the original report, i.e. Report Number Eleven.

Total amount paid in during Conference year—\$1,500.45.

Budget Assessment	\$1803.00
Amount Received	<u>1500.45</u>

Deficit \$302.55

H. R. Dufloth,
Superannuate Pension Fund Treasurer.

Standing Rules

1. **Financial Plan for Conference Work**—Money for Conference work shall be obtained by each local Church paying an amount equal to 7½% of all monies raised for all purposes, this to include local treasury, Sunday School, W.M.S., W.Y.P.S. and Y.M.W.B., with the exception of finance for building and repairs. One-third of this fund shall be used for Church Extension within the bounds of the Dakota Conference, and the balance, two-thirds, shall constitute the regular Conference Fund. This amount is to be sent to the Conference Treasurer once a month.

2. **Railroad Expense**—The amount of the Railroad Expense Assessment this year is \$10.50, and it is recommended that this amount be sent to the Conference Treasurer as soon as possible. The Committee shall reimburse the pastors for railroad expense on the basis of four cents a mile, one way for distance traveled.

The Committee in securing the amount of assessment for each Church shall take the cost of carfare of the pastors present, and eligible for such expense, added to any deficit from the previous year; the result divided by the total number of churches, shall determine the assessment each year for this item. Only those pastors whose Churches have paid the assessment for the previous year shall be eligible to receive carfare.

3. **Camp Meeting Board**—The Conference W.M.S. President, the Conference W.Y.P.S. President and the Pastor of the Aberdeen Church shall be members of the Camp Meeting Board by virtue of office.

4. **The Local Church File** is to be left with the Church by the outgoing Pastor, so that the incoming Pastor will have immediate access to the data contained therein upon his arrival on the field. This file is to be open for inspection of members of the local church.

5. **Budgets**—All Churches will be instructed at the beginning and again at the close of the Conference year regarding their obligations to the Conference relative to Budget askings, and the amount due on Budget.

6. **Officer's Terms**—All officers shall hold office until the close of the Conference session in which they are retired.

7. **Honorarium Treasurer**—The Conference Treasurer shall be paid an honorarium of \$150.00 each year.

8. **Honorarium, Secretary**—The Conference Secretary shall be paid an honorarium of \$50.00 each year.

9. **Regarding Ordination**—No person shall receive ordination in the future in the Dakota Conference who does not intend to engage in definite Christian work.

10. **The Auditing Committee** shall be one of the Standing Committees.

11. **Instructions to Treasurers**—The treasurers of the various Con-

ference funds shall hold such funds in some bank that is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in the name of the Dakota Conference, and checks drawn on such account shall be signed by the treasurer, as treasurer of said fund.

(a) Each treasurer shall have in hand bank statements at the beginning and at the close of the Conference year involved, and said bank statement shall be submitted with the Treasurer's account book to the Auditing Committee of the Conference at the Annual Conference session, on the first day of the session.

(b) Duplicate receipts, or records, other than the treasurer's account book, with source, date and donor of all receipts shall be submitted to the Auditing Committee with said treasurer's books.

(c) All disbursements from said funds shall be paid by check, and all cancelled checks shall be submitted with the treasurer's books to the Auditing Committee.

12. Pioneer Pastors' Fund—An assessment of one dollar per year shall be raised from each member of each charge and sent to the Conference Treasurer, the monies thus raised to constitute the Pioneer Pastors' Fund. This money shall be disbursed to no more charges than can adequately be cared for by the money which shall come in.

The Pastor receiving aid from this fund shall send a monthly statement of monies received from the charge and from secular work by the Pastor, said statement to be sent to the Conference Treasurer. The Conference Treasurer on receipt of said statement shall send a check to make up any deficit in salary, as agreed previously by the Missionary Board and the Pastor.

At any time the Missionary Board feels that the local Church receiving help from the fund, fails in its obligations the contract shall be terminated by the Missionary Board.

13 Closing Date of Conference Year—Closing date shall be April 30th.

14. Financing of Printing of Minutes—The Secretary shall send a statement to each charge as to the amount they are to pay for printing of the Minutes, the amount to be based on the number of members on each charge.

15. Each Pastor Shall Receive His Salary from the Church he has served the past year, for the two Sundays of Conference and Camp Meeting.

16. Change of Pastors—We recommend that when a Church makes a change of Pastors that said Church enter into an agreement with the incoming Pastor establishing an equitable way of financing the Pastor's moving expenses.

17. **Vacation for President**—We recommend that the Conference President be granted a two-weeks vacation with pay, inclusive of two Sundays.

18. **Vacation for Pastor**—We recommend that the Pastor be granted a two-weeks vacation with pay, inclusive of two Sundays.

19. **Ministerial Benefit Fund**—Purpose: To provide financial assistance for Conference Elders and preachers in times of serious illness, or death, in their families.

All members and licentiates shall become members upon payment of first assessment, but no one shall be eligible to receive benefits until four consecutive assessments have been paid.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall make four assessments per year, or more if emergencies arise, in the following manner: Each minister on the Conference Roll shall be assessed \$1.50 on due notice from the Secretary, except when both husbands and wives are preachers. In such case only one is assessed. Each pastor shall collect \$1.50 from his Church or charge each time an assessment is made, except ministers not serving in the Conference as Pastors. These are to pay \$2.00 for each assessment.

Disbursements: The Secretary shall upon the receipt of the worthiness of the case, pay out of the treasury 40% of the amount of the actual expense, provided that the expense is more than twenty dollars, and further provided that no payment shall exceed fifty dollars to any one family during one Conference year, possible exceptions being made in extreme cases with the approval of the Conference President and his Advisory Board, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Ministerial Benefit Fund. (Normal maternity cases excepted.)

Members delinquent in the last two payments prior to claim for help, shall be ineligible. In case one is delinquent in two, or more, payments, no benefits will be paid in emergencies by paying of delinquent payments. If assessment is paid by check, include a service, charge, to the amount of the check.

In case of death a maximum of \$100.00 will be paid the beneficiaries. The assessment in such case shall be one dollar for pastor, and one dollar for Church, and \$1.50 for all others.

In case the Secretary-treasurer is in doubt as to the worthiness of a case, he shall advise with the Conference President.

Postage and necessary expense shall be deducted from the fund.

20. **Opening Date of Conference** shall be the first Tuesday after the first Monday of June of each year.

21. **Conference Work**—All monies sent in under the 7½% fund shall be counted as Conference Work on the Statistical blanks, and monies sent in for the Pioneer Pastor's Fund shall be counted as Conference Missions on the blanks.

22. Each Conference Standing Committee shall have a book of records, and shall be prepared to report to Conference all work done by their Committee.

23. **Member of Missionary Board**—The Conference Treasurer shall be a member of the Missionary Board by virtue of office.

24. All members of all Committees doing Conference work shall have their travel expenses paid from the Conference Treasury.

25. **Closing Date for Treasurers**—All treasurers of the various funds of the Conference are instructed to close their books on the 15th day of May each year.

26. The Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, the Committee on Railroad Expense, and the Statistical Committee shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Conference a year in advance, and their names are to appear with the list of Standing Committees.

27. Each Church shall be responsible to the Pastor, and each Pastor shall be responsible to the Church to which he was appointed at the last session of Conference, and which Church he has served for the preceding Conference year, this responsibility to be inclusive of the first Sunday after the close of Conference and Camp Meeting.

28. **Superannuate Pension Fund Item**—Monies sent in by the Churches on the budget item of Superannuate Pension Fund, (\$1.50 per member), is to be sent to the Superannuate Pension Fund Treasurer of the Conference.

29. **Aid for Rent**—Whenever money is paid by the Conference for rent, and whenever such rental money is used for the purchase of a parsonage, that said parsonage be deeded to the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.

30. **Aid to Churches**—Any Church that received Conference aid for two consecutive years and does not show a gain in at least some department, that the case be studied by the Missionary Board.

31. **Agreement Between Conference and Willie Beckman Estate**—“The following land is deeded to the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church on the agreement mentioned below: S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$, North half of 28, all of section 21, and S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 9, all in township 18, range 11, in Perkins County, South Dakota.

1. That O. Theo. Beckman be appointed supervisor to rent and sub-rent such land.

2. That the land be not sold without the approval of O. Theo. Beckman.

3. That Rev. J. F. Simpson and his Advisory Board be a Committee to receive and disburse 50% of the receipts of the crop for Church Extension.

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4. That when J. F. Simpson ceases to be President of the Conference that the Committee to receive and disburse the amount for Church Extension, as mentioned in paragraph 3, be Rev. J. F. Simpson, Rev. William Ward, Rev. L. D. Harris, Rev. R. J. Sausoman.

5. When the land is sold, it is requested that Miltonvale Wesleyan College, the Indian Work and the Philippine work sponsored by the Conference, be given proper consideration.

6. It is requested that the following persons be a Committee to disburse the money from the sale of the land, Rev. J. F. Simpson, Rev. L. D. Harris, Rev. William Ward, Mrs. W. J. Leyh, Rev. Arthur Reisdorph, Rev. John Kearns, Rev. R. J. Sausoman, Mr. O. Theo. Beckman, Rev. Kenneth Shelley.

7. That the Committee mentioned in paragraph 6 be empowered to fill vacancies made by death or other causes, of any of the Committee.

8. It is requested that this agreement become a part of the Standing Rules of the Conference, and printed accordingly in the Conference Minutes.

9. In case O. Theo. Beckman, the land supervisor, is deceased before the land is sold, that the Committee mentioned in paragraphs 6 and 7 be empowered to transact all business relative to the land mentioned in this agreement.

10. It is prayerfully requested that the Dakota Conference keep the spirit of unity, a missionary spirit, and confidence in your leaders. Action taken during the 1952 Conference pertaining to this agreement: The Beckman Board of the Dakota Conference shall be known as the DIRECTORS of the Beckman Estate, with power to transact all legal business in the Estate in keeping with the provisions of the will of Willie E. Beckman.

(1) When said Board of Directors shall sell a part, or all, of the land in the Beckman Estate, or when the leasing of the land for oil, or the sale of mineral or gas rights or royalties be made, that the President and Secretary of said Conference, or its Trustees, be empowered to sign any legal papers, leases, deeds and contracts of all kinds.

That the said Beckman Board, as above described, shall have power to sell any, or all, of the land hereinafter described, and that the President and Secretary shall have the power to execute such conveyances. (See description of land at beginning of this agreement)

Items of Vital Importance

Information Regarding the Beckman Board—A Board was created in June 1949 to be known as the Beckman Board, this Board to manage and operate the Beckman properties. This Board is composed of the following persons: J. F. Simpson, L. D. Harris, William Ward, Mrs. W. J. Leyh, Arthur Reisdorph, John Kearns, R. J. Sausoman, O. Theo. Beckman, Ken-

neth Shelley. This Board is self-perpetuating and shall appoint any vacancies that shall occur through death or other causes. This Board shall have complete control over the properties received through transfers of Willie E. Beckman, or O. Theo. Beckman, as Executor of the last will and testament of Willie E. Beckman, deceased. This Board shall retain such portion of income as necessary to meet its expenses in operating and keeping the property in good repair, including a separate reserve to insure sufficient operating funds. That the funds shall be disbursed in accordance with the agreement heretofore entered into between Willie E. Beckman and the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. That in accordance with the wishes of Willie E. Beckman that O. Theo. Beckman continue as supervisor of the Beckman properties.

BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

Foreign Missions	\$ \$2.00 per member
Home Missions	1.25 per member
Education	2.50 per member
Orphanage .....	.25 per member
Superannuate Pension Fund	1.50 per member
General Sunday School Budget .....	.10 per S. S. member
Conference Sunday School Budget .....	.05 per S. S. member
Pioneer Pastors' Fund (Conf.)	1.00 per member
General Conference Delegates Expense .....	.15 per member
General Conference Co-ordinate Expense .....	.40 per member
Australia (a separate Item) .....	.25 per member

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS

John J. Hunter	term expires 1955
Lester Buckman	term expires 1954
Walter Simpson	term expires 1956
H. W. Cretsinger	term expires 1957

List of Examiners and Books

- L. R. Buckman (All grades and books read to be reported to Rev. L. R. Buckman)
- First Year—Bible, Applied English
- Second Year—Bible, Homiletics
- Third Year—Bible
- Fourth Year—Bible, Bible Geography

Walter Simpson

First Year—Theological Compend, Perfect Love

Second Year—Theology

Third Year—Theology

Fourth Year—Theology

John Hunter

First Year—Roberts Rules of Order

Second Year—How to Prepare an Expository Sermon

Third Year—System of General Ethics

Fourth Year—Psychology

H. W. Cretsinger

First Year—Wesleyan Methodist Discipline

Second Year—Foundation of Christian Doctrine

Third Year—Church History, System of Christians Evidence

Fourth Year—Church History, All About the Bible

STATISTICAL REPORT

Item I. Pastor's Labors.

Item II. Periodicals

Charge	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	Organized Ch. Appointments	Wesleyan Methodists taken	Wesleyan Missionaries taken	Wesleyan Youths taken	Sunday School	Banner	Junior Class	Paper	Children's Friend	Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart	Pupil's Lesson Stories, Etc.	Bible Lesson Stories, Etc.
Aberdeen	12	1	1	35	22	8	70	30	...	12	70	30	36	40	6	40	15	...	15	...	...
Almont	12	1	1	14	18	2	20	8	8	4	15	...	8	8	15	5	...	...	...	...	...
Artesian	12	1	1	16	11	5	18	4	4	4	20	...	6	30	15	6	11	...	6	4	...	
Avon	12	1	1	13	13	7	40	5	...	6	30	...	15	6	11	...	10	...	...	...	...
Baker	12	1	1	19	35	23	23	10	12	11	35	...	12	10	10	...	6	...	...	16	...
Belle Fourche	12	1	...	7	11	4	15	10	18	9	10	8	10	...	4	...	20	2	18	10	...	
Biddle	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Billings and Boyd	10	2	1	46	29	15	45	40	15	8	45	10	35	8	10	18	3	...	...	...	...
Bradley	12	1	1	3	8	5	8	3	3	4	4	14	...	5	...	7	5	...	...	...	...
Brentford	12	1	1	21	20	6	30	10	...	8	33	6	...	...	15	5	...	...	...	...	...
Brookings	12	1	1	16	17	17	28	8	15	7	35	...	10	2	6	5	15	...	...	...	...
Buffalo	10	1	1	2	13	...	18	6	10	5	15	6	...	10	10	...	10	...	...	...	...
Bushnell	12	1	1	3	11	...	5	...	...	3	5	...	...	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	...
Butte	12	1	1	12	10	2	22	10	12	5	15	10	10	10	1	4	6	...	...	...	...
Calvary	12	1	1	15	18	10	10	20	15	5	15	12	20	...	1	4	20	20	...	20	...	
Conner	12	1	1	5	9	2	14	4	7	6	13	...	...	...	...	5	7	...	7	...	...
Deadwood	12	1	1	3	8	1	25	20	...	4	8	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...
Flandreau	12	1	1	4	12	4	15	5	5	6	12	...	4	...	1	12	5	...	5	...	...
Forsyth	12	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Garden City	12	1	1	6	16	3	25	12	10	10	25	...	10	...	10	...	25	...	...	...	...
Harlowton	12	1	1	15	14	...	15	6	6	3	10	5	3	1	3	6	...	1	12	...	8	
Hot Springs	12	2	1	39	41	19	46	25	35	14	55	18	16	18	7	...	...	...	...	...	...
Houghton	12	1	1	37	22	13	25	...	4	4	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Huron	12	1	1	21	18	27	24	24	12	9	36	8	15	8	28	6	...	...	...	...	...
Ipswich	12	1	1	3	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Johnson Corners	12	1	1	18	14	7	12	35	7	5	12	25	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Knobs	12	1	1	5	6	...	8	...	3	12	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	6	1
Lake Wilson	12	1	1	9	7	...	6	5	10	4	5	5	...	10	6	10	...	...	...	...	...
Loyalton	12	1	1	4	8	2	20	10	15	6	...	10	10	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
McIntosh	12	1	1	55	29	25	65	21	11	11	56	10	16	10	...	16	...	...	...	...	10
Medicine Rocks	12	1	1	25	34	6	25	20	20	5	20	10	8	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
Miles City	12	1	1	21	11	2	9	9	5	3	7	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mission	12	1	1	6	12	2	10	2	...	3	10	1	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
Missoula	12	1	1	3	8	1	12	10	10	7	10	...	...	...	8	6	...	24	...	...	...
Mitchell	12	1	1	19	15	8	30	6	...	11	3	18	9	...	4	9	...	...	...	...	...
Mobridge	12	1	1	10	8	3	19	10	17	8	12	4	6	2	3	11	9	3	...	8	3	
Mount Vernon	12	1	1	44	36	12	40	16	18	13	40	10	10	10	10	12	16	...	...	...	20
Northville	12	2	2	24	20	14	25	6	6	4	30	...	8	6	...	10	6	1	6	6	6	
Pierre	11	1	1	4	5	...	7	4	4	7	5	6	8	4	...	10	14	1	...	...	...
Pollock	12	1	1	7	4	...	6	5	6	3	10	5	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rapid City	12	1	1	5	2	...	20	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rawlins	12	1	1	26	...	...	25	8	...	10	20	20	6	4	8	5	...	...	...	...	...
Redfield	12	1	1	15	15	5	15	6	20	6	20	...	7	15	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
Richland	12	1	1	3	4	3	20	10	13	5	15	...	1	8	...	6	...	...	...	...	...
Ridge	12	1	1	5	12	1	16	8	5	4	16	9	8	3	...	8	...	1	...	...	...
Rocky Point	10	1	1	1	5	1	6	8	6	2	14	...	5	8	...	6	...	...	...	...	...
Sioux Chapel	12	1	1	10	27	20	70	25	35	19	70	22	30	52	...	15	25	2	...	...	...
Strool	12	1	1	23	34	6	64	30	22	18	47	17	12	18	12	20	...	...	...	...	...
Sturgis	12	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sundance	12	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tolstoy	12	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tutthill	12	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Watertown	12	1	1	10	27	20	70	25	35	19	70	22	30	52	...	15	25	2	...	...	...
Watford City	12	1	1	23	34	6	64	30	22	18	47	17	12	18	12	20	...	...	...	...	...
Webster	12	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	546	50	39	686	705	292	1079	549	452	305	992	317	372	300	134	397	192	13	164	102	...	

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Item III. Membership

Charge	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Total Membership Lost	Number Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss Membership for Year	Gain Membership for Year	No. Members Under 14 Yrs.	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstated Elders	Local Preachers	No. of Family Altars	Membership Tithing	No. Card Call Subscribers
Aberdeen	2			1	4	5	74	71	3			2	4			8	12	
Almont	12		1	2	1	4	22	30		8	3	4	9			9	19	5
Artesian					3		26	23	3							9	16	2
Avon							38	38								9	16	6
Baker					4	4	46	42	4							17	16	4
Belle Fourche													5			4	4	10
Biddle																		
Billings and Boyd	7						73	80		7		6	1		2	58	60	2
Bradley							16	16										
Brentford							13	13						1	1	7	11	
Brookings							6	6								8	6	13
Buffalo	1						25	26		1		11	1			12	14	7
Bushnell				1	1	2	12	10	2						1	1	2	
Butte							10	10										
Calvary							7	7										4
Conner	1			1		1	10	10				6				4	8	
Deadwood	3						22	25		3						25	19	
Flandreau	1						8	9		1				1	1	6	7	1
Forsyth	3						10	13		3			2			1	2	1
Garden City			2		1	3	22	19	3						1	5	14	
Harlowton																		
Hot Springs	10		3		7	10	25	25				1				13	17	4
Houghton	2						21	23		2	1					1	6	10
Huron	16		4		2	6	48	58		10			2	1	1	17	35	2
Ipswich	1				5	5	33	29	4					1	3	13	17	3
Johnson Corners	1				1	1	47	47							1	10	24	24
Knobs							9	9								3	3	1
Lake Wilson							12	12										
Loyalton	1				3	3	36	34	2		4				1	11	27	19
McIntosh							10	10										
Medicine Rocks							9	9								5	8	
Miles City																4		8
Mission	2						10	12		2	1					6	12	1
Missoula	2				4	4	11	9	2			2				6	8	
Mitchell				1	4	5	88	83	5			3		2		22	70	12
Mobridge							37	37					3		2	6	12	
Mount Vernon					1	1	13	12	1							4	9	5
Northville				1	2	3	17	14	3							4	6	
Pierre																5		
Pollock							2	2										
Rapid City	13		2	1	3	6	27	34		7	3	4	1		1	16	26	3
Rawlins							21	21										
Redfield	5		4	1	2	7	56	54	2			6	8		2	15	30	15
Richland	1		2	1		3	54	52	2						1	13	40	4
Ridge	4						14	18		4						6	6	
Rocky Point																4	5	2
Sioux Chapel													4					
Strool							26	26								12	20	6
Sturgis	9		3		4	7	23	25		2	1	2	3		1	9	10	
Sundance																3	3	
Tolstoy	19							19		19		1						
Tuthill																		
Watertown					2	2	59	57	2						2	17	38	
Watford City	4		11			11	53	46	7							14	31	22
Webster							1	1										
Totals	120		32	13	51	96	1202	1226	45	69	13	51	43	4	23	429	608	191

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Item IV. Sunday Schools

Charge	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers and Teachers	Whole No. of Scholars in Main School	Total No. in Main School	No. in Home Department	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. of Scholars Converted	No. Schol. Joining Church	No. of Departmental Supts.	Teacher's Training Course	No. of Organized Classes	No. of Books in Library	Enrollment V.B.S.	Average Attendance V.B.S.	No. W.Y.P. Societies	Total Membership of Soc.
Aberdeen	1	10	148	158	6	26	190	122	...	...	3	...	4	300	42	35	1	18
Almont	1	11	47	58	8	12	78	35	8	7	2	...	4	105	21	20	...	...
Artesian	1	8	24	32	...	...	32	26	1	...	1	...	...	12	13	12	1	10
Avon	1	7	52	59	...	11	70	52	...	...	3	10	6	...	30	24	1	13
Baker	1	12	68	80	6	35	121	60	2	...	2	...	5	25	79	52	1	22
Belle Fourche	1	11	50	61	4	13	78	35	...	...	1	...	5	...	40	55	1	12
Biddle	1	21	120	141	...	12	153	78	6	5	3	...	...	186	...	...	...	...
Billings and Boyd	1	3	20	23	...	...	23	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bradley	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brentford	1	5	25	30	2	2	32	21	1	...	1	...	...	53	20	20	1	3
Brookings	1	10	62	72	2	15	89	50	1	...	1	...	6	135	52	36	1	16
Buffalo	1	10	61	71	16	19	106	46	8	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bushnell	1	7	18	25	3	...	28	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Butte	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calvary	1	4	14	18	...	...	18	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Conner	1	8	48	56	4	11	71	43	...	6	2	...	...	82	48	43	...	...
Deadwood	1	9	78	87	1	52	140	60	6	...	1	...	6	23	101	77	...	...
Flandreau	1	6	15	21	...	1	22	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forsyth	1	5	27	32	...	3	35	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Garden City	1	5	39	44	1	...	45	26	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
Harlowton	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hot Springs	1	9	72	81	...	12	93	59	...	7	2	...	6	...	...	...	...	...
Houghton	1	6	26	32	...	6	38	26	...	1	2	...	...	23	...	...	...	...
Huron	1	10	125	135	10	29	174	89	...	15	...	...	...	25	50	45	1	18
Ipswich	1	11	28	39	50	9	98	30	1	1	5	...	5	170	...	...	1	15
Johnson Corners	1	12	51	63	106	32	201	50	2	...	3	...	...	25	25	1	14	...
Knobs	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lake Wilson	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Loyalton	1	8	42	50	20	11	81	38	5	...	4	...	...	26	22	1	22	...
McIntosh	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	1	8	10	18	...	5	23	17	...	...	...	...	2	101	48	40	...	...
Miles City	1	7	50	57	...	53	110	43	2	...	...	...	...	35	30	...	...	...
Mission	1	4	16	20	...	2	22	12	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Missoula	1	7	43	50	1	23	74	33	2	...	2	...	...	27	...	...	...	...
Mitchell	1	11	109	120	...	18	138	89	2	...	3	...	...	130	32	23	1	27
Mobridge	1	8	73	81	...	36	117	47	1	...	2	6	6	14	...	...	1	15
Mount Vernon	1	4	12	16	3	1	20	13	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Northville	1	4	10	14	...	...	14	12	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Pierre	1	7	30	37	...	3	40	27	5	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
Pollock	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rapid City	1	14	94	108	...	10	118	80	6	8	2	...	...	10	70	60	1	7
Rawlins	1	12	68	80	3	11	94	43	...	...	2	...	6	...	...	...	1	4
Redfield	1	9	75	84	6	10	100	47	...	5	2	...	...	60	50	36	1	14
Richland	1	6	44	50	...	5	55	40	...	...	3	...	4	...	13	12	1	20
Ridge	1	4	31	35	...	3	38	23	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rocky Point	1	3	9	12	...	...	12	14	2	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...
Sioux Chapel	1	2	45	47	...	66	113	31	5	...	1	...	3	55	30	20	...	...
Strool	1	8	42	50	30	14	94	40	...	...	3	...	...	75	...	...	1	...
Sturgis	1	8	64	72	...	11	83	45	3	9	1	...	6	...	45	40	1	12
Sundance	1	5	23	28	...	...	28	16	...	...	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
Tolstoy	1	7	38	45	1	1	47	35	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6
Tuthill	1	6	22	28	...	2	30	20	...	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
Watertown	1	12	150	162	...	9	171	123	1	...	1	...	...	42	38	1	27	...
Watford City	1	14	110	124	43	45	212	92	2	...	4	...	9	...	42	40	1	9
Webster	1
Totals	47	378	2428	2806	324	639	3969	1941	81	67	66	16	92	1624	954	804	25	330

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Item V. Church Property									
Charge	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Aberdeen	1	\$20,000		\$8,500	1	\$12,000		\$8,000	
Almont	1	4,600		2,800	1	3,500		2,000	\$178
Artesian	1	2,800		2,000	1	2,500		2,000	218
Avon	1	10,000		5,000	1	3,800		2,500	
Baker	1	6,000		3,625	1	13,000		8,000	
Belle Fourche	1	20,000	\$2,100	15,500					
Biddle	1	3,000							
Billings and Boyd	1	15,000		6,000	1	8,000		4,000	1,680
Bradley									
Brentford	1	7,000		3,500					
Brookings	1	7,000		4,000	1	10,000		8,000	
Buffalo	1	5,000		1,800	1	6,000		3,000	
Bushnell	1	6,000		5,000	1	2,500		2,000	
Butte									
Calvary									80
Conner	1	6,000		2,500	1	5,000		2,500	80
Deadwood	2	18,000	330	6,000	2	8,000	\$4,000	8,000	164
Flandreau	1	5,000		3,400	1	5,500	2,577	4,000	
Forsyth	1	4,000		300	1	3,000		1,000	
Garden City	1	6,000		4,500	1	6,000	176	3,500	200
Harlowton	1	10,000	5,000	6,000	1	6,000	2,000	2,000	
Hot Springs	1	11,000	2,500	8,000	1	8,000	500	8,000	309
Houghton	1	5,000		5,000	1	3,000		3,000	452
Huron	1	6,000		5,500	1	4,500		4,500	1,697
Ipswich	1	5,000		4,000	1	3,500		4,000	178
Johnson Corners	1	8,000		6,000					
Knobs									
Lake Wilson	1	1,500							
Loyalton	1	3,000	1,700	2,000	1	2,000		2,000	122
McIntosh									
Medicine Rocks	1	2,200			1	1,900			
Miles City	1	9,500	3,000	2,500	1	7,000		2,500	
Mission	1	2,500		1,500	1	3,000		3,000	31
Missoula	1	6,000		6,000	1	4,000		3,500	58
Mitchell	1	9,000		6,500	1	8,000		6,500	6,859
Mobridge	1	10,000		7,500	1	6,000		5,000	135
Mount Vernon	1	5,000		4,000					
Northville	1	8,000		5,500	1	2,500		2,000	700
Pierre	1	18,000	396	10,000					
Pollock									
Rapid City	1	14,000	1,800	8,000	1	5,000		5,000	300
Rawlins	2	3,500		2,500	1	2,000		1,500	
Redfield	1	40,000	9,000	20,000	1	12,000		7,000	450
Richland	1	5,000		3,000	1	5,000		3,000	
Ridge	1	3,000							
Rocky Point	1	1,200			1	4,000	88		50
Sioux Chapel	1	9,500							8
Strool	1	20,000	5,000	15,000	1	7,000		2,650	
Sturgis	1	10,000		9,000	2	17,000		9,000	13
Sundance	1	7,000	1,600	5,000					130
Tolstoy	1	10,000	2,000	6,500	1	6,200	1,175	6,200	
Tuthill	1	1,500			1	1,500			7
Watertown	1	9,000		3,500	1	4,000		3,500	78
Watford City	1	8,000		5,000	1	3,500		3,000	
Webster									
Totals	50	\$406,800	\$34,426	\$231,925	40	\$215,400	\$10,516	\$144,850	\$14,177

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Item VI. Disbursed for Pastor

Charge	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Aberdeen	\$2,860	\$660	\$86	\$50	\$3,656
Almont	1,590	180	65	293	2,128
Artesian	1,300	250	20	103	1,673
Avon	1,635	120	25	487	2,267
Baker	1,820	420	25	404	2,669
Belle Fourche	1,592	360	15	75	2,042
Biddle	150				150
Billings and Boyd	2,866	660	18	332	3,876
Bradley					
Brentford	1,216	120		525	1,861
Brookings	1,901	720		85	2,706
Buffalo	1,213	360	31	260	1,864
Bushnell	1,700		5	92	1,797
Butte					
Calvary	361			170	531
Conner	1,297	360	35	273	1,965
Deadwood	2,002	300		588	2,890
Flandreau	1,032	240		158	1,430
Forsyth	608	180	25	184	997
Garden City	1,820	240	30	573	2,663
Harlowton					
Hot Springs	1,275	480	25	859	2,639
Houghton	1,300	360	10	325	1,995
Huron	3,523	360	85	215	4,183
Ipswich	2,126	300	10	213	2,649
Johnson Corners	1,300		21	100	1,421
Knobs	499			41	540
Lake Wilson					
Loyalton	2,340	200		314	2,854
McIntosh					
Medicine Rocks	1,371	100	20	340	1,831
Miles City	795	320	40	475	1,630
Mission	848	300		116	1,264
Missoula	1,625	480		80	2,185
Mitchell	2,860	480	25	463	3,828
Mobridge	2,193	240	20	70	2,523
Mount Vernon	1,351			274	1,625
Northville	496		5		\$501
Pierre	1,774	889	15	51	2,729
Pollock					
Rapid City	2,410	480	82	60	3,032
Rawlins	1,802	420		250	2,472
Redfield	2,340	500	25	297	3,162
Richland	2,273	300	15	280	2,868
Ridge	1,380			180	1,560
Rocky Point	1,560	150		215	1,925
Sioux Chapel	910			100	1,010
Stroud	750				750
Sturgis	1,610	720	20	200	2,550
Sundance	1,200	330	2	216	1,748
Tolstoy	786	180		275	1,241
Tutthill	492	250		132	874
Watertown	2,600	600	20	171	3,391
Watford City	1,820	300	30	100	2,250
Webster					
Totals	\$74,572	\$13,909	\$850	\$11,064	\$100,395

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Item VII. Disbursed for Church							
Charge	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expense	Total for Church
Aberdeen	\$90	\$323		\$625		\$843	\$1,881
Almont	228	229	\$26			118	601
Artesian	100	88		314		308	810
Avon	155	242		90		475	962
Baker	189	353	225			148	915
Belle Fourche	150	203		103	\$3,000	385	3,841
Biddle		40					40
Billings and Boyd	350	351		1,133		585	2,419
Bradley							
Brentford	129	117				46	292
Brookings	175	371				514	1,060
Buffalo	100	191	31			280	602
Bushnell	138	58		105		227	528
Butte							
Calvary	24	38				37	99
Conner	150	245		16		46	457
Deadwood	175	288		164	145	321	1,093
Flandreau		51			49	94	194
Forsyth	190	136	51	21		210	608
Garden City	170	121	343	40	240	139	1,053
Harlowton							
Hot Springs	108	335		107		529	1,079
Houghton	139	60		275		221	695
Huron	375	215				545	1,136
Ipswich	155	132	162	11		340	800
Johnson Corners	200	342		613		376	1,531
Knobs							
LaKe Wilson							
Loyalton	230	179		35		366	810
McIntosh							
Medicine Rocks	14	60		86		43	203
Miles City	140	284	806		363	127	1,720
Mission		75				110	185
Missoula	75	151		182		272	680
Mitchell	290	229	772	83		677	2,051
Mobridge	549	311		30		349	1,239
Mount Vernon	125	83		2		151	361
Northville	130	30				109	269
Pierre	85	166	163		104	245	763
Pollock							
Rapid City	135	307	846		475	668	2,428
Rawlins		234				400	634
Redfield	215	401	7,343		500	336	8,795
Richland	90	285		300		168	843
Ridge		76	2,260				2,336
Rocky Point		57	950		860	10	1,877
Sioux Chapel	219	40		88		255	602
Strool		106				843	949
Sturgis	164	286		288		121	859
Sundance	90	52	3,471	125		179	3,917
Tolstoy	209	103	644		300	253	1,509
Tuthill		58		26		142	226
Watertown	235	754	2,932			995	4,916
Watford City	275	450	434			524	1,683
Webster							
Totals	\$6,760	\$9,306	\$21,459	\$4,862	\$6,036	\$14,128	\$62,551

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Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget

Charge	Undivided Budget	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Superannuated Ministers' Fund	Orphanage	Administrative Budget	General Conference Travel and Entertainment	General Sunday School Work	Australia	Total General Budget	
Aberdeen		\$183	\$118	\$126	\$102	\$105	\$3	\$1			\$638	
Almont	\$4	63	123	67	33	6	11	3	\$6		319	
Artesian		71	33	65	39	7	14	4	3	7	243	
Avon		76	48	95	57	10	15	6	4	10	321	
Baker		190	170	127	69	10	18	7	8		599	
Belle Fourche	10	136	202	10	5	5	3				371	
Biddle												
Billings and Boyd	27	202	121	200	110	23			10		693	
Bradley		28	20	38	20	5	5	2	2		120	
Brentford		124	94	23	9	5	2	1	7	2	267	
Brookings		120	135	34	32	5					326	
Buffalo		62	34	35	18	5	9		4	3	170	
Bushnell												
Butte		23	42	23		7	3	10			108	
Calvary		69	31	28	15	5	4	6	4	2	164	
Conner		69	34	8	33	11	3		13	6	177	
Deadwood		42	20	16	12	5	5		4	2	106	
Flandreau		18	14	3	5		2		3		45	
Forsyth		110	125	35		5	4		4		283	
Garden City												
Harlowton		22	128	37	98	38	6	16	4	13	368	
Hot Springs		31	68	38	63	32	5	5			242	
Houghton		31	323	310	143	72	12		13		904	
Huron		136	147	49	62	55	5		4		458	
Ipswich		524	264	160	68	48	41	7	3		1,115	
Johnson Corners		57	38	27	6	7					135	
Knobs												
Lake Wilson		17	217	264	101	54	9	22	5	4	702	
Loyalton												
McIntosh		119	142	23	14	5	4	1	3		311	
Medicine Rocks		39	55			5	15				114	
Miles City			32	22	30	18	5		3	3	118	
Mission			18	11	23	14	2		6		74	
Missoula		24	1,271	199	241	132	22	35	13	9	1,968	
Mitchell			224	229	110	48	19	31			661	
Mobridge			20	22	25	15	3	31	5	3	124	
Mount Vernon			50	20	15		12		5		102	
Northville			21	5			9	2		3	40	
Pierre												
Pollock												
Rapid City		124	36	65	36	6	10	4	9	6	296	
Rawlins		5	5		4	2					16	
Redfield		112	70	146	84	14	28	8	6		468	
Richland		2,283	110	19	81	5	18	26			2,542	
Ridge	57	19	10	8	18	5	2	1			120	
Rocky Point	10	41	58								109	
Sioux Chapel												
Strool	7	59	187	6		20					279	
Sturgis		58	33	75	35	6	35	12	6		260	
Sundance												
Tolstoy	11	76	24	10		5	5		4		135	
Tutthill												
Watertown		118	59	75	88	19	24	8	15	15	421	
Watford City		555	317	178	60	40	39	13	11		1,213	
Webster												
Totals		\$564	\$8,321	\$3,811	\$2,636	\$1,494	\$515	\$469	\$152	\$187	\$96	\$18,245

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Item VIII. Disbursed for Conference Budget

Charge	President's Salary	Conference Evangelist's Salary	Conference Work	Conference Missions	Conference Sunday School	Total Conference Budget	Total Budget
Aberdeen	\$10	\$125	\$58	\$341		\$534	\$1,172
Almont	24	25	169	14		232	551
Artesian		21	144	39	\$2	206	449
Avon		15	256	38		309	630
Baker	29	57	90	125		301	900
Belle Fourche							371
Biddle							
Billings and Boyd	50	36	579	175		840	1,533
Bradley							
Brentford	15		123	16		154	274
Brookings	18		52	18		88	355
Buffalo	15	15	39			69	395
Bushnell			136	15		151	321
Butte							
Calvary	5	24	46	7		82	190
Conner	9	14	102	10		135	299
Deadwood	10	13	196	36		255	432
Flandreau			64	8		72	178
Forsyth	10	10	83	13		116	161
Garden City	8		161			169	452
Harlowton							
Hot Springs		75	379	10		464	832
Houghton	31		123	23		177	419
Huron			484			484	1,388
Ipswich		29	300	21		350	808
Johnson Corners		55	374	67	6	502	1,617
Knobs				62		62	197
Lake Wilson							
Loyalton			282	36		318	1,020
McIntosh							
Medicine Rocks	22		150	22		194	505
Miles City			83			83	197
Mission	10	15	75	23		123	241
Missoula			148	9		157	231
Mitchell	105	115	551	100	4	875	2,843
Moabridge	10		213			223	884
Mount Vernon			167			167	291
Northville			79			79	181
Pierre	18	16	14			48	88
Pollock							
Rapid City	20		231			251	547
Rawlins			18	3		21	37
Redfield	25	9	281	61		376	844
Richland	30		491	54		575	3,117
Ridge			70			70	190
Rocky Point	5		15			20	129
Sioux Chapel							
Strool			34	25		59	338
Sturgis			78	41		119	379
Sundance							
Tolstoy	36	8		6		50	185
Tuthill							
Watertown	20		449	79		548	969
Watford City		55	345	40	6	446	1,659
Webster							
Totals	\$535	\$732	\$7,732	\$1,537	\$18	\$10,554	\$28,799

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Item IX. Disbursed for Benevolences

Charge	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	W.Y.P.S.	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences
Aberdeen							\$233	\$233
Almont	\$29	\$67	\$35				1,196	1,327
Artesian	8					\$23	97	136
Avon		29				19	132	180
Baker	5	11					33	49
Belle Fourche			6		\$3			9
Biddle								
Billings and Boyd	48	24	16	\$15		66	263	432
Bradley								
Brentford	47	5	5			67		124
Brookings	17	16	30	65	14	32	81	255
Buffalo	3	55	22				18	98
Bushnell	11	18	15				11	55
Butte								
Calvary	20	65			160		10	255
Conner	4				7		22	33
Deadwood	7	12					320	339
Flandreau	25	18	7				120	170
Forsyth							28	28
Garden City						8	12	20
Harlowton								
Hot Springs	37	10					117	164
Houghton	3				16		21	40
Huron	310	323	143	12	44	20	778	1,630
Ipswich	110	30	120		120	16	79	475
Johnson Corners	57	369			110	50	158	744
Knobs								
Lake Wilson								
Loyalton	69	381	117		100	109	180	956
McIntosh								
Medicine Rocks	37	30					157	224
Miles City	49		8				9	66
Mission			14				20	34
Missoula							34	34
Mitchell	51	41	290	26		76	342	826
Mobridge	120	540	50			151		861
Mount Vernon	93	45	23	5	32	7	186	391
Northville	15						5	20
Pierre			14				42	56
Pollock								
Rapid City		55				23		78
Rawlins								
Redfield		102	128		4			234
Richland	565	288				337	125	1,315
Ridge								
Rocky Point		26					23	49
Sioux Chapel							25	25
Strool							20	20
Sturgis							266	266
Sundance			5		20			25
Tolstoy	303						29	332
Tutthill			3				13	16
Watertown	20		50		3	146	21	240
Watford City	103	278	571		200	9	1,004	2,165
Webster								
Totals	\$2,166	\$2,846	\$1,672	\$123	\$333	\$1,159	\$6,230	\$15,029

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Item X. Disbursed Totals

Charge	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
Aberdeen	\$3,656	\$1,881	\$1,172	\$233	\$6,942
Almont	2,128	601	551	1,327	4,607
Artesian	1,673	810	449	136	3,068
Avon	2,267	962	630	180	4,039
Baker	2,669	915	900	49	4,533
Belle Fourche	2,042	3,841	371	9	6,263
Biddle	150	40	.....	.....	190
Billings and Boyd	3,876	2,419	1,533	432	8,260
Bradley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brentford	1,861	292	274	124	2,551
Brookings	2,706	1,060	355	255	4,376
Buffalo	1,864	602	395	98	2,959
Bushnell	1,797	528	321	55	2,701
Butte	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calvary	531	99	190	255	1,075
Conner	1,965	457	299	33	2,754
Deadwood	2,890	1,093	432	339	4,754
Flandreau	1,430	194	178	170	1,972
Forsyth	997	608	161	28	1,794
Garden City	2,663	1,053	452	20	4,188
Harlowton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hot Springs	2,639	1,079	832	164	4,714
Houghton	1,995	695	419	40	3,149
Huron	4,183	1,136	1,388	1,630	8,337
Ipswich	2,649	800	808	475	4,732
Johnson Corners	1,421	1,531	1,617	744	5,313
Knobs	540	.....	197	.....	737
Lake Wilson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Loyalton	2,854	810	1,020	956	5,640
McIntosh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medicine Rocks	1,831	203	505	224	2,763
Miles City	1,630	1,720	197	66	3,613
Mission	1,264	185	241	34	1,724
Missoula	2,185	680	231	34	3,130
Mitchell	3,828	2,051	2,843	826	9,548
Mobridge	2,523	1,239	884	861	5,507
Mount Vernon	1,625	361	291	391	2,668
Northville	501	269	181	20	971
Pierre	2,729	763	88	56	3,636
Pollock	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rapid City	3,032	2,428	547	78	6,085
Rawlins	2,472	634	37	.....	3,143
Redfield	3,162	8,795	844	234	13,035
Richland	2,868	843	3,117	1,315	8,143
Ridge	1,560	2,336	190	.....	4,086
Rocky Point	1,925	1,877	129	49	3,980
Sioux Chapel	1,010	602	.....	25	1,637
Strool	750	949	338	20	2,057
Sturgis	2,550	859	379	266	4,054
Sundance	1,748	3,917	.....	25	5,690
Tolstoy	1,241	1,509	185	332	3,267
Tuthill	874	226	.....	16	1,116
Watertown	3,391	4,916	969	240	9,516
Watford City	2,250	1,683	1,659	2,165	7,757
Webster
Totals	\$100,395	\$62,551	\$28,799	\$15,029	\$206,774

Minutes

of the

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of the

Dakota Conference

of the

Woman's Missionary Society

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Aberdeen, South Dakota

June 2—6, 1953

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Daily Proceedings

Wednesday, 8:30 a. m.

Opening—The Forty-Eighth Annual Session of the W.M.S. of the Dakota Conference was called to order by our President, Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger. Mrs. Nellie Sausoman led in singing, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms," after which Mrs. Amy Hunter led in prayer for guidance in the sessions. Our President brought devotional thoughts the Lord had given her from Isaiah 12.

Roll Call—The credentials of the delegates were presented and the roll was called.

Bar of Conference—A motion prevailed that the first seven rows on either side of the tabernacle be called the Bar of the Conference.

Conference Body—Motion prevailed that delegates, presidents pastor's wives, Y.M.W.B. Superintendents, and lady ministers constitute the Conference Body.

Program Committee—The programs were distributed and corrections made. Adopted.

Nominating Committee—The Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Amy Hunter, Mrs. Katherine Drown, Mrs. Rena Veeder, Mrs. Inez Gisselbeck, and Mrs. Harriet Harris.

Recess—A recess was declared that the Nominating Committee might compile their report, after which we sang "There's Nothing Too Hard For Thee."

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

Project Committee—The president appointed the committee for the Project table as follows: Mrs. Dorothy Nultemeier and Miss Pauline Howard.

Report of the President—The President read her report. Accepted. (See Report No. 2.)

Report of District Chairmen—The Chairmen of the Aberdeen, Black Hills, Northeast, Northwest, and Southern Districts brought interesting reports of their activities this past year. Accepted.

Spice—Mrs. Lillian Bailie presented an interesting review of the new study book, "The Bible Basis of Missions."

Adjourned with prayer.

Wednesday, 1:30 p. m.

Opening—After singing by the group, Mrs. Kathryn Gibson led in prayer.

Roll Call—As the Roll was called the members of the Conference Body introduced themselves.

Prayer Partner Secretary Report—Mrs. Any Hunter presented the report of the Prayer Partner Secretary, showing a total of 689 prayer partners and 42 prayer partner circles.

Report of Membership Committee—The report of the Membership Committee shows a total of 863 members.

Courtesy—The three newest societies, Ridge, Pierre, and Sundance were each presented by their pastor's wives and gave brief reports of their work.

Spice—A brief review of "The Way to Pentecost" was given by Mrs. Lillian Bailie.

Report of the Magazine Solicitor—The report of the magazine solicitor shows a total of 667 magazine subscriptions.

Magazine Workshop—Mrs. Leola Rossow conducted the Magazine workshop with the suggestion that for the new year those societies beginning with the letter A through those beginning with the letter H correspond with Mrs. Lester Buckman, and those from letter I through W correspond with Mrs. Ruby Wagner.

Courtesy—The courtesy committee presented the following: Our General W. M. S. President, Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph; our Area Chairman, Mrs. Viola Leyh.

Adjourned.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING

Wednesday, 7: 30 p. m.

With our president presiding the public Missionary service opened by singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings" and "Send the Light" led by Rev. Richard Rossow, with Mrs. Rossow at the Organ and Mrs. Joyce Mudgett at the piano. The quartette from Miltonvale College gave a special number in song. Rev. L. D. Harries led in prayer. Mrs. Reisdorph sang the song she has sung around the world, "Ho Everyone That Thirsteth," and spoke from Matt. 13:3 "Behold a sower went forth to sow," with the theme "Revival Highlights." The offering was taken amounting to \$1,474.45 Rev. Rufus Reisdorph spoke briefly and showed some pictures of their World Tour.

Thursday, 8: 30 a. m.

Opening—Mrs. Honour Mae Griffin led the group in united singing, after which Mrs. Loreen Griffin led devotions on the theme "Our Calling," from John 15.

Roll Call—The Roll was answered by reporting contributions made to the camp by each society. Minutes were read and approved.

Courtesy—Mrs. Ruby Wagner, and Mrs. Leah Boyles were presented to the Conference Body, each giving words of testimony.

Report of the Auditing Committee—The report of the Auditing Committee was read and accepted. (See Report No. 6).

Treasurer's Report—The Treasurer's report was read and accepted with a rising vote of thanks for her faithful, efficient service. (See Report No. 7.)

Finance Workshop—Mrs. Joyce Mudgett, Treasurer, conducted the Finance Workshop which was helpful to all.

Adjourned.

Thursday, 2:30 p. m.

Opening—After singing and prayer, the Roll was answered by each society's giving the amount contributed for Home and Foreign Missions, and the total disbursements.

Y. M. W. B. Report—Our Y. M. W. B. Superintendent gave her report. Accepted. The Y. M. W. B. Workshop was conducted by Miss Marie Brannon with the main suggestions: Each Superintendent send in funds quarterly at the end of July, October, January, and April. Y. M. W. B. 7½% is to be sent directly to Rev. McIntyre at the end of the year.

Model Y. M. W. B. Service—At 6:45 p. m. a model Y. M. W. B. service was held for the public, with songs by the children, a story, and a special offering amounting to \$37.05 to used in purchasing a tractor for Africa.

Friday, 10:00 a. m.

Opening—Mrs. Barbara Watson led the group in singing "Channels Only," after which our Area Chairman, Mrs. Viola Leyh brought devotions from 1 John 3:18-22.

Roll Call—The Roll was answered by the delegates giving their reports on the number of magazine subscriptions, active and honorary membership.

Indian Work—The Conference Indian work at Rapid City was presented by Godfrey Broken Rope and Rev. John Mickley. Special prayer was offered for the work.

Mission Study Report—Mrs. Lillian Bailie gave the report of the Mission Study Secretary. Accepted.

Workshop—Workshop for Local program and Reading Course was conducted by Mrs. Bailie who urged the local Mission Study Secretary to diligently encourage the reading course and keep an accurate record of each lady's reading and report the same to the Conference Mission Study Secretary in December and April.

Adjourned.

Friday, 1:30 p. m.

Opening—After singing, a brief testimony meeting was enjoyed by all.

Roll Call—Roll was answered by the amount received for memorials this year. The minutes were read and approved.

Courtesy—Mrs. Laura Raymer, Mrs. Eugene Stanislaus, Miss Esther Grosenbach, Mrs. Wesley McIntyre and Rev. Rufus Reisdorph were presented, each giving testimony.

Motion—Motion was made that a committee headed by our treasurer be instructed to form an instruction blank to be sent to local treasurers.

Greetings—Sister Spry sent greeting to the Conference by Mrs. Sausoman and Mrs. Reisdorph sang by request the song that was Sister Spry's testimony, "Wonderful Jesus."

Instructions to Secretary—The Secretary was instructed to send greetings to the following: Mrs. Spry, May Palmer, Ruth Bixler, Alma Aldinger, Mrs. Dorothy Myers, Mrs. Ruth McIntyre, Mrs. Wandalou Blaine, Mrs. Charles Fisher, Mrs. Emil Hanson, Mrs. Elizabeth Traver, Mrs. House, and Mrs. McGovern.

Election of Officers—The report of the Nominating Committee was read and the election of officers was as follows:

President—Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger

Vice President—Mrs. Marion Cretsinger

Secretary—Mrs. Madalyn Simpson

Treasurer—Mrs. Joyce Mudgett

Prayer Partner Secretary—Mrs. Amy Hunter

Mission Study Secretary—Mrs. Lillian Bailie

District Chairmen were elected as follows:

Aberdeen—Mrs. Kathryn Gibson

Black Hills—Mrs. Honour M. Griffin

Northeast—Mrs. Loreen Griffin

Northwest—Mrs. Lillian Bailie

Southern—Mrs. Nellie Sausoman

Thanks—A motion made that a rising vote of thanks be given to Rev. A. L. Mudget for painting the platform of the Tabernacle.

Report of Waterloo Convention—Mrs. Nellie Sausoman gave a brief report of the Waterloo Convention.

Courtesy—Mrs. Herman from the Michigan Conference was presented. Adjourned.

Saturday, 8:30 a. m.

Opening—Mrs. Viitoria Moulton led the group in the opening song, after which devotions were given by Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph bringing thoughts on the devotion of religions the world around.

Courtesy—Mrs. Herman from the Michigan Conference was presented. greetings from the Conference Body. Rev. H. K. Sheets, Young Peoples' Evangelist, and Rev. Orval Butcher, Song Evangelist gave words of testimony.

Roll Call—Roll was answered by "Fishers of men—What has your society done?"

Memorial Service—Mrs. Angeline McCone and Mrs. Harriet Harris had charge of a beautiful Memorial service honoring Mrs. Ben Davies, Mrs. Charles Schmidt, Mrs. Ella Stroupe, Mrs. Ed Wolff, Mrs. Emma Ritter, and Mrs. Anna Sipma.

Report of the Committee on Goals—The report of the Committee on Goals was read and adopted. (See Report No. 5)

Report of Statistical Committee—The Statistical Committee read their report. Accepted. (See Report on Statistics)

Report of the Executive Board—The report of the Executive Board was read and approved. (See report No. 10)

Report of Plan of Work Committee—The report of the Plan of Work Committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 9)

Spice—A tape recording from the Philippines was given by Rev. Rufus Reisdorph.

Saturday, 1:30 p. m.

Courtesy—Mr. and Mrs. Dan McCandless, who are to be vocational missionaries to Puerto Rico, gave words of testimony as they were introduced.

Prayer—Miss Minnie Knecht spoke about Brainerd Indian School, and led the group in prayer.

Motion—A motion was made that the Standing Rule No. 8e, "honorary members as well as active members be included in all assessments, unless otherwise specified" be transferred to the Recommendations.

Literature Sales—The report of the Literature sales was given. Accepted.

Laundry Room—The report of the chairman in charge of the laundry room was given.

Report of the Resolutions Committee—The report of the Resolutions Committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 4)

Adjourned by prayer.

Reports of Committees

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, wish to submit the following report:

Auditing—Mrs. Honour May Griffin, Mrs. Frances Ellis

Resolutions—Mrs. Leola Rossow, Mrs. Eugene Vreugdenhill, Mrs. Lillian Bailie

Courtesies—Mrs. Nellie Sausoman

Plan of Work—Mrs. Laverne Jones, Mrs. Leona Bennett, Mrs. Loreen Griffin

News Reporter—Mrs. Barbara Watson

Goals—President of W.M.S., Chairman of Membership and Magazine Solicitor Committees.

Standing Committees

Program—President of W.M.S., Mrs. LaVerne Jones, Mrs. Marion Cretsinger

Membership—Mrs. Rena Veeder, Mrs. Victoria Moulton

Magazine Solicitors—Mrs. Eleanor Buckman, Mrs. Ruby Wagner

Statistical—Mrs. Mabel Wadsworth, Mrs. Angeline McCone

Memorial—Mrs. Harriet Harris, Mrs. Nellie Sausoman

Signed: Mrs. Amy Hunter,
Mrs. Rena Veeder,
Mrs. Inez Gisselbeck,
Mrs. Katherine Drown,
Mrs. Harriett Harris.

Report No. 2

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we close the Conference year, my soul doth magnify the Lord. I praise Him for the special promises He has fulfilled; for His unfailing grace and His quickening power.

I am deeply grateful for the co-operation of each society and for the efficient work of the executive committee. Together may we praise God for each accomplishment, acknowledge that at our best we are but unprofitable servants.

As we enter this conference session, and observe the year of Golden Jubilee, may every single heart be filled with praise, and be challenged with

the spirit of conquest. May we with one accord welcome the Holy Ghost, and offer to our Lord free, clean channels through whom He may move and work.

Throughout these sessions and the new conference year, may you keep encouraged and challenged with the entire brief chapter of Isaiah 12. Remember anew to "cry out and shout thou inhabitress of Zion for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee!"

Official Acts

Organized the Ridge, Montana Missionary Society August 26.

Spoke at the missionary prayer meeting in Sundance, August 27, encouraging the new society there which their group had organized in July:

Spoke at the monthly meeting of the Northville society September 12, and to the Richland society September 23.

Spoke at the Southern District Educational Rally in Mitchell October 10.

Arranged for the travel of Rev. W. J. Davis in October and November.

Met with the Camp Board October 6, April 15, May 19 and May 20.

Organized the Pierre Society November 18.

Sponsored the love offering for the Rev. Davis family in December.

Sent out the World Day of Prayer booklets.

Sent out the Home Mission Department blotters for two quarters.

Attended the Area Convention at Waterloo, Iowa, April 7-9.

April 27, 28, and 30, spoke at Mission and Tuthill, South Dakota and Rawlins, Wyoming. At this time the Tuthill and Rawlins societies made plans to become active again.

Spoke at the Northeast District Convention in Bushnell May 3.

Met May 12, in an all-day session with combined program and executive committees.

Sponsored camp clean-up day May 26.

Sent out through the year 948 cards and letters, and cared for other matters incident to the office.

Submitted in Jesus' Name,

Dorothy Cretsinger

Report No. 3

REPORT OF MISSION STUDY

Number of ladies reading six books	70
Number of ladies reading four books	36
Number reading less than four books	31

Number of societies using Study book	10
Number of ladies with good Bible reading record	5

Signed: Mrs. Lillian Bailie,
Conference Study Secretary

Report No. 4

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

Be it resolved that we give praise to God for the unusual manifestation of His Spirit under whose guidance and power the routine of business has been so effectively accomplished.

Be it resolved that we strive to carry the inspiration of our Conference sessions to our local societies and that each society endeavor to make definite contribution in attaining the goals set by our Conference.

Be it resolved that because of the increased vision produced through Mrs. Reisdorph's messages of her world tour, we urge our women to a more faithful observance of the prayer program outlined by the Committee.

Be it resolved that we express our appreciation to Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, our General President for her tender, heart-quickenning messages and to Dr. Reisdorph, Rev. Mickley, Mr. Godfrey Brokenrope, Rev. Sheets, Rev. Orval Butcher, and Rev. J. F. Simpson for their greetings.

Be it resolved that we give due appreciation for the effective and spiritual leadership of our officers, and to all those who have planned and labored to make possible the new facilities which add to our comfort and convenience; also to those who have contributed individually or as committees to the success of our Annual Conference.

Be it resolved that throughout the year we seek to yield our lives in complete abandonment to the Spirit's leadership that we might conform in all things to His will.

Signed: Mrs. Leola Rossow,
Mrs. Lillian Bailie,
Mrs. Eunice Vreugenil.

Report No. 5

COMMITTEE ON GOALS

We submit the following:

1. That we gain 141 new members, increasing our total membership to 1083 members.

2. That we gain 100 new subscriptions to the magazine increasing the total to 767 subscriptions.

3. That we gain \$2797.76 increasing our total receipts to \$21,469.47.

Signed: Mrs. Rena Veeder,
Mrs. Lester Buckman.

Report No. 6

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited the books of the W.M.S. and Y.M.W.B. and have found them to be correct.

Signed: Mrs. Honour May Griffin,
Mrs. Frances Ellis.

Report No. 7

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand May 23, 1952	\$334.81
Total Cash Received	13760.34
Total Vouchers Received	1301.22
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GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$15396.37
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	15042.21
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Balance on hand May 26, 1953	354.16

Report No. 8

Y.M.W.B. REPORT

Total number of Bands reporting 26
Total number of members reported 852

Three new bands reporting were Boyd, Brookings, and Deadwood.

Financial Report

Total Receipts, 1952-53	\$1358.78
Total Disbursements	1354.69
Balance on Hand	4.09
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Total	\$1358.78

Signed: Miss Marie Brannon
Y.M.W.B. Superintendent

Report No. 9

PLAN OF WORK

We, the Committee of Plan of Work, submit the following as outlined by the General and Annual Conference:

1. Arrange with pastor for one missionary prayer service each month.
2. A minimum of 10 meetings to be held during the year, in which prayer is given a prominent place, and business is transacted; and at least one public meeting.
3. Recognizing the power of prayer, let us diligently observe the following:
 - a. The formation of Prayer Partner Circles in each Society with a Prayer Partner Secretary, who shall send a report to Conference Prayer Partner Secretary within 60 days after adjournment of the Annual Conference.
 - b. The observance of a Prayer and Fast Day by each Society once a month according to the plan of the District Chairman.
 - c. Co-operation in the World Day of Prayer services under the direction of the District Chairman.
4.
 - a. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and 75% of the active membership to be subscribers to the Wesleyan Missionary.
 - b. A Magazine Solicitor to be elected, who will faithfully endeavor to obtain all renewals and will gain not less than two new subscriptions a year, reporting the same to the Conference Magazine Solicitor according to the plan of said Solicitor.
5.
 - a. Each society to be recognized in Annual Conference by the New President and Delegate.
 - b. Delegate to be instructed by local society regarding the amount to be pledged by that Society at the Annual Conference session, same to be divided equally between Conference, Home and Foreign Missions.
 - c. Statistical Report Blanks filled out on time. Send one copy to Mrs. Mable Wadsworth, Mina, South Dakota, by May 15th.
6.
 - a. All monies received as dues be sent to Conference Treasurer, designating where 50% of same be applied on missions.
 - b. All monies and vouchers to be sent to Conference Treasurer quarterly and final quarterly remittances not later than May 1st, using blanks sent out by Conference Treasurer.
7. Every woman in the church a member of the society or a 10% gain in total membership.
8. Standing rules to be observed are as follows:

- a. An amount equal to 7½% of all monies raised, except funds for building and repairs and dues, be paid for Conference Work.
 - b. \$10.00 per society be paid for Home Missions. This may apply on budget.
 - c. \$5.00 per society be paid. Hephzibah Orphanage. This may apply on budget.
 - d. 15¢ per member be paid for Conference expense fund.
 - e. That each Society sponsor a Work Project throughout the year, bringing the same to the conference session to be displayed.
 - f. 25¢ per active member be paid for a General Administrative Fund, not to apply on budget.
9. a. \$1.25 per member be paid towards the support of our Conference Missionary. This may apply on budget.
 - b. Stress the use of Card Call Plan. Not to apply on budget.
 - c. Use of "Penny-a-Meal" jar and/or Thank Offering envelopes, the same to be turned in to local Treasurer monthly.
 - d. Use of Pre-Easter Self Denial Folders, said money to be used as directed at that time.
10. The Efficiency Standard to be read in the society at least once a year.
- 4% credit for each of the 25 items. Total 100%, Honor Roll 80%
- We recommend the following:
1. That there be continued reference to the Plan of Work as guide for the year's work.
 2. That each Society celebrate the 50th Anniversary by having a Golden Jubilee Birthday Party, at which time birthday offerings shall be taken, same to be applied on the Golden Jubilee project, which is the raising of funds for Leper Units in India, \$500.00 each. Not to apply on budget.
 3. That a missionary offering be taken at the monthly prayer meeting.
 4. That finances be provided for each representative to Annual Conference.
 5. That we urge use of "In Remembrance Folders."
 6. That Thank Offering monies be used for Home Missions.
 7. That we include all men in the church in our membership goal, same to be included in all our assessments, unless otherwise specified.
 8. That local societies inquire into the needs of Home Mission stations and orphanage before sending used clothing and that no monetary value be placed on same; that such boxes be reported merely as to the number sent; that boxes of new merchandise be reported as to monetary value and that the sending society evaluate and fill out receipt for same.

That to be sent to the missionaries for their signature after which it should be forwarded to Conference Missionary Society Treasurer for proper receipting.

9. That gift subscriptions to the Magazine be encouraged.
10. That our Prayer Partners be remembered by letters and gifts.
11. That our local societies make bandages and that these be forwarded promptly to the Missionary Home, 32 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, to await outgoing missionaries, the number of pounds to be reported with no value attached.
12. That we promote the Mission Study and Reading Course; the use of the Study Book designated each year; also Program Calendars and other helps.
13. That the Resolutions report be read before the Society upon receipt of the new minutes.

Let us be encouraged as we labor for the Lord this coming year, and "cry out and shout, thou inhabitress of Zion for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of Thee!"

Signed: Mrs. LaVerne Jones,
Mrs. Loreen Griffin,
Mrs. Leona Bennett.

Report No. 10

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

We, the Executive Board, wish to make the following recommendations:

That all offerings, above expenses be equally divided between Home, Foreign, and Conference missions, and that this be made a standing rule of the Conference.

That an honorarium of \$35.00 be presented to Dr. and Mrs. Reisdorph.

That \$15.00 be given Mrs. Reisdorph toward her expenses.

That Rev. John Mickley be invited to travel the Conference, accompanied by Brother Broken Rope to present the work and needs of the Rapid City Indian work.

That an honorarium of \$25.00 be given Mrs. Joyce Mudgett, our treasurer.

That a love gift of \$25.00 be presented to Rev. and Mrs. John Mickley.

That the Conference Expense Fund be raised to 15¢ per member, inasmuch as Mrs. Aileen Shea, General Conference Superintendent of the

Y.M.W.B., has requested that the Conference send their Y.M.W.B. Superintendent to the next General Conference.

That a missionary be secured to travel the Conference this year.

That the Dakota Conference take as a project for our Golden Jubilee Anniversary year the raising of funds for Leper Units in India. This will not apply on budget.

That each Society celebrate the 50th anniversary by having a Golden Jubilee Birthday Party, at which time a birthday offering shall be taken, same to be applied on the Golden Jubilee Project.

That we express our appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Rufus Reisdorph for their willing and generous spirit in the showing of their World Tour pictures, not only at the public missionary service, but on numerous other occasions when requested to do so.

That we heartily endorse the action taken at the Waterloo Area Convention concerning the building up of a motion picture film library of our fields for ready availability to our churches.

That we, as missionary ladies, seek to be "Channels only" through which the Holy Ghost may work to reach a world in need.

Signed: Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger,
Mrs. Marion Cretsinger,
Mrs. Madalyn Simpson,
Mrs. Joyce Mudgett,
Miss Marie Brannon.

W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Receipts										
Society	Active Members	Honorary Members	Members Gain	Members Loss	Meetings Held	Wesleyan Missionarys taken	Efficiency Standard	Missionaries Supported	Membership Dues	Offerings
Aberdeen	24	8	1	...	19	22	80%	...	\$32.00	\$423.43
Almont	7	1	...	3	...	18	82%	...	8.00	252.19
Artesian	15	5	...	...	14	11	...	...	20.00	128.66
Avon	13	2	...	2	12	13	78%	...	15.00	116.29
Baker	21	5	...	11	15	35	97%	...	26.00	326.92
Belle Fourche	12	10	10	...	25	12	84%	...	15.00	117.76
Billings	42	11	17	...	29	29	95%	...	53.00	392.45
Boyd	14	3	5	...	12	11	...	...	17.00	47.34
Brentford	6	5	...	1	15	8	...	...	11.00	210.56
Brookings	12	6	2	...	12	20	92%	...	18.00	162.05
Buffalo	17	3	...	1	14	17	...	...	20.00	270.11
Bushnell	20	5	14	...	13	...	80%	...	25.00	104.26
Calvary	6	2	...	...	12	11	88%	...	8.00	123.45
Conner	10	4	1	...	13	10	76%	...	14.00	118.22
Deadwood	14	3	6	...	22	18	80%	...	17.00	54.05
Flandreau	8	3	3	...	12	...	80%	...	11.00	78.38
Forsyth	6	...	...	1	...	8	70%	...	6.00	59.90
Garden City	16	7	4	...	16	12	...	...	23.00	130.76
Hot Springs	18	6	2	...	20	15	96%	...	24.00	285.07
Houghton	15	6	...	1	13	14	88%	...	21.00	64.24
Huron	36	26	20	...	20	41	96%	...	62.00	308.21
Ipswich	20	12	4	...	25	22	92%	...	32.00	283.29
Johnson Corners	21	9	2	...	14	19	100%	...	36.00	559.74
Knobs	10	1	...	...	12	4	...	...	11.10	60.82
Loyalton	16	18	2	...	20	20	90%	...	34.00	378.71
Medicine Rocks	7	3	...	...	5	5	...	...	10.00	342.77
Mission	6	1	...	2	16	...	...	...	7.00	122.29
Missoula	8	2	4	...	10	7	...	...	10.00	24.59
Miles City	5	2	...	2	12	6	...	...	7.00	71.62
Mitchell	30	17	...	6	28	29	90%	1	48.00	1,542.58
Mobridge	18	7	...	4	16	37	...	...	18.00	172.23
Mount Vernon	6	4	...	1	8	11	...	...	9.00	174.47
Northville	8	...	...	2	13	12	...	...	8.00	57.75
Pierre	7	...	...	...	7	8	71%	...	7.00	23.53
Rapid City	23	...	...	7	23	...	...	...	23.00	181.20
Redfield	24	17	7	...	26	36	92%	...	41.00	297.75
Richland	20	16	7	...	10	20	72%	1	36.00	522.29
Rocky Point	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	25.70
Ridge	6	4	...	...	16	5	...	...	10.00	64.88
Strool	12	8	6	...	14	11	86%	...	20.00	248.37
Sturgis	10	2	3	...	17	13	80%	...	12.00	61.80
Tolstoy	13	8	2	...	13	12	...	...	21.00	310.47
Watertown	34	18	9	...	27	27	84%	...	52.00	184.28
Watford City	27	9	15	...	16	34	100%	...	36.00	871.72
Totals	663	279	146	44	659	667	83%	2	\$934.10	\$10,356.35

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W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Receipts								
Society	From Labor	Memorials	Vouchers	Other Sources	Administrative Fund	Total Receipts	Old Balance	Grand Total
Aberdeen		\$27.00	\$15.00	\$22.00		\$519.43	\$8.46	\$527.89
Almont		27.00	9.50		\$2.00	298.69	15.10	313.79
Artesian			9.00	51.21		208.87	5.07	213.94
Avon		16.75	45.00	47.77		240.81	4.83	245.64
Baker				2.60	6.50	362.02		362.02
Belle Fourche			121.05	149.59		403.40	7.80	411.20
Billings	\$1.50	60.60	96.16	5.30		609.01	20.07	629.08
Boyd				31.73		96.07	6.18	102.25
Brentford			195.00	17.50		434.06	15.10	449.16
Brookings			55.05	93.48		328.58	9.06	337.64
Buffalo				14.25		304.36	18.79	323.15
Bushnell				30.01		159.27	24.61	183.88
Calvary			68.79	46.07		246.31	23.02	269.33
Conner					3.25	135.47	4.65	140.12
Deadwood				82.77		153.82		153.82
Flandreau			10.00	35.73		135.11	3.04	138.15
Forsyth				28.70		94.60		94.60
Garden City		1.00		170.07		324.83	.97	325.80
Hot Springs						309.07	3.79	312.86
Houghton				85.38	5.25	175.87	3.03	178.90
Huron		30.35	15.00	275.69	21.70	712.95	13.97	726.94
Ipswich		12.00	10.00			337.29	9.80	347.09
Johnson Corners		5.00	22.75	78.05		701.54	15.66	717.20
Knobs				83.18		155.10		155.10
Loyalton			32.85	208.43	8.00	661.99	3.39	665.38
Medicine Rocks		20.00	5.90			378.67		378.67
Mission						129.29	.11	129.40
Missoula			5.90	52.29		92.78	.31	93.09
Miles City				134.13		212.75	.80	213.55
Mitchell		22.05	15.00	51.00		1,678.63	26.90	1,705.53
Mobridge				498.62		688.85	51.52	740.37
Mount Vernon		124.00				307.47	.44	307.91
Northville		20.00	16.00	35.00		136.75		136.75
Pierre				17.26		46.79		46.79
Rapid City					5.75	209.95		209.95
Redfield		46.25	54.00	24.50	6.00	469.50	9.60	479.10
Richland		2,089.50	200.00	589.94		3,437.73	8.41	3,446.14
Rocky Point	21.16	3.00		24.00		73.86		73.86
Ridge				28.56		103.44		103.44
Strool						268.37	2.25	270.62
Sturgis		7.00	70.00	43.96		104.76	.07	194.83
Tolstoy						331.47	9.36	340.83
Watertown			30.00		136.56	402.84	3.82	406.66
Watford City		26.00	245.37	200.00		1,379.29	29.50	1,408.79
Totals	\$22.66	\$2,537.50	\$1,347.32	\$3,258.77	\$195.01	\$18,651.71	\$359.48	\$19,011.19

W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Society	Disbursements					
	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Medical Student Missions	Hephzibah, Cash	Hephzibah, Provisions	Education, Cash
Aberdeen	\$107.54	\$144.06	\$3.00	\$105.00		\$37.06
Almont	94.10	63.65	3.00	5.50		57.30
Artesian	44.74	68.12	3.00	5.00		14.60
Avon	44.50	50.27	3.00	5.00		18.11
Baker	122.35	117.00	3.00	5.00		17.50
Belle Fourche	199.17	114.00	3.00	5.00		5.50
Billings	115.15	152.90	3.00	5.00		25.00
Boyd	31.73	20.00	3.00	5.00		5.00
Brentford	24.62	70.75	3.00	5.00		42.50
Brookings	69.12	30.52	3.00	5.00	\$53.05	11.00
Buffalo	15.90	71.47	3.00	5.00		26.70
Bushnell	37.30	62.10	5.00	5.00		15.00
Calvary	80.00	20.00	3.00	5.00		22.95
Conner	36.09	26.25		3.00		25.50
Deadwood	28.00	58.82	3.00	5.00		
Flandreau	22.30	51.85	5.00	5.00		22.00
Forsyth		7.50	3.00			15.00
Garden City	112.24	59.50	3.00	5.00		48.80
Hot Springs	32.01	123.31	5.00	5.00		9.09
Houghton	10.00	26.25	3.00	5.00	17.15	47.15
Huron	100.31	167.80	3.00	12.00		65.34
Ipswich	54.00	98.34	5.00	5.00		19.80
Johnson Corners	241.91	226.66	3.00	36.25		30.30
Knobs	37.76	52.25		6.62		27.49
Loyalton	125.29	198.47	3.00	5.00		48.89
Medicine Rocks	140.15	119.00	3.00	5.00		22.50
Mission	20.63	29.93	3.00	5.00		
Missoula	7.90	10.00		2.25		15.00
Miles City	33.75	20.00	3.00	5.00		5.00
Mitchell	134.26	1,236.90	3.00	5.00		65.00
Mobridge	150.00	145.30	50.00	19.23		100.00
Mount Vernon	36.25	57.06	3.00	5.00		20.44
Northville	30.00	34.00	5.00	5.00		
Pierre	5.00	8.75	3.00	9.31		
Rapid City	25.62	75.29	3.00	5.00		15.00
Redfield	97.00	141.81	3.00	14.00		92.61
Richland	200.00	2,010.58	3.00	5.00		5.00
Rocky Point	52.70	21.16				
Ridge	10.00	12.50	3.00	5.00		5.00
Strool	67.99	58.56	3.00	5.00		5.00
Sturgis	32.50	50.00	3.00	6.25		54.50
Tolstoy	9.50	51.00	3.00	5.00		2.50
Watertown	24.75	115.83		19.25		62.50
Watford City	196.27	481.81	3.00	30.00		52.12
Totals	\$3,060.40	\$6,761.32	\$174.00	\$415.66	\$70.20	\$1,171.78
						\$53.00

W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Society	Disbursements							Grand Total
	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Administrative	7½ %	Total Disbursements	New Balance on Hand	
Aberdeen	\$15.30	\$16.00	\$60.00	\$8.00	\$29.70	\$525.66	\$2.23	\$527.89
Almont	20.29	4.00	.80	2.00	22.93	273.57	40.22	313.79
Artesian	48.22	10.00	7.00	3.75	9.07	213.50	.44	213.94
Avon	24.00	7.50	78.43	3.50	11.23	245.54	.10	245.64
Baker	24.75	13.00	12.60	6.50	35.32	362.02		362.02
Belle Fourche	40.45	7.50	12.40	3.00	21.18	411.20		411.20
Billings	20.85	53.00	200.36		31.82	607.08	22.00	629.08
Boyd		17.00	7.32	2.92		91.97	10.28	102.25
Brentford		11.00	270.87	5.20	16.22	449.16		449.16
Brookings	35.22	9.00	111.12	3.00		335.03	2.61	337.64
Buffalo		20.00	123.96	4.25	19.78	290.06	33.09	323.15
Bushnell	1.83	12.50	15.85	2.50	10.00	167.08	16.80	183.88
Calvary	18.27	4.00	96.04	2.50	6.95	258.71	10.62	269.33
Conner	21.11	14.00	8.73	3.25		139.93	.19	140.12
Deadwood	16.76	17.00	15.00	3.35	4.05	150.98	2.84	153.82
Flandreau	1.84	5.50	6.15	2.00	5.50	127.14	11.01	138.15
Forsyth	3.20	6.00	58.02	1.59		94.22	.38	94.60
Garden City		11.50	58.33	4.25	22.64	325.26	.54	325.80
Hot Springs		12.00	67.36	6.00	21.65	281.42	31.44	312.86
Houghton		21.00	21.52	5.25		156.32	22.58	178.90
Huron	90.65	31.00	119.50	21.70	98.93	710.23	16.69	726.92
Ipswich	34.54	16.00	91.01		14.63	346.32	.77	347.09
Johnson Corners	39.15	36.00	33.00	5.25	44.73	696.25	20.95	717.20
Knobs		11.10	4.40		15.48	155.10		155.10
Loyalton	5.00	17.00	160.29	3.00	30.73	606.67	58.71	665.38
Medicine Rocks		5.00	81.52	2.50		378.67		378.67
Mission		7.00	38.31	1.75	9.64	115.26	14.14	129.40
Missoula	18.60	5.00	28.00		6.34	93.09		93.09
Miles City		3.50	95.85	13.13		204.23	9.32	213.55
Mitchell		24.00	213.59	13.35		1,695.10	10.43	1,705.53
Mobridge	50.00		113.74		42.48	675.75	64.62	740.37
Mount Vernon		4.50	156.45	24.54		307.24	.67	307.91
Northville		4.00	48.45			126.45	10.30	136.75
Pierre		3.50	8.60	1.75	2.31	42.22	4.57	46.79
Rapid City	10.04	11.50	35.50	5.75	4.30	190.80	19.15	209.95
Redfield	51.57	20.50	23.10	6.00	26.05	475.64	3.46	479.10
Richland	5.69	36.00	33.60	9.00	231.21	2,539.08	907.06	3,446.14
Rocky Point						73.86		73.86
Ridge	24.75	10.00	24.56	1.50	7.13	103.44		103.44
Strool	48.19	10.00	47.00	5.00	19.88	269.62	1.00	270.62
Sturgis		10.00	25.00	3.50	10.00	194.75	.08	194.83
Tolstoy	22.20	10.50	228.75	4.50		336.95	3.88	340.83
Watertown		27.50	25.23	8.50	120.14	403.70	2.96	406.66
Watford City	262.06	18.00	256.14	5.00	72.21	1,376.64	32.15	1,408.79
Totals	\$954.53	\$593.10	\$3,131.25	\$213.44	\$1,024.23	\$17,642.91	\$1,388.28	\$19,011.19

Y.M.W.B. STATISTICAL REPORT

Bands	Active Members	Honorary Members	Meetings	Efficiency Standard	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Golden Jubilee	Total Band Credit	Non-Credit	Grand Total
Aberdeen	17	27	12	75%	\$24.89	\$10.00	\$3.00	\$7.44	\$45.33	\$3.89	\$49.22
Artesian	6	3	3	100%	6.00	1.54	2.00	49.95	6.00	.12	6.12
Avon	12	2	12	100%	9.92	17.74	10.61	19.88	63.41	.40	63.81
Baker	23	15	12	90%	28.98	5.00	5.00	3.24	77.24	1.00	78.24
Belle Fourche	15	15	12	70%	16.22	5.00	5.00	3.00	26.22	.28	26.50
Billings	15	3	9	80%	44.00	5.00	5.00	6.04	57.24	9.32	66.66
Brentford	4	2	9	80%	5.35	3.50	1.75	3.00	13.60	8.15	21.75
Brookings	12	31	9	100%	22.46	5.00	7.00	6.04	40.50	4.08	44.58
Boyd	10	1	9	100%	5.20	1.00	1.00	7.20	7.20	.65	7.85
Buffalo	28	11	11	90%	39.28	7.83	4.53	25.25	76.89	5.05	81.94
Conner	32	28	12	90%	35.65	1.00	1.00	5.25	42.90	.60	43.50
Deadwood	30	12	100%	6.80	2.87	2.00	3.60	15.27	15.27	.71	15.98
Forsyth	9	8	6	40%	8.84	10.00	7.54	25.02	8.84	1.74	61.30
Hot Springs	18	20	9	65%	17.00	5.00	3.00	3.67	32.93	.13	33.06
Houghton	15	17	12	100%	21.26	10.00	10.00	9.75	112.00	10.65	122.65
Huron	55	60	14	100%	82.25	4.66	4.67	21.94	43.82	2.64	46.46
Ipswich	8	12	100%	12.55	87.59	5.00	5.00	29.15	126.74	10.39	137.13
Johnson Corners	34	8	12	85%	76.96	8.30	2.00	23.35	76.96	14.09	91.05
Medicine Rocks	3	10	12	100%	29.02	16.70	1.00	2.26	62.67	.52	63.19
Mitchell	13	38	10	60%	13.52	9.06	4.55	24.47	33.48	.26	33.74
Redfield	21	5	10	80%	95.24	28.46	15.00	25.40	133.32	13.00	146.32
Richland	9	43	9	80%	28.46	7.28	7.28	7.28	28.46	1.00	28.46
Strool	14	38	8	60%	10.40	3.87	3.87	40.26	7.28	.52	25.92
Tolstoy	10	10	35	60%	7.28	3.87	3.87	40.26	7.28	1.00	8.28
Watertown	14	3	12	80%	32.52	3.87	3.87	40.26	7.28	1.00	8.28
Watford City	44	3	12	80%	32.52	3.87	3.87	40.26	7.28	1.00	8.28
Totals	491	395	253		\$767.64	\$133.10	\$84.52	\$278.26	\$1,263.52	\$95.26	\$1,358.78

Dakota Conference W. Y. P. S.

OFFICERS FOR 1953 W. Y. P. S.

President—Rev. A. L. Mudgett
Vice-President—Rev. Dean Watson
Secretary—Velma Hughes
Treasurer—Donna Stanislaus
Youth Solicitor—Dale Franklin

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

Aberdeen District—Rev. Robert Bateman
Black Hills District—Rev. Lester Buckman
North Eastern District—Rev. Wesley Sime
North Western District—Rev. Wesley McIntyre
Southern District—Rev. R. J. Sausoman

W. Y. P. S. PRESIDENT

Aberdeen—Mavis Jones, 308 N. Lincoln, Aberdeen, S. D.
Almont—
Artesian—Ila Hamm, Artesian, S. D.
Avon—Burnell Pudwell, Dante, S. D.
Baker—Erna Jordan, Baker, Montana
Belle Fourche—James Donald, Belle Fourche, S. D.
Billings—Jean Hudson, 3210 3rd Ave. So., Billings, Mont.
Buffalo—
Brentford—Mrs. Francis Fey, Conde, S. D.
Brookings—David Priestley, 803 12th Ave., Brookings, S. D.
Huron—Wilbert Becker, 707 12th S. W., Huron, South Dakota
Ipswich—Eugene Gisselbeck, Ipswich, S. D.
Johnson's Corners—Alice Jones, Keene, N. D.
Loyalton—Mrs. Ivan Holsing, Loyalton, S. D.
Mitchell—Phil Briles, 423 S. Sanborn, Mitchell, S. D.
Mobridge—Bennie Larson, Mobridge, S. D.
Mt. Vernon—
Northville—
Rawlins—
Rapid City—Voreta Simpson, 2812 Meadow Brook Drive, Rapid City,
South Dakota
Redfield—Phyllis Drown, Redfield, S. D.
Richland—Arvid Sime, Mina, S. D.
Strool—
Sturgis—Eunice Rogers, Sturgis, S. D.

Tolstoy—Virgil Helem, Tolstoy, S. D.
Watertown—Helen Emmert, 309 Fourth Ave., S. E., Watertown, S. D.
Watford City—Mrs. Dorothy Ulledalen, Watford City, N. D.

DELEGATES

Artesian—Ila Hamm, Etta Adams
Aberdeen—Mavis Jones
Avon—Ruth Hayward, Delores Pudwell
Baker—Royal Noftaker, Erna Jordan
Billings—Evelyn Johnson, Marilyn Hunter
Brentford—Francis Fey, Mrs. Francis Fey
Brookings—David Priestly
Garden City—Violetta McGillivray
Huron—Claude Bandy, Shirley Rae Johnson
Ipswich—Ruth Maynard, Eugene Gisselbeck, Alva Belle Beckman
Johnson Corners—Carolyn Koeser
Loyalton—Ardyce Frederickson, Delores Holsing, Doris Button
Mitchell—Ruth Hildebrandt, Norma Rothanes, Robert Hersey
Mobridge—Shirley Bartels, Jonathan Knechet
Pierre—Dean Watson
Rapid City—Voreta Simpson, David Simpson
Rawlins—Mary Esther Cretsinger
Redfield—Ruth Gange, Benny Drown
Richland—Deloris Bailey, Donald Stewart
Strool—Jonell Carr, Joyce VanCleave
Sturgis—Florence Holtry
Sundance—Lee Goodell
Tolstoy—Virgil Helm, Elaine Strouckel, Lloyd Hettick
Watertown—Barbara Sutton, Sandra Olson, Gene Alexander, Dale Franklin
Watford City—Lugh Nygard

Daily Proceedings

The first meeting of the Young People's Conference for the year 1953 was held in the Youth Tabernacle on Monday June 8. It was called to order by Rev. A. L. Mudgett, President. Rev. Dean Watson led the group in the chorus "Everbody Ought To Know" and then led in devotions and prayer.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that Barbara Watson act as Secretary in the absence of Beverly Christensen.

A motion was made and supported that the first seven rows of seats on either side of the Young People's Tabernacle constitute the bar of Conference. The delegates were seated. It was moved and seconded that Rev. H. K. Sheets be seated in the bar of our conference.

Roll call was given.

The program as outlined was read by Rev. Mudgett, the motion was made and seconded that the program be adopted as read.

Motion made and seconded and carried that the various districts meet at 1 o'clock today for a caucus to nominate new chairmen. Rev. Dean Watson was appointed to act as chairman pro-tem for the Southern District.

A nominating committee was elected as follows:

Robert Bateman
Voreta Simpson
Francis Fey

We then recessed for nominating committee to bring report.

Monday 10:30 a. m.

Meeting called to order.

Motion made and seconded and carried that Mary Esther Cretsinger be seated as a delegate for Rawlins.

Motion made and seconded that Rev. Dean Watson be seated Within bar of conference as delegate from Pierre.

The Nominating Committee brought their report and a motion was made and seconded that the committee on the slate as read be elected. They were as follows:

Statistical Committee:

Lester Buckman, Chairman
Ila Hamm
Dale Franklin

Auditing Committee:

Dean Watson
David Priestly
Florence Holtry

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Resolutions:

Mrs. Delores Holsing
Ruth Hildebrandt
Donald Stewart

Ways and Means:

Claude Brandy, chairman
Alva Belle Beckman
Dale Drown

Motion made and seconded that the nominating committee bring in nominees for all W. Y. P. S. Conference officers to be voted on by the group.

An amendment was made to this motion that the nominating committee include two nominees for each conference office. This was made a motion, was seconded and carried.

Motion was made and supported that two more members be elected to nominating committee.

They were elected as follows:

Marilyn Hunter and Dale Franklin

Rev. H. K. Sheets presented the matter of books and encouraged them at the book stand.

We were adjourned.

Monday 2:30 p. m.

Meeting called to order by President. Rev. Lee Goodell led in the chorus "He Lives," followed by devotions. Rev. Mudgett led us in prayer.

Roll call was given. The minutes were read and approved.

The W. Y. P. S. President gave an oral report. Moved and seconded that we accept it as given. (Note. See report No. 6)

Motion made and seconded that we accept the Youth Solicitor's report as given by Rev. Rossow.

Rev. John Hunter, Northwest District Chairman gave his report on their youth camp. Moved and seconded that we accept it as given.

Rev. Robert Bateman, Aberdeen District Chairman told of rallies held at Ipswich and Redfield. Moved and seconded we accept his report.

The chairman of the Southern District was not present.

Walter Simpson, Chairman of the Northeast District reported afternoon rally with Rev. A. L. Mudgett at Brookings. Youth from various churches of the district attended missionary youth rally in Watertown. Moved and supported we accept his report as given.

Rev. Lester Buckman, Black Hills District Chairman told of the youth camp at Custer, also youth rally at Rapid City in April with Paul

Kindschi. Moved and supported we accept his report as given.

Rev. H. K. Sheets presented the matter of youth raising or saving money for youth camp by means of stamps.

Nominations and elections for various District Chairman resulted in the following:

Northwest—Wesley McIntyre

Black Hills—Lester Buckman

Aberdeen—Robert Bateman

Southern—R. J. Sausoman

Northeast—Wesley Sime

Discussion prevailed about youth subscriptions and how to boost them. We were adjourned.

Tuesday 8:30 a. m.

The meeting was called to order. Rev. Darrell Wagner led the group in singing "Heavenly Sunshine," this was followed by devotions and prayer.

Roll call was given. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and stood approved as read.

The Auditing Committee gave their report, it was moved and seconded that it be accepted. (Note. See report No. 1)

The treasurer's Report was given by Mrs. Harold Griffin. Moved and supported that we accept it. (Note. See report No. 2)

The Committee on Resolutions gave their report. It was moved and supported that we accept it. (Note. See report No. 3)

Rev. Mudgett appointed David Priestly, Dale Franklin, Dale Drown and Donald Stewart to serve as tellers.

The Ways and Means Committee gave their report. Motion was made and seconded that it be accepted. (Note. See report No. 4)

The Nominating Committee submitted two names each for the various offices:

The election resulted in the following:

President—Rev. A. L. Mudgett

Vice-President—Rev. Dean Watson

Secretary—Velma Hughes

Treasurer—Donna Stanislaus

Wesleyan Youth Solicitor—Dale Franklin

Our President read the list of committees to serve during camp.

Discussion prevailed on how the various societies conduct their devotional meetings and the means of varying the program.

The fact was brought out by our President that the basis for membership in the W. Y. P. S. is signing the membership card, the \$1.25 dues is merely an apportionment.

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

The Report of the Statistical Committee was read. It was moved and seconded that we accept the report as read. (Note. See report No. 5)

Suggestions were made that all items by the local societies be listed on the blanks.

We were adjourned for the service at 10:30 in the main tabernacle.

Tuesday 4:00 p. m.

The last session of the Young People's conference was called to order and devotions were led by Rev. Gene Stanislaus.

The Executive Council report of Tuesday, June 9 was given and it was moved that the report be accepted as a whole. Motion seconded and carried.

Pledges were received from the different societies to be applied on the missionary project of helping with the salary of the pastor at Harlowton, Montana.

Rev. H. K. Sheets challenged the youth societies in remembering the San Antonio crusade in their prayers and offerings.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Rev. Robert Bateman for making the posters that were put up in the Youth Tabernacle. A rising vote of thanks was also given to Rev. A. L. Mudgett for painting the stage in the Youth Tabernacle. The President expressed his thanks to Mrs. Dean Watson for acting as secretary pro-tem. Appreciating was also extended to the officers of last year and to the pastors and each local society for their cooperation.

The minutes of Tuesday morning session and afternoon session were read. Motion made, seconded and carried that minutes be approved as read. Motion was made and carried that the conference session adjourn.

After adjournment motion was made and carried that we sing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council was called to order at 1:00 p. m. Tuesday June 9 by your President, Rev. A. L. Mudgett.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that Velma Hughes act as secretary for the meeting of the Executive Council.

A motion that we recommend that the amount of appropriation to Mission, South Dakota be enlarged to \$50.00 for the purpose of revival was seconded and carried.

A motion that we recommend that \$50.00 be given to Harlowton for the purpose of a revival also carried.

Since we had no missionary project this past year the following recommendations were made for the use of the money now in the treasury:

Motion that we pay \$5.00 a month throughout the conference year to Rev. Ordonez, a pastor in the Philippines was seconded and carried.

Pertaining to home missions, motion that \$25.00 be given to the San Antonio campaign was seconded and carried.

Motion that \$50.00 be appropriated to the Harlowton, Montana church to be applied on a piano also carried.

Some discussion was held on the project for the Young People's Societies for the coming year and motion was made, seconded and carried that we pay \$10.00 a week on the salary for the pastor at Harlowton, Montana.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the organizing of groups for youth crusades be left in the hands of our President to work out some kind of schedule with members of the conference as time allows.

Motion that the dues remain at \$1.25, \$1.00 for connectional and 25¢ for conference, also carried.

Motion for adjournment was seconded and carried.

Reports of Committees

Report No. 1

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee have audited the books of the W. Y. P. S. Treasurer and have found them to be correct.

O. D. Watson, Jr., Chairman
David Priestly
Florence Holtry

Report No. 2

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1952-1953

Items	Balance on Hand 1952	Receipts	Expenses	Balance on Hand 1953
Conference Dues	\$13.92	\$112.75	\$104.93	\$21.74
General Dues		255.75	255.75	
7½% Fund		185.18	185.18	
Church Extension	226.39	101.59	300.00	27.98
Foreign Missions		224.06	140.11	83.95
Home Missions		167.11	75.49	91.62
Education		99.07	99.07	
Brainerd		282.22	282.22	
Servicemen's Commission		61.00	61.00	
Crusader	29.08	13.50	11.53	31.05
World Youth Crusade		50.46	50.46	
Youth Week Offering		144.38	144.38	
Totals	\$269.39	\$1,697.07	\$1,710.12	\$256.34
Balance on Hand 1952			\$269.39	
Receipts 1952-1953			1,697.07	
Total			\$1,966.46	
Disbursements 1952-1953			1,710.12	
Balance on Hand 1953				\$256.34

Report No. 3

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the committee on resolutions submit the following:

Be it resolved that we humbly give thanks to God for the consciousness of His presence and divine guidance in this Conference session.

Be it resolved that we as young people honor the Holy Spirit in our individual lives as we plan for the future in order that we may prosper spiritually as a group.

Be it resolved that we pray earnestly for Rev. Sheets as he ministers

to the Chaplains and servicemen in Japan and Korea, that the Holy Spirit through him might re-anoint and quicken their wills to live for Christ in these adverse conditions.

Be it resolved that we pray earnestly for and co-operate in every way in promoting the San Antonio Crusade that through this effort our ranks might be enlarged and God be glorified.

Be it resolved that we faithfully support all projects sponsored by the young people of the conference; and may we aid in promotion of Wesleyan Youth subscriptions and reading of the same.

Be it resolved that we express our sincere appreciation to all who have contributed in any way to make this Conference session a blessing to all who attended; especially to Rev. H. K. Sheets for interesting information and inspiring messages presented, to Rev. J. P. Trueblood for his ministry and to Rev. Orval Butcher for the inspiration in song.

Deloris Holsing,
Donald Stewart,
Ruth Hildebrandt.

Report No. 4

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

We, the ways and means committee, present the following recommendations for the consideration of the conference W.Y.P.S.:

1. That the use of membership cards be promoted.
2. That the use of the "camp program" be promoted as much as possible.
3. That the W.Y.P.S. Crusader be continued at least six times a year.
4. That W.Y.P.S. workshops be instituted by the conference Youth President and be promoted in the districts with each church participating.
 - A. Parliamentary Procedure
 - B. Extension of Young Peoples work
 - C. Discussion of local problems
 - D. Organization of W.Y.P.S. throughout levels
5. Have different W.Y.P.S. officers and societies exchange services with societies in close proximity.
6. That a Sunday be set aside and an offering taken for the San Antonio campaign.

Claude Bandy, Chairman;
Alva Belle Beckman,
Dale Drown.

Report No. 5

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The following represents a part of the activities of your president during the past year.

July 20, 1953—Arranged for bus to take Young People from the Eastern section of the Conference to the Black Hills Youth Camp.

August 11-15—Worked in the Red Lodge Youth Camp.

August 17—Represented the Conference W.Y.P.S. at the dedication of the Sundance, Wyoming church.

August 18-24—Assisted in the Black Hills Youth Camp.

December 2-4—Attended Denominational Youth Leader's Conference at Marion, Indiana.

Published two issues of the Crusader.

Represented the W.Y.P.S. at various Camp Meeting Board Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. Mudgett

Standing Rules

1. The second Sunday in September will be observed as church extension Sunday.
2. Tuesday of camp week is Young People's Day.

Budget Apportionment

\$1.00 will be assessed to each member for connectional dues and \$.25 per member for conference dues.

W.Y.P.S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Name of Society	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youth	Conference Dues	General Dues	Church Extension	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Local Work
Aberdeen	6	4	3	\$15.98	\$5.50	\$15.00	.....	\$20.12	.....	\$21.86
Almont	7	3	5	2.50	7.00	5.00	\$9.00	.....	\$10.00	51.29
Artesian	12	1	7	4.75	10.25	9.23	2.00	14.59	2.00	140.64
Avon	12	10	22	5.50	10.00	7.00	12.00	27.00	30.00	48.75
Baker	13	4	4	3.00	12.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	25.00
Belle Fourche	17	28	15	12.25	16.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Billings and Boyd	3	5	5	.75	3.00	.....	.....	8.68	8.70	29.25
Brentford	16	6	4	4.00	16.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	27.07
Brookings	16	17	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Connor	.....	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deadwood	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flandreau	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forsyth	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Garden City	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hot Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Houghton	15	3	19	15.00	4.50	29.59	5.00	35.82	200.50	124.31
Iron	13	2	13	5.00	12.75	.....	.....	.....	2.08	29.63
Lawson	14	27	27	3.50	14.00	20.00	12.00	6.77	6.76	16.50
Johnson Corners	14	8	24	4.25	16.00	5.00	3.39	13.04	9.63	54.99
Loyalton	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miles City	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missoula	27	14	25	11.00	27.00	.....	2.03	5.42	4.04	37.34
Mitchell	15	6	6	14.00	.....	44.00	5.00	20.00	.....	107.00
Moabridge	5	1	2	.75	3.00	27.91	1.00	5.00	5.00	.....
Mount Vernon	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northville	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pierre	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rapid City	9	12	8	1.75	3.50	5.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....
Rawlins	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Redfield	14	18	10	4.50	17.50	.....	.....	10.00	10.00	206.75
Richland	20	12	12	5.00	20.00	.....	9.25	.....	25.00	122.01
Sioux Chapel	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Strool	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	5.64	7.12	.....	13.80
Sturgis	10	2	5	3.00	12.00	2.50	12.50	.....	10.00	1.80
Sundance	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tolstoy	6	1	1	1.50	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.69
Tutthill	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Watertown	27	20	20	6.75	27.00	3.18	11.07	5.53	5.54	93.31
Watford City	9	8	8	2.25	9.00	8.00	4.24	8.47	4.23	.....
Totals	284	98	307	\$126.98	\$249.00	\$184.41	\$112.12	\$190.56	\$336.48	\$1,151.99

W.Y.P.S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Name of Society	Other Items	Youth Offering	Missionary Project	7½ %	Crusader	Total Receipts Plus Balance	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
Aberdeen	\$100.75	\$5.00				\$193.25	\$184.21	\$9.0
Almont								
Artesian	8.00	5.00		\$6.90		130.29	104.69	25.6
Avon	19.00					218.46	202.46	16.0
Baker	27.41			11.29	\$6.00	185.29	184.95	.3
Belle Fourche		3.00				97.50	55.00	42.5
Billings and Boyd	48.84	15.12	\$25.00	7.97		125.18	125.18	
Brentford	8.08			4.95		71.58	63.41	8.1
Brookings	10.06	6.66	5.00			109.96	90.44	19.5
Buffalo								
Connor								
Deadwood								
Flandreau								
Forsyth								
Garden City								
Hot Springs								
Houghton								
Huron	11.90					444.39	426.62	17.7
Ipswich	9.22	3.51		3.49	2.50	73.56	68.18	5.3
Johnson Corners	172.14	20.62	40.00			315.43	312.29	3.1
Loyalton	29.86	10.03	5.00	12.88	2.00	176.49	166.07	10.4
Miles City								
Missoula								
Mitchell	82.00	17.38		12.47		222.83	199.68	22.0
Mobridge				5.00		283.00	195.00	88.0
Mount Vernon	14		20.68	3.80		67.28	67.28	
Northville								
Pierre								
Rapid City	3.86			1.86		25.11	25.11	
Rawlins								
Redfield		3.41		4.83		267.14	257.89	9.2
Richland	50.00	7.67		18.29		280.29	257.22	23.0
Sioux Chapel								
Strool	13.65	5.37				45.58	45.58	
Sturgis	.53			2.36		62.21	44.69	17.5
Sundance								
Tolstoy	14.00	2.95		.75		32.12	22.89	9.2
Tutthill								
Watertown	25.72	13.20		7.87		199.95	199.17	.7
Watford City	44.43	5.92	9.00	3.59	2.00	118.42	115.20	3.2
Totals	\$679.59	\$124.84	\$104.68	\$108.30	\$12.50	\$3,750.31	\$3,413.21	\$331.0