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of the

Seventy-sixth Annual Session

of the

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

of the

Wesleyan Methodist Church of America

and Its Auxiliary Organizations

THE WESLEYAN YOUTH

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

held at

Aberdeen, South Dakota

A.D. JUNE 11-15, 1957

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference Fiscal Year for Local Churches closes April 30, 1958; Conference Treasurers close their books on May 15, 1958. All Budgets due at least quarterly, or payable in advance.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE 7½% Fund—

Financial Plan for Conference Work

Money for Conference Work shall be obtained by each Local Church paying an amount equal to 7½% of all money raised for all purposes; this to include the Local Treasury, Sunday School, W.M.S., Wesleyan Men's Fellowship, W.Y. and Y.M.W.B., with the exception of finance for building and repairs. The amount is to be sent to the Conference Treasurer each month.

BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

Church to raise an amount equal to the following:

Administrative Budget	\$.60 per member
Superannuate Pension Plan	1.50 per member
Education	3.00 per member
General Conference Travel and Entertainment20 per member
Home Missions	1.25 per member
Australia25 per member
Orphanage25 per member
Foreign Missions	2.00 per member
General Sunday School Budget15 per member
Conference Sunday School Budget05 per member
Pioneer Pastor's Fund	1.00 per member
Railroad Expense	11.50 per charge

Names and Addresses of various Treasurers:

Conference Treasurer—Rev. S. J. McIntyre, 306 S. 32nd Street, Billings, Montana.

Camp Meeting Treasurer: Mr. Melvin Gibson, Box 652, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Superannuate Pension Plan Treasurer—Rev. Darrell Wagner, 616 1st Street, Rapid City, South Dakota.

W.M.S. Treasurer—Mrs. B. H. Veeder, 20 Burnham Ave., Deadwood, South Dakota.

W.Y. Treasurer—Mrs. Rolland Fletcher, 916 Garland, Miles City, Montana.

Ministerial Benefit Fund Treasurer—Rev. Paul Davidson, Box 57, Watford City, North Dakota.

Blue Cross Insurance Treasurer—Rev. Paul Davidson, Box 57, Watford City, North Dakota.

Burial Association Treasurer—Mr. Archie D. Minx, General Secretary, Box 567, 707 Pearl Street, Plymouth, Indiana.

Camp Meeting and Conference Dates, D.V.:

Camp Meeting begins June 5 and closes June 15, 1958.

Conference convenes on June 10 and adjourns June 14, 1958.

Address—Address all communications to, or in care of, Wesleyan Methodist Campgrounds, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Recommendation was passed that books of all Conference Treasurers be in the hands of Auditing Committee on the first day of assembly, either Camp Meeting or Conference, whichever comes first.

Camp Meeting 1959 - June 4-14. Conference 9-13.

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President—Rev. John J. Hunter

First Vice President—Rev. J. F. Simpson

Secretary—Rev. A. L. Cretsinger

Treasurer—Rev. S. J. McIntyre

Educational Secretary—Rev. Allen Gisselbeck

Sunday School Secretary—Rev. Glen Wessel

Tithing Secretary—Rev. Gordon Goodsell

Card Call Secretary—Rev. Robert McCoy

Conference Prayer Secretary—Rev. A. L. Cretsinger

***Promotional Secretary for Wesleyan Men's Fellowship**—Rev. E. David Robertson

Temperance Secretary—Rev. Robert O. Vermilyea

Treasurer Superannuate Pension Fund—Rev. Darrell Wagner

Secretary and Treasurer Ministerial Benefit Fund—Rev. Paul Davidson

Transportation Secretary—Rev. J. F. Simpson

Blue Cross Insurance Treasurer—Rev. Paul Davidson

Local Board of Trustees of Miltonvale Wesleyan College, Miltonvale, Kansas

(Elder)—Rev. Gordon Cary—Term Expires 1960

(Lay)—Irvin Bailey—Term Expires 1958

(Alternate)—Rev. John Winterberg

Trustees—Rev. L. D. Harris, term expires 1958; Dan Palmer, term expires 1958; Rev. J. E. Spry, term expires 1959; Rev. H. W. Cretsinger, term expires 1960; Lee Wagner, term expires 1960.

Secretary of Child Evangelism—Miss Marie Brannon

Superintendent and/or President of the Dakota Conference

Mission Work in the Philippines—Rev. J. F. Simpson

*1320 2nd Street, Brookings, South Dakota

STANDING COMMITTEES

Camp Meeting Board: Conference President ex-officio; 1st Vice President; W.M.S. President; W.Y. President; L. D. Harris; Frances Fey; R. E. Jacqueth; Cyrus Pedigrew Jr.; Treasurer, ex-officio.

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Auditing Committee: R. J. Sausoman; Wesley McIntyre; Eugene Stanislaus.

Conference Program Committee: Conference President; W.M.S. President; W.Y. President; Mrs. Melvin Gibson; Conference S.S. Secretary.

Conference Missionary Board: Conference President; 1st Vice President; W.M.S. President; W.Y. President; Conference Treasurer; H. W. Cretsinger; Irvin Bailey; Ted Beckman; H. H. Franklin; E. David Robertson.

Committee on Itineracy and Orders: Gordon Cary; H. J. Van Vliet; Dallas Wadsworth; Robert Vermilyea; James Johnson; Roy Jacqueth; Francis Fey.

Judiciary Committee: L. D. Harris; W. J. Leyh; R. M. Kelly.

Sunday School Board: Conference S.S. Secretary; Lee Goodell (1 more year); Franklin Simpson; Conference President, ex-officio.

Board of Church and Parsonage Building and Location: Conference President ex-officio; 1st Vice President; H. W. Cretsinger; Wesley McIntyre; J. E. Alexander.

Vacancies Committee: W. J. Leyh; Darrell Wagner; R. J. Sausoman; Charles Reisdorph; Fred Nultemeir.

Committee on Evangelism: S. J. McIntyre; Conference S.S. Secretary; W.Y. President; R. M. Kelley.

Committee on Superannuate Minister's Aid: Conference Treasurer, ex-officio; Conference Secretary; Treasurer Superannuate Pension Fund.

Statistical Committee: Paul Faulkenberry, Chairman; Eugene Gisselbeck; Voreta Simpson; Mrs. Inez Goodell.

Chairman R.R. Expense: Harold Griffin.

President's Advisory Board: Rev. J. F. Simpson, O. Theo Beckman.

Chairman Resolutions Committee: B. I. Griffin.

Committee: L. D. Harris, Chairman
Ed Reisdorph
H. H. Franklin
R. M. Kelley
John J. Hunter

CONFERENCE ROLL

ELDERS

(The numbers in parenthesis indicate the number of times the person named answered the roll-call. However, the full roll was not called on Friday.)

Miss Alma Aldinger, 1950 (0) --Bendembu, via Makeni, Sierra Leone,
West Africa

Romeo Baronía (0) -----Bangued, Arba, Philippine Islands

A. A. Becker (4) -----ph. 3779, 501 E. Kemp, Watertown, S. D.

Lester Bennett, 1954 (4) -----Conner, Montana

Frederick Bingaman, (5) -----Avon, S. D.

Mrs. Maxine Bingaman (5) -----Avon, S. D.

Miss Ruth Bixler, 1950 (0) -----Bendembu, via Makeni, Sierra Leone,
West Africa

Gordon H. Cary (5) -----ph. 135, Box 702, Baker, Montana

Philip Glen Case, 1957, (4) -----ph. 9-F-120, Brainerd Indian Training
School, Star Route, Hot Springs, S. D.

Elton Clyde (0) -----Sand Point, Idaho

Harold A. Cottrill (0) -----Box 88-A, R.F.D. No. 1, Rapid City, S. D.

A. L. Cretsinger (5) -----ph. ME 7-5561, Box 502, Terry, Montana

Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger (5) -----ph. ME 7-5561, Box 502, Terry, Montana

H. Wayne Cretsinger, 1939 (2) -----ph. 574-J, Redfield, S. D.

Paul F. Davidson, 1957 (5) -----ph. 5901, Box 57, Watford City, N. D.

Earl Fessenden, 1943 (0) -----ph. 153, Miltonvale, Kansas

Paul D. Faukenberry, 1955 (5) -----ph. 2555, Box 480, Mount Vernon, S. D.

Rolland Fletcher, 1951 (4) -----ph. CE 2-0418, 916 Garland, Miles City,
Montana

William Gale (2) -----ph. 9-F-120, Brainerd Indian Training School,
Star Route, Hot Springs, S. D.

Donald Gerrietts, 1942 (0) -----Davis, California

Allen Gisselbeck, 1957 (5) -----ph. 250, Box 966, Forsyth, Montana

Eugene M. Gisselbeck, 1957 (5) -----c/o Rev. Elton Clyde, Sand Point, Ida.

Mrs. Evelyn C. Gisselbeck, 1957 (4) -----c/o Rev. Elton Clyde, Sand Point,
Idaho

Lee Goodell, 1954 (5) -----Joliet, Montana

Gordon W. Goodsell, 1940 (4) -----ph. 852, 605 Day St., Belle Fourche, S. D.

Mrs. Louise T. Goodsell, 1940 (4) -----ph. 852, 605 Day St., Belle Fourche,
S. D.

R. L. Gowan (2) -----Hill City, S. D.

B. I. Griffin, 1930 (4) -----ph. 137-W, Flandreau, S. D.

Harold Griffin, 1955 (5) -----Ph. 14-F-211, Box 286, Prairie City, S. D.

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- L. D. Harris, 1920 (5) ---ph. 9-F-120, Brainerd Indian Training School,
Star Route, Hot Springs, S. D.
- Ralph Helle, 1942 (0) -----420 S. Duff, Mitchell, S. D.
- Ernest Hobbie (5) -----Box 6, Tolstoy, S. D.
- Mrs. Grace Miller Hoiem (0) -----2223 Gaither St., Selma, California
- Ralph S. Howard, 1957 (4) -----Rocky Point, Wyoming
- W. O. Howard (0) -----Mount Vernon, S. D.
- John J. Hunter, 1938 (5) ---ph. 290-J, 721 E. LaZelle St., Sturgis, S. D.
- Mrs. Grace Goodwin Kaufman (0) -----Box 463, Darby, Montana
- John Kearns (0) -----White River, S. D.
- R. M. Kelly (5) ---ph. 156-J, 1636 Junction Ave., Sturgis, S. D.
- L. L. Knapp (0) -----Miltonvale, Kansas
- Miss Minnie Knecht, 1950 (0) -----Wimbledon, N. D.
- Mrs. Viola Leyh, 1929 (5) ---ph. 668, 112 E. 10th Ave., Redfield, S. D.
- W. J. Leyh, 1929 (4) ---ph. 668, 112 E. 10th Ave., Redfield, S. D.
- Daniel McCandless, 1956 (0) -----Port Margot, Haiti, W. I.
- Clyde McCone (0) -----Department of Sociology and Anthropology,
Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.
- Robert T. McCoy, 1957 (4) ---ph. MU-4-7336, 50 N. De Smet, Buffalo,
Wyoming
- S. J. McIntyre, 1920, (5) ---ph. 4-4078, 306 S. 32nd St., Billings, Mont.
- Wesley G. McIntyre, 1955 (4) ---ph. 57-W, Box 575, Harlowton, Mont.
- John Mickley (0) -----1017 Haines Ave., Rapid City, S. D.
- Mrs. Victoria Moulton, 1938 (4) -----ph. 36, Artesian, S. D.
- Wilbur E. Moulton, 1937 (4) -----ph. 36, Artesian, S. D.
- Lester Myers, 1942 (4) -----Box 221, Almont, N. D.
- Warren Pamp (0) -----Box 277, Harbor Springs, Mich.
- Neil Phipps (2) -----Hot Springs, S. D.
- Mrs. Laura Raymer, 1936 (0) -----Miltonvale, Kansas
- Arthur Reisdorph (0) -----R.F.D. No. 5, Marion, Indiana
- Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, 1930 (1) -----Houghton, New York
- Rufus D. Reisdorph (0) -----Houghton, New York
- George Robbins, Jr. (0) ---Miltonvale Wesleyan College, Miltonvale, Kan.
- R. J. Sausoman, 1941 (5) ---ph. CA-3-9008, 1214 13th St., Bismarck, N. D.
- Kenneth L. Shelley (0) -----137 15th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska
- W. D. Shelor, 1916 (5) -----1937 E. Mitchell Drive, Phoenix, Arizona
- Harry Shreve (0) -----Apartado 698, Santiago de Cuba
- Wesley Sime, 1955 (1) ---c/o Rev. Dean Watson, 334 N. Euclid Ave.,
Pierre, S. D.
- J. F. Simpson (5) ---ph. Fillmore 2-3486, 2812 Meadowbrook Drive,
Rapid City, S. D.
- Ellis Sollie, 1946 (5) ---ph. Keene ORleans 5-4432, Johnson Corners,
Watford City, N. D.
- J. E. Spry, 1929 (0) -----701 W. Second Av., Mitchell, S. D.

Eugene W. Stanislaus, 1957 (1) ----(temporarily) ph. 1154, 422 8th St.,
Brookings, S. D.

Paul Douglas Steward, 1957 (4) -----(temporarily) Mission, S. D.

Mrs. Elizabeth Traver, 1941 (0) ----Box 10185, Capara Heights,
Puerto Rico, W. I.

Henry Vanderbush, 1956 (3) ----Bushnell, S. D.

Bennie H. Veeder, 1950 (5) ---ph. 526, 20 Burnham Ave., Deadwood, S. D.

H. J. Van Vliet, 1933 (4) ---ph. 2-2922, 608 S. Ave. West, Missoula, Mont.

Robert O. Vermilyea, 1955 (5) ---ph. 3730, 509 N. Sanborn St., Mitchell,
S. D.

Mrs. Eunice Vreugdenhil 1934 (5) ----ph. 2065, Brentford, S. D.

H Vreugdenhil, 1934 (5) ----ph. 2065, Brentford, S. D.

Dallas Wadsworth, 1950 (5) ----ph. Warner 2703, Mina, South Dakota

Darrell Wagner, 1954 (4) --616 First Street, Rapid City, South Dakota

George Warriner, 1950 (5) ----ph. 4341, Box 34, Northville, S. D.

O. Dean Watson, 1954 (5) ---ph. 5129, 334 N. Euclid Ave., Pierre, S. D.

Glen Dale Wessel, 1957 (4) ----ph. Li-2-7655, 1916 Maple Ave.,
Rapid City, S. D.

Gordon F. Wills, 1955 (0) ----Hot Springs, S. D.

A. M. Wiley (0) ----Box 706, Kingman, Arizona

John Winterberg, 1939 (5) ---ph. 3210, 320 Kansas Ave. NE, Huron, S. D.

CONFERENCE PREACHERS

Charley Abarr (0) ----4124 S. Selby, Marion, Indiana

Howard F. Boyle (4) ----ph. 10-F-12, Tuthill, South Dakota

Richard Franklin (0) ----Ipswich, S. D.

Andrew J. Gerleman (5) ----Biddle, Montana

Max Hansen ----ph. 4096, 22 - 4th Av. N.W., Aberdeen, S. D.

Rudy Hauck (0) ----Tyndall, S. D.

Benjamin Joachim ----1810 Young St., Cincinnati 10, Ohio

Walter Kemp (2) ----Loyalton, S. D.

Miss Isla F. Knight (0) ---Shanta Bhawan, Patan, Kathmandu, Nepal,
via India

Arnold La Rue (2) ----Garden City, S. D.

Darrell Martin ----Brookings, South Dakota

William Maynard (0) ----

Richard Mitchell (0) ----Sundance, Wyoming

Tillman Nelson (0) ----Apartado 698, Santiago de Cuba

C. Milton Newbold (0) ---Stanyard Creek, Andros, Bahamas, B. W. I.

Earl Olson (4) ----ph. 2179, 220 Third St. East, Mobridge, S. D.

Leon Ordenez (0) ----Villasis, Pangasinan, Philippine Islands

Miss Mae Palmer (0) ----Anse-a-Galets, LaGonave, Haiti, W. I.

Miss Elvie Turner (0) ---Miltonvale Wesleyan College, Miltonvale, Kan.

Bennie D. Veeder (0) ----Marion College, Marion, Indiana

Marion Vreugdenhil (0) ----Marion College, Marion, Indiana

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John W. Dillonph. 2337, 308 N. Lincoln, Aberdeen, S. D.
 Frederick B. Francisph. 1154, 422 8th St., Brookings, S. D.
 Loren HuntCuster, S. D.
 Otto JensenYankton, S. D.
 F. M. SchumacherPierre Indian Mission, Pierre, S. D.

EVANGELISTIC SINGER

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**Others Pursuing the Course of Study
 For Candidates for Elders Orders**

(besides the Conference Preachers listed above)

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 Thomas Bailie445 Maxwell Street, Baraboo, Wisconsin
 Lester R. BuckmanAppleton, Wisconsin
 C. J. Goodspeed, Jr.Box 1500, Nassau, Bahamas, B. W. I.
 Mrs. Madalyn Simpson308 N. Lincoln Street, Aberdeen, S. D.
 Walter E. Simpson308 N. Lincoln Street, Aberdeen, S. D.
 Richard Sprowl123 Virginia Street, Waterloo, N. Y.
 W. A. Stephens9204 - 11th Ave. N.W., Seattle 7, Wash.
 Andrew WilsonOhio Conference

Conference Preachers:

Meredith Bailie2465 South 108th St., Milwaukee 19, Wisconsin
 Gene Cowing4523 ½ S. Harmon St., Marion, Indiana
 Glen Klasna5231 S. Ferdinand St., Chicago 44, Illinois

DELEGATES

AberdeenMrs. Andrew Gauchet (1)
 AlmontMrs. D. J. Klingensmith (4)
 ArtesianMiss Ila M. Hamm (4)
 Avon
 BakerMrs. Cora Blaser (3)
 Beckman Memorial (Prairie City)O. Theodore Beckman
 Belle Fourcheunorganized

Biddle	Miss Evangeline Sams (4)
Billings	Mrs. Verda Betz (4)
"	Mr. Lyle Boese (2)
"	Mrs. Goldie Johnson (2)
Bismarck	unorganized
Bradley	
Brentford	Mr. Francis Fey
Brookings	Mr. David E. Robertson (2)
Buffalo	
Conner	
Custer	Mr. Ed Hartman (1)
Deadwood	Mrs. Betty Munger (4)
Flandreau	Mrs. Rena Newborn (3)
Forsyth	
Garden City	Mrs. Lewis Olson (3)
Harlowton	unorganized
Hot Springs	
Houghton	Mr. Ed Reisdorph (4)
Huron	Mrs. Lottie Skow (2)
Ipswich	Mrs. Walter Peterson (4)
"	Mrs. Frank Gibson (0)
"	Mrs. Charles Peterson (4)
Johnson Corners	Mr. Frank Myers (3)
Joliet	unorganized
Loyalton	Mrs. Bonnie Anderson (0)
"	Mrs. Lee Wanger (1)
McIntosh	
Medicine Rocks	Mr. David Enos
Miles City	Mrs. Dorothy Myers (1)
" "	Mrs. Alice Fletcher (2)
Mission	
Mitchell	Mrs. Edgar Corey (5)
"	Mrs. Wilford Johnson (5)
Missoula	Mrs. Margaret Langley (3)
Mount Vernon	Mrs. W. O. Howard (0)
" "	Mrs. Paul Faulkenberry (2)
Mobridge	Mr. Joseph O. Johnson (2)
"	Mrs. Lucille Wagner
Northville	Mrs. Oscar Brunn (3)
Pierre	Mrs. Harry Hinesh (2)
"	Mrs. J. V. Oshel (2)
Rapid City, First	James Johnson, (3)
" " "	Willard D. Stone (4)
" " "	Mrs. W. D. Shelor

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Rawlins	-----	
Redfield	-----	Roy Jaquith (4)
"	-----	Mrs. Thelma Harms (0)
"	-----	Mrs. Anna Bell McCarty (0)
"	-----	Mrs. Winifred Burke (0)
Richland	-----	Mr. Ed Sime (4)
Ridge and Rocky Point	-----	Mr. Ernest Cadwell (4)
Robbinsdale	-----	Mr. Franklin Simpson (0)
"	-----	Miss Voreta Simpson (4)
Sand Point	-----	unorganized
Sioux Community Chapel	-----	unorganized
Sturgis	-----	
Sundance	-----	unorganized
Terry	-----	unorganized
Tolstoy	-----	Mr. Alfred Skillingstad (3)
Tuthill	-----	unorganized
Watertown	-----	Mr. H. H. Franklin (4)
"	-----	Mrs. Ezra Gisselbeck (1)
Watford City	-----	Mrs. Daisy Bergeron (4)

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Seventy-Sixth Annual Session of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, held at Aberdeen, South Dakota, June 11th through June 15th, A.D., 1957.

First Meeting—8:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 11, 1957

Opening Session—The Seventy-Sixth Annual Session of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Camp Grounds, Aberdeen, South Dakota, at 8:00 a.m., June 11th, 1957. The Conference President, Rev. J. F. Simpson, presiding.

Dakota Conference Camp Meeting—On Thursday, June 6th, preceding the conference, the annual Camp Meeting was begun, with Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, Evangelist of Marion, Indiana; Rev. A. Thomas Claus, Youth Evangelist from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Rev. and Mrs. O. L. Bynum of Anniston, Alabama, Song Evangelists. These God-called efficient leaders and workmen, were used to advance the cause of Christ, and numbers found help of the Lord.

Educational Service—On Saturday, June 8th, at 8:00 p.m., an Educational Service was held with Rev. O. D. Watson, Jr., Chairman. Miltonvale Wesleyan College of Miltonvale, Kansas, was represented by a goodly number of students and alumni. Congregational and special music and numbers in song were given.

Rev. Allen Gisselbeck, Educational Secretary, read from the Holy Scriptures in I Thessalonians 4:1-12 and offered prayer.

Mr. Wesley Knapp, President of M.W.C., was speaker for the occasion, and gave an interesting and informative address. The speaker stated 1. That at all cost the Church must maintain her Christian schools; 2. That Christian Education is becoming a major factor within the Church in helping to prepare men and women for Christian work and service in every land and for every walk of life; 3. There is the need for loyalty on the part of the constituency of the church for the support of the Christian College; with her students, with her prayers, and with her means. A godly character building institution, the Christian College. May she ever live.

Call to Order—Rev. J. F. Simpson, Conference President, called the 76th Dakota Annual Conference to order.

Devotions—Members of the Conference joined in singing "O To Be Like Thee," from songbook "Showers of Blessings." Rev. Darrell Wagner was leader in song. Rev. B. I. Griffin conducted devotions from Hebrews, Chapter 13, and spoke on the "Objectives of Holiness," from verse 21, "Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus

Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." Rev. A. L. Cret-singer offered prayer.

Conference Roll—The roll was called.

Conference Bar—By proper conference action, the conference bar was fixed as the first ten seats in the center, and the first five seats in both wings of the tabernacle.

Nominating Committee—A Nominating Committee was elected, composed of the following personnel: 1. Rev. L. D. Harris, Chairman; 2. Rev. John J. Hunter; 3. Rev. R. M. Kelly; 4. H. H. Franklin; 5. Ed Reisdorph.

Notifier—The Rev. Paul Davidson was chosen to sound the time for Conference Sessions by ringing the bell.

Conference Program or Agenda—Copies of the Conference Program for 1957 were distributed and read, and after some corrections were made, the Program was adopted.

Letters of Greetings—Letters of Christian Greetings were received from the following: Rev. A. M. Wiley, Rev. W. O. Howard, Rev. Mrs. Grace Miller Hoiem, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Bailie, Rev. Miss Alma Aldinger, Rev. Miss Ruth Bixler, Rev. L. R. Buckman, Rev. Elton Clyde, Rev. Romeo Baronia, Rev. Leon Ordenez, Rev. Lewis Ordenez, Rev. Duane Jansen, The Philippine Conference, Rev. Mrs. Elizabeth Traver, Rev. Miss Isla F. Knight, Rev. Kenneth L. Shelley, Marion Vreugdenhil, Rev. Robert Merrill, Rev. Harold A. Cottrill, Rev. Glen Klasna, Rev. Warren K. Pamp, Rev. Mrs. Grace G. Kauffman, Rev. Miss Minnie Knecht, Rev. W. A. Stephens, Rev. Harry Shreve, Charley Abarr, Rev. Richard Sprowl, and Rev. O. G. Wilson.

To Send Greetings—A motion passed that the Secretary send letters of Christian greetings to the absent members of the Conference.

Motion—A motion passed that Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, Evangelist and Denominational Representative be given an honorary seat within the bar of Conference.

Special Prayer—Rev. Lester Bennett led the Conference to the thone as prayer was made for Gospel Workers on Mission Fields.

Recess—Conference was recessed for Committee work, subject to the call of the chair.

Conference was called to Order—

Wesleyan Youth Officers Nomination—The report of the Wesleyan Youth nomination of Conference officers was presented, and by Conference action this report was ratified.

The Nominating Committee—made a partial report, which on motion was adopted. See Report.

Delegate Seated—David E. Robertson, a delegate from the Brookings, South Dakota, Church by Conference action was seated within the bar of Conference.

Adjournment—Conference was adjourned for Committee work subject to the call of the chair.

Second Meeting—1:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 11, 1957

Opening—Conference was called to order by the Chairman, Rev. R. J. Sausoman offered prayer.

Itineracy and Orders Committee—Was made complete by the appointment of the following: James Johnson, Roy Jaquith, Francis Fey.

Conference President's Report—The Conference President made his Annual Report for 1956-1957. The Report was adopted by a rising vote. Also by this action thanks to him was expressed. See Report.

Report of Auditing Committee—The Auditing Committee presented a partial report which was by motion adopted. See Report.

Vacancies Committee—Tendered their report which by Conference action was adopted. See Report.

The Committee on Courtesy—Presented Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, Rev. W. D. Shelor and Rev. Arnold LaRue to the members of the Dakota Conference. Each of these men gave words of greeting and made fitting remarks.

Camp Meeting Treasurer's Report—Was read, and on motion accepted. See Report.

Report of Treasurer of Beckman Board—O. Theodore Beckman, Treasurer of the Beckman Board, made his Annual Report to the Conference, which was accepted on motion. See Report.

Conference Treasurer's Report—Rev. S. J. McIntyre tendered his Annual Report to the Conference. On motion it was accepted. See Report.

Transportation Secretary's Report—The Annual Report of the Transportation Secretary was made. Report was on motion adopted. See Report.

Resolutions Committee Member—Mrs. Walter Peterson was elected to the Resolutions Committee to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Frank Gibson.

Adjournment—Conference was adjourned by limitation of time.

Third Meeting—8:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 12, 1957

Opening—The Conference session was opened by singing song, "Old Time Power." Mrs. Alice Fletcher was leader.

Devotions—Rev. Robert Vermilyea conducted devotionals from the Word of God as found in I Peter 5 and commented on the same. Prayer was offered by Rev. Paul Davidson.

Call to Order—The President called the Conference to order.

Roll Call—The Roll was called and answered by 39 Elders, 13 Conference Preachers and 33 Delegates.

Reading of Minutes—The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Delegate Seated—On Conference action, Mr. Ed Hartman, Delegate from the new Custer, South Dakota, Church, was seated in the Conference.

Committee on Courtesy—Presented Rev. W. C. Brannon, Pastor of the First Wesleyan Methodist Church of Enid, Oklahoma; Rev. Gordon Goodsell, Pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Belle Fourche, South Dakota; Rev. Robert McIntyre, General Secretary of Wesleyan Youth of Marion, Indiana; Rev. R. L. Gowan, Pastor at Hill City, South Dakota; Mr. Ed Hartman, Delegate from the new Wesleyan Methodist Church of Custer, South Dakota; and Rev. O. L. Bynum, Evangelistic singer from Anniston, Alabama. These gave their testimonies and words of Christian greeting to the Conference.

Miscellaneous Business—The Conference proceeded to Miscellaneous business as the Vice-President was called to the chair.

Committee on Railroad Expense—Made their report, which on motion was adopted. See Report.

Auditing Committee—Made a partial report, which was adopted. See Report.

Courtesy Committee—Introduced Rev. Glen Case, from the Brainerd Indian Training School, and Rev. John Dillion, a pastor from the Free Methodist Church, to the members of the Conference. These responded with words of testimony and greeting.

Conference Advisory Board—Made their report, which was accepted on motion. See Report.

Dakota Conference Minutes—A motion passed that a Committee be elected to take care of the Publishing of the 1957 Dakota Conference Journals and the number that should be printed.

An Amendment—was offered and passed that the Personnel of this Committee should be the Conference President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The motion as was amended was adopted.

Report of the Treasurer of Superannuated Pension Fund—Was made, which on proper Conference action was adopted. See Report.

Constitutional Amendment—The Constitutional Amendment offered to Paragraph 46 of the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline, authorizing the inclusion of this sentence in Paragraph 46: "The wearing of clothing which does not modestly and properly clothe the person" between the line which reads "The putting on of gold and costly apparel" and the line which reads "The taking of such diversions . . ." was discussed and considered and voted upon by ballot. Total number of votes cast, 76. Number favoring the amendment, 67. Number opposing the amendment, 11. The amendment was approved by the Dakota Conference by more than the needed two-thirds majority vote.

Denominational Address—The Orders of the Day called for the Denominational address. Rev. R. L. Gowan offered prayer. Rev. Roy S.

Nicholson, Denominational Representative, spoke from the subject, "Wesleyan Methodism's Major Problem." The speaker stated the greatest need of Wesleyan Methodism at all levels of the Church, from the General Conference to local levels, is Brotherly Love.

Brotherly Love is the evidence that one is in fellowship with God. It is the divine ideal for the Christian Church. The Church should be a family bound by the ties of divine love. There are ten churches which fail because of this lack in comparison with one which fails because of a moral lapse. The Church should guard against all things that hinder. The Church must come up to God's standard—a burning heart of divine and holy brotherly love. This service was closed by prayer.

Fourth Meeting—1:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 12, 1957

Call to Order—Conference was called to order, and prayer was offered by the Rev. J. F. Simpson, Conference President.

Adjournment—After discussion Conference was adjourned for Committee work, subject to the call of the chair.

Missionary Service, 8:00 p.m.

A Missionary Service in charge of the Conference Woman's Missionary Society was held with Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger, Chairman. The song, "Faith of Our Fathers" was sung. Rev. Roy S. Nicholson offered prayer. Several duets were sung by American Indian missionaries. A Missionary skit was presented with Mrs. Rena Veeder, leader. Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, General W.M.S. President, gave an interesting and touching missionary address from Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

People in every part of the world, the speaker pointed out, are attempting to find peace, which can be found only in the Christ. Every Christian in every local church has a mission in every land. There should be a representative from every church, engaged in some phase of missionary work or activity. An offering was taken for various fields and missionaries, and for missionary work.

Fifth Meeting—8:00 a.m., Thursday, June 13, 1957

Opening—Conference was opened by singing song "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Prayer—Prayer was offered by Rev. William Gale, President of the Brainerd Indian Training School.

Devotions—Were conducted by Rev. W. D. Shelor, who read and commented from Ephesians 2, and offered prayer.

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

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders—Made a partial report which was on motion adopted. See Report.

Roll Call—The Roll was called, and was answered by 40 Elders, 15 Conference Preachers, and 35 Delegates.

Election of Officers—The Orders of the Day called for the election of Conference officers, and the following were elected: (See Conference Officers for complete election.)

President: Rev. John J. Hunter

Vice-President—Rev. J. F. Simpson

Secretary: Rev. A. L. Cretsinger

Treasurer: Rev. S. J. McIntyre

Motion—A motion prevailed to delay the election of a Second Vice-President until a report was received from the Missionary Board.

Introductory Remarks—Rev. John J. Hunter, newly elected President, took the chair and made introductory remarks.

President's Advisory Board—Rev. J. F. Simpson, Ministerial member, and O. Theodore Beckman, layman, were nominated by the President, and were by conference action elected.

Committee on Courtesy—Presented Rev. Frederick Francis from Vancouver, British Columbia, a ministerial member of the Holiness Movement Church of the Dominion of Canada, who gave words of Christian greeting and his testimony.

Election of Trustees—Rev. H. W. Cretsinger, ministerial member, was re-elected to this office. His term expires in A.D., 1960. Mr. Lee Wagner, lay member, was also re-elected to this position, whose term expires in A.D., 1960.

Nominating Committee—The Nominating Committee read their report, in which by Conference action some changes were made. On motion the report of the Nominating Committee was adopted. See Report.

Official Acts of the Conference President—The President made a report of his official acts which was accepted on motion. See Report.

Vote of Thanks and Prayer—A motion passed that a standing vote of thanks be given to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Dufloth for their service and work rendered to the Dakota Conference through the years. Prayer also was offered by the Conference for God's divine touch and healing hand on their bodies.

Adjournment—Conference was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Sixth Meeting—1:00 p.m., Thursday, June 13, 1957

Memorial Service—A Memorial Service was observed. Rev. Robert Vermilyea led singing song "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Rev.

John Hunter read from the Holy Scriptures found in I Peter 1:3-5. Rev. B. I. Griffin offered prayer.

Those of our number who have been taken by death during the past conference year and whose names have been enrolled in the chapter Eternal are: 1. Mrs. A. J. House; 2. Mr. George Johnson; 3. Mr. Donald James; 4. Mr. W. W. Sayles; 5. Mrs. W. W. Sayles; 6. Mr. Leslie Belden; 7. Mrs. Leta Breed; 8. Mrs. Fred Johnson; 9. Mr. Phil Bukaske; 10. Mr. Harry Ray; 11. Mr. J. R. Leggett; 12. Mr. A. R. Betts; 13. Mrs. Lee Merritt. This service was dismissed by prayer.

Sunday School Rally—The Conference Program called for a Sunday School Rally, with Rev. Wesley G. McIntyre, Sunday School Secretary, in charge.

A good and interesting program was presented by the children under the guidance of Children Workers, Miss Elva Bell Beckman, and Miss Joy Holtz.

Our attention was called to some needs of the Sunday School by the Secretary. Rev. Lee Goodell read from the Scriptures and offered prayer. Promotional ideas were presented by Rev. Glen Wessel to stimulate Sunday School attendance. The Sunday Schools were classified by percentage gains, and awards were made.

The Sunday School Secretary offered the closing prayer.

Seventh Meeting—8:00 a.m., Friday, June 14, 1957

Opening—Conference was opened by singing song "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Devotions—Rev. Darrell Wagner led devotions and read and commented from St. Luke's Gospel, chapter ten, and offered prayer.

Itinerary and Orders Committee—Made a partial report. A motion was passed that this report be considered item by item. Items I, II, and III on **Ordination, Course of Study, and Discontinued**, were adopted. Item IV on **Itineration**, concerning those qualified to travel under conference direction, was adopted by vote. Item V on **Authorization** was on motion adopted and by vote of the Conference, Howard Boyle, Rudy Hauck, Walter Kemp, Miss Ila F. Knight, William Maynard, Richard Mitchell, Tillman Nelson, Leon Ordenez, and Miss Mae Palmer were declared eligible to be authorized by the Conference President to administer the Sacraments and to perform marriage ceremonies. Item VI, **Miscellaneous**, was on motion adopted.

Courtesy Committee—The Committee on Courtesy presented Mr. Willard Stone to the Conference, who gave his testimony; also Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger, Conference W.M.S. President, and Mrs. Abraham Becker, Conference Y.M.W.B. Superintendent. Mrs. Cretsinger and Mrs. Becker made their reports respectively.

Vote of Thanks and Appreciation—A standing vote of thanks and

appreciation was given by the Conference members to the Woman's Missionary Society and the Young Missionary Worker's Band through these leaders.

Committee on Passage of Character—Made their report. Rev. Gordon H. Cary, Chairman, reported for the Committee. See Report.

Discussion—Was made concerning Report of Ministers to the Annual Conference.

Motion—A motion carried the acceptance of the Itinerary and Orders report, except the last item, listing those who had not reported to Conference.

A Motion Prevailed—To pass the ministerial characters of those who are included in Item III, listed as exceptions.

A Motion Was Presented—That at the next session of the Annual Conference the characters of those who do not report, and those who fail to fill out their ministers' report blanks to the Annual Conference satisfactorily, must be passed by vote of the Annual Conference.

An Amendment—Was made and passed that designation be made in the minutes of those whose reports to the Annual Conference are unsatisfactory. The motion as amended was passed.

Motion—A motion was passed that the Conference Secretary send this information to these members at a proper time.

Motion—A motion passed that each pastor receive his salary from his church for one week, including Sunday, each year during his attendance at his District Youth Camp.

Standing Rule—By Conference action and vote this was made a Standing Rule. No. 32.

The Sunday School Board—Submitted the name of Miss Marie Brannon for Conference Director of Child Evangelism. On motion Miss Brannon was elected to fill this responsible office.

Second Vice-President or the Quarterly Conference Evangelist—Made his report to the Conference, which was adopted on motion. See Report.

Treasurer of Ministerial Benefit Fund—Tendered his report. By Conference action this report was accepted. See Report.

Blue Cross Fund Treasurer—Presented his report, which was accepted by proper conference action. See Report.

Election of Blue Cross Treasurer—Rev. Paul F. Davidson was elected by the Conference as the Treasurer of Blue Cross Fund.

Committee on Appreciation and Thanks—Made their report, which was presented by Rev. Mrs. W. J. Leyh, Chairman. This report was adopted on motion. See Report.

Sunday School Secretary's Report—Rev. Wesley McIntyre, Dakota Conference Sunday School Secretary, made his Annual Report, which was on proper motion adopted. See Report.

Committee on Resolutions—Presented their report. This was adopted by vote of Conference. See Report.

Adjournment—Conference was adjourned by limitation of time.

Eighth Meeting—1:00 p.m., Friday, June 14, 1957

Opening—Conference was opened by prayer offered by Rev. R. H. Kelly.

Call to Order—The President called the Conference to order.

Committee on Courtesy—Presented Miss Marie Brannon, Conference Secretary of Child Evangelism, who made her Annual Conference Report. On motion, this report was accepted. See Report.

Reading of Minutes—The Conference Minutes were read, corrections made, and approved.

Card Call Secretary's Report—Rev. Robert McCoy, Conference Card Call Secretary, made his Annual Report. By conference action this report was accepted. See Report.

Committee on Courtesy—Introduced Rev. Clyde McCone of Brookings, South Dakota, who gave words of Christian greeting to the Conference.

Adjournment—Conference was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Ninth Meeting—8:00 a.m., Saturday, June 15, 1957

Opening—Conference joined in singing song "Constantly Abiding" as the opening number. Prayer was offered by Rev. Harold Griffin.

Devotions—Rev. Earl Olson led devotionals, and read from Joshua 24, commenting on the 27th verse, "and Joshua said unto the people, Behold this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the Lord which He spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God." This service was closed by prayer.

Call to Order—The President called the Conference to order.

Roll Call—The Roll was called.

Delegate Seated—Mrs. Lucille Wagner, delegate from the Mobridge, South Dakota, Church was by conference action seated in the Conference.

Attendance Record—The Conference voted that the attendance record of Rev. W. S. Shelor is a perfect one.

Reading of Minutes—The minutes were read, corrections made, and approved.

Minister's Report to the Annual Conference—A motion passed that ministers which do not report to the Annual Conference, and those who do not present a satisfactory report, may have their characters passed

only by conference action.

Standing Rule No. 33—The Conference on motion and vote made this Standing Rule No. 33.

Statistical Committee Report—The Conference Statistical Committee made their Annual Report, which by Conference action was adopted. See Report.

Report of Joint Board Meeting on Relocation of Camp Ground—Was read, and on motion was adopted. See Report.

Report of Secretary of Prayer—Was read and on motion was adopted. See Report.

Committee on Courtesy—Made a report, presenting Mrs. Lillian Griffith and Mrs. Edna Wood, workers of the Brainerd Indian Training School of Hot Springs, South Dakota. These gave words of Christian greetings.

To Review Character Reports—On prevailing motion, Rev. Gordon Cary was elected to review Ministers' Reports to the Annual Conference, preceding the convening of Conference.

To Prepare Instruction Sheet for Ministers Reporting to the Annual Conference—On motion, the Conference voted that the Committee on Passage of Character nominate the individual or one person to prepare instruction sheet for ministers reporting to the Annual Conference. Rev. Gordon Cary was nominated and elected to this responsibility.

1958 Dates for Dakota Camp Meeting and Conference, D.V. (the Lord willing)—The Camp Meeting dates were fixed on June 5-15, 1958. The Conference convenes on June 10 and adjourns on June 14th, A.D., 1958.

Adjournment—Conference was adjourned for Committee work subject to the call of the chair.

Tenth Meeting—6:30 p.m., Saturday, June 15, 1957

Opening—Rev. John J. Hunter, newly elected President, called the Conference to order.

Itinerary and Orders Committee—Made their report which was on motion accepted. See Report.

Pastoral Relations Committee—Made their report, which after corrections were made, was adopted. See Report.

Report of Wesleyan Youth President—Rev. Dean Watson, Jr., Conference President of Wesleyan Youth, made his report which was adopted on motion. See Report.

Missionary Board—Made their report.

An Amendment—Passed and on motion it was voted that the item incorporating Standing Rule No. 29 be segregated from Missionary Board report and to be voted on separately. By Conference action the Missionary Board Report was on motion adopted as it was amended. See Report.

Motion—A motion carried that Standing Rule No. 29 be stricken from the Journal.

Deficit—A motion passed asking the churches which failed to pay their assessments to the Superannuated Pension Fund to make up the deficit. The Treasurer of said fund is asked to send letters to these churches, emphasizing the need of paying this deficit.

Discussion—Was made concerning the necessity of churches sending payment of Railroad Expense Fund.

Motion—By motion and vote the office of Conference Second Vice-President was discontinued.

Amendment—An amendment was made and passed that the words "One Year" be added to the motion. The motion as amended was adopted.

The President-elect—Discussed problems of the Dakota Conference. They were: 1. Brotherly love; 2. The great distances in our conference; 3. Youth Camp attendance; 4. The need of sending quarterly reports and budget; 5. The need of cooperation.

Presentation—A gift was presented by members of the Conference to Rev. Simpson in token of appreciation for his twenty-five years of service to the Dakota Conference.

A Rising Vote of Thanks—Was given to the retiring President, Rev. J. F. Simpson.

Motion to Reconsider—Rev. W. J. Leyh, Pastor of the Redfield Wesleyan Methodist Church, moved that the Report of the Joint Committee on Relocation of the Camp Grounds be re-considered. By vote, the motion was lost.

Adjournment—The Conference voted to adjourn. Rev. J. F. Simpson offered the closing prayer.

Ordination Service

On Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock, according to the conference agenda, an Ordination Service was observed. Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, Denominational Representative and President of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, read from the Holy Scriptures and preached the Ordination sermon from I Corinthians 9:16, "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me: yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel." The speaker chose for his subject "The Burden of the Lord, the Christian Minister's True Credentials," and the names of the following Conference Preachers were transferred to the Roll of Elders: 1. Philip Glen Case; 2. Paul F. Davidson; 3. Allen Winchell Gisselbeck; 4. Evelyn Chapman Gisselbeck; 5. Eugene Milford Gisselbeck; 6. Ralph Sebastian Howard; 7. Robert Theodore McCoy; 8. Eugene Wilbur Stanislaus; 9. Paul Douglas Steward; 10. Glen Dale Wessel.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pastoral Relations Committee: Conference President, Chairman; John J. Hunter, 2nd; Bennie Veeder, Dean Watson, Dave Robertson, H. H. Franklin, Ed Sime.

Passage of Character Committee: Conference President; Gordon Cary, R. E. Jaqueth.

R. R. Expense Committee: Harold Griffin, Lee Goodell.

Committee on Appreciations: Mrs. Viola Leyh, Mrs. Wilfred Johnson,

Committee on Resolutions: B. I. Griffin, Paul Davidson, Mrs. Walter Peterson.

Conference Reporters: Walter Simpson, W. J. Leyh.

Committee on Courtesies: Robert Vermilyea, Willard Stone.

Pages: 1. Fred Bingaman; 2. Ralph Howard.

Signed: L. D. Harris, Chairman
Ed Reisdorph
H. H. Franklin
R. M. Kelley
John J. Hunter
Committee

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From June 1, 1956 — May 27, 1957

Salary received from Conference Treasurer\$1,485.25

Salary from Beckman Board 481.00

Salary received from Churches 830.13

\$2,796.38

Received back expense from Conference Treasurer_\$ 420.00

Received on expense for this year from Conference Treasurer_\$ 865.81

Received on expense from Beckman Board 400.00

Total\$1,265.81

J. F. Simpson

June 12, 1957

We, the Auditing Committee, have checked this report and it is correct.

R. J. Sausoman, Chairman
W. G. McIntyre

PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL REPORT

June 20, 1956—Granted a letter of transfer to Rev. Glen Klasna.

June 26—Appointed Rev. Richard Mitchell to Rawlins Church.

July 1—Granted a letter of transfer to Rev. Richard Sprowl.

Granted a letter of transfer to Rev. Goodspeed.

August 17—Granted a letter of transfer to Rev. Gene Cowing.

August 13—Received a letter of transfer of Rev. W. D. Shelor from California Conference.

August 27—Received the resignation of Rev. Wesley Sime from Garden City Church.

August 26—Organized a church at Biddle, Montana.

January 26, 1957—Granted a letter of transfer to Rev. Andrew Wilson.

April 3—Granted letters of transfer to Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Bailie and Meredith Bailie.

May 14—Organized the Pierre Church.

May 23—Upon the request of the Custer Wesleyan Immanuel Mission, it was organized into a Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Received Rev. L. Hunt, pastor of the new Wesleyan Methodist Church in Custer into the conference. His Credentials being referred to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

Received Rev. F. M. Schumacher as Elder.

Granted a letter of transfer to Rev. L. R. Buckman.

May 28—Granted letters of transfer to Rev. and Mrs. Walter Simpson.

Accepted Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Goodsell from the Nebraska Conference.

Granted a letter of transfer to Rev. W. A. Stephens.

It was possible for your President to make an official visit to the work in the Philippine Islands October 23, through December 10, 1956.

The work has a great potential. Rev. Romeo Baronia is doing a sacrificial work. He has a consecrated band of young people who have a deep burden to minister to their people. The churches have taken upon themselves the task of opening a short course Bible School, so as to train these young people for Christian Service. The future is bright for effective missionary work in the Philippines if these youth can be trained. The Holy Spirit is being outpoured upon their churches.

Rev. J. F. Simpson

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT

For twenty-five years you have given me a vote of Confidence.

You have been patient with me, for which I am deeply thankful.

It has been a joy to work with you and to share in the work of your great Conference.

One year ago I assured you that at this conference I would ask you to vote for a different person to be your President. My request still stands.

Today I am asking that you give prayerful consideration as you elect a NEW man to be the President of the Dakota Conference.

I assure you and the New President you may elect, my prayers and co-operation.

Rev. J. F. Simpson

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the auditing committee, have audited the following books and financial reports and have found them to be correct.

The Conference President's Financial Report, Camp Meeting Treasurer, The Beckman Board Treasurer, The Conference Treasurer, The Ministerial Relief Fund, The Blue Cross Treasurer, The Superannuated Pension Fund, and the Treasury of the Conference Advisory Board.

We also have audited the Statistical Report for the preceding Annual Conference year 1956-1957, also the Annual Report of Conference Evangelists, and find them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. Sausoman, Chairman

W. G. McIntyre

E. W. Stanislaus

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER

Receipts

Balance Cash on hand June 1, 1956	\$ 3,601.70
Philippine Islands	241.00
Pioneer Pastor's Fund	974.98
Foreign Missions	461.00
Home Missions	364.73
Miltonvale College	1,828.27
Orphanage	109.55
Superannuated Pension Fund	221.95
Australia	124.30
Gen. Conf. S. S. Assessment	265.40
Conf. S. S. Assessment	200.38
Gen. Conf. Delegate's Expense	153.62
Gen. Conf. Adm. Assessment	517.45
Rail Road Assessment	552.00
7½ % and ¼ Camp pledges	8,915.19
Rec'd. from Farm Account	946.40
Sale of Rawlins Property	5,400.00

C. O. Kiefert, Deadwood Parsonage	310.00
Terry, Int. of Mortgage, A. Numan	375.00
Conf. Minutes	513.65
Ministerial Benefit	3.00
Oil Lease	16.00
Brainerd Indian Training School	11.00
Sioux Chapel	64.50
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Total Receipts	\$26,171.07
Disbursements	
Flandreau Church, Sinking Fund	\$ 120.00
Chas. D. Haynes Principal and Interest	544.86
Conf. President on Salary	1,485.25
Conf. President, Back Expense	420.00
Conf. President Expense	865.81
Romeo Baronia	720.00
Philippine Work, and Native workers	66.00
Return Check U. S. F.	10.00
Lee Goodell, Salary	230.00
Sundance, Rent	516.00
John Mickley, Salary	600.00
Conf. Evangelist, Salary	1,574.79
Conf. Evangelist Expense	341.34
Conf. Evangelist, rent	600.00
Gordon Goodsell, moving expense	75.00
Belle Fourche, Parsonage payments	360.00
R. J. Sausoman, Salary, P. P. F.	1,815.41
Bismarck, Rent	540.00
Missoula, Church and Parsonage Expense	42.94
Foreign Missions	461.00
Home Missions	364.73
Miltonvale College	1,828.27
Orphanage	109.55
H. R. Dufloth, Pension Fund Treas.	221.95
Australia	124.30
Rufus Reisdorph, Treas. G. C. S. S. B.	265.40
Conf. S. S. Sec'y Expense	193.59
F R. Eddy, G. C. Adm. B.	517.45
Farm Account, W. O. Howard, Commitment	101.00
Farm Account, Adv. Board, Treas. J. Hunter	200.00
Rawlins Property, Sale Expense, J. F. Simpson	15.20
W. O. Howard, Salary on M. Board Comm.	534.95
John Hunter, Adv. Board Treas.	150.00
J. F. Simpson, Urgent bills	320.25

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

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Ins. Deadwood property -----	27.84
Int. for F. M. loan to Bismarck -----	200.00
Lester Bennett, Payment, Tolstoy Parsonage ---	200.00
Harlowton, Principal, Int. Parsonage repairs ---	1,547.33
Insurance on Church Property -----	95.30
Conf. Treas. Honorarium -----	150.00
Railroad Expense -----	545.06
Terry, on Lumber and lot -----	100.00
G. K. Klasana -----	135.00
Conf. Sec'y. Honorarium -----	50.00
Conf. Sec'y. Expense -----	60.00
Conf. Prayer Sec'y. -----	15.00
Miles City, moving of Pastors Goods -----	75.00
Printing of Conf. Minutes, W. M. Pub. House ---	639.80
Expense to Board Meetings -----	48.80
Paul Davidson, Min. Relief Treas. -----	3.00
Filing of Annual Statements -----	26.00
Brainerd Indian Training School -----	11.00
Sioux Chapel -----	64.50
A. L. Cretsinger, Salary -----	240.00
Paid on loan, Pierre Church -----	25.00
Belle Fourche, Lampert Lumber Co. -----	3,063.60
Foreign Mission Loan, Bismarck, Int. -----	50.00
Midland Bank Service Charge -----	31.95
Incidentals -----	95.16
Loan to Adv. Board Treas. -----	10.00
Office Expense, Conf. Treas. -----	46.22
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Total -----	\$23,890.70
Total Receipts -----	\$26,171.07
Total Disbursements -----	23,890.70
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Balance in funds June 1, 1957 -----	\$ 2280.37

S. J. McIntyre, Treasurer

ROMEO BARONIA FUND

Receipts -----	\$ 241.00
Disbursements -----	796.00

PIONEER PASTOR'S FUND

Receipts -----	\$ 974.98
Disbursements -----	1,815.41

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

SUPERANNUATED PENSION FUND

Balance on hand June 1, 1956 -----	\$ 33.09
Receipts -----	221.95
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Total Receipts -----	\$ 225.04

Disbursements

H. R. Dufloth, Treas. -----	\$ 221.95
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Balance on hand June 1, 1957 (old fund) -----	\$ 33.09

CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND

Balance on hand June 1, 1956 -----	\$ 386.95
Receipts -----	200.38
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Total Receipts -----	\$ 587.33

Disbursements

Conf. S. S. Sec'y. -----	\$ 193.59
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Balance on hand June 1, 1957 -----	\$ 393.74

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE'S FUND

Balance on hand June 1, 1956 -----	\$ 217.59
Receipts -----	153.62
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Total Receipts -----	\$ 371.21
Pension Fund Balance -----	\$ 33.09
Conf. S. S. Fund Balance -----	393.74
Gen. Conf. Del. Fund -----	371.21
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Balance in the (3) funds -----	\$ 798.04
Balance in Conf. Treas. Fund -----	\$ 1,482.33
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Total Balance in all funds -----	\$ 2,280.37

S. J. McIntyre, Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS
OF SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND**

Loan No. 1 to Conference -----	\$ 289.49
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Loan No. 2 to Conference	249.39	
Loan No. 3 to Conference	348.68	
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Total Assets		\$ 887.56
Loan to Conference from Sale of Rawlins Church Property ..		\$5,400.00
Commitments made by Missionary Board due:		
John Mickley	\$ 600.00	
Lee Goodell	290.00	
A. L. Cretsinger	540.00	
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Total		\$ 1,430.00

S. J. McIntyre, Secretary

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE MINISTERIAL BENEFIT FUND

Receipts

Balance on hand June 1, 1956		\$ 328.75
First Quarterly Assessment	\$ 148.77	
Second Quarterly Assessment	137.30	
Third Quarterly Assessment	114.00	
Emergency Assessment	109.50	
Fourth Quarterly Assessment	115.60	
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Total Receipts from Assessments		625.17
Received as over-payment on Claims		57.53
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Total Receipts		\$ 1,011.45

Disbursements

Fred Bingaman	31.95
Ellis Sollie	40.70
Thomas Bailie	12.00
L. D. Harris	55.95
R. J. Sausoman	24.78
H. Vreugdenhil	47.00
Thomas Bailie	45.34
W. O. Howard	46.75
Fred Bingaman	50.58
George Warriner	33.25
Eugene Gisselbeck	43.81

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John Winterberg	36.50	
B. I. Griffin	15.00	
S. J. McIntyre	15.00	
P. F. Davidson	75.00	
W. O. Howard	28.25	
S. J. McIntyre	7.50	
Laura Raymer	20.00	
D. L. Wadsworth	70.00	
Lester Bennett	15.00	
R. M. Kelly	35.00	
Neal Phipps	50.00	
W. O. Howard	50.00	
S. J. McIntyre	35.00	
Ralph Howard	50.00	
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Total Claims paid		934.36
Short on deposit, First Assessment	2.07	
Postage, etc.	8.90	
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Total Disbursed		945.33
Balance on hand June 1, 1957		\$ 66.12

P. F. Davidson, Fund Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
OF THE BLUE CROSS FUND

Number of Ministers	24	
Balance brought forward May 8, 1956	\$ 14.43	
Receipts	1,637.78	
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Total Receipts		\$ 1,652.21
 Disbursements		
Associated Hospital Service Inc.	\$1,623.80	
Postage and Bank Charges	10.48	
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Total Disbursements		1,634.28
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Balance on hand May 8, 1957		17.93
Total Receipts		\$ 1,652.21
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P. F. Davidson, Group Treasurer

CAMP MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT — 1956-1957

The camp meeting treasurer submits the following report:

Receipts

Pledges and gifts	\$1,593.00
Offerings	593.55
Beckman Board	310.85
Dining hall and registration	974.96
Refund on telephone calls	33.23
Sale of surplus food	3.05
Snack Bar profits	34.32
Book Stand profits	51.21
Special offering from churches	179.86
Rentals	435.00
Total	\$ 4,209.03

Disbursements

Telephone	\$ 130.11
Lights	110.35
Water and garbage collection	24.00
Groceries	682.37
Paving assessment	110.97
Advertising	46.25
Repairs	51.27
Evangelistic help	735.00
Insurance	686.60
Postage and envelopes	19.54
Supplies	173.93
Rental of P. A. System	40.00
Bank exchange	2.15
Interest and loan payment	815.35
Kitchen and other help	353.00
Cabin and trailer rental	50.00
Overdraft last year68
Total	\$ 4,031.57
Receipts	\$4,209.03
Disbursements	4,031.57
Balance on hand	\$ 177.46

Respectfully submitted,
Melvin Gibson,
Camp Board Treasurer

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATED PENSION PLAN TREASURER

Dakota Conference — Ending April 30th, 1957

Name of Church—	Mem- bership	Amt. due	Amt. paid	Amt. due	Pastors Income Assessments
Aberdeen	66	\$ 99.00	\$ 99.00	\$	Harold Griffin
Almont	19	28.50	30.00		(Membership Fee) \$ 25.00
Artesian	25	37.50	39.00		Harold Griffin
Avon	34	51.00	51.00		J. F. Simpson
Baker	36	54.00	51.00	3.00	Thomas Bailie
Biddle	—	—	9.00		A. L. Cretsinger
Billings	95	142.50	142.50		L. D. Harris
Bradley	16	24.00	—	24.00	Ralph Howard
Brentford	14	21.00	21.00		B. I. Griffin
Brookings	12	18.00	18.00		W. O. Howard
Buffalo	26	39.00	39.00		R. M. Kelly
Bushnell	10	15.00	15.00		Rufus Reisdorph
Butte	10	15.00	—	15.00	Ellis Solie
Calvary	5	7.50	—	7.50	W. J. Leyh
Conner	22	33.00	33.00		W. D. Shelor
Deadwood	22	33.00	—	33.00	S. J. McIntyre
Flandreau	10	15.00	15.00		L. R. Buckman
Forsyth	8	12.00	12.00		L. A. Myers
Garden City	22	33.00	—	33.00	R. O. Vermilyea
Hot Springs	27	40.50	40.50		Minnie Knecht
Houghton	20	30.00	30.00		W. E. Molton
Huron	48	72.00	61.50	10.50	
Ipswich	22	33.00	33.00		Total Amount
Johnson Corners	49	73.50	73.50		Received -----\$740.01
Knobs	6	9.00	16.50		
Lake Wilson	12	18.00	—	18.00	
Loyalton	34	51.00	51.00		
McIntosh	10	15.00	—	15.00	
Medicine Rock	9	13.00	—	13.00	
Miles City	8	12.00	—	12.00	
Mission	12	18.00	18.00		
Missoula	9	13.50	13.50		
Mitchell	78	117.00	117.00		
Mobridge	37	55.50	55.50		
Mt. Vernon	10	15.00	15.00		
Northville	17	25.50	25.50		
Pollock	2	3.00	—	3.00	
Rapid City (First)	42	63.00	47.25	15.75	
Rapid City (Second)	14	21.00	21.00		
Rawlins	15	22.50	—	22.50	
Redfield	49	73.50	73.50		
Richland	50	75.00	75.00		
Ridge	10	15.00	15.00		
Sturgis	21	31.50	31.50		
Prairie City	27	40.50	40.50		
Sundance	—	—	2.45		
Tolstoy	22	33.00	20.00	13.00	
Tutthill	—	—	3.00		
Watertown	55	82.50	82.50		
Watford City	48	72.00	72.00		
Lead	—	—	33.00		
Totals	1,215	\$1,822.50	\$1,641.70	\$237.75	
Rec'd on last year's church budget (Watertown)					\$ 81.00
Received from Pastor's Income assessments					740.01
Remitted to Rev. David Reese Nov. 5, 1956					\$ 315.76
Remitted to Rev. David Reese Jan. 1, 1957					486.29
Remitted to Rev. David Reese May 31, 1957					25.00
Remitted to Rev. David Reese June 30, 1956					1,529.66
Remitted to Rev. David Reese July 20, 1956					25.00
Remitted to Rev. David Reese July 20, 1956					81.00
Totals					\$2,462.71

Respectfully submitted,
H. R. Dufluth,
Conf. Pension Treas.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF BECKMAN BOARD**Balance Sheet ending April 30, 1957****Receipts**

Grain Sold	\$ 596.41	
Land Sales	3,137.71	
Rentals	1,206.59	
Sales of Livestock	15,938.49	
Hay stacker sold	600.00	
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Total Receipts		\$21,479.20

Disbursements

Grain, seed	\$ 415.10	
Taxes	2,414.55	
Rent and feed	2,135.44	
Livestock Purchased and care	958.95	
Improvements and repair	1,304.23	
Vaccine	12.86	
Spraying Fields	307.50	
Insurance and Interest	50.00	
Board Meetings	166.49	
Trucking	73.43	
Miscellaneous	732.66	
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Total Expenses		\$ 8,571.21
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Net Profit		\$12,907.99

Total Receipts

Balance on hand, May 1, 1956	\$ 3,091.68	
Ranch receipts	21,479.20	
Notes borrowed	3,000.00	
Banked for Conf. and advisory Treas.	1,695.10	
Receipts withheld for taxes	802.80	
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Total		\$30,068.78

Total Disbursements

Bank error	\$ 200.00	
Ranch expense	8,571.21	
Wesleyan Contributions	11,945.57	
Oil Royalties	3,000.00	
Notes paid	3,000.00	
Banked for Conf. and advisory Treas.	1,695.10	

May 1, 1957 Balance -----	1,656.90
Total -----	\$30,068.78
June 10, 1957	Respectfully submitted, O. Theo. Beckman, Treasurer

REPORT OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY OF PRAYER

As another Conference Year draws to a close, we pause to give thanks to Almighty God, for His help shown toward His people in answer to prayer.

The Word declares that GOD is the answer to ALL the needs and problems of humankind, and through the medium of fasting, prayer and supplications, conditions are changed, man's needs are met and supplied by the hand of the Lord when men wait upon God and pray through.

"Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months:

"And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit." James 5:17-18.

We have appreciated the co-operation of our Churches and brethren in the Conference Prayer Program—it is written, "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

We therefore submit the following report:

I. YEAR ROUND CONFERENCE CHAIN OF PRAYER

1. To have a chain of prayer, or hourly intercession, by the personnel of each Local Church in the Conference; that is, **SOME-ONE PRAYING EACH HOUR, DAY AND NIGHT**, (as nearly as is possible), from the beginning of the Conference Year and throughout, until the close, is the prayer objective.

II. THE PERSONNEL—INCLUDES ALL.

1. To enlist young and old in the Conference Prayer Program: The children praying, 5, 10, or 15 minutes or more: the Young People will take a longer period; Adults generally spend one hour or more in prayer alone with God:
2. Those who remain on the old fields (where their local church is gone), who desire to unite in the Prayer Chain, for the work of the Lord and the Conference.
3. Also to enlist all others outside the Church who will unite with us in this United Prayer Program, for the building of Christ's Kingdom.

III. THE PURPOSE: (To Mobilize our Prayer Power);

1. That sinners might be born into Christ's Kingdom.
2. That every justified soul might be entirely sanctified.

3. For Churches and for those holding Revivals, Conventions, and for those having special needs.
4. To build and to advance the work of God on every field.
5. For the EVANGELIZING of OUR GREAT NORTHWESTERN TERRITORY, and the planting of Wesleyan Methodist Sunday Schools and Churches therein.
6. That laborers shall be called into the white and wide harvest fields.
7. That the material and spiritual needs of the Church shall be supplied from the hand of GOD.
8. That there shall be set up a Family Altar in every home.

IV. MAILING AND EXPENSE:

1. About Five Hundred Forty (540) Postal Cards having requests for prayer have been set.
2. Prayer Calendars and Prayer Lists have also been mailed from our office to the churches.
3. Expenses for this work have been about \$15.00.
4. May this effort bring to the Christ honor forever and forever.

Prayerfully Yours in HIM,
A. L. Cretsinger

REPORT OF QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELIST AND SECOND ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT

Labors

Item 1

1. Time Employed—12 months	
2. Revivals and other meetings	
(1) Revivals in local Conference	8
(2) Revival outside local Conference	1
(3) Quarterly Meetings	13
(4) Other services	163
(5) Communion services	10
(6) Annual meetings	9
(7) Number forward	124
(8) Baptism	1
(9) Dedications	7
(10) Marriages, assisted with	1
Marriages	1
(11) Services outside Conference	14

Salary

Item 2

From Conference	\$ 1,549.79
From Church Offerings	1,310.21
Total	<hr/> \$ 2,860.00

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Rent	\$ 600.00
Marriage	5.00
Total	<u>\$ 3,465.00</u>

Item 3

Expense

Amount of Expense	\$ 341.34
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Rev. S. J. McIntyre

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE ADVISORY BOARD

Receipts

Balance brought forward by transfer of account, 6/22/56	\$ 155.17
From Rev. J. F. Simpson—Oil Lease—7/31/56	270.71
From Theo. Beckman—Conference Crop—9/28/56	289.95
From Theo. Beckman—Conf. Crop and Soil Bank 11/23/56	88.50
From Theo. Beckman—Conf. Crop and Soil Bank 11/23/56	238.70
From Theo. Beckman—Conf. Crop and Soil Bank 1/31/57	28.25
From Conf. Treas. for Curtis Shreve Note—2/28/57	150.00
From Conf. Treas. refund on Conf. account—5/24/57	10.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 1,231.28</u>

Disbursement

Pierre Parsonage Payments (12 Mos.)	
July 1, 1956 through June 1, 1957	\$ 402.48
Robbinsdale Parsonage Payments July 1, 1956-June 1, 1957 (FHA acct. at Rapid City Trust Company)	668.23
Interest on Curtis Shreve note 1/9/57	150.00
Miscellaneous expense	1.40
Bank Charges	4.75
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 1,226.86</u>
Balance on Hand June 1, 1957	\$ 4.42

Rev. John J. Hunter

We the Auditing Committee have audited this report and found it correct.

Rev. R. J. Sausoman, Chairman
Rev. W. J. McIntyre

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD MEETING ON RELOCATION OF CAMP GROUNDS

Minutes of Joint Board Meeting, held at the Robbinsdale Church of Rapid City, South Dakota, July 25, 1956.

In keeping with action authorized unanimously by vote of the Conference body, and included in the report of the Special Committee on page 35 of the Conference Minutes, 1956, "The Advisory Board, the Building and Location Board, and the Camp Meeting Board," having been delegated by Conference action to "further study . . . relocation of the Dakota Conference Camp to the Camp site at Rapid City, South Dakota," and having been vested with "power to act" were called together by the Conference President, Rev. J. F. Simpson, at the above place and date.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 1:30 P.M.

In an opening season of prayer the mind of the Lord was earnestly sought for the important decisions under consideration, and for urgent needs that were confronting many of the Churches of the Conference.

In the opening discussions, the "pros" and "cons" of moving the Conference Camp to a new location were freely discussed. Some of the items considered were the cost of relocation, new construction, and other difficulties that would be involved in such a move. Study was also given to problems resulting from the expansion of the City of Aberdeen, which has taken our present Camp site into the City limits, brought us under new regulations, and seemingly blocked any possible expansion of our grounds which was deemed by all present to be an urgent need of the Camp. One of the benefits resulting from the above problem which was considered was that of the increased value of the present Camp site, with some differences of opinion being expressed as to how high a value we could place upon it. The report was given of one Realtor's estimate of \$30,000.00 as the valuation of the present Camp site; but all board members present conceded the possibility of a higher value being realized if the right buyers were contacted, and if we salvaged what we could of movable buildings and of equipment and facilities that could be used in another Camp.

After considerable discussion, a unanimous decision of all present was reached favoring definite steps toward the relocation of the camp.

A motion carried unanimously that the Aberdeen Camp be listed for sale by our Conference President, Rev. J. F. Simpson, and that he be authorized to employ such means as he saw fit in securing a buyer.

Expression was made and supported that an effort be made to get the best price possible from the Aberdeen Camp site, even though it might require a considerable length of time. No definite price was

set by the Board but discussion favored a figure between forty and fifty thousand as a starting price.

At this point the Board recessed briefly and met a short time later on the new Camp site approximately 1½ miles west of Rapid City at the end of Red Dale Drive off from the Canyon Lake Road.

The new location, having been passed on as a Youth Camp site by previous Conference action, was looked over quite thoroughly by all members present. It was noted that the new Camp site included approximately 60 acres of beautiful rolling timber land with some very fine spots in it for Tabernacle and other Camp buildings. Two large dormitories being prepared for Youth Camp purposes are already on the grounds, two private houses belonging to Wesleyan Ministers, and also that a well had been drilled and a large electric pump had been installed.

Plans for the grounds were discussed at some length with a motion being passed to place the planning of the grounds in the hands of the local committee: Rev. J. F. Simpson, Rev. Dean Watson, Ted Beckman, Melvin Gibson, Harold Griffin, and L. D. Harris.

Some further discussions centered around suggestions for a central water system, a suitable sewage system, streets and cabin arrangements, etc. A motion was carried that also placed the platting of the lots in the hands of the above mentioned local committee.

Lot sizes of 60 x 50 ft. at the price of \$100.00 each was accepted.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

Members present: J. F. Simpson; John Hunter; H. W. Cretsinger; H. H. Franklin; Dave Robertson; Theo Beckman; S. J. McIntyre; J. E. Alexander; Melvin Gibson.

SECRETARY'S REPORT ON CHILD EVANGELISM

7 Bible Crusader Clubs

6 Religious Instruction classes

2 Children's church

Average attendance	758
Salvations	23
Memory Work—verses memorized	1,667
Tracts given out	154
House calls made	197

Two rallies during the year—Richland and Huron, with Miss Bennett as special speaker.

I sent out approximately 150 pieces of mail.

Plans are made for Bible Crusader Camp, Mitchell, South Dakota, June 24-28 with Miss Bennett as speaker. We want to throw out the

challenge to you. Their future is in your hands.

Signed,

Miss Marie Brannon

COMMITTEE ON RAILROAD EXPENSE

We the Committee on Railroad Expense have met and established the amount of assessment of \$11.50 to be assessed each church. The amount to be paid to the Minister this year is one way of their travel, at \$.04 per mile.

Balance on Hand	\$ 3.70
Receipts	563.50
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Total Receipts	\$ 567.20
Expenditures	\$ 493.32
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Balance on Hand	\$ 73.88

Respectfully submitted,

Harold W. Griffin, Chairman

Lee Goodell

MISSIONARY BOARD REPORT

We, your Missionary Board, submit the following report:

The Missionary Board met at 1:00 p.m., June 15th, on the Aberdeen Camp Ground, with the Conference President in charge. The following recommendations were made:

1. That the payment on the Flandreau note be considered after January 1, 1958.
2. That we pay \$70.00 per week salary for the Conference President, and that his traveling expenses be paid.
3. That we advance one-half of the President's salary at the first of each month; and that at the end of the month he submit a statement of monies received and balance be paid.
4. That we advance to the President \$50.00 per month for expenses, and that he send a statement of deficit at end of month for said expenses.
5. That the moving expense of the Conference President be cared for; and that the matter of his rent be referred to the Advisory Board.
6. That at the time of his visitation, the churches endeavor to raise a liberal offering for the Conference President, thus reducing the amount to be paid from the Conference Treasury.
7. That \$60.00 per month be paid Romeo Baronia, with consideration of a raise at the next Board Meeting.

8. We recommend that the Conference elect Rev. J. F. Simpson to be the Superintendent and/or President of our Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Work in the Philippine Islands, and that at a later time, the Board study the needs that may arise concerning this office.
9. That by September 1st, we pay \$90.00 of the Building Material bill at Pierre.
10. That the President of the Wesleyan Youth be a member of the Missionary Board.
11. That the item of the Sioux Community Chapel be studied at the next meeting.
12. That the Charles D. Haynes monthly payment on principal and interest be paid.
13. That we pay \$43.00 per month house rent payment at Sundance.
14. That we pay one-half of the monthly house payment at Belle Fourche, and that the item of salary again be referred to the Beckman Board.
15. That we apply the Pioneer Pastor's Fund to the Bismarck work.
16. That we allow \$45.00 per month house rent at Bismarck and that the pastor's salary be \$55.00 per week.
17. That we request the privilege of adjusting Standing Rule No. 12 to the extreme rent condition existing in Bismarck.
18. That the Conference President go to Missoula for a study of that field, and that at the next Board Meeting he bring a recommendation regarding definite commitments.
19. That the matter of salary for Terry, Montana be referred to the Beckman Board.
20. That we secure a loan of \$1,500.00.
21. That Item No. 29 be stricken from the Standing Rules.

Respectfully submitted,

Members of Board—

John J. Hunter	O. D. Watson, Jr.
J. F. Simpson	H. H. Franklin
S. J. McIntyre	H. W. Cretsinger
Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger	E. D. Robertson
O. Theodore Beckman	Irwin Bailey

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

The Committee on Passage of Ministerial Character has examined the reports that have been presented with appreciation of the work of the past year and with Christian regard for the faithful brethren who have labored diligently and sacrificially as to the Lord and not unto men. Our confidence in our ministerial brethren is such as to prompt us to pass their characters—even though their reports do not

fairly represent the excellence of their work. We regret that they have not felt it necessary to give a good report of the good work.

The committee does not wish to impede the work of the conference by insisting on mere technicalities nor to weary the patience of its members by an attempt to enforce the letter of the discipline. However, there appears to be such general misunderstanding and neglect of the "Report of a Minister to the Annual Conference" that some remarks and recommendations seem to be in order.

Item I. OBSERVATIONS.

1. There are some 108 names on the conference roll.
2. All members of the conference (except denominational officers) are required by the discipline to answer the questions on the "character blank" in writing. (See paragraphs 139, 41, and 128.)
3. Only 59 of the 106 thus required to report returned the report blanks, although 21 others sent some form of greetings to the conference and 6 others were present at some time during the conference and camp meeting. Twenty-eight did not report in any form.
4. Of the 49 blanks returned, 15 were satisfactorily completed.
5. On the rest the answers revealed varying degrees of misunderstanding of the questions or of the duties to which they refer—and in a few cases some neglect of the duties enjoined by the discipline.
For example, according to what the reports stated—
6. Seven conference preachers had not quarterly conference license. (See paragraph 92 of the discipline for the requirement.)
7. This lack is balanced by the fact that 14 elders do hold quarterly conference licenses. This is not required.
8. One seriously "qualified" answer to the question of using the Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School literature was noted.
9. Three ministers do not subscribe for THE WESLEYAN METHODIST.
10. Five ministers do not subscribe for THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY.
11. Fifteen ministers do not subscribe for WESLEYAN YOUTH.
12. Thirty did not answer "yes" to the question about the charge's meeting its financial obligations to the conference and the denomination.
13. Three members did not have copies of the Standing Rules of the conference.
14. The reports of 14 pastors lacked either the report of the delegate or his signature—or both.
15. Eleven more delegates answered "no" to the question as to whether the stewards had met with the pastor to agree upon his support for the coming year—though some of these, of course, were from charges which are calling a new pastor. Nevertheless, only 17 of our

50 churches reported carrying out this procedure, which is both a requirement of the discipline and a subject in the conference president's letter to the chairman of the pulpit supply committees from year to year.

Item II. RECOMMENDATIONS.

Because the character report blanks do have a value to the work of the conference, and lest they should speedily become a meaningless formality, we offer the following recommendations:

1. That an instruction sheet be prepared to accompany the character blanks in order that the meaning of the questions may be clarified. (For instance, what is the meaning of a "yes" or "no" to the question on readiness to accept work at the hands of this conference?)

2. That each minister whose name appears on the conference roll be asked to fill out the appropriate pages of the character report in addition to whatever testimony and personal greetings he may wish to send.

4. That the church delegates be asked to call the attention of the chairmen of the boards of stewards to the matter of meeting with the pastors each year.

4. That each pastor should hereafter secure the signature of the church delegate, thus vouching for the accuracy both of the questions answered by the pastor and those to be answered by the delegate.

5. That the minister's name should appear somewhere on the report, preferably by changing the word "Delegate" to "Pastor" at the end of Item VI and signing in the blank provided. (Twenty-four blanks had no minister's name—and some no name of the church.)

6. That the character blanks should again be turned in with the statistical blanks **before** the beginning of conference.

7. That someone be appointed to review the character blanks before conference convenes—and that if any reports contain omissions or answers hard to be understood, the blanks be returned to the ministers for correction before they are passed upon by the committee.

8. That the character of all who made a report be passed.

9. That the conference secretary be asked to notify those who have not made some kind of a report to the conference in either of the past two years that the conference desires to know their whereabouts and how they fare and that a report would be appreciated at the next session. (See paragraph 135 of the discipline.) It is assumed that anyone who does not report once in three years in answer to a special request would not wish their name to remain on the conference roll.

Item III. EXCEPTIONS.

Those now on the roll from whom no report was received are the following:

H. W. Cretsinger

George Robbins

Earl Fessenden

Donald Gerriette

Ralph Helle

John Kearns

L. L. Knapp

Daniel McCandless

Clyde McCone (later appear in
person before the conference
body)

Mrs. Laura Raymer

Arthur Reisdorph

J. E. Spry

Gordon F. Wills

Rudy Hauck

William Maynard

Richard Mitchell

Tillman Nelson

Mae Palmer (who left for the
Haitian mission field just at
opening of conference)

Elvie Turner

Otto Jensen

A vote of the conference body would be necessary to pass their character.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Simpson

Gordon Cary

Roy Jaquith

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That our homes truly honor Christ around the family altar by giving diligence in the reading of God's Word, and in everything seeking first the Kingdom of God.

That our affections be set on things above, shunning the spirit of worldliness or living for self, and things.

That we keep the sacred observance of the Lord's Day by doing no ordinary work thereon, or buying and selling; and by punctual attendance at God's House.

That we strongly emphasize the need for revival, and that we do our utmost by every possible means to obtain the desired results.

That our people be encouraged to subscribe to, and read the periodicals of our Church.

Be it further resolved that we take our stand as holiness people concerning the evils of the liquor traffic and vote for "local Option."

That we recommend to our people the Storehouse Tithing Plan and urge every pastor to preach at least one sermon on Tithing each Conference year.

And finally, be it resolved, that our ministers and laymen alike, strive toward and possess the experience of Holiness of heart and life, to the glory of God and the upbuilding of His Kingdom. For we believe that this experience is vital in perpetuating brotherly love and unity

in the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. B. I. Griffin, Chairman
Rev. P. F. Davidson
Mrs. Wilbur Peterson
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

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

We give thanks and praise unto Almighty God for the most gracious visitation of His Holy Spirit on the Seventy-Sixth Annual Camp Meeting and Conference Session held on the beautiful grounds at Aberdeen, South Dakota.

We appreciate the faithful prayers of everyone for the camp services and conference sessions, both at home, and here, with the morning and evening prayer times, and in the night vigils that were kept.

We desire to express our gratitude and appreciation to God for the Spirit-filled workers of our camp meeting: Dr. R. S. Nicholson who so recently had undergone surgery and the Lord had graciously restored to labor among us, enabling him to bring us inspirational and heart-searching truth; The Rev. Thomas Claus, President of "The American Indian Crusade," who stirred our hearts to greater missionary endeavor as he fervently poured out his soul before us; for Rev. O. L. Bynum, song evangelist, and Mrs. Ruth Faukenberry, pianist, whose ministry of music so ably rendered, blessed our hearts again and again; for our children's workers, Miss Elva Belle Beckman and Miss Joy Holtz in their excellent work with the children.

Furthermore we give thanks for the Rev. Mrs. Rudy Reisdorph, General President of the W. M. S., who recently visited our mission stations and brought us a burning message of the present need of our work and workers. A spirit of giving came upon every heart as the Holy Spirit was outpoured—over \$3,000 was raised for missions.

We give thanks for Wesley Knapp, President of Miltonvale Wesleyan College, who stirred our hearts to prayer in behalf of our area school.

We thank God for the twenty-five years of untiring service rendered by the Rev. J. F. Simpson as President of the Dakota Conference, and for his kind and wise council, for his deep burden for the people of the Philippines since his return from the Orient.

We express sincere appreciation to the following Railroads: The Chicago and Northwestern; and the Northern Pacific lines for the special rates and passes granted to those who travel on Conference business.

We deeply appreciate the untiring service of the kitchen and dining room staff, who labored from early to late that our physical needs

might be met, and for Miss Marie Brannon in her faithful and unselfish labors as camp registrar, and to all others who have done faithful services for the camp and conference.

We are also thankful for the seventy-five who gathered on the grounds for the clean-up day and who prepared everything that we might fully enjoy the encampment.

We also express our thanks and appreciation to the following:

1. The camp nurse, Mrs. Mirtie Corey, who relieved our aches and ills.

2. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Beckman for their sacrificial labors in supervising the business of the Willie Beckman estate of the conference, and their contribution of a beef.

3. To Mr. Virgil Worm who cared for another beef which was provided for this occasion.

4. To the Rev. Dallas Wadsworth and Erwin Bailey for donation of eggs and chickens.

5. To all others who donated food stuffs for the camp.

6. To Mr. and Mrs. Emerys Jones for their faithful service in caring for the camp grounds and building throughout the year.

7. To the Huffman Typewriter Company for the use of a typewriter stand.

8. To Frank Chatman for the Public Address System.

9. To the Music Company for the piano.

"O, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His Name together."
Psalm 34:3.

Signed by the Committee:

Rev. Mrs. W. J. Leyh

Mrs. W. L. Johnson

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS

Item I. ORDINATION

The following have satisfactorily completed the requirements of study and practical experience set forth in the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline and have been examined by the Committee on Itineracy and Orders as to their gifts, grace, usefulness and their adherence to our Articles of Religion: Philip Glen Case, Paul F. Davidson, Allen Winchell Gisselbeck, Evelyn Chapman Gisselbeck, Eugene Milford Gisselbeck, Ralph Sebastian Howard, Robert Theodore McCoy, Eugene Wilber Stanislaus, Paul Douglas Steward, Glen Dale Wessel.

They are hereby recommended to be ordained as Elders by the Dakota Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

We further recommend that the ordination service be conducted Sunday morning, June 16, 1957, beginning at 10:30, and that Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, the President of the General Conference, be asked to preach

the ordination sermon.

Item II. COURSE OF STUDY

1. The following conference preachers have completed the Course of Study for Candidates for Elders Orders or its equivalent: Richard Franklin, Arnold LaRue, Darrel Martin, Earl Olson, Elvie Turner.

2. We recommend that the following pursue the Course of Study for Candidates for Elders Orders and that they be classified as follows:

Unclassified: Loren Hunt, Isla F. Knight, F. M. Schumacher.

Third year: Howard Boyle, Walter Kemp, William Maynard, Richard Mitchell, Leon Ordenez, Mae Palmer.

Second year: Andrew Gerleman, Tillman Nelson.

First year: Max Hansen, Rudy Hauck, C. Milton Newbold, Lavina Schott.

Attending college: Charley Abarr, an underclassman at Marion College; Benjamin Joachim and Darrel Gerleman, in their second year at God's Bible School; Bennie D. Veeder, a Senior at Marion College, Marion Vreugdenhill, a Junior at Marion College.

Item III. DISCONTINUED

1. The following persons have transferred to other conferences: Meredith Baillies to Wisconsin, Glen Klasna to Illinois, Robert Merrill to Iowa.

2. Ralph Frazier has joined the Kentucky Conference.

3. John Gibson has withdrawn and is at his request returned to the jurisdiction of his quarterly conference.

Item IV. ITINERATION

We find the following persons qualified to travel as conference preachers under the direction of the annual conference (with certain exceptions as indicated by footnotes: *Charley Abarr, **Howard Boyle, Richard Franklin, Andrew Gerleman, **Max Hansen, †**Rudy Hauck, *Benjamin Joachim, Walter Kemp, Isla F. Knight, Arnold LaRue, Darrell Martin, †William Maynard (in the armed service), †Richard Mitchell, **Tillman Nelson, **C. Milton Newbold, Earl Olson, Leon Ordenez, †Mae Palmer (left suddenly for Haitian mission field at the opening of conference), †Elvie Turner, Bennie D. Veeder, Marion Vreugdenhill.

Willard D. Stone has been examined by the committee and is recom-

† Indicates failure to report in writing to the 1957 session of annual conference.

* Indicates that an examination has not yet been passed on the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.

** Indicates that the required examinations on the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline and Binney's Theological Compend have not yet been passed.

mended to travel under the direction of the conference as an Evangelistic Singer.

(Any of the above who do not receive an annual conference license are to be returned to their respective quarterly conferences according to paragraph 94 of the discipline.)

Conference preachers who are appointed by the conference as sole or principal pastors of organized Wesleyan Methodist churches are eligible to vote on conference matters (except in the election to Elders Orders, in the passing of the character of elders where a vote is required, and in the election of committees affected by the same. See paragraph 170, sub-paragraph (2), of the discipline.)

Item V. AUTHORIZATION

According to the records of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders as compared with the statement of the discipline (paragraph 170, sub-paragraphs (2), (3) and (4), the following conference preachers are eligible to be authorized by the conference president to administer the sacraments and (where state laws permit) to perform marriage ceremonies if they are employed as the sole or principal pastor of a Wesleyan Methodist church: Charley Abarr, Richard Franklin, Andrew Gerleman, Max Hansen, Benjamin Joachim, Arnold LaRue, Darrell Martin, C. Milton Newbold, Earl Olson, Elvie Turner, Bennie D. Veeder, Marion Vreugdenhill.

This eligibility might also be extended to the following by vote of the conference: Howard Boyle, Loren Hunt, Rudy Hauck, Walter Kemp, Isla F. Knight, William Maynard, Richard Mitchell, Tillman Nelson, Leon Ordonez, Mae Palmer, F. M. Schumacher.

Item VI. MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Victoria Moulton and W. E. Moulton, who were ordained to the ministry by the General Baptist Church and who have transferred their membership to the Wesleyan Methodist Church, have satisfied the Committee on Itineracy and Orders as to their agreement with Wesleyan Methodist doctrine, discipline, government and usages and as to their personal and educational qualifications for the work of an Elder. We recommend that their earlier ordination be recognized by the annual conference and that their names be added to the roll of Elders.

Frederick B. Francis, an Elder of the Holiness Movement Church of Canada, desirous of joining the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, has been examined and we find that he has passed a course of study equivalent to our course of study for candidates for Elders Orders with the exception of Wesleyan Methodist Church History and Wesleyan Methodist Discipline. We recommend that he study these two books and take examinations on them preparatory to being received into the Wesleyan Methodist Dakota Annual Conference.

We recommend that elders F. M. Schumacher and Loren Hunt travel under the direction of the conference as supply pastors pending their examination on Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.

We recommend that each candidate pursuing any course of study outlined in the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline be requested to keep a record in his own copy of the discipline of the books he has read in the Reading Course and to bring this record with him whenever he appears before the committee.

We recommend that candidates attending school be requested to specify in their report to conference each year their school classification as to course and year.

Gordon Cary was elected the chairman and permanent Secretary of the committee, to whom grades may be reported and to whom correspondence may be directed.

The examiners on the books of the Course of Study for Candidates for Elders Orders are as follows:

Robert O. Vermilyea

First Year—Bible, Applied English

Second Year—Bible, Homiletics

Third Year—Bible, History of the Wesleyan Methodist Church

Fourth Year—Bible, Business Administration of a Church

H. J. Van Vliet

First Year—Binney's Theological Compend, Perfect Love

Second Year—Theology

Third Year—Theology

Fourth Year—Theology

Dallas Wadsworth

First Year—Roberts Rules of Order

Second Year—The Art of Effective Teaching, Missions

Third Year—System of General Ethics

Fourth Year—Psychology and Life

Gordon Cary

First Year—Wesleyan Methodist Discipline

Second Year—Foundations of Doctrine

Third Year—Church History, System of Christian Evidence

Fourth Year—Church History, The Superlative Book

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Cary, Chairman

Dallas Wadsworth

H. J. Van Vliet

Robert O. Vermilyea

Francis Fey

Roy Jaquith

James Johnson

Committee.

REPORT OF THE CARD CALL SECRETARY

The statistical report for the Conference year of 1957 shows a total of 201 Subscribers within the Dakota Conference. This is a loss of 35 over last year's figures, and way short of the goal set for the year of 365.

There are seven churches that have subscribers equal to 30% of their membership. They are Almont, Brookings, Johnson Corners, Knobs, Medicine Rocks, Mt. Vernon, and Watford City. There are five unorganized churches which have subscribers in the Card Call Plan.

The importance of this plan in the advancement of the Church cannot be stressed too much. A greater endeavor must be put forth in the Dakota Conference in 1957-58 to reach a goal of 300.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert T. McCoy
Card Call Secretary

PASTORAL RELATIONS REPORT

We, your committee on Pastoral Relations, prayerfully submit the following report:

- Aberdeen—Supply
- Almont—Lester Myers
- Artesian—W. E. Moulton and wife
- Avon—Fred Bingaman and wife
- Baker and Knobs—Gordon H. Cary
- Belle Fourche—Gordon Goodsell and wife
- Biddle—A. J. Gerleman
- Billings—S. J. McIntyre
- Bismarck—R. J. Sausoman
- Bradley—In hands of President
- Brentford—H. Vreugdenhil and wife
- Brookings—F. B. Francis (supply)
- Buffalo—Robert McCoy
- Conner—Lester Bennett
- Custer—Loran Hunt (supply)
- Deadwood—Bennie Veeder
- Flandreau and Bushnell—B. I. Griffin and wife
- Forsyth—Allen Gisselbeck
- Garden City—Arnold LaRue
- Harlowton—W. G. McIntyre
- Hot Springs—Neal Phipps
- Houghton—In hands of the President
- Huron—John Winterberg

- ✓ Ipswich—Richard H. Franklin
- ✓ Johnson Corners—Ellis Sollie
- ✓ Joliet—Lee Goodell
- ✓ Loyalton—Walter Kemp
- ✓ McIntosh—In hands of the President
- ✓ Medicine Rocks (Willard, Mont.) and Mill Iron—In hands of the President
- ✓ Miles City—Rolland Fletcher
- ✓ Mission—To be supplied
- ✓ Mitchell—Robert Vermilyea
- ✓ Missoula—To be supplied 601 No. 4th
- ✓ Mt. Vernon—Paul Faulkenberry
- ✓ Mobridge—Earl Olson
- ✓ Northville—George Warinner
- ✓ Pierre—O. D. Watson Jr. ✓
- ✓ Pierre—Assistant Pastor—Wesley Sime
- ✓ Prairie City (Beckman Memorial)—Harold Griffin
- ✓ Rapid City first—Darrell Wagner
- ✓ Rapid City (Robbinsdale)—Glen Wessel
- ✓ Rawlins—In hands of President
- ✓ Redfield—W. J. Leyh and wife
- ✓ Richland (Mina, S. D.)—Dallas Wadsworth R. 7. 20.
- ✓ Ridge and Rocky Point—Ralph Howard
- ✓ Sand Point—Elton Clyde R. 7. 8.
- ✓ Sioux Community Chapel—John Mickley
- ✓ Sturgis—R. M. Kelly
- ✓ Sundance—Richard Mitchell
- ✓ Terry—A. L. Cretsinger and wife
- ✓ Tolstoy—Earnest Hobbie
- ✓ Tuthill—H. Boyle ✓
- ✓ Watertown—A. A. Becker
- ✓ Watford City—Paul Davidson
- ✓ Sierre Leone, West Africa—Alma Aldinger and Ruth Bixler
- ✓ Missionaries to Haiti—Rev. and Mrs. Daniel McCandless, Mae Palmer
- ✓ Philippine Islands—Romeo Baronia, Leon Ordenez
- ✓ Unstationed Elders—Ralph Helle, Donald Gerriettes, Otto Jensen, Mrs. Grace Miller Hoiien, L. L. Knapp
- ✓ Brainerd Indian School—Wm. Gale, Glen Case
- ✓ General Evangelists—L. D. Harris, H. Vanderbush, W. D. Shelor
- ✓ Supply churches outside denomination—Earl Fessenden
- ✓ Missionary Work—Isla F. Knight, Tillman Nelson, Harold Cottrill, Paul Steward, C. Milton Newbold, Eugene Gisselbeck and wife, Mrs. Grace Goodman Kaufman, A. T. Reisdorph, H. W. Cretsinger, Gordon Wills, Kenneth Shelley, and Max Hansen.

Conference President—John J. Hunter
 Vice President—J. F. Simpson
 Missionary Evangelist—Warren Pamp
 Teaching in Miltonvale Wesleyan College—George Robbins, Jr.
 Attending College—Clyde McCone, Charley Abarr, Wm. Maynard,
 Marion Vreugdenhil, Eugene Stanislaus, Bennie D. Veeder, and
 Benjamin Joachim.
 Indian Missionary Work—John Kearns, Minnie Knecht, R. L. Gowan
 Pierre Indian Mission—F. M. Schumacher (supply)
 Superannuated—A. M. Wiley, Elizabeth Traver, J. E. Spry, Mrs.
 Laura Raymer, and W. O. Howard
 Missionary to Cuba—Harry Shreve
 Gen. S. S. Secretary—R. D. Reisdorph
 Gen. W. M. S. President—Ruby Reisdorph
 To choose own field of labor—Miss Elvie Turner
 Song Evangelist—Willard D. Stone
 Superintendent and/or President of Dakota Conference Missionary
 Work in the Philippines—J. F. Simpson

STATISTICAL REPORT OF EVANGELISTS TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Item I

Time employed—29 months
 Revivals held:
 1. In home Conference 5
 2. In other Conferences15
 3. In other Denominations12
 Quarterly meetings held 0
 Other services held12

Item II

Receipts:
 1. Offerings and Salary\$3,947.00
 2. Marriage and Funeral Fees .. 7.50
 3. Gifts 307.00
 4. Total Receipts 4,261.50
 5. Traveling Expenses 1,200.95
 6. Total net Evangelist's receipts 3,060.55

Respectfully submitted,
 Paul Falkenberry, Chairman
 Voreta Simpson
 Eugene Gisselbeck
 Inez Goodell
 Committee.

REPORT OF THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY

June 13, 1957

ACTIVITIES

During the past year your conference Sunday School Secretary engaged in the following activities in the promotion of the Sunday School work of the conference.

1. Attended the sessions of the National Sunday School Association in Chicago in October, 1956.
2. Accompanied Dr. Reisdorph, Denominational Sunday School Secretary, in a one-week tour of the conference, assisting in conducting seven rallies throughout the area.
3. Co-operated with the general office in promoting the Autumn Advance.
4. Co-operated with the general office in the raising of the Thanksgiving offering for the General Headquarters Building. Our conference total was \$2,192.20. Our giving average for this project of 86.6 cents per scholar was fourth highest among the conferences.
5. Sent out quarterly correspondence to each pastor.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR

The average attendance for the year shows a 5% gain. In spite of this gain in attendance our enrollment dropped 116. To me this indicates we are bringing people into our Sunday School classes but are evidently not getting their names on our rolls.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I would urge that in the coming year we give attention to the promotion of the Home Department of our Sunday Schools. Twenty-seven of our schools show no Home Department enrollment whatsoever. This is a field of service we are neglecting. Generally speaking, the group reached by this department of our school are those well up in years and nearest eternity.

2. The Cradle Roll department is one of the best means of building the Sunday School and the vast numbers of infants reported by our Bureaus of Vital Statistics show this is a field that demands increased activity on our part.

3. I would urge further that each pastor co-operate with the local, district, or state organization of the NSSA. Much help and inspiration can be garnered from this group that has taken the lead in promoting the Sunday School as the evangelistic stronghold of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. G. McIntyre

Conference Sunday School Secretary

TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY'S REPORT

About 34 years ago the Chicago and Milwaukee Railroad Officials granted J. F. Simpson, President of the Dakota Conference, an Annual pass, good in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana. Later it was extended to be good on the entire Milwaukee System.

This great consideration was through the influence and courtesy of our family physician, Dr. Owen King of Aberdeen, South Dakota, who was a friend of Mr. O. N. Hartstead, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Hartstead was the head Official of the Milwaukee Railroad.

It was not long until most of the other Railroads operating in the Dakota Conference followed this example and issued Annual passes to Conference Officials.

These passes have been renewed for thirty-four years.

When Mr. Hartstead sent the first pass he added these words, "We hope that you will have much use of it."

Mr. Hartstead's wish has come true. At a conservative figure, over a million miles have been traveled during this time on free transportation. This would be a saving of \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00.

Your Transportation Secretary has been able to secure passes in addition to the one Mr. Hartstead sent him.

It has been possible to secure passes for some Conference Officials and some Denominational Officials, for over 30 years.

It is difficult to get facts and figures on the total miles traveled and the saving that has come to our church through the courtesy of the Railroads.

With praise to God and deep respect and appreciation to those who have helped so graciously, we press on, knowing that God can set before His people an open door that no man can shut.

It is very important that we never forget to rely upon Him to make a way when there is no way and to know how to show courtesy and gratitude to those who have befriended us.

Rev. J. F. Simpson, Transportation Secretary.

REPORT OF VACANCIES COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Vacancies, beg to submit the following report:

About Sept. 1 we were informed that Rev. Thomas Bailie, Treasurer of the Ministerial Relief Fund, and Blue Cross, was leaving the Conference, thus leaving a vacancy in these positions. We at once consulted Brother Bailie both as to the vacancy and as to his wish for a successor. Brother Bailie confirmed the fact of the vacancy, and also suggested Rev. Paul Davidson as his successor. In due process of election by correspondence Rev. Paul Davidson was elected, and on September 14, 1956, accepted the position, and has been serving faithfully in that position.

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

On June 7 we were informed of the vacancies in the Conference Auditing Comimittee. Rev. R. J. Sausoman and Rev. Wesley McIntyre were elected to this vacancy, and have been serving since.

Faithfully submitted,

W. J. Leyh

R. J. Sausoman

Chas. Reisdorph

Fred Nultemeier

Committee.

STANDING RULES

1. Annual Conference 7½% Fund—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., 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 \$11.50 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. 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 to 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 Conference 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' Funds: An assessment of one dollar (\$1.00) 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 Pastor's 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 Fiscal Year: Closing date shall be April 30.

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—Moving Expenses: 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 Pres-

ident 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 cases 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 50% of the amount of the actual expense provided that the expense is more than twenty dollars, and further provided that no payment shall exceed seventy-five 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 second Monday of June of each year. (Camp Meeting shall begin on the Thursday preceding Conference.)

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. Standing Committee Records: Each Conference Standing Com-

mittee 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. Committee Members Travel Expense: 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. Committee Chairmen and Personnel: The Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, the Chairman of the Committee on Railroad Expense, and the entire Statistical Committee shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Conference a year in advance and their names to appear with the list of Standing Committees.

27. Church Responsibility: 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: 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 to Churches: 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.

30. 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.

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.

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. L. J. Leyh, Arthur Reisdorph, John Kearns, R. J. Sausoman, O. Theo. Beckman, Kenneth 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 here-

tofore 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.

31. The signers for the legal documents for said Dakota Conference, shall be the President and Secretary of said Corporation, or its Trustees.

32. **Pastor to Receive Salary When Attending Youth Camp:** Each Pastor shall receive his salary for one week, including Sunday, each year, during his attendance at Youth Camp.

33. **Ministers Reporting:** Ministers who do not report to the Annual Conference, and those who do not present a satisfactory report—the character of these can be passed only by Conference Action.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

On June 7, 1952, the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, voted to amend their articles of Incorporation, as follows:

1. That the Dakota Conference Missionary Board, be the Board of Managers for said Dakota Conference; it has the power of attorney to transact all legal business for said Conference, in keeping with the Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, in the interim of the Annual Conference.

2. The signers for the legal documents for said Conference, shall be the President and Secretary of said corporation, or its trustees.

3. That the Beckman Board of the Dakota Conference, be known as the directors of the Beckman estate, with power to transact all legal business in the estate, in keeping with the provision of the Will of Willie E. Beckman.

4. 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 right, or royalties be made, that the President and the Secretary of said Conference, or its Trustees, are empowered to sign any legal papers, leases, deeds, and contracts of all kinds.

1). The said Beckman Board of Directors has power to sell any, or all of the land, hereinafter described, and that the President and Secretary, shall have power to execute such conveyances. Said land being described as follows, to-wit: S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ North half of 28, all of Section 21, and the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 9, all in Township 18, Ranges 11, in Perkins County, South Dakota.

2). That said Beckman Board of Directors is self-perpetuating and the remaining members shall fill any vacancies which shall occur through death or other causes.

J. F. Simpson, President

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STATISTICAL REPORT

Item I. Pastor's Labors

Item II. Periodicals

Charge	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	Organized Church App'm'ts	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Wesleyan Missionaries Taken	Wesleyan Youths Taken	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Adults Teacher's Quarterly	Intermediate Teacher's Quarterly	Junior-Primary Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Other Helps Taken
Aberdeen	12	1	1	18	29	9	48	10	6	5	2	8	65	13	20	19	6	20	57
Almont	12	1	1	18	18	4	22	10	6	5	1	1	25	7	1	6	6	36	
Artesian	12	1	1	14	6	10	18	6	5	5	5	5	20	5	1	1	1	4	
Avon	12	1	1	8	9	5	40	10	10	1	1	1	15	10	10	8	8	28	
Baker	12	1	1	18	31	20	18	10	15	5	5	5	40	8	10	9	5	28	
Belle Fourche	10	1	1	8	4	17	9	8	10	5	5	5	12	10	10	8	8	26	
Biddle	12	1	1	1	6	15	6	14	12	1	1	1	15	6	14	8	8	14	
Billings	12	1	1	52	33	16	60	24	8	8	8	8	50	17	20	24	7	58	
Bismarck	12	1	1	2	1	1	19	12	9	2	1	1	19	6	11	11	11	6	
Bradley	12	1	1	18	5	3	13	2	5	3	1	1	20	5	3	3	6	10	
Brentford	12	1	1	11	12	5	35	8	22	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	
Brookings	12	1	1	8	15	6	25	15	8	2	2	35	12	15	15	20	5	2	
Buffalo	12	1	1	3	12	23	6	6	4	1	1	12	10	12	10	3	6	22	
Butte	12	1	1	22	15	7	40	15	18	3	2	2	21	13	18	20	4	28	
Calvary	12	1	1	10	13	15	8	2	2	4	1	2	43	15	24	20	10	46	
Conner	12	1	1	16	18	13	15	2	2	5	1	2	12	17	12	1	3	1	
Custer	12	1	1	2	2	1	8	2	2	2	2	3	5	20	20	9	1	31	
Deadwood	12	1	1	12	11	1	32	22	20	2	2	3	12	17	12	1	3	33	
Flandreau	12	1	1	7	4	7	2	16	6	9	4	2	28	20	20	28	1	31	
Forsyth	12	1	1	6	10	6	40	20	28	30	9	2	28	20	28	28	50	8	
Garden City	12	1	1	16	15	2	15	12	12	9	2	6	25	15	20	14	9	2	
Harlowton	12	1	1	12	13	12	6	8	4	4	4	16	8	8	7	7	8	28	
Hot Springs	12	1	1	21	33	12	63	31	29	5	2	4	50	16	16	14	9	16	
Houghton	12	1	1	6	10	5	10	7	2	6	4	12	5	5	8	5	5	2	
Huron	12	1	1	26	18	6	25	25	7	2	2	32	12	6	18	18	18	1	
Ipswich	12	1	1	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Johnson's Corner	12	1	1	19	18	3	18	15	18	7	2	4	12	8	6	8	8	1	
Joliet and Boyd	12	1	1	6	9	4	18	5	5	3	1	2	18	2	5	4	4	19	
Knobs	12	1	1	9	6	4	15	8	15	3	1	1	10	6	8	8	18	18	
Lake Wilson	12	1	1	2	3	1	5	1	2	2	2	2	9	8	4	4	10	10	
Loyalton	12	1	1	4	4	1	10	1	10	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	6	1	
McIntosh	12	1	1	61	33	14	80	25	25	14	2	4	90	12	15	25	6	15	
Medicine Rocks	12	1	1	28	34	10	25	5	20	4	1	4	35	10	12	15	2	43	
Miles City	12	1	1	12	6	3	10	5	4	4	1	4	10	6	6	6	5	12	
Mill Iron	12	1	1	9	5	4	12	8	10	10	1	15	15	12	3	4	10	14	
Mission	12	1	1	10	5	4	15	15	14	4	2	4	15	12	20	1	10	14	
Missoula	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Mitchell	12	1	1	28	34	10	25	5	20	4	1	4	35	10	12	15	2	43	
Mobridge	12	1	1	12	6	3	10	5	4	4	1	4	10	6	6	6	5	12	
Mt. Vernon	12	1	1	9	5	4	12	8	10	10	1	15	15	12	3	4	10	14	
Northville	12	1	1	10	5	4	15	15	14	4	2	4	15	12	20	1	10	14	
Pierre	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Pierre Indian Mission	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Pollock	12	1	1	35	8	10	45	5	2	4	4	45	14	12	8	6	2	20	
Rapid City	12	1	1	33	44	8	35	18	10	6	4	3	40	12	8	6	2	10	
Rawlins	12	1	1	26	24	11	27	8	7	7	2	3	30	6	12	12	1	1	
Redfield	12	1	1	3	6	2	6	3	4	1	1	1	8	7	7	1	10	10	
Richland	12	1	1	10	16	6	6	6	6	3	1	1	5	5	5	5	6	20	
Ridge	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Robbinsdale	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Rocky Point	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Sand Point, Idaho	12	1	1	2	4	6	18	12	2	1	3	11	8	8	10	8	1	2	
Sioux Chapel	12	1	1	6	2	2	9	12	8	12	1	1	11	8	10	8	1	13	
Sturges	12	1	1	7	2	20	13	8	12	1	1	1	20	10	4	3	1	1	
Sundance	12	1	1	12	6	16	16	4	3	3	1	2	20	10	4	3	1	1	
Terry	12	1	1	17	24	6	55	15	35	6	2	3	70	12	18	32	9	10	
Tolstov	12	1	1	15	21	16	50	19	15	8	2	2	38	12	23	17	9	12	
Tuthill	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Watertown	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Watford City	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Webster	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
TOTALS	592	50	43	672	634	261	1172	440	467	282	55	107	1106	294	450	369	79	381	900

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Item III. Membership

Charge	Full Membership Reported Last Year	Full Members Received This Year	Total of Columns 1 & 2	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Members Lost	Present Full Membership	Associate Membership Junior Members	Total Present Membership	Total Membership Reported Last Year	Gain in Members	Loss in Members	Baptized	Infants Dedicated	Local Preachers	Unstationed Elders	No. of Family Altars	Membership Tithing	Card Call Subscribers
Aberdeen	66	4	70			2	5	7	63	2	7	72	76	3	4				16	40	5
Almont	19	1	20						23	1	3	24	21		10			9	12	10	
Artesian	25		25						25			25	25					8	15	2	
Avon	34		34				1	1	33			33	34		1			10	11	2	
Baker	36	2	38		9		3	12	26			26	36		12		1	8	15	4	
Beckman Memorial	27		27				1	1	26	5		31	34		3			7	8	8	
Belle Fourche																				5	
Biddle		9	9						9	1		10		10				6	6	1	
Billings	95	3	98		3	3	3	9	89			89	95		6	10	2	4	38	65	15
Bismarck																			1	2	2
Bradley	16		16						16			16	16								
Brentford	14	5	19				2	2	17	1		18	14	4				1	7	4	
Brookings	12		12						12			12	12		4			1	8	8	5
Buffalo	26		26						26	8	5	39	34		5	2	1	1	12	12	5
Bushnell	10	4	14			1		1	13		2	15	10	5		5	8		3	4	
Butte	10		10						10			10	10								
Calvary	5		5						5			5	5								
Conner	22		22			1	1	2	20	5	4	29	31		2	1	2	1	13	20	2
Custer		18	18						18		6	24		24				1	6	15	
Deadwood	22	6	28				3	3	25			25	22	3		1	1	1	13	25	4
Flandreau	10	1	11			3			8			8	10		2	1	1	1	9	8	2
Forsyth	8		8						8			8	8						6	4	1
Garden City	22	2	24		2	1	1	4	20			20	22		2				6	11	
Harlowton																					
Hot Springs	27	6	33				3	3	30	8		38	35	3		5	1		5		2
Houghton	20		20				2	2	18			18	20		2	1			17	17	10
Huron	48	2	50		2		7	9	41			41	48		3	1	1		8	17	4
Ipswich	22		22		1	1	1	3	19			19	22		3				10	20	8
Johnson & Cornes	49	1	50			1	5	6	44			44	49		5		1		9	14	3
Joliet and Boyd																			10	22	25
Knobs	6		6						6			6	6						2	5	3
Lake Wilson	12		12						12			12	12								
Loyalton	34		34			1	4	5	29			29	34		5		1		8	8	2
McIntosh	10		10						10			10	10								
Medicine Rocks	9		9						9			9	9						5	5	3
Miles City	8	2	10						10			10	8	2					4	10	1
Mill Iron																					
Mission	12		12				2	2	10	2		12	12				1		6	12	
Missoula	9		9				2	2	7			7	9		2	5			2	5	
Mitchell	78	1	79		1	1	1	3	76	8	5	89	87	2		6		2	22	67	12
Mobridge	37	6	43		4		6	10	33			33	37		4	1			15	20	2
Mt. Vernon	10	4	14				2	2	12			12	11		1				4	12	5
Northville	17	2	19		1		2	3	16			16	17		1				7		1
Pierre		21	21						21			21		21		2			7	10	
Pierre Ind. Mission																					
Pollock	2		2						2			2	2								
Rapid City	42	9	51		3		3	6	45	2	3	50	48	2		5			20	30	3
Rawlins	15		15						15			15	17		2						
Redfield	49	4	53		1		2	3	50	3	2	55	54	1		4		1	13	33	12
Richland	50	1	51		2			2	49			49	50		1		3	2	15	45	5
Ridge	10		10						10			10	10						5	10	2
Robbinsdale	14	11	25				2	2	23	7		30	14	16					5	18	2
Rocky Point																					
Sand Point, Idaho																					
Sioux Chapel																					
Sturgis	21	2	23		2			2	21			21	23		2		4		7	7	1
Sundance																			3	3	3
Terry																					
Tolstoy	22	2	24				3	3	21	1	1	23	24		1				5		2
Tuthill																					2
Watertown	55	4	59		1	1	8	10	49			49	55		6		1		9	26	
Watford City	48		48		10		3	13	35	8	7	50	48	2				1	19	27	15
Webster																					
TOTALS	1215	133	1348	0	42	16	78	136	1212	46	61	1319	1288	104	75	56	47	25	6433	728	201

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Item IV. Sunday Schools

Charge	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers, 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. of Scholars 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. Locals	Total Membership of Locals	
Aberdeen	1	14	166	180	4	22	206	116	1	4	3	1	9	300	73	53	1	16	
Almont	1	15	30	45	8	6	59	30	2	3	2	1	4	120	65	41	1	4	
Artesian	1	5	27	32	8	6	46	32	6	1	1	1	7	20	15	15	1	13	
Avon	1	10	66	76	15	6	97	62	3	1	4	1	7	15	29	26	1	9	
Baker	1	12	41	53	8	13	74	52	6	1	4	1	104	52	45	1	20		
Beckman Memorial	1	9	69	78	8	13	99	51	3	1	3	1	6	24	21	1	16		
Belle Fourche	1	6	50	56	7	56	36	8	3	1	1	1	3	62	42	1	1		
Biddle	1	5	35	40	7	47	26	2	3	1	1	1	3	26	22	1	1		
Billings	1	17	156	173	7	39	219	136	10	3	3	1	205	115	87	1	29		
Bismarck	1	2	51	53	7	60	32	2	2	1	1	1	16	10	1	1	1		
Bradley	1	4	30	34	12	2	98	27	1	3	1	1	4	54	21	1	4		
Brentford	1	18	69	87	6	93	57	3	3	2	1	1	8	50	47	1	8		
Brookings	1	9	94	103	36	27	166	67	3	5	3	1	7	135	43	40	1	1	
Buffalo	1	7	33	40			40	37		2	1	1		43	40	1	1	1	
Bushnell	1																		
Butte	1																		
Calvary	1																		
Conner	1	13	67	80	50	12	142	63	4	4	4	1	90	77	57	1	1	1	
Custer	1	6	44	50	6	56	35	4	6	1	1	1							
Deadwood	1	12	102	114	8	48	170	76	4	4	2	1	25	162	100	1	10	1	
Flandreau	1	4	8	12		12	9	1	1	1	1	1							
Forsyth	1	7	21	28	5	1	34	28	1	1	1	1	6	12	36	34	1	1	
Garden City	1	7	36	43	1	3	47	28	2	2	1	1	5	30	24	1	1	1	
Harlowton	1	7	145	152	29	181	117	10	5	2	2	1	8	34	26	1	1	1	
Hot Springs	1	17	70	87	12	99	85	5	1	1	1	1	4	20	23	20	1	1	
Houghton	1	18	38	56	7	63	39	3	1	1	1	1	25	61	43	1	21	1	
Huron	1	12	126	138	11	16	165	83	1	2	2	1	191	21	20	1	4	1	
Ipswich	1	12	21	33	6	3	42	28	26	1	2	1	6	28	26	1	18	1	
Johnson's Corner	1	22	54	76	76	21	173	52											
Joliet and Boyd	1																		
Knobs	1																		
Lake Wilson	1																		
Loyalton	1	10	56	66	10	8	84	41		2	6	1	23	22	1	18	1	1	
McIntosh	1																		
Medicine Rocks	1	7	16	23	9	32	22	2	2	2	7	4	114	11	10	1	6	1	
Miles City	1	6	30	36	29	65	25	2	1	1	1	1	4	20	18	1	6	1	
Mill Iron	1	5	16	21	3	24	14	1	2	1	1	1	2	33	10	10	1	1	
Mission	1	4	15	19	1	20	15	1	2	1	1	1	2	33	10	10	1	1	
Missoula	1	7	33	40		40	30	1	1	1	1	1	4	230	36	30	1	28	1
Mitchell	1	20	146	166	3	4	173	120	8	6	3	1	4	230	36	30	1	28	1
Mobridge	1	11	79	90	2	18	110	64	4	6	1	1	30	92	65	1	7	1	
Mt. Vernon	1	5	16	21	5	26	21	1	1	2	1	1	66			1	2	1	
Northville	2	4	22	26	1	2	29	21	1	1	1	1	4	25	56	52	1	10	1
Pierre	1	11	105	116	23	139	64	8	1	1	1	1	8	25	56	52	1	10	1
Pierre Indian Mission	1																		
Pollock	1																		
Rapid City	1	18	112	130	10	140	96	8	2	4	3	40				1	12	1	
Rawlins	1	9	60	69	5	74	52												
Redfield	1	8	61	69	6	75	59			3	6								
Richland	1	4	21	25	1	26	20												
Ridge	1	14	152	166	25	191	114		7	2	9		106	75	1				
Robbinsdale	1	4	10	14		14	8						3						
Sand Point, Idaho	1	9	51	60	9	52	121	50	3	12	9	60	45	30	1	18	1	1	
Sioux Chapel	1	8	51	59	10	69	43	1	2	5	14	25	21						
Sturgis	1	9	31	40	15	55	37	3	1	1	5	48	25	21					
Sundance	1	6	48	54	1	5	60	39	3	1	1	1	10	25	22	1	6	1	
Terry	1	7	31	38		38	35	5			5	23	18	18	1	1	1	1	
Tolstoy	1																		
Tuthill	1																		
Watertown	1	15	169	184	18	202	124			4	11	48	86	69	1	19	1	1	
Watford City	1	18	87	105	17	37	159	93	21	15	2	10	1	80	32	29	1	2	1
Webster	1																		
TOTALS	51	489	3067	3556	306	598	4460	2703	168	82	81	29	176	2113	1736	1318	29	347	

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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		12,000	1	12,000		8,000	254
Almont	1	6,500		5,000	1	3,500		3,500	
Artesian	1	2,800		2,000	1	2,500		2,000	300
Avon	1	15,000		5,000	1	3,000		2,500	83
Baker	1	8,000		5,125	1	11,000		9,000	
Beckman Memorial	1	12,000	5,000	15,000	1	6,500		7,500	
Belle Fourche	1	20,000	3,000	11,000	1	15,000	8,208	10,000	50
Biddle	1	2,800							
Billings	1	17,000		12,000	1	12,000		8,000	2,068
Bismarck	1	38,000	14,561	12,000					734
Bradley									
Brentford	1	7,000		3,500	1	3,000	557	2,500	
Brookings	1	7,000		4,000	1	10,000		9,000	11
Buffalo	2	10,000		4,300	1	6,000		3,000	
Bushnell	1	6,000		5,000	1	2,500		2,000	
Butte									
Calvary									
Conner	1	6,000		2,500	1	5,000		3,500	
Custer	1	15,000	2,484		1	10,000			
Deadwood	1	8,000		6,000	1	6,000		4,000	148
Flandreau	1	5,000		3,600	1	5,500	2,219	6,000	
Forsyth	1	5,700		5,000	1	3,300		3,000	120
Garden City	1	6,000	200	4,800	1	6,000		3,500	36
Harlowton	1	9,000		9,000	1	6,000		6,000	693
Hot Springs	2	11,500	2,500	8,000	1	6,500	500	8,000	100
Houghton	1	8,000		5,000	1	5,000		3,000	318
Huron	1	6,000		5,500	1	5,000		4,500	545
Ipswich	1	6,500		6,500	1	4,000		4,000	881
Johnson Corners	1	8,000		8,000	1	10,000	1,200	10,000	
Joliet and Boyd									
Knobs									
Lake Wilson									
Loyalton	2	11,000	1,800		1	3,000		3,000	
McIntosh									
Medicine Rocks	1	2,200			1	3,000			
Miles City	1	8,000	3,800	8,500	1	7,500		6,000	
Mill Iron									
Mission	1	2,500		1,500	1	3,000		3,000	
Missoula	1	6,000		6,000	1	4,000		4,000	
Mitchell	1	9,000		6,500	1	10,000	5,000	7,500	34,000
Mobridge	1	10,000		7,500	1	6,000		5,000	
Mt. Vernon	1	7,500		5,000					
Northville	1	10,000		5,500	1	3,500		2,000	
Pierre	1	15,000		15,000	1	15,000	9,000	15,000	
Pierre Indian Mission	1	12,000			1	8,000			
Pollock									
Rapid City	1	14,000	300	8,000	1	5,000		5,000	160
Rawlins									
Redfield	1	40,000		20,000	1	12,000	3,600	7,000	155
Richland	1	5,000		4,000	1	5,000		3,000	
Ridge	1	6,000		6,000					76
Robbinsdale	1	18,000	8,000	12,000	1	12,000	7,500	11,000	
Rocky Point	1	1,000			1	5,000		5,000	
Sand Point, Idaho									
Sioux Chapel	1	12,000		9,000					
Sturgis	1	10,000		9,000	2	17,000		9,000	
Sundance	1	8,000	1,500	5,000	1	10,000	1,748	6,500	238
Terry	1	12,000	4,500	5,000					
Tolstoy	1	10,000	1,000	6,500	1	6,200	700	6,200	
Tuthill	1	1,500			1	1,000			
Watertown	1	25,000	5,200	14,000	1	4,000		2,500	
Watford City	2	10,100	2,000	9,000	1	3,125		2,000	19
Webster									
TOTALS	55	\$538,400	\$55,845	\$322,825	46	\$303,625	\$40,232	\$225,200	\$40,989

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Item VI. Disbursed for Pastor

Charge	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Abedeen	\$ 2,600	\$ 900	\$ 50	\$ 615	\$ 4,165
Almont	1,680	240	10	400	2,330
Artesian	1,040	240	85	221	1,586
Avon	1,040	---	---	50	1,090
Baker	1,820	900	15	611	3,346
Beckman Memorial	2,340	360	35	427	3,152
Bellevue	1,525	720	18	112	2,375
Biddle	1,580	---	---	106	1,686
Billings	3,380	660	115	305	4,460
Bismarck	1,815	540	170	---	2,525
Bradley	---	---	---	---	---
Brentford	1,460	300	9	320	2,089
Brookings	2,575	720	---	163	3,458
Buffalo	1,850	300	25	450	2,625
Bushnell	2,080	---	35	305	2,420
Butte	---	---	---	---	---
Calvary	---	---	---	---	---
Conner	2,340	360	---	120	2,820
Custer	2,000	---	---	---	2,000
Deadwood	2,600	400	25	156	3,181
Flandreau	797	240	40	78	1,155
Forsyth	713	480	50	175	1,418
Garden City	1,260	460	---	108	1,728
Harlowton	2,560	360	283	250	3,453
Hot Springs	1,930	720	15	100	2,765
Houghton	1,590	360	5	260	2,215
Huron	2,250	360	10	201	2,821
Ipswich	1,190	65	---	52	1,307
Johnson Corners	1,520	200	25	448	2,193
Joliet and Boyd	---	---	---	---	---
Knobs	343	---	---	234	577
Lake Wilson	---	---	---	---	---
Loyalton	2,080	300	25	400	2,805
McIntosh	---	---	---	---	---
Medicine Rocks	1,300	200	20	281	1,801
Miles City	1,681	500	28	361	2,570
Mill Iron	100	---	---	138	238
Mission	342	300	---	371	1,013
Missoula	349	480	25	---	854
Mitchell	2,860	540	15	240	3,655
Moabridge	2,600	340	12	196	3,148
Mt. Vernon	1,321	200	---	86	1,607
Northville	1,820	300	10	298	2,428
Pierre	2,085	810	35	349	3,279
Pierre Indian Mission	---	---	---	---	---
Pollock	---	---	---	---	---
Rapid City	2,858	440	14	30	3,342
Rawlins	---	---	---	---	---
Redfield	2,600	500	50	310	3,460
Richland	2,890	300	10	400	3,600
Ridge	1,560	---	---	100	1,660
Robbinsdale	2,440	600	28	60	3,128
Rocky Point	246	---	5	25	276
Sand Point, Idaho	---	---	---	---	---
Sioux Chapel	700	---	12	440	1,152
Sturgis	2,335	600	38	179	3,152
Sundance	505	516	5	40	1,066
Terry	1,237	50	10	269	1,566
Tolstoy	1,054	180	10	241	1,485
Tutthill	380	240	35	280	935
Watertown	2,600	600	25	729	3,954
Watford City	2,400	600	35	183	3,218
Webster	---	---	---	---	---
TOTALS	\$88,201	\$18,381	\$1,457	\$12,273	\$120,312

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Item VII. Disbursed for Church

Charge	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Amount Paid on Expense of Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expense	Total for Church
Aberdeen	\$ 85	\$ 471	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 946	\$ 1,502
Almont	180	166		452			281	1,079
Artesian	285	113		161			428	987
Avon	188	221	2,000	117			1,088	3,614
Baker	131	210	30	49			361	781
Beckman Memorial	80	243		102			708	1,133
Belle Fourche	115	276	154		282	438	431	1,696
Biddle	40	67		100				207
Billings	81	649	200	113			662	1,705
Bismarck	100	150	3,751	5		96	491	4,543
Bradley								
Brentford	100	127		103	100	33	234	697
Brookings	22	265	804	83			479	16,53
Buffalo	200	187	612	47			438	1,484
Bushnell	154	165					251	570
Butte								
Calvary								
Conner				101			79	617
Custer	123	314					198	736
Deadwood	225	538		490			756	2,001
Flandreau		38		17	42	103	90	290
Forsyth	7	233	30	48			367	685
Garden City		170	718	5			378	1,271
Harlowton	90	499	2,345	287			555	3,806
Hot Springs	244	174	772		31	154	533	1,908
Houghton	65	86		167			293	611
Huron	245	526	998				719	2,488
Ipswich	10	70	129	9			272	490
Johnson Corners	275	428	8,144	43			1,018	9,908
Joliet and Boyd								
Knobs	10							10
Lake Willson								
Loyalton	183	206					396	785
McIntosh								
Medicine Rocks	13	156	1,003	95			98	1,365
Miles City	58	284	114	35		150	650	1,291
Mill Iron		23						23
Mission		70					74	144
Missoula	145			71			332	548
Mitchell	300	1,155	16,417	1,075			1,242	20,189
Mobridge	256	279		30			302	867
Mt. Vernon		75	300	169			185	729
Northville	152	163	40				222	577
Pierre	55	370		136			532	1,093
Pierre Indian Mission	547						4,768	5,315
Pollock								
Rapid City	343	356	484	132	300	35	1,175	2,825
Rawlins								
Redfield	120	209	358	60	1,000	200	560	2,507
Richland	214	225		246			334	1,019
Ridge		30					23	53
Robbinsdale	55	259		143		174	333	964
Rocky Point		29						29
Sand Point, Idaho								
Sioux Chapel	218	74		75	1,633		237	2,237
Sturgis	100	173		176			278	727
Sundance		170		42			407	619
Terry	143	187	221		250	125	166	1,032
Tolstoy	82	82	107		100	86	179	636
Tuthill	49	82		65			87	283
Watertown	150	869	3,000	50	400	270	674	5,413
Watford City	428	283	4,230	91	242	43	1,697	7,016
Webster								
TOTALS	\$6,666	\$12,725	\$46,961	\$5,190	\$4,380	\$1,907	\$26,989	\$104,818

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Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget

Charge	Undivided Budget	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Superannuated Minister's Fund	Orphanage	Administrative Budget	General Conference Travel and Entertainment	General Sunday School Work	Australia	Total General Budget	
Aberdeen	21	69	46	147	99	17	27		30		456	
Almont	2	54	29	65	30	7	14	4	3		213	
Artesian		53	33	75	39	12	16	5	5	7	245	
Avon				102	51		20				173	
Baker	11	295	46	123	51	10	10	5		5	556	
Beckman Memorial		78	33	98	41	12	17	4	15	7	305	
Belle Fourche		40	24	27		5					96	
Biddle		17	17	10	9	10			9		72	
Billings		190	119	285	143	24	71	19	28		879	
Bismarck		15							8		23	
Bradley												
Brentford	6	49	28	51	21	5	8	3	4	4	179	
Brookings	67	36	149	38	18		7	2	12		329	
Buffalo		70	40	83	39	10	16	5	13	7	283	
Bushnell		33	15	27	15	5	6	2	6	3	112	
Butte												
Calvary												
Conner	13	79	23	110	33	6	13	9	11	6	303	
Custer												
Deadwood		69	34	88	33	6	16	4	15	6	271	
Flandreau		58	16	20	15	5	6	2	2	3	127	
Forsyth		19	14	22	12	7	6	2	4	2	88	
Garden City		72	66	40		5					183	
Harlowton	9	33	10			5	4				61	
Hot Springs		106	67	88	41	7	2	5		7	323	
Houghton	9	67	110	46	30	5	13	4	4	5	293	
Huron	8	162	95	70	62	5	5		10		417	
Ipswich	10	100	42	77	33	6	13	4	7	5	297	
Johnson Corners	16	164	105	55	73	12	37	10	10	12	494	
Joliet and Boyd												
Knobs	50	20	20	5	9	5					109	
Lake Wilson												
Loyalton		68	43	102	51	9	20	7	5		305	
McIntosh												
Medicine Rocks	6	89	61	32	14	16	7	2	1	2	230	
Miles City		46	30	6		5	3		5		95	
Mill Iron												
Mission	4	64	14	5	18	5	1		1		112	
Missoula	2	36	9	21	11	3	5	1	6	2	96	
Mitchell	24	181	102	208	117	44	39	16	29	20	780	
Mobridge	25	105	76	120	56	24	22	7	6	20	461	
Mt. Vernon	9	23	23	42	15	8	10	2	2	3	137	
Northville	4	42	37	39	26	4	10	3	3	4	172	
Pierre		82	42	10		5					139	
Pollock												
Rapid City		149	101	106	65	13	19	6	6	8	473	
Rawlins												
Redfield		217	130	223	74	12	33	4	10		703	
Richland	22	1,011	323	114	75	18	6	10	8		1,587	
Ridge	5	42	31	1	15	5	2				101	
Robbinsdale	10	63	42	56	21	13	12	3			220	
Rocky Point												
Sand Point, Idaho												
Sioux Chapel												
Sturgis		43	36	30	32	1			3		145	
Sundance					2						2	
Terry	6	77	2	27		8			7		127	
Tolstoy		50	10	37	20	5	3				125	
Tuthill	5			14	3	2	2	2			28	
Watertown		246	83		83		39	11	16		478	
Watford City	41	160	199	419	72	17	29	10	15	20	982	
Webster												
TOTALS		\$385	\$4,742	\$2,578	\$3,364	\$1,667	\$408	\$589	\$173	\$332	\$163	\$14,391

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Item VIII. Disbursed for Conference Budget

Charge	President's Salary	Conference Evangelist's Salary	Conference Work	Conference Missions	Conference S. S. Work	Total Conference Budget	Total Budget
Aberdeen	\$ 30	\$	\$ 316	\$ 37	\$	\$ 383	\$ 839
Almont			179	22		202	+15
Artesian	41	25	298	31	2	397	642
Avon	40		418			458	631
Baker	38	21	232	36		327	383
Beckman Memorial	25	39	395		5	464	769
Belle Fourche	10		11			21	117
Biddle	6		40			46	118
Billings	98	170	388	289		945	1,824
Bismarck	113		98		3	214	237
Bradley							
Brentford	17	8	133	29	1	188	367
Brookings			325	42	5	372	701
Buffalo	20		179	26	5	230	513
Bushnell			142	10	2	154	266
Butte							
Calvary							
Conner	35	60	211	22	4	332	635
Custer							
Deadwood	20		60	22	5	107	378
Flandreau			26	10	1	37	164
Forsyth	10	20	110	28	1	169	257
Garden City			149	47		196	379
Harlowton	20	26	123	23		192	253
Hot Springs			235	32		267	590
Houghton	15		162	43	2	222	515
Huron	14	37	441	81		573	990
Ipswich	12		254	32	2	300	597
Johnson Corners	25		261	4		290	784
Joliet and Boyd							
Knobs	25		30			55	164
Lake Wilson							
Loyalton	18	17				35	340
McIntosh							
Medicine Rocks	39	40	81	36	1	197	427
Miles City	5	20	35		2	62	157
Mill Iron		6	8			14	17
Mission		21	57			78	190
Missoula	10	25	112	7	2	156	252
Mitchell	105		568	82	7	762	1,542
Mobridge	41		399	37	2	479	940
Mt. Vernon	10		173	38	1	222	359
Northville		35	151	17	1	204	376
Pierre	10	100	10	15		135	274
Pierre Indian Mission							
Pollock							
Rapid City			322	43	3	368	841
Rawlins							
Redfield	20	100	487	338		945	1,648
Richland	32		402	50	3	487	2,074
Ridge	7		106	1		114	215
Robbinsdale			154	200		354	574
Rocky Point							
Sand Point, Idaho							
Sioux Chapel							
Sturgis	24		107	44	1	176	321
Sundance	10		11	6		27	29
Terry	8		38	41	2	89	216
Tolstoy	20	13	92			125	250
Tuthill			66	2		68	96
Watertown			441	55	8	504	982
Watford City	25		427	83	5	540	1,522
Webster							
TOTALS	\$998	\$783	\$9,463	\$1,961	\$ 77	\$13,282	\$27,673

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Item IX. Disbursed for Benevolences

Charge	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	W. Y.	Other Objects	International Headquarters	Total for Benevolences
Aberdeen	\$ 51	\$ 122	\$ 75	\$ 88	\$ 18	\$ 81	\$ 144	\$ 579	
Almont	90	27	12	101	12	101	256		
Artesian	88	15	15	20	14	526	97	754	
Avon						19	93	112	
Baker	123	55	80	150	92	174	197	871	
Beckman Memorial	95	77	23			39	135	369	
Belle Fourche	96	3	6	10		105	53	273	
Biddle									
Billings	68	9	18	171	30	120	302	718	
Bismarck			15	15	1	73	35	139	
Bradley									
Brentford									
Brookings						99	94	193	
Buffalo	13		5		60	67	136	263	
Bushnell	35	115	7		20	99	87	204	
Butte						34	44	255	
Calvary									
Conner	308	6				307	212	833	
Custer	626							626	
Deadwood						36	98	134	
Flandreau	76	17	12			25	25	155	
Forsyth			8		5	126	46	185	
Garden City						92	92	92	
Harlowton		5			20	28	139	397	
Hot Springs	230	196	93	140			165	824	
Houghton	230	196	93	140			165	824	
Huron	94		46		40	48	8	358	
Ipswich	327	58	37			27	97	546	
Johnson Corners	20	3	70		58	99	238	488	
Joliet and Boyd									
Knobs	15	2			5		3	32	
Lake Wilson									
Loyalton									
McIntosh									
Medicine Rocks	133	18	25			76	101	353	
Miles City		6			12	21		39	
Mill Iron							8	8	
Mission	3					20	38	61	
Missoula	5	4	11		16	21	13	70	
Mitchell	4,130	3,884			3,811	252	357	12,434	
Mobridge	27	10	73			142	150	402	
Mt. Vernon	80	17	65		16	2	50	187	
Northville		5				65	39	109	
Pierre					7	35	33	159	
Pierre Indian Mission								234	
Pollock									
Rapid City					56	233	408	149	
Rawlins								846	
Redfield						22	378	287	
Richland	39	53	8		66	48	182	396	
Ridge			20			49	20	89	
Robbinsdale							63	63	
Rocky Point		2					12	14	
Sand Point, Idaho									
Sioux Chapel		62			5	12		79	
Sturgis	3					25	161	189	
Sundance		40	4		204		50	298	
Terry	5	30	12		10	18	65	200	
Tolstoy	4	8	5			9	42	74	
Tuthill	37	14					15	66	
Watertown			218			15	114	5	
Watford City	103	469	36	10	127	10	583	336	
Webster								1,674	
TOTALS	\$6,924	\$5,331	\$1,014	\$128	\$4,862	\$832	\$4,750	\$5,253	\$29,094

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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	4,165	1,502	839	579	7,085
Almont	2,330	1,079	415	256	4,080
Artesian	1,588	987	642	754	3,969
Avon	1,090	3,614	631	112	5,447
Baker	3,346	781	883	871	5,881
Beckman Memorial	3,152	1,133	769	369	5,423
Belle Fourche	2,375	1,696	117	273	4,461
Biddle	1,666	207	118	---	1,991
Billings	4,460	1,705	1,824	718	8,707
Bismarck	2,525	4,543	237	139	7,444
Bradley	---	---	---	---	---
Brentford	2,089	697	367	193	3,346
Brookings	3,458	1,653	701	263	6,075
Buffalo	2,625	1,484	513	204	4,826
Bushnell	2,420	570	266	253	3,511
Butte	---	---	---	---	---
Calvary	---	---	---	---	---
Conner	2,820	617	635	833	4,905
Custer	2,000	736	---	626	3,362
Deadwood	3,181	2,001	378	134	5,694
Flandreau	1,155	290	164	155	1,764
Forsyth	1,418	685	257	185	2,545
Garden City	1,728	1,271	379	92	3,470
Harlowton	3,453	3,806	253	397	7,909
Hot Springs	2,765	1,908	590	824	6,087
Houghton	2,215	611	515	166	3,507
Huron	2,821	2,488	990	358	6,657
Ipswich	1,307	490	597	546	2,940
Johnson Corners	2,193	9,908	784	488	13,373
Joliet and Boyd	---	---	---	---	---
Knobs	577	10	164	32	783
Lake Wilson	---	---	---	---	---
Loyalton	2,805	785	340	---	3,930
McIntosh	---	---	---	---	---
Medicine Rocks	1,801	1,365	427	353	3,946
Miles City	2,570	1,291	157	39	4,057
Mill Iron	238	23	17	8	286
Mission	1,013	144	190	61	1,408
Missoula	854	548	252	70	1,724
Mitchell	3,655	20,189	1,542	12,434	37,820
Mobridge	3,148	867	940	402	5,357
Mt. Vernon	1,607	729	359	417	3,112
Northville	2,428	577	376	109	3,490
Pierre	3,279	1,093	274	234	4,880
Pierre Indian Mission	---	5,315	---	---	5,315
Pollock	---	---	---	---	---
Rapid City	3,342	2,825	841	846	7,854
Rawlins	---	---	---	---	---
Redfield	3,460	2,507	1,648	687	8,302
Richland	3,600	1,019	2,074	396	7,089
Ridge	1,660	53	215	89	2,017
Robbinsdale	3,128	964	574	63	4,729
Rocky Point	276	29	3	14	322
Sand Point, Idaho	---	---	---	---	---
Sioux Chapel	1,152	2,237	---	79	3,468
Sturgis	3,152	727	321	189	4,389
Sundance	1,066	619	29	298	2,012
Terry	1,566	1,092	216	200	3,074
Tolstoy	1,485	636	250	142	2,513
Tuthill	935	283	96	66	1,380
Watertown	3,954	5,413	982	402	10,751
Watford City	3,218	7,016	1,522	1,674	13,430
Webster	---	---	---	---	---
TOTALS	\$120,312	\$104,818	\$27,673	\$29,094	\$281,897

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Aberdeen—Stanley Gage, R.F.D., Aberdeen, S. Dak.
 Artesian—Robert Moulton, Artesian, S. Dak.
 Avon—Larry Johnson, Tripp, S. Dak.
 Baker—Mrs. Erna Jordan, Baker, Mont.
 Beckman Memorial—Harold Wilkenson, Ralph, S. Dak.
 Billings—Betty Gore, 1072 Hall Ave., Billings, Mont.
 Brentford—Mrs. Francis Fey, Conde, S. Dak.
 Brookings—Darrel Martin, Rt. 1, Brookings, S. Dak.
 Bushnell—Duane Hornback, Bushnell, S. Dak.
 Deadwood—Bernard Coolley, Terraville, S. Dak.
 Huron—Mrs. Wilbert Becker, 818 Michigan S.W., Huron, S. Dak.
 Johnson Corners—Anna Wheeler, Watford City, N. Dak.
 Loyalton—Arlyce Stern, Loyalton, S. Dak.
 Mitchell—Eunice Hillen, Rt. 1, Mitchell, S. Dak.
 Mobridge—Mrs. H. G. Teske, Mobridge, S. Dak.
 Pierre—Doris Baker, 332 W. Grand, Pierre, S. Dak.
 Rapid City First—Kay Mills, 26 Kansas City St., Rapid City, S. Dak.
 Redfield—Douglas Harms, Hitchcock, S. Dak.
 Richland—Donald G. Steward, Chelsea, S. Dak.
 Sturgis—Mrs. Janet Anderson, 923 Boulevard, Sturgis, S. Dak.
 Terry—Janet Van Cleave, Terry, Mont.
 Watertown—Lowell Gisselbeck, Rt. 2, Castlewood, S. Dak.
 Watford City—Mrs. James Smith, Watford City, N. Dak.

WESLEYAN YOUTH DELEGATES

Aberdeen—Stanley Gage, Charles Maynard
 Artesian—Patty Larson
 Baker—Delores Noftsker

Beckman Memorial—Eunice Beckman, Anna Marie Beckman
Belle Fourche—Muriel Mitchell, Elizabeth Donald
Billings—Evelyn Yetter
Brentford—Dorothy Vreugdenhil
Brookings—Darrel Martin, Ruth Ann Dingman, Norma Taken
Bushnell—Faye Wiloby
Huron—Anita Winterberg, Janice Wahl
Ipswich—Mary Maynard
Johnson Corners—Lavonne Jones
Loyalton—Harlan Stern
Mitchell—Eunice Hillen, Tena Bennett, Carol Kronwald
Mobridge—Donald K. Brown
Pierre—Doris Baker, Marlene Webber
Rapid City First—Jack Mills, Willard Stone
Redfield—Bonnie Wolter, Janice Herms
Richland—Elayne Palmer, Delores Bailey, Mildred Steward
Robbinsdale—Voreta Simpson
Terry—Lois Jean Cretsinger
Tolstoy—Donna Skillingsted
Watertown—Jerry Alexander, Billy Franklin
Watford City—Pat Nygard

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Saturday, June 8 at 8:30 a.m. the Dakota Wesleyan Youth Conference met for their first meeting.

The group was led in song by Rev. Vermilyea and then Rev. Watson read Scripture.

The Roll Call was given.

Motion was made and passed that the first seven benches on each side constitute the Bar of Conference. The delegates, pastors and Wesleyan Youth Presidents were seated in the bar.

After a discussion of the "Crusader" which is \$44.58 in the red, the group voted to continue the publication. The following committee was elected to study the matter:

Darrell Wagner, Chairman

Dean Watson

Glen Wessel

Pastors were instructed to contact the committee as to the number of "Crusaders" they wanted for the next year.

The following committees were elected:

Nominating Committee:

Robert Vermilyea—Chairman

Earl Olson

Billy Franklin

Lavonne Jones

Voreta Simpson

Statistical Committee:

Harold Griffin—Chairman

Darrell Wagner

Lois Jean Cretsinger

Auditing Committee:

Ellis Sollie—Chairman

Jerry Alexander

Delores Bailey

Ways and Means Committee:

Glen Wessel—Chairman

Evelyn Yetter

Dorothy Vreugdenhil

Resolutions Committee:

John Winterberg—Chairman

Paul Davidson
Jack Mills

The Nominating Committee was instructed to bring in two names for each office.

Moved and supported that the Ways and Means Committee bring in a recommendation on how to meet the deficit of the "Crusader."

The Youth Conference Program was accepted.

Meeting was adjourned.

Monday, 8:30 a.m.

The group was led in singing "He's Everything to Me" by Willard Stone; Darrell Wagner then led devotions.

Roll Call was given.

Minutes were read and approved.

President's Report was read and accepted. (Note See Report No. 1).

Auditing Committee's Report was given and accepted. (Note See Report No. 2.)

Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. (Note See Report No. 3.)

The District Chairmen gave their reports and they were accepted.

Robert Vermilyea of the Southern District reported that they made use of the traveling trophy again. Three rallies were held one at Huron with Eugene Stanislaus as speaker, at Mitchell with the speaker Rev. Glen Wessel, and at Pierre with Rev. Sausoman as speaker.

The Northwest District Report was given by Darrell Wagner. He reported a successful Red Lodge Youth Camp last fall with James Harris as speaker. Clarence Huffman will be their Camp worker this year.

Harold Griffin reported a good year in the Black Hills District. They had a good Youth Camp with Beverly Wilson. Rallies were held at the following places: Sundance with Rev. Veeder as speaker, Robbinsdale with Rev. Harold Griffin speaking and Sturgis with Rev. Orin Skanderat speaking.

The Aberdeen District reported a project for Brainerd Indian School with an offering totaling \$237.07. A part and business meeting was held by the group in Aberdeen at the Northwestern Public Service basement. Rev. Winterberg spoke at a Rally in Ipswich.

The Report of the "Crusader" was read and accepted. (Note See Report No. 4.)

The president, Rev. Watson, instructed the group on voting for District Chairmen. The voting must be by ballot and by active members only.

The Resolutions Committee gave their report and it was accepted.

(Note See Report No. 5.)

The recommendation was made by Darrel Martin that the societies use the treasurer's book from our Youth Headquarters.

Places for District Caucus meetings were decided on; the meeting was adjourned for committee work.

Monday, 1:00 p.m.

Rolland Fletcher led the devotions.

Ways and Means Committee gave their report; after a minor change it was accepted. (Note See Report No. 6.)

Motion made and passed that the secretary send to each pastor a card reminding them of this matter immediately after conference.

The report of the Executive Council was read and passed. The one item of building a Youth Dining Hall was referred back to the Executive Council and Joint Committee of Conference. (Note See Report No. 7.)

Missionary Pledges were taken.

The Nominating Committee read their report and it was adopted.

The following officers were elected:

President—Rev. Watson
Vice-President—Darrell Wagner
Secretary—Voreta Simpson
Treasurer—Alice Fletcher
Youth Solicitor—Harold Griffin

The District Chairmen were elected as follows:

Aberdeen District—Merlyn Bailey
Black Hills District—Glen Wessel
Southern District—Robert Vermilyea
Northwest District—Gordon Cary

The Committee on the "Crusader" read their report and it was accepted. (Note See Report No. 8.)

The news for the "Crusader" should be in by September 1st.

Franklin Simpson was elected Editor of the "Crusader" and Glen Wessel as Assistant Editor.

Motion made and passed that the Secretary send cards to all pastors by August 1st giving the address of the Editor and a reminder of news for the "Crusader."

Motion made and passed that Darrell Wagner be paid 5¢ a mile for the round trip to Rapid City necessary for work on the "Crusader" this past year.

The Aberdeen Youth Camp dates were set as August 19-25 with Clarence Huffman as speaker.

Motion made and passed that Rev. Watson be President of the Aberdeen Youth Camp.

Alice Fletcher read a letter of appreciation from Rev. Robert McIntyre, Connectional Youth Secretary, on the finances raised for the year.

A partial report of the Statistical Committee was read and accepted.

Motion made and passed that the Executive Committee pass on the finished Statistical Report.

Rev. J. F. Simpson spoke briefly concerning the work in the Philippine Islands and of the fine quality of their workers.

The Youth Conference was adjourned and the group joined hands forming a large circle while they sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report No. 1

W. Y. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings! We have closed another year in the records of the Youth Department of the Dakota Conference. This has been a year of mixed emotions—joy over the salvation of youth and sorrow over the tragedy of many who have chosen their own ways which are full of self and worldly passions. Even with youth gangs and the craze for the “rock and roll” and the feeding of the person on the base, immoral, and obscene literature of the age, we are still able to see a real group of God-fearing youth preparing themselves spiritually and intellectually for the great harvest field of God. This group, of course, is in the minority but it only proves more conclusively that the scripture is true—“Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”

We appreciate the work of the District Chairmen this year. We are glad also for the good cooperation of the Executive Council. May God bless all you local Youth Presidents and members as you work for the salvation of youth in your town. May God be able to use us all for the advancement of W.Y.

1. Youth Week revivals at Sturgis, S. Dak. and Watford City, N. Dak.
2. Service at Johnson Corners.
3. Attended Youth Leaders' Conference at Marion, Indiana and sent out reports of same.
4. Attended “Hospitality Day” at Miltonvale Wesleyan College. Took some young people along.
5. Song leader at Black Hills Youth Camp.
6. Held Youth services at Houghton, S. Dak.
7. 275 pieces of mail sent out from the office.
8. Organized Society at Pierre, S. Dak.
9. Financial Report:

Desk Fund	\$ 23.25
Youth Camp (Travel)	33.60
Travel to Marion (Leader's Conf)	54.06
Travel to Miltonvale	39.06

\$149.97

Yours for souls,
O. D. Watson

Report No. 2

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the Treasurer's books of the Dakota Conference Youth Society and have found them to be correct.

Signed:

E. V. Sollie, Chairman

Jerry Alexander

Delores Bailey

Report No. 3**TREASURER'S REPORT, 1956-57**

Account	Old Bal. on Hand	Receipts	Disbursements	New Bal. on Hand
Conference Pledge -----	\$173.00	\$ 390.50	\$ 460.00	\$103.50
Conference Dues -----	69.24	86.60	116.43	39.41
General Dues -----	19.25	293.45	312.70	
7½ Per Cent Fund -----		154.45	154.45	
Foreign Missions -----	4.07	114.57	118.64	
Home Missions -----	3.21	117.64	110.85	10.00
Education -----	.39	25.98	26.37	
Crusader -----	-13.28	47.00	78.30	-44.58
Church Extension -----	24.70	2.32		27.02
Miscellaneous -----	-10.43	65.80	65.06	-8.90
Camp Offering (trans. to Misc.) -----	.79			
Youth Week Offering -----	5.00	271.69	276.69	
Service Men's Commission -----		3.00	3.00	
	<u>\$275.94</u>	<u>\$1,573.00</u>	<u>\$1,722.49</u>	<u>\$126.45</u>
Total Voucher Receipts \$163.76				
Balance on Hand, 1956 -----		\$ 275.94		
Receipts -----		1,573.00		
Total -----		<u>\$1,848.94</u>		
Disbursements -----		1,722.49		
New Balance on Hand -----				<u>\$ 126.45</u>

Report No. 4**"CRUSADER" REPORT**

Because of lack of finances only two editions of the "Crusader" were published this year. Cooperation in reporting by local societies was some better than past years; however, many societies have never reported. It is our opinion that the worthiness of the "Crusader" be carefully considered before it is considered another year. We question the value of a publication that must be forced upon the Young People. Only through the conscientious cooperation of each society

and with the backing of the Pastor can this be made a worthwhile venture.

We are grateful for the experiences of the past three years in which we served as editor and with no regrets we bid the job adieu.

Respectfully,
Darrell Wagner

Report No. 5

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

1. Be it resolved that we as young people purpose to press on for Christ, under the leadership of the Holy Ghost.

2. Be it resolved that we, by word and deed, with prayer, strive to reach the lost for Christ.

3. Be it resolved that we offer earnest prayers and give zealous support to missions.

4. Be it resolved that we conscientiously support the program and projects of the Conference W. Y.

5. Be it resolved that we urge the use of the Efficiency Standard.

6. Be it resolved that we support our District Youth Camps and rallies, and promote them by our attendance.

7. Be it resolved that we promote the subscriptions to the Wesleyan Youth and the "Crusader."

8. Be it resolved that we express our sincere appreciation to all who have contributed in any way to make this conference a blessing to those who attended; especially to Rev. Thomas Claus, our Youth evangelist, to Dr. Roy S. Nicholson for his ministry, and as our Denominational Representative, to Rev. and Mrs. O. L. Bynum for the inspiration in song, to Rev. Dean Watson for his fine leadership. We also wish to thank Darrell Wagner for his work with the "Crusader."

J. E. Winterberg, Chairman

P. F. Davidson

Jack Mills

Report No. 6

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Ways and Means Committee, present the following recommendations for the consideration of the Dakota Conference Wesleyan Youth:

1. That we continue the use of membership cards.

2. That we avail ourselves of the opportunity of attending District Youth Camps and rallies for the sake of spiritual uplift and fellowship of Christian Youth.

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3. That the different Wesleyan Youth Societies combine services.
4. Let them consistently endeavor to make and to raise all General Conference dues by April 15, 1958.
5. Let us endeavor to do our part in the emphasis of revival by praying in our societies and forming Gospel Teams to conduct Gospel services for youth and children.
6. That we stress the Victory Volunteer Program of distributing tracts and Christian literature.
7. That each society has a definite plan for Bible Study and memorization.
8. Let Wesleyan Youth plan an educational service and receive a liberal offering to be applied on an educational budget.
9. That the District Chairman encourage the organization of unorganized societies within their districts.
10. That each district promote a definite project.
11. That we defray the expense of \$44.58 on the "Crusader" by each church sending in \$1.00 not later than two weeks upon returning home from conference.

Signed:

Glen Wessel, Chairman

Evelyn Yetter

Dorothy Vreugdenhil

Report No. 7

The executive council met at 11:00, June 10.

Motion made and passed that Earl Olson be seated as a representative of the Aberdeen area.

Motion made and passed that the Black Hills, Southern and Aberdeen Districts have separate caucus after dinner to determine a location for a joint Youth Camp this year.

Recommend that we have a Youth Camp at Aberdeen, S. Dak. with the Southern, Aberdeen, and Black Hills Districts cooperating equally, owing to the fact that there are no facilities in the Black Hills for a camp.

Motion made and passed that the action on the \$50 for benches be postponed indefinitely.

Dues be set at \$1.75, \$1.50 for General Conference and 25¢ for our conference.

Recommend that 7¢ a mile be paid the Youth President for traveling expenses.

MISSIONARY PROJECT— Recommend that as many local societies as possible take on the support of a Philippino pastor or student with the moneys to be sent through the Conference Wesleyan Youth Treasurer.

Recommend that the conference Youth continue the support of six native workers in the Philippines.

Motion made and passed that we resend the action of \$45 to be sent to Miltonvale on the new Youth Chapel.

Recommend that a special offering be taken October 6th in the Youth services for a Conference project for a Youth dining hall at Rapid City Camp Grounds.

Recommend that the local societies be encouraged to furnish dormitory rooms on the Rapid City Camp Grounds, the rooms being available for use during the summer by clearing first with their pastor and the supervisor of the grounds.

Meeting was adjourned.

The executive council met at 9:00 June 7. The following offices for Camp and Conference were filled:

Recreation Chairman for boys—Harold Griffin

Assistant—Willard Stone

Recreation Chairman for girls—Beatrice Stone

Pianist—Mary Esther Cretsinger

Assistant—Voreta Simpson

Music Chairman—Willard Stone

Prayer Chairman—Wesley McIntyre

The Youth Conference schedule was accepted.

Adjourned.

Report No. 8

COMMITTEE ON "CRUSADER"

We recommend that the price of the "Crusader" be set at 10¢ per copy.

We recommend that one issue of the "Crusader" be published and that response of information and news from the local societies determine whether subsequent issues be published, and that payment of the same be forwarded to the Conference Youth Treasurer by one month after receiving the publication.

Signed:

Darrell Wagner, Chairman

O. D. Watson

Glen Wessel

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W. Y. STATISTICAL REPORT

Name of Local	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youth Subs.	Efficiency Standard Rating	General Dues	Conference Dues	Church Extension	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions
Aberdeen	16	4	9	C	\$ 11.50	\$ 2.25	-----	-----	\$ 15.00	\$ 14.39
Almont	4	4	4	C	6.00	1.00	-----	-----	6.00	-----
Artesian	5	4	4	C	7.50	4.75	1.00	1.00	10.00	1.00
Avon	10	5	5	B	3.00	1.00	-----	-----	15.39	15.38
Baker	9	20	B	B	15.00	5.25	-----	26.95	30.32	23.00
Belle Fourche	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Billings	11	18	16	B	16.50	7.25	-----	-----	30.00	9.00
Bismarck	-----	-----	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Beckman Memorial	12	3	11	B	29.75	4.25	-----	-----	-----	-----
Brentford	4	3	C	C	7.00	1.00	3.92	5.00	5.43	5.39
Brookings	8	5	5	B	12.00	6.62	16.50	-----	11.56	12.11
Bushnell	10	11	3	C	7.50	7.50	-----	-----	5.00	-----
Deadwood	10	12	C	C	10.00	6.50	-----	3.00	-----	-----
Huron	15	6	12	B	31.50	5.25	-----	5.50	48.00	-----
Johnson Corners	18	7	7	-----	4.25	25.50	11.43	18.22	3.78	3.78
Loyalton	15	5	C	C	2.50	9.00	-----	.70	.68	3.00
Mitchell	28	14	B	B	54.00	9.00	-----	80.00	3.64	1.82
Mobridge	7	10	B	B	10.50	1.75	10.42	-----	-----	27.21
Mt. Vernon	2	3	B	B	2.50	.50	-----	-----	-----	-----
Pierre	4	3	C	C	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Rapid City, First	12	10	B	B	24.00	53.68	5.00	10.00	34.05	60.00
Redfield	9	6	C	C	20.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Richland	22	11	20	C	38.50	2.25	10.00	-----	25.00	-----
Robinsdale	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Sturgis	-----	6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Terry	6	2	C	C	7.50	3.00	1.85	-----	-----	10.00
Watertown	19	6	-----	-----	3.00	15.00	-----	-----	-----	-----
Watford City	2	16	B	B	3.00	.50	7.29	2.97	7.81	7.81
TOTALS	258	64	210	-----	\$324.00	\$172.80	\$67.41	\$153.34	\$251.66	\$193.89

W. Y. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Name of Local	Local Work	Other Items	Crusaders	Headquarters Building	Total Receipts Plus Balance	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
Aberdeen	\$ 20.68	---	---	\$ 8.78	\$ 76.03	\$ 72.56	\$ 3.47
Almont	25.00	5.85	1.20	9.20	56.66	54.25	2.41
Artesian	12.10	3.80	1.00	13.86	68.51	56.01	12.50
Avon	7.93	74.70	.35	4.96	127.85	122.71	5.14
Baker	114.11	57.16	---	10.00	284.10	281.79	2.32
Belle Fourche	1.70	17.19	---	4.80	23.69	23.69	---
Billings	68.94	9.42	2.40	14.25	162.83	157.76	5.07
Bismarck	90.37	---	1.00	3.35	94.70	74.70	---
Beckman Memorial	---	2.75	---	---	65.84	36.75	29.09
Brentford	25.00	5.00	1.00	4.36	69.21	63.10	6.11
Brookings	50.53	35.00	3.75	10.75	180.05	158.82	21.23
Bushnell	---	---	---	---	35.45	20.00	15.45
Deadwood	3.35	3.53	2.00	3.00	31.38	31.38	---
Huron	17.23	115.23	---	5.00	262.82	227.71	35.11
Johnson Corners	15.17	45.32	---	---	135.59	127.45	8.14
Loyalton	16.62	---	---	---	45.76	32.50	13.26
Mitchell	179.81	50.00	2.00	---	380.27	380.27	---
Mobridge	30.02	59.18	---	7.85	159.00	146.93	12.07
Mt. Vernon	---	.90	1.30	13.80	26.95	19.00	7.95
Pierre	44.00	10.00	---	---	62.60	54.00	8.60
Rapid City, First	116.50	1.20	---	36.25	370.20	340.68	29.52
Redfield	19.94	2.46	---	9.20	75.73	51.60	24.13
Richland	11.25	124.92	---	23.03	225.18	224.95	.23
Robinsdale	---	5.00	---	---	40.22	5.00	35.22
Sturgis	7.00	16.08	2.10	5.23	40.36	30.41	9.95
Terry	4.50	1.50	1.00	5.00	39.83	34.35	5.48
Watertown	23.06	---	---	---	80.88	38.06	42.82
Watford City	8.02	36.78	3.50	25.00	139.50	102.68	36.82
TOTALS	\$902.81	\$681.73	\$32.60	\$208.89	\$3,361.19	\$2,989.11	\$372.08

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Minutes

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of the

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

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held at

Aberdeen, South Dakota

JUNE 11-14, A.D. 1957

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

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Prayer Partner Secretary—Mrs. Eunice Vreugdenhil, Brentford, S. Dak.
Conference Study Chairman—Mrs. Elva Beckman, Prairie City, S. Dak.

LOCAL PRESIDENTS AND ADDRESSES

Aberdeen—Mrs. B. Tomsha, Dorian Apts. 307, Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Almont—Mrs. Lester Myers, Almont, N. Dak.
Artesian—Mildred Rist, Artesian, S. Dak.
Avon—Mrs. Johanna Hayward, Avon, S. Dak.
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Bushnell—Mrs. Loreen Griffin, Flandreau, S. Dak.
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Miles City—Mrs. H. G. Teske, 1111 Ivy, Miles City, Mont.
Mission—Mrs. Glen Ladely, Mission, S. Dak.
Missoula—Pastor's Wife

Mitchell—Mrs. Thomas T. Hersey, 1104 S. Duff, Mitchell, S. Dak.
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Sundance—
Terry—Miss Grace Raihl, Terry, Montana
Tolstoy—Mrs. Ernest Hobbie, Tolstoy, S. Dak.
Tuthill—Marjorie Greenough, Tuthill, S. Dak.
Watertown—Mrs. Elizabeth Becker, 501 E. Kemp Ave., Watertown,
S. Dak.
Watford City—Mrs. Fern Davidson, Watford City, N. Dak.

DELEGATES

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 Johnson Corners—Mrs. Loraine Klamm
 Knobs—Mrs. Catherine Most
 Loyalton—Mrs. Stella Hilden
 Medicine Rocks—Mrs. Evelyn Gisselbeck
 Miles City—Mrs. Dorothy Meyers
 Mission—Mrs. Lois Steward
 Missoula—Mrs. Matie VanVliet
 Mitchell—Mrs. Rosalie Helle
 Mobridge—Mrs. Amanda Carlson
 Mount Vernon—Mrs. Ruth Faulkenberry
 Northville—Mrs. Floreda Warriner
 Pierre—Mrs. Luella Strudle
 Prairie City (Beckman Memorial)—Mrs. Elva Beckman
 Rapid City—Mrs. Marion Johnston
 Redfield—Mrs. Eunice Ketzbeck
 Richland—Mrs. Loraine Palmer
 Ridge—Mrs. Ernest Cadwell
 Robbinsdale—Mrs. Kathryn Gibson
 Sturgis—Mrs. Honour Kelly
 Sundance—Mrs. Inez Goodell
 Terry—Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger
 Tolstoy—Mrs. Lydia Helm
 Tuthill—Mrs. Leah Boyle
 Watertown—Mrs. Emma Urevig
 Watford City—Mrs. Leah Johnson

Mrs. Marion Cretsinger
 Mrs. Elizabeth Becker
 Mrs. Eunice Vreugdenhil
 Mrs. Maxine Bingaman
 Mrs. Frances Sollie
 Mrs. Mable Gerleman
 Mrs. Lorna Vermilyea
 Mrs. Alice Fletcher
 Mrs. Alfred Howes

Miss Marie Brannon
 Mrs. Barbara Watson
 Mrs. Honour Griffin
 Mrs. Florence Kemp
 Mrs. Mable Wadsworth
 Mrs. Vangie McIntyre
 Mrs. Viola Leyh
 Mrs. Fern Davidson

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.

Opening—The Fifty-second Annual Session of the W.M.S. of the Dakota Conference was called to order by the President, Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger. Mrs. Kathryn Gibson, song leader for our sessions, led us in singing the chorus of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." We were highly privileged to have Dr. R. S. Nicholson, General President, bring our opening devotions from I Samuel 15:10-23. Using verses 22 and 23 he spoke from the subject, "Obedience, the Soul of Holiness." He emphasized the fact that it is not the size of the sacrifice but the measure of obedience.

Motion—A motion was made and seconded that we request Dr. Nicholson to bring our devotions each morning in the absence of Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph.

Committee on Credentials—Mrs. Adine Martin and Mrs. Lorna Vermilyea were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

Special Motion—A motion prevailed that if there is no elected delegate present, or to be present, that the local president be seated as delegate, or, if not present, then the pastor's wife shall be seated.

Conference Body—A motion prevailed that Delegates, Presidents, Minister's Wives, Y.M.W.B. Superintendents and Lady Ministers constitute the Conference Body.

Bar of Conference—By motion, the first seven rows exclusive of the front row, on either side of the tabernacle were designated as the Bar of Conference.

Programs—Programs were distributed. Moved and supported that they be adopted as Orders of the Day for this session of Conference.

Nominating Committee—The Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Ruth McIntyre, Mrs. Amy Hunter, Mrs. Lorna Vermilyea, Mrs. Fern Davidson, Mrs. Kathryn Gibson.

Recess—A recess was declared that the Nominating Committee might prepare their report.

Meeting called to order—Mrs. Kathryn Gibson led us in singing, "Count Your Many Blessings." The Beckman sisters brought a special message in song, "Led by the Master's Hand."

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

The Lord broke through upon us in a most gracious manner around the altar.

Report of President—The President read her report which was accepted with a rising vote of thanks. (See Report No. 2.)

Reports of District Chairmen—The Chairmen of the Southern, Black

Hills, Aberdeen and Northwest Districts gave their reports, which were accepted.

Women's World Fellowship—Mrs. Marion Cretsinger brought a report of the organization of this fellowship. This organization is to be a fellowship of prayer, a fellowship of scripture memorization and a fellowship of witnessing.

Instructions to the Secretary—The secretary was instructed to send a letter to Mrs. Alice Calhoon in Haiti; get-well cards to Dr. Rufus Reisdorph and Mrs. Jean Foster and Mrs. Inez Hinds; a card of thanks to Mrs. J. D. Williams for dishes which she donated to the camp.

Adjournment—Following a season of prayer, we were adjourned.

1:15 p.m.

Opening—After singing by the group, Mrs. Rena Veeder led us in prayer.

Roll Call—Roll was answered by stating whether or not we were participating in the Missionary Reading Course. There were twenty-eight affirmative answers.

Report and Workshop - Mission Study Secretary—Mrs. Elva Beckman, Conference Mission Study Secretary gave her report. It was accepted with thanks. (See report No. 3.) A discussion period followed. Ideas were given by several as to how they had gotten their societies to read the various books.

Courtesy—Mrs. Jennie Kline of the Oregon Conference and Mrs. Neal Phipps, Pastor's wife from Hot Springs, S. Dak., were introduced and gave their testimonies.

Project Committee—Miss Violetta McGillivray and Mrs. Victoria Moulton were appointed by the President to display the Conference projects.

Testimony—Mrs. Paul Stewart brought words of their plan to go to Bolivia to work among the jungle Indians.

Request of the Chair—Our President requested that Mrs. Amy Hunter tell us of God's leadings and help in behalf of her daughter, Marilyn, who has been in Houghton College this past year preparing to be a medical doctor.

Courtesy—Mrs. W. D. Shelor, who has been pastor's wife at Rapid City and who will soon be returning to Arizona, was introduced.

Adjournment—After a season of prayer and singing "Fill Me Now," we were adjourned.

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.

Opening—We opened our session by singing "Victory In Jesus," and "The Language of my Soul."

Devotions—Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, General Missionary President, was introduced and brought us devotions—centering her remarks on the great theme "I Will Send You Another Comforter"—translated by

Moffatt as "Helper." She gave some interesting highlights of her journeys in South America and of the plight of womanhood in other countries of the world.

Roll Call—Roll was answered by giving the total raised for Y.M.W.B.

Y.M.W.B. Children Presented—Jimmy Gibson and Jonathan Cret-singer recited the ninety-first Psalm and then the group sang several choruses.

Presenting Conference President—Our Conference President, Rev. J. F. Simpson was introduced. He brought us his heart burden for the field of the Philippine Islands and of our opportunities there.

Minutes—The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Courtesy—Mrs. Louise Goodsell, Mrs. Lester Meyers and Mrs. Arnold LaRue, new pastor's wives, were introduced and gave their testimonies.

Y.M.W.B. Report—Mrs. Elizabeth Becker, Y.M.W.B. Superintendent, gave her report. This report was accepted pending adoption of Auditing Committee Report. (See Report No. 4.) A workshop followed with suggestions for creating interest in our local Y.M.W.B. Mrs. Fern Davidson, Mrs. Thelma Carey and Miss Joy Holz gave some interesting ideas.

We were adjourned.

1:15 p.m.

Opening—We sang several choruses, after which Mrs. Signa Hopkins led us in prayer.

Courtesies—Rev. and Mrs. Robert McIntyre, General Youth Secretary were introduced. They gave their testimonies and Rev. McIntyre brought greetings from the General Youth Office.

Roll Call—Roll was answered by giving the total for Home and Foreign Missions and the total for disbursements.

Report of Treasurer—The Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted with a rising vote of thanks, pending adoption of the Auditing Committee Report. (See Report No. 5.)

Philippine Islands Project—At the recommendation of the Executive Board, it was moved and supported that the cash offering, exclusive of the paid pledges in the Public Missionary Service, be given for the Philippine Islands and that the pledges be divided four ways—Home, Foreign, Education, and Conference.

Treasurer's Skit—A very clever treasurer's skit which had been given at the Charles City Workshop was presented. Sister Reisdorph requested that it be given again in the evening Public Missionary service.

Gift Presentation—A beautiful heirloom bedspread was presented to our General Missionary President, Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph.

Courtesies—A group from Brainerd Indian School were presented and they introduced themselves. Two students from the school brought

a special number in song. Mrs. Asa Wood, one of the workers at Brainerd, brought us a very enlightening message on the work among the Indians and of God's miracle in behalf of the school.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY SERVICE

With Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger presiding, the Public Missionary Service opened by singing "Faith of Our Fathers" and "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go." We were led in prayer by Dr. R. S. Nicholson. Two students from Brainerd Indian School brought a special entitled "My Wonderful Lord." A Treasurer's "skit" was presented with Mrs. Rena Veeder, Conference Missionary Treasurer, in charge after which Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Claus sang two songs in the Indian language. Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph brought us a very stirring message, using Acts 4:12 as her text. She told of her recent visits to the various fields and of the plaintive cry the world over—"Have you found any peace?" She shared with us the burden of Rev. and Mrs. Harold not being able to return to the field of Japan as missionaries because of lack of funds. Mrs. Reisdorph brought a special number in song, the words of which she had written.

God moved upon the congregation and pledges were made by several for the Johnsons. Rev. W. C. Brannon led in prayer. At the request of someone in the congregation, Mrs. Reisdorph sang "Ho, Everyone That Is Thirsty."

Pledges were made in the amount \$1,372, and a cash offering in the amount of \$250.91 which goes for the Philippine Islands. Pledges for the Johnsons amounted to \$1,450. Rev. J. F. Simpson dismissed in prayer.

Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Opening—The group sang "Redeemed" after which Dr. Nicholson brought devotions from Philippians 2:15. We were admonished to be lights of faith in a night of doubt; lights of hope in a night of despair and lights of love in a night of hate. A special season of prayer followed by Rev. and Mrs. F. Witthun who are waiting to return to the mission field but finances are not available.

Roll Call—Roll was answered by giving the total for active and honorary members and the total magazine subscriptions.

Minutes—The minutes were approved as corrected.

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

Report of Membership Committee—The Membership Committee reported 627 active members, 245 honorary members. There was a loss of 88 and a gain of 58 or a total loss of 30. Moved and supported that

the report be accepted.

Prayer Partner Secretary Report—The Prayer Partner Secretary reported 46 Prayer Partner Circles with a total of 697 Prayer Partners. There were 351 Home Missionaries, 683 Foreign Missionaries chosen and 212 Y.M.W.B. Prayer Partners. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted.

Tellers—The President appointed Marie Eden and Velma Boese as distributing tellers and Loretta Richardson and Esther Peterson as Collecting tellers.

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. Barbara Watson

Treasurer—Mrs. Rena Veeder

Y.M.W.B. Superintendent—Mrs. Elizabeth Becker

Prayer Partner Secretary—Mrs. Eunice Vreugdenhil

Conference Study Chairman—Mrs. Elva Beckman

District Chairmen were elected as follows:

Aberdeen—Mrs. Viola Leyh

Black Hills—Mrs. Ruby Wagner

Southern—Mrs. Lorna Vermilyea

Northwestern—Mrs. Thelma Carey

Standing Committees were elected as nominated by the committee.
(See Report No. 1.)

Adjourned.

Thursday, 2:30 p.m.

Report of Magazine Solicitors—The Magazine Solicitors reported a loss of 45 subscriptions—there being a total of 647 subscriptions reported this year against a total of 692 last year. Fourteen societies that made a 10% gain in subscriptions are as follows: Aberdeen, Hot Springs, Calvary, Garden City, Bushnell, Houghton, Boyd, Northville, Terry, Tuthill, Almont, Artesian, Biddle and Flandreau. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted.

Magazine Skit—A magazine skit was presented by five ladies from the Houghton Missionary Society.

Adjourned.

Friday, 8:00 p.m.

Opening—It was very fitting that we sang together "Trust and Obey," after which Dr. Nigholson brought devotions using Mark 12:41-44. He spoke on the thought "How the Master Measures Our Giving." He stated, "We have not done what we could until we give the best we have at the proper time for the proper cause from the proper motive

without regard for the consequences."

Roll Call—Roll was answered by sharing ideas from our various societies.

Courtesy—Mrs. Thomas Claus, wife of our Youth Evangelist, was introduced. She gave her testimony, telling of her miraculous conversion and also of their work among their own people.

Memorial Service—A Memorial Service was held in memory of the following deceased members:

Mrs. Wealtha McCoy, Huron, S. Dak.

Mrs. Jeanette Sayles and Mrs. Myrtle Cushie, Flandreau, S. Dak.

Mrs. Lee Merritt, Bushnell, S. Dak.

Mrs. Fred Johnson and Mrs. Anna Woodcock, Mitchell, S. Dak.

Mrs. Ellen Colclazier, Garden City, S. Dak.

Mrs. E. E. Parrish

The Beckman sisters brought two special numbers in song and Mrs. Eunice Vreugdenhil read scripture from Psalm 116:15, Isa. 25:8 and 1 Cor. 15:51-58. She also led in prayer.

Prayer Request: Prayer was requested for the work at Sundance, Wyo. Mrs. Barbare Watson led in prayer.

Minutes—The minutes were approved as read.

Delegates to the Area Convention at Miltonvale—Delegates to the Area Convention at Miltonvale were elected as follows:

1st Delegate—Mrs. Barbara Watson

2nd Delegate—Mrs. Marion Cretsinger

1st Alternate—Mrs. Rena Veeder

2nd Alternate—Mrs. Mable Wadsworth

Report of Statistical Committee—The Statistical Committee read their report. Adopted. (See Statistical Report.)

Report of Committee on Goals—The report of the Committee on Goals was read and adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

Report of Resolutions Committee—The Resolutions Committee read their report. Adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

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

Adjourned.

Friday, 1:15 p.m.

Opening—For our final session we sang "Victory in Jesus."

Roll Call—Roll was answered by giving the total amount raised for the Headquarters building.

Correspondence—A letter from Betty Mickley was read, also one from Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Shelley telling of their departure for Alaska. Special prayer was offered for them.

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

Literature Sales—The report of literature sales was given in the amount of \$63.35. Accepted.

Correspondence—Letters of greeting from Isla F. Knight, Alma Aldinger, Rev. and Mrs. Dan McCandless, Mrs. Thomas Bailie and Mrs. Myrtle M. Spry were read by the secretary.

Instructions to the Secretary—The secretary was instructed to send greetings to all from whom we had received greetings, to all absent pastor's wives, Mrs. W. O. Howard, Mrs. J. C. McGovern, Mrs. Elizabeth Traver and Mrs. L. L. Knapp.

Several gave spontaneous words of appreciation for Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Knapp.

Minutes—Final minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned with prayer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Resolutions—Mrs. Rose Helle, Mrs. Viola Leyh, Mrs. Betty Case.

Courtesies—Mrs. Marie Winterberg.

Plan of Work—Mrs. Marion Cretsinger, Mrs. Marian Johnston, Mrs. Honour Kelly.

News Reporter—Mrs. Barbara Watson, Mrs. Kathryn Gibson.

Goals—Mrs. Mabel Wadsworth, Mrs. Maxine Bingaman, Mrs. Leona Bennett.

Standing Committees

Program—Executive Board.

Auditing—Mrs. Thelma Carey, Mrs. Maxine Bingaman.

Membership—Mrs. Floreda Warriner, Mrs. Ruby Wagner.

Magazine Solicitor—Mrs. Effie Reisdorph, Mrs. Lorna Vermilyea.

Statistical—Mrs. Fern Davidson, Mrs. Amy Hunter.

Memorial—Mrs. Mabel Gerleman, Mrs. Mabel Warsworth.

Signed:

Mrs. Ruth McIntyre

Mrs. Amy Hunter

Mrs. Lorna Vermilyea

Mrs. Fern Davidson

Mrs. Kathryn Gibson

Report No. 2

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We worship at the feet of our Lord for His definite workings in our behalf through the conference year. He who inspired our faith in Deut. 33:26 has abundantly fulfilled His Word. We herewith quote that promise: "There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in His excellency on the sky."

By His faithful movings and with your cooperation the special project appeals have been met practically in full. The total received by our treasurer from vouchers is considerably less than last year, since no large endowment vouchers were sent through our channels this year. The cash receipts are very good in spite of serious crop failures. The Lord be praised.

Despite obstacles and interruptions, Rev. Harold Johnson's tour was effective for God throughout our Conference.

These items are tangible. As our total program is viewed by our Lord, I surely trust that our praying and our genuine missionary zeal has been that which has brought joy to Him, as well as great honor to His Name and His Cause.

Official Acts

Attended and participated in the General W.M.S. Workshop at Charles City, Iowa in August.

Arranged the itinerary of Rev. Harold Johnson, and sponsored an appreciation card shower for Mrs. Johnson.

On October 22, a visit was made to the Mill Iron community in the interest of organizing a W.M.S.

Sent out the World Day of Prayer booklets.

Spoke at Baker on January 18 to a union service of the Knobs, Medicine Rocks and Baker Societies.

Met April 11 in an extended session of the Executive Committee, held at Redfield, S. Dak.

Organized a Society in Bismarck, N. Dak. on April 16.

On May 8th organized a Society at Biddle, Montana, and spoke in an evening service at the Church.

Spoke May 14, at the morning session of the Black Hills District Convention which met at Deadwood, S. Dak.

Sought by cards and letters to instruct and inspire throughout the year, with a total of 976 cards and letters.

Submitted in Jesus' Name,
Dorothy Cretsinger

Report No. 3

REPORT OF MISSION STUDY

1. Of the 22 societies sending in reports we had 251 reading the books. 90 of them are eligible for the Gold seal certificate of the quadrennium and 45 are eligible for the Blue seal of certificate of the quadrennium.

2. Each one who didn't read the required books may still go back and do so.

3. There is an increase in reading of the required books but we would like a 100% reading in each society.

4. The societies who did report, used the Study Book in many interesting ways.

5. Since our societies did not make the Honor Roll last quadrennium, I recommend that each pastor's wife and local study secretary stress the Reading Course.

Signed:

Mrs. Elva Beckman
Conf. Study Secretary

Report No. 4 Y.M.W.B. REPORT

At the close of this first year as Conference Y.M.W.B. Superintendent, I count it a great joy and privilege to have been able to work together with you. When I see how God has helped us to have an increase both in membership and monies, entitling us to be an Honor Conference my heart echoes—"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and we give Him all the praise and glory. We had 37 Bands reporting this year but with the closing of the Rawlins we have 36 Bands.

REPORT OF BANDS:

In these 36 bands we have a total membership of 1,259

13 bands having 100% made it on the Honor Roll

Our total receipts in cash and voucher receipts was \$2,521.27.

Total Cash	\$2,368.92
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Total Disbursed	2,366.35
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 2.57
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I would like to urge the W.M.S. Presidents and Pastor's wives to encourage the local superintendents and their work.

Humbly submitted:

Mrs. Elizabeth Becker

Conf. Y.M.W.B. Superintendent

Report No. 5 TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance May 15, 1956	\$ 906.12
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Total Cash Received	10,196.81
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Total Vouchers Received	3,306.71
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GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$14,409.64
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	13,601.77
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Balance on hand May 15, 1957	\$ 807.87
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Signed:

Mrs. Rena Veeder

Dakota Conference

W.M.S. Treasurer

Report No. 6 AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited and approved the books of the Treasurer of the Dakota Conference W.M.S. We have audited and approved the books of the Y.M.W.B.

Signed:

Mrs. Honour M. Griffin
Mrs. Thelma B. Carey

Report No. 7

COMMITTEE ON GOALS

We submit the following:

1. That in the light of Mark 16:15 which says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," that we feel our responsibility to go or to send a representative in our place to as many fields as possible. When we can support a native pastor or student for so little, we should encourage each society to do something along this line.

2. That we endeavor to gain all adults, both men and women, and young people as members of the Missionary Society.

3. That every effort be made to increase the subscription list of the Wesleyan Missionary by faithfully securing renewals and new subscriptions. Let January be observed as campaign month.

3. That a report be given by the Y.M.W.B. Superintendent at each monthly meeting to help promote the work.

5. That we cooperate with our Mission Study Secretary, earnestly promoting the mission study and reading course, encouraging our men and young people to join in the reading program.

6. That we endeavor to interest the mothers of our Sunday School children in our missionary meetings.

7. Above all else, place special emphasis on prayer in each meeting, giving due place to the Holy Spirit.

Report No. 8

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Be it resolved, that we humbly thank God and render praise unto His matchless Name for the most gracious visitation of His Holy Spirit on this Conference session as we have been privileged to sit together in "Heavenly places in Christ Jesus." May we go back to our local fields to share with all the vision, inspiration and benediction that has been ours to enjoy here.

Be it resolved, that we express our appreciation to those, about seventy-five, who came together to get the camp buildings in readiness for another annual camp and conference and also to all who labored so faithfully during this session to make our stay on the grounds so comfortable and pleasant.

Be it resolved, that we recognize the great need in these days of spiritual decline, and that we endeavor to intensify our efforts in the salvation of our communities; thus using our society in accordance with the divine commission, "Go Ye into all the world and preach the

gospel to every creature."

Be it resolved, that we recognize also the decline in consistent Christian living among our women. So let us be resolved that in order to instill the true principle of Christian living in the hearts of our children, we will set before them in precept and example that which God in His Word directs us.

We hereby wish to express appreciation for the inspiration brought to us by our beloved Sister Ruby Reisdorph and Dr. Roy S. Nicholson during the devotional services when our hearts were enlarged for the needs of the world. We fervently resolve to remember the women of the world in prayer fellowship every Tuesday; thus we pledge ourselves with God's help to share their burdens.

Be it resolved, that day by day we seek God's will in our lives in complete obedience to the Spirit's leadership that we might do all things for "His Pleasure."

Signed:

Mrs. Rosalia Helle

Mrs. Viola Leyh

Mrs. Betty Case

Report No. 9 PLAN OF WORK

We, the Plan of Work Committee, wish to 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, at which time prayer requests are presented and remembered and business 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 Prayer Partner Secretary.
 - c. Cooperation in the World Day of Prayer services under the direction of the District Chairman.
4. a. The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the equivalent of 75% of the active membership be subscribers to the Wesleyan Missionary.
 - b. A Magazine Solicitor to be elected who will faithfully endeavor to obtain all renewals and will gain at least two new subscriptions, reporting the same to the Conference Magazine Solicitor, according to the plan of said Solicitor.

5. a. Each Society to be represented in Annual Conference by the new President and Delegate.
 - b. Delegate to be instructed by the local society regarding the amount to be pledged by that society at the Annual Conference session, same to be divided equally as decided at the Conference Session.
 - c. Statistical Report Blanks be filled out on time and send one copy to Mrs. Fern Davidson, Watford City, N. Dak. by May 15.
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 be sent to Conference Treasurer only at close of each quarter, unless otherwise specified, and final quarterly remittances not later than May 5th, 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. Each Society to 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.
 - g. \$3.00 or more per society be paid to the Medical Student Fund. Not to apply on budget.
9. a. \$1.25 per member be paid toward the support of Alma Aldinger, our Conference Missionary. This may apply on budget.
 - b. Stress the use of the Card Call Plan. Not to apply on budget.
 - c. Cooperation as far as possible in meeting the "25¢ per member a month" requested for the new Headquarters Building, using Thank Offering jars for same to be opened quarterly.
 - d. Use of Pre-Easter Delf Denial Folders, said money to be used as directed at that time.
10. This efficiency standard to be read in the society at least twice a year.

4% credit for each of the 25 items. Total 100%. Honor Roll 80%

We recommend the following:

 1. That the Resolutions and Goals Reports be read before the society upon receipt of the new minutes.
 2. That we urge the use of "In Memoriam" folders.

3. 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. This receipt to be sent to missionaries for their signature, after which it should be forwarded to the Conference Treasurer for proper receipting.
4. That gift subscriptions to the Magazine be encouraged.
5. That our Prayer Partners be remembered by letters and gifts.
6. That our local societies make bandages, and, unless otherwise directed through the Magazine, forward them to the Foreign Office, Fairmount, Indiana, to await outgoing missionaries, the number of pounds to be reported.
7. That we promote the use of the Study Book, Program Calendars, and other helps, and also the Missionary Reading Course, sending the final report for same to Mrs. Elva Beckman, Prairie City, S. Dak., by February 1.
8. That each Society send jelly and canned goods to camp.
9. That our pastors be given at least two grocery showers a year.
10. That we remember often in prayer:
 - a. The Sioux Indian Chapel in Rapid City.
 - b. Our work in the Philippines.
 - c. Missionaries who have gone from our Conference.
 - d. Dakota Conference youth preparing for Christian work.
 - e. The need of consecrated laity answering God's call to assist in new fields.
 - f. Our younger societies.
11. Concerning finances:
 - a. That a Missionary Offering be taken at the monthly prayer meeting.
 - b. That we continue the use of the dime strips for the Mission Equipment Fund. Does not apply on budget.
 - c. That an offering be sent by each society to be used for Dining Hall supplies.
 - d. That we include Honorary members in our assessments, unless otherwise specified.
 - e. That registration fee be provided for the delegate to Annual Conference.
 - f. That a special offering be taken for use in evangelism and the Bible School in the Philippines.
12. That there be continued reference to the Plan of Work as a guide to the year's work.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye

know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor. 15:58.

Signed:

Marion Cretsinger

Marian Johnston

Honour Kelly

Report No. 10

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

That a personal gift be given as an honorarium to Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph.

That the cash offering exclusive of paid pledges in the public missionary service be given to the Philippine Islands and that the pledges be divided four ways—Home, Foreign, Conference and Education.

That Thank Offering jars be used in raising money for Headquarters building.

That we raise at least \$250 for use in Evangelism and the Bible School in the Philippines.

That a love gift of \$15 each be given to our President and Treasurer.

Signed:

Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger

Mrs. Marion Cretsinger

Mrs. Barbara Watson

Mrs. Rena Veeder

Mrs. Elizabeth Becker

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Receipts

Societies	Membership				Total No. Meetings Held	Wesleyan Missionaries Taken	Efficiency Standard Rank	No. Missionaries Sup't'd	Membership Dues	Offerings
	Active	Honorary	Gain	Loss						
Aberdeen	34	9	1	18	30	94	8	43.00	336.98	
Almont	9	2	25	19	84	9.00	202.64			
Artesian	9	6	1	12	6	86	15.00	280.70		
Avon	8	5	13	6	76	7.75	281.56			
Baker	17	4	8	14	30	88	21.00	524.73		
Belle Fourche	14	4	1	23	8	80	18.00	132.48		
Biddle				6				140.00		
Billings	40	16	2	27	33	100	56.00	593.45		
Bismarck										
Boyd	16			14	11		16.00	175.65		
Brentford	9	3	2	12	5	90	12.00	232.65		
Brookings	10	6	2	14	5	88	16.00	285.90		
Buffalo	16		2	15	15		16.00	247.06		
Bushnell	15	3	4	13	12	80	18.00	125.62		
Calvary	5	3		13	5	84	8.00	195.03		
Conner	19	7	2	20	15	92	12.00	267.96		
Deadwood	12		3	21	13	88	12.00	156.99		
Flandreau	7	3	1	12	2	80	10.00	134.64		
Forsyth	4	1	1	14	13	72	5.00	54.35		
Garden City	9	12	1	11	14		21.00	272.06		
Harlowton	15	3	5	35	10	88	18.00	428.49		
Hot Springs	10	4	11	23	16		14.00	185.56		
Houghton	12	6	5	14	13	88	18.00	245.95		
Huron	20		14	32	33	84	20.00	198.56		
Ipswich	12	9	1	10	10		21.00	373.96		
Johnson Corners	19	7		15	18	96	26.00	314.78		
Knobs	9		2	13	5		9.00	82.80		
Loyalton	10	3	3	27	8		13.00	132.26		
Medicine Rocks	7	4	1	13	9		11.00	261.40		
Miles City	7	4	1	14	4	64	11.00	76.17		
Mission	6	2	3	11	4	92	8.00	101.11		
Missoula	5	2	4	14			7.00	81.15		
Mitchell	29	18	2	17	33	94	47.00	675.66		
Mobridge	19	6	8	26	34	100	25.00	530.10		
Mt. Vernon	7	7	4	16	6	92	14.00	245.42		
Northville	3	4	1	22	4	76	7.00	178.47		
Pierre	14	11	5	16	5	88	25.00	180.91		
Prairie City	12	12	3	14	15	100	24.00	332.78		
Rapid City	18			17	8	56	18.00	200.69		
Rawlins	2						2.00	40.97		
Redfield	20	13	1	19	44	96	33.00	484.84		
Richland	23	20	7	13	24	88	43.00	906.23		
Ridge	6	4		16	6		10.00	179.41		
Robbinsdale	14	5	4	19	16	76	19.00	119.09		
Sturgis	8	1	1	18	5		9.00	61.45		
Sundance				7	2			7.14		
Terry	9	3	12	13	7	80	12.00	211.57		
Tolstov	11	4	2	12	10		15.00	151.49		
Tuthill	9		4	13	6	74	9.00	66.46		
Watertown	16	7	1	12	24	80	23.00	362.54		
Watford City	22	9	3	20	20	92	31.00	722.86		
Totals	627	245	58	88	802	647	118	871.75	12,760.72	

W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Receipts					
Societies	Memorials	Voucher Receipts	Total Receipts for Year	Old Balance From Last Year	Grand Total
Aberdeen	\$	\$ 171.00	\$ 550.98	\$ 28.31	\$ 577.29
Almont			211.64	18.43	230.07
Artesian			295.70	34.48	330.18
Avon	.90	1.95	292.16	13.04	305.20
Baker		120.72	666.45	30.17	696.62
Belle Fourche	41.00		191.48	31.00	222.48
Biddle			140.00		140.00
Billings	46.53	99.20	795.18	42.27	837.45
Bismarck					
Boyd			191.65	6.24	197.89
Brentford	50.00	49.00	343.65		343.65
Brookings	5.00	46.78	353.68	24.59	378.27
Buffalo		16.86	279.92	30.61	310.53
Bushnell	7.00	100.00	250.62	14.90	265.52
Calvary		48.00	251.03	24.82	275.85
Conner		6.00	299.96	6.75	306.71
Deadwood		160.70	329.69	2.92	332.61
Flandreau	22.00	166.64	166.64	6.67	173.31
Forsyth			59.35	3.60	62.95
Garden City		6.42	299.48	5.19	304.67
Harlowton	5.00	5.00	456.49	7.65	464.14
Hot Springs		23.93	223.49	10.41	233.90
Houghton	5.00	9.00	277.95		277.95
Huron		156.06	374.62	38.19	412.81
Ipswich		132.00	526.96	3.00	529.96
Johnson Corners		30.00	370.78	2.22	373.00
Knobs			91.80		91.80
Loyalton			145.26	10.39	155.65
Medicine Rocks			272.40		272.40
Miles City			87.17	4.19	91.36
Mission			109.11	3.54	112.65
Missoula			88.15		88.15
Mitchell	187.00	54.86	964.52	44.93	1,009.45
Mobridge			565.10	3.00	558.10
Mt. Vernon		5.00	259.42	.14	259.56
Northville	9.00	5.00	199.47	5.80	205.27
Pierre		10.43	196.34	.13	196.47
Prairie City		6.00	362.78	1.00	363.78
Rapid City		7.74	226.43	.75	227.18
Rawlins			42.97		42.97
Redfield	147.85	58.00	723.69	185.82	909.51
Richland	28.00	135.00	1,112.23	5.07	1,117.30
Ridge			189.41	17.04	206.45
Robbinsdale		202.00	340.09		340.09
Sturgis		113.98	184.43	20.00	204.43
Sundance		80.00	87.14		87.14
Terry	5.00		228.57		228.57
Tolstoy			166.49	.53	167.02
Tutthill		10.30	85.76	7.00	92.76
Watertown	5.00	29.42	419.98	3.72	423.68
Watford City	6.00	178.00	937.86	31.15	969.01
Totals	\$570.28	\$2,073.35	\$16,276.10	\$727.66	\$17,003.76

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W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Societies	Disbursements										
	MISSIONS					HEPHZIBAH		EDUCATION			
	Home	Australia	Jewish Evangelism	Foreign	Medical Student Fund	Budget	Gifts	Budget	Gifts	Honorary Enrollments	Foreign Student Aid
Aberdeen	\$ 40.00	-----	-----	\$ 77.95	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00	\$100.00	\$ 31.00	-----	\$ 33.00	-----
Almont	27.32	-----	-----	48.07	3.00	7.00	-----	24.50	-----	-----	-----
Artesian	16.25	-----	-----	108.33	3.00	5.00	-----	6.25	4.00	7.00	-----
Avon	15.75	-----	-----	94.85	3.00	5.00	-----	6.95	9.75	5.00	-----
Baker	58.45	-----	4.00	184.99	3.00	5.00	-----	30.93	-----	61.00	-----
Belle Fourche	20.00	-----	5.00	29.54	3.00	5.00	10.00	26.62	5.00	-----	-----
Biddle	38.40	1.50	-----	29.50	-----	1.50	-----	10.00	-----	-----	-----
Billings	49.50	-----	-----	134.50	3.00	5.00	-----	79.50	4.00	14.00	-----
Bismarck	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Boyd	3.00	-----	-----	44.15	-----	-----	-----	18.73	-----	-----	-----
Brentford	15.00	3.50	-----	42.00	3.00	5.00	-----	40.00	-----	-----	-----
Brookings	31.00	-----	5.00	137.19	3.00	5.00	-----	38.00	-----	-----	-----
Buffalo	20.50	6.50	-----	38.50	3.00	6.50	-----	53.00	-----	5.00	-----
Bushnell	115.00	2.50	-----	38.50	3.00	5.00	-----	15.00	-----	7.00	-----
Calvary	30.00	-----	-----	68.25	3.00	5.00	-----	5.00	-----	25.00	-----
Conner	27.00	5.50	-----	44.25	3.00	5.50	-----	27.00	-----	-----	-----
Deadwood	21.00	5.50	-----	48.43	3.00	5.78	-----	84.46	-----	-----	-----
Flandreau	30.00	2.50	-----	58.50	3.00	5.00	-----	13.00	-----	2.00	-----
Forsyth	11.85	-----	-----	18.70	3.00	5.00	-----	6.25	-----	-----	-----
Garden City	66.43	-----	-----	63.50	3.00	5.00	-----	40.45	-----	-----	-----
Harlowton	15.00	-----	-----	56.21	3.00	5.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Hot Springs	17.50	6.75	-----	26.50	3.00	6.75	-----	22.50	-----	8.00	-----
Houghton	41.27	-----	-----	40.90	3.00	5.00	-----	26.25	3.00	24.00	-----
Huron	56.77	-----	-----	87.50	3.00	5.00	-----	21.18	-----	46.00	-----
Ipswich	18.00	-----	-----	370.15	3.00	5.00	-----	44.75	-----	-----	-----
Johnson	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Corners	47.50	-----	-----	87.50	3.00	5.00	-----	21.18	3.00	24.00	-----
Knobs	22.28	-----	-----	34.50	3.00	5.00	-----	5.55	-----	-----	-----
Loyalton	15.27	9.00	-----	33.58	3.00	5.00	-----	1.25	-----	-----	-----
Medicine Rocks	30.25	-----	-----	72.45	3.00	10.00	-----	17.25	5.00	20.00	-----
Miles City	11.75	-----	-----	18.00	-----	5.00	-----	1.25	-----	-----	-----
Mission	12.86	-----	-----	52.21	3.00	5.00	-----	2.00	-----	-----	-----
Missoula	7.30	-----	-----	16.25	-----	1.50	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Mitchell	88.36	19.50	-----	265.50	3.00	5.00	-----	60.00	5.00	-----	-----
Mobridge	33.89	20.00	-----	85.95	3.05	5.00	19.15	105.00	-----	28.00	-----
Mt. Vernon	25.28	-----	-----	79.35	3.00	5.00	-----	30.50	12.00	24.00	-----
Northville	26.25	4.25	-----	38.30	3.50	-----	-----	38.70	-----	-----	-----
Pierre	39.12	-----	-----	42.62	3.00	5.00	-----	8.13	-----	-----	-----
Prairie City	48.41	-----	-----	151.10	3.00	-----	-----	-----	5.00	18.00	-----
Rapid City	11.25	-----	-----	47.09	3.00	5.00	-----	1.25	-----	-----	-----
Rawlins	15.00	-----	-----	9.00	-----	2.27	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Redfield	83.50	-----	-----	132.15	3.00	5.00	-----	148.58	10.00	19.00	-----
Richland	176.99	-----	-----	740.66	3.00	5.00	-----	27.02	-----	8.00	-----
Ridge	29.70	-----	-----	41.25	3.00	5.00	-----	-----	8.00	12.00	-----
Robbinsdale	18.00	-----	-----	34.99	10.50	12.50	-----	11.00	-----	-----	-----
Sturgis	37.82	-----	-----	45.76	3.00	1.00	-----	20.75	-----	2.00	-----
Sundance	40.00	-----	-----	15.78	3.11	-----	-----	-----	-----	4.00	-----
Terry	20.00	-----	-----	67.25	3.00	8.00	-----	26.65	2.50	3.00	-----
Tolstoy	10.00	-----	-----	34.25	3.00	5.00	-----	11.25	-----	5.00	-----
Tuthill	13.00	-----	-----	28.65	3.00	1.50	-----	10.30	-----	-----	-----
Watertown	63.59	-----	-----	185.50	3.00	5.00	-----	10.00	10.00	10.50	-----
Watford City	136.50	7.90	89.00	134.25	3.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	25.00	36.00	10.00
Totals	\$1,848.89	\$94.90	\$103.00	\$4,426.34	\$143.16	\$234.80	\$139.15	\$1,230.85	\$108.25	\$426.50	\$10.00

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Disbursements

Societies	Local Church Work	½ Membership Dues	Administrative Fund	Conference Extension	Conference W. M. S. Working Fund	Other Objects	Total Disbursements	New Balance on Hand	Grand Total
Aberdeen	\$ 90.15	\$ 21.50	\$ 10.75	\$ 23.97	\$ 6.45	\$ 110.00	\$ 558.77	\$ 18.52	\$ 577.29
Almont	62.50	4.50	2.25	22.50	1.35	24.60	227.59	2.48	230.07
Artesian	69.33	7.50	1.75	23.31	6.80	50.40	308.92	21.26	330.18
Avon	29.39	4.50	2.00	56.58	1.35	53.40	287.52	17.68	305.20
Baker		10.50	5.25	189.47	5.05	134.33	692.00	4.62	696.62
Belle Fourche	45.60	9.00	3.75	16.59	5.25	35.00	219.35	3.13	222.48
Biddle				2.50		56.83	140.00		140.00
Billings	154.05	28.00	14.00	114.06	8.40	188.09	796.10	41.35	837.45
Blismarck									
Boyd	2.00	8.00		51.85	2.40	59.46	189.59	8.30	197.89
Brentford	70.00	6.00		40.15	5.00	114.00	343.65		343.65
Brookings	36.73	8.00	2.50	64.71	2.40	21.80	355.33	22.94	378.27
Buffalo		8.00	4.00	45.99	2.40	50.95	244.34	66.19	310.53
Bushnell		9.00	2.50	20.00	1.50	32.50	261.50	14.02	265.52
Calvary	67.71	4.00		36.30	5.30	13.60	263.16	12.69	275.85
Conner	100.65	13.00	4.75	31.74	4.85	35.87	303.71	3.00	306.71
Deadwood	96.80	6.00	3.00	41.35	1.80	15.49	332.61		332.61
Flandreau		5.00	2.50	14.00	1.50	26.00	163.00	10.31	173.31
Forsyth	3.00	2.50	1.00	5.33	5.32	1.00	62.95		62.95
Garden City		10.50		27.82	6.20	81.21	304.11	.56	304.67
Harlowton	153.00	9.00	3.75	49.04	11.70	144.82	450.52	13.62	464.14
Hot Springs		7.00	2.25	15.37		117.93	233.55	.35	233.90
Houghton		9.00	4.50	23.02	2.70	59.72	242.36	35.59	277.95
Huron	39.24	8.00	5.00	81.20	10.00	39.90	402.79	10.02	412.81
Ipswich		10.50	3.00	55.35	2.65	17.50	529.90	.06	529.96
Johnson Corners	47.16	15.60	7.50	42.95	4.50	53.95	368.65	4.35	373.00
Knobs		4.50	2.50	9.82	1.60		91.80		91.80
Loyalton	14.60	6.50	2.25	26.63	1.95	21.35	140.38	15.27	155.65
Medicine Rocks		5.50	1.75	72.80	1.65	32.75	272.40		272.40
Miles City	10.66	5.50	2.75	25.10	3.65		83.66	7.70	91.36
Mission		4.00	1.25	8.14	.75	20.90	110.11	2.54	112.65
Missoula	14.85	3.50	1.25	7.50		10.55	62.70	25.45	88.15
Mitchell	220.22	23.50	7.00	50.18	18.00	150.24	915.70	93.75	1,009.45
Mobridge	28.91	25.00	4.75	87.54	7.85	59.40	513.69	44.41	558.10
Mt. Vernon	11.00	7.00	3.50	28.28	2.10	28.55	259.56		259.56
Northville		3.50	.75	39.92	1.05	49.05	205.27		205.27
Pierre	13.28	12.50	6.25	15.06	6.75	44.76	196.47		196.47
Prairie City		10.50	6.00	85.13	4.15	32.49	363.78		363.78
Rapid City	55.45	9.00	4.50	56.23	2.70	30.17	225.64	1.54	227.18
Rawlins		1.00		3.68	3.00	9.02	52.97		42.97
Redfield	257.30	16.50	5.00	98.44	4.95	126.12	909.51		909.51
Richland		21.50	5.75	83.84	13.58	1.62	1,086.96	30.34	1,117.30
Ridger		5.00	1.50	66.30	1.50	32.05	205.30	1.15	206.45
Robbinsdale	12.25	9.50	3.50	197.82	2.85	23.90	336.81	3.28	340.09
Sturges	8.30	4.50		22.73		50.37	196.23	8.20	204.43
Sundance				4.25		20.00	87.14		87.14
Terry		6.00	3.00	34.53	3.00	49.32	226.25	2.32	228.57
Tolstov		7.50	2.75	8.80		75.07	162.62	4.40	167.02
Tuthill	5.86	4.50	1.25	8.66	.75	9.60	87.07	5.69	92.76
Watertown		11.50	5.75	48.62	3.45	54.67	411.48	12.20	423.68
Watford City		15.50	7.00	161.80	14.20	257.15	922.30	66.71	969.01
Totals	\$1,719.99	\$448.10	\$166.00	\$2,352.82	\$204.55	\$2,730.47	\$16,387.77	\$615.99	\$17,003.76

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Y.M.W.B. STATISTICAL REPORT

Band	Active Members	Honorary Members	Meetings	Efficiency Standard	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Special Projects (Credit)	Total (Band Credit)	Non-credit Total	Grand Total
Aberdeen	22	3	5	55	\$ 15.40	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 8.94	\$ 39.34	\$ 66.08	\$ 105.42
Almont	19	1	11	75	6.50	1.50	2.00	5.60	15.60	1.30	16.90
Artesian	12	2	12	90	8.32	-----	1.00	3.71	13.03	1.36	14.39
Avon	20	2	12	85	22.19	-----	2.30	21.91	46.40	2.64	49.04
Baker	41	22	12	100	144.87	10.00	24.50	60.48	239.85	21.98	261.83
Belle Fourche	15	3	10	90	9.36	2.76	3.87	14.76	30.75	2.23	32.98
Billings	22	20	39	100	30.47	22	2.35	41.66	74.70	4.57	79.27
Brentford	8	7	2	60	1.70	2.50	3.16	-----	7.36	7.5	8.11
Brookings	40	12	12	100	27.04	3.53	5.90	13.86	50.33	8.22	58.55
Buffalo	11	1	12	100	11.24	24.00	24.50	33.71	93.45	16.62	110.07
Conner	31	45	12	100	39.52	1.92	1.00	-----	42.44	1.76	44.20
Deadwood	39	1	12	97	20.80	12.53	1.00	-----	34.33	1.55	35.88
Houghton	15	12	12	90	25.31	10.00	5.25	1.83	42.39	1.00	43.39
Huron	43	47	13	90	13.53	15.00	33.20	109.94	171.67	12.35	184.02
Ipswich	14	12	12	100	13.52	5.78	3.98	45.97	69.25	19.63	88.88
Johnson Corners	23	25	11	80	26.81	2.00	.90	19.08	48.79	14.40	63.19
Joliet	12	9	20	60	10.92	3.24	5.00	3.94	23.10	3.74	26.84
Knobs	9	5	-----	-----	7.28	-----	-----	-----	7.28	1.4	7.24
Loyalton	15	3	14	100	8.61	.72	.20	6.19	15.72	3.00	18.72
Medicine Rocks	7	10	-----	75	27.41	6.00	20.96	10.00	64.37	36.57	100.94
Miles City	24	10	12	100	8.74	7.37	3.00	36.62	55.73	3.81	59.54
Mission	7	5	8	65	6.24	-----	3.26	4.58	14.08	1.27	15.35
Missoula	5	4	8	50	11.47	-----	-----	1.54	13.01	3.22	16.23
Mobridge	53	10	12	100	39.78	15.00	20.00	47.86	122.62	6.75	129.37
Mitchell	48	64	14	95	60.01	61.27	5.00	78.33	204.61	61.46	266.07
Pierre	15	10	11	70	17.60	2.90	1.56	13.03	35.09	2.12	37.21
Prairie City	13	22	16	100	20.92	8.25	5.00	13.91	48.08	9.01	57.09
Rapid City	7	2	7	65	15.29	-----	-----	33.81	49.10	4.09	53.19
Rawlins	-----	-----	-----	-----	5.00	5.00	-----	-----	10.00	7.5	10.75
Redfield	21	29	12	100	28.63	18.50	20.00	50.27	117.40	20.13	137.53
Richland	8	35	12	90	24.96	2.00	1.00	47.58	75.54	18.07	93.61
Robbinsdale	10	10	9	65	5.72	.94	-----	8.64	15.30	.95	16.25
Sundance	4	1	11	80	2.93	1.53	.35	4.18	8.99	1.25	10.24
Terry	10	-----	11	-----	10.25	-----	-----	6.61	16.86	4.76	21.62
Tuthill	12	-----	18	65	6.24	1.00	1.00	2.00	10.24	.96	11.20
Watertown	28	33	12	100	43.09	5.00	5.00	32.10	85.19	7.57	92.76
Watford City	47	60	12	100	62.33	15.50	13.00	47.33	138.16	5.06	143.22
Totals	720	539	418	-----	\$839.98	\$255.96	\$224.24	\$829.97	\$2,150.15	\$371.12	\$2,521.27