Minutes

of the

Seventy-Third Annual Session

of the

Dakota Conference

of the

Wesleyan Methodist Church of America

Held at

Aberdeen, South Dakota June 8–12, 1954

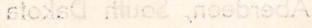


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Date of Next Camp Meeting: June 2-12, 1955

Date of Next Annual Conference: June 7-11, 1955



Information regarding names and addresses of various Treasurers:

Conference Treasurer—Rev. S. J. McIntyre, 48 Jackson, Billings, Montana

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Treasurer of W.Y.P.S.—Mrs. Rolland Fletcher, 501 E. Kemp Ave., Watertown, S. D.

Treasurer of Superannuate Pension Fund—Henry Dufloth, 419 S. Montana, Mitchell, S. D.

Treasurer Ministerial Benefit Fund—Rev. Thomas Bailie, Watford City, North Dakota

(Please be sure that all remittances are sent to the proper Treasurers.)

The Dakota Conference

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President-Rev. J. F. Simpson

First Vice President-Rev. John J. Hunter

Second Vice President-Rev. S. J. McIntyre

Secretary—Rev. A. L. Cretsinger

Treasurer-Rev. S. J. McIntyre

Educational Secretary—Rev. Lester R. Buckman

Sunday School Secretary—Rev. L. R. Buckman

Tithing Secretary-Rev. B. I. Griffin

Transportation Secretary—Rev. J. F. Simpson

Card Call Secretary-Rev. R. J. Sausoman

Conference Prayer Secretary-Rev. A. L. Cretsinger

Promotional Secretary for Wesleyan Men's Fellowship-E. David Robertson

Local Board of Managers of Miltonvale Wesleyan College:

(Elder)—Rev. L. R. Buckman

(Lay)—J. E. Alexander

(Alternate) —Rev. R. J. Sausoman

Trustees—Rev. L. D. Harris, term expires 1955; Rev. J. E. Spry, term expires 1956; Dan Palmer, term expires 1955; Rev. H. W. Cretsinger, term expires 1957; Lee Wagner, term expires 1957.

Temperance Secretary-Rev. W. J. Leyh

Treasurer Superannuate Pension Fund-Henry R. Dufloth (address 519

South Montana Street, Mitchell, South Dakota).

STANDING COMMITTEE

- Camp Meeting Board—Conference President, W. M. S. President, W. Y. P. S. President, Pastor Aberdeen, S. D. Church, L. L. Hildebrandt, Erwin Bailey, Max Hansen.
- * Auditing Committee-H. R. Dufloth, Rev. Kenneth L. Shelley, Rev. Eugene Stanislaus
- Conference Program Committee—Conference President, W.M.S. President, W.Y.P.S. President, Pastor Aberdeen, S. D. Church.
- Conference Missicnary Board—Conference President, W.M.S. President, Conference Treasurer, Rev. H. W. Cretsinger, David Robertson, Ted Beckman, H. H. Franklin, Claude Bandy.
- Committee on Itineracy and Orders—Rev. John J. Hunter, term expires 1955; Rev. Robert Bateman, term expires 1956; Rev. Gordon Carey, term expires 1957; Rev. Lester R. Buckman, term expires 1958.
- Judiciary Committee—Rev. L. D. Harris, Rev. W. J. Leyh, Rev. Thomas Bailie.
- Sunday School Board—Rev. L. R. Buckman, Miss Florence Hughes, Rev. Darrell Wagner.
- Board on Church and Parsonage Building and Location—Conference President, Rev. John J. Hunter, Rev. H. W. Crestsinger, Rev. L. D. Harris, J. E. Alexander.
- Vacancies Committee—Rev. W. J. Leyh, Rev. Thomas Bailie, Rev R: J. Sausoman, Wilford Johnson, Dan Palmer.
- Committee on Evangelism—Quarterly Conference Evangelist; Conference Sunday School Secretary, Rev. A. L. Cretsinger, Rev. Dean Watson.
- Committee on Superannuated Minister's Aid—Quarterly Conference Evangelist, Conference Secretary, Treasurer of Superannuated Pension Fund.
- Chairman Statistical Committee—Rev. Darrell Wagner.
- Chairman of Committee on Railroad Expense-Rev. Dean Watson
- Chairman Committee on Resolutions-Rev. W. O. Howard
- Conference Representative to South Dakota United Temperance League— Rev. W. J.Leyh.
- President's Advisory Board-Rev. L. D. Harris, O. Theodore Beckman.
- * Recommendation on motion passed, that Auditing Committee be a standing Committee, and that books of all Conference Treasurers be in the hands of said Committee on the first day of assembly, either Conference or Camp Meeting, whichever comes first

Conference Roll

ELDERS

Alma Aldinger (1950)	Sierra Leone West Africa
Thomas Bailie((Ph.	4172) Watford City North Dakota
Mrs. Thomas Bailie (ph	4172) Watford City, North Dakota
Robert Bateman (1952)	(ph 5471) Inswich South Dakota
A. A. Becker	Freeman South Dakota
Ruth Bixler (1950)	
Lester Bennett (1954)	Conner Montana
Lester Buckman (1942) (ph. 2293) 61	
Romeo Baronia	
Gordon H. Carey	
H. A. Cottrill	Rapid City South Dakota
Elton Clyde	Sand Point Idaho
A. L. Cretsinger	
Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger	
H. W. Cretsinger (1939)	
Mrs. Wilbur Drown	
Earl Fessenden (1943)	Miltonvale Kansas
Charles Fisher (1946)	
William Gale	
Donald Gerriette (1942)	Flandragy South Dakota
Lee Goodell (1954)	Sundance Wyoming
B. I. Griffin	
R. L. Gowan	
Emil Hansen (1948)	Culbertson Nebracka
C. J. Goodspeed—	Culbertson, Nebraska
L. D. Harris	Strool South Dakota
Ralph Helle (1942)	
Mrs. Grace Hoien	
W. O. Howard	
John J. Hunter (1938) (ph. 44078)	
W. W. Jeffers	
Marvin E. Jones (1936)	
R. M. Kelly	
L. L. Knapp	
Minnie Knecht (1950) Brainerd Indian	
Marion Koth (1943) 513	
W. J. Leyh (1929) (ph. 3210) 32	
Mrs. W. J. Leyh (1929) (ph. 3210) 320	
Clyde McCone— S. J. McIntyre (1920)	48 Jackson St., Billings, Montana

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Lester Myers 1942)	Baker Montana
A. L. Mudgett (1943)	Sacramento, California
Richard O'Conner (1949) -	
Warren Pamp'	P. O. Box 41, Battle Creek, Michigan
Mrs. Laura Raynor (1936)	Miltonvale, Kansas
Arthur Reisdorph	Rural Route 5 Marion Indiana
R. D. Reisdorph	
Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph (1930)	
George Robbins, Ir.	
I. F. Simpson (1914) (ph. 2544) 2812	Meadowbrook Drive, Rapid City, S. D.
Walter Simpson (1947)	Zumbrota, Minnesota
Mrs Walter Simpson (1945)	Zumbrota Minnesota
	408 W. 6th Ave., Mitchell, S. D.
	Almont, North Dakota
T F Spee (1970)	701 W. 2nd Ave., Mitchell, S. D.
	(ph. 1733) Miles City, Montana
Mar FU short Transaction	Cuba
Mrs. Elizabeth Traver (1941)	Grand Island, Nebraska
	Missoula, Montana
B. H. Veeder (1950)	Mobridge, South Dakota
	Tolstoy, South Dakota
Mrs. H. Vreugdenhill	Tolstoy, South Dakota
John Kearns	
Darrell Wagner (1954)	Buffalo, Wyoming
	Mina, South Dakota
Dean Watson (1954)	Pierre, South Dakota
George Warinner (1950)	(ph. 51362) Aberdeen, South Dakota
A. M. Wiley	Spearfish, South Dakota
John Mickley 1017 I	Haines Ave., Rapid City, South Dakota
John Winterberg (1939)	Miltonvale, Kansas
Hands Licen	ITT ATTEC
	Rapid City, South Dakota
	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Gene Cowing	Marion, Indiana
Paul Davidson—	
	Central City, Nebraska
Richard Follette	Houghton, New York
Andrew Gerleman	Ridge, Montana
Allen Gisselbeck	Watertown, South Dakota
Evelyn' Gisselbeck	Marion, Indiana
Eugene Gisselbeck	Marion, Indiana
Harold Griffin	Belle Fourche, South Dakota
Ralph Frazier	Mission, South Dakota

A. J. House Mrs. A. J. House Ralph Howard Paul Faulkenberry Paul Essex— Loya	. Conner, Montana Conde, South Dakota
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Rudy Houck	City Couth Dakota
Richard Mitchell	City, South Dakota
Wesley McIntyre H	Indexton Montana
W. E. Moulton Arte	sion South Delega
Mrs. W. E. Moulton Arte	esian South Dakota
Earl Olson	lily South Dakota
Mae Palmer	Haiti
Wesley Sime Garden	City South Dakota
Eugene Stanislaus 422 8th St., Brook	ings South Dakota
Paul StewardChe	elsea. South Dakota
Henry Vanderbush	. Bushnell. Dakota
Isla Knight	
Elvie Turner	Miltonvale, Kansas
Glen Wessel Mobr	idge, South Dakota
Andrew Wilson Deadw	ood, South Dakota
DELECAMES	

DELEGATES

Thomas Edwards Houghton, South Dakota
Max A. HansenAberdeen, South Dakota
Mrs. Verda Betz Billings, Montana
Erwin Bailey Cresbard, South Dakota
Mrs. Rena NewbernFlandreau, South Dakota
O. Theo. Beckman Strool, South Dakota
Ben Larson Mobridge, South Dakota
Sally Maxwell—
Mrs. Ethel Anderson Billings, Montana
Walter Peterson Ipswich, South Dakota
Melvin Gibson Ipswich, South Dakota
Mrs. Frances Fey Brentford, South Dakota
Mrs. Lottie B. Show Huron, South Dakota
Claude Bandy Huron, South Dakota
Lloyd Parrish Johnson's Corner, North Dakota
Henry Hystad Watford City, North Dakota
H. R. Dufloth Mitchell, South Dakota
Mrs. H. R. Dufloth Mitchell, South Dakota
Mrs. Cora Blaser Baker, Montana
Mrs. Emma Motley Conner, Montana
Sam Row Ridge, Montana
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Voreta Simpson	Rapid City, South Dakota
G. G. Dufloth	Rapid City, South Dakota
Norman Keller	Almont, North Dakota
J. E. Alexander	Watertown, South Dakota
Fred Nultemeier	
David Robertson	
Mrs. Lottie Detzback	Redfield, South Dakota
Glen Hartman—	
Ivan Smith—	
Lee Wagner	Loyalton, South Dakota
K. S. Lambert	Mt. Vernon, South Dakota
Mrs. Donna Stanislaus	Missoula, Montana
Alfred Skillingstad	
Mrs. Florence Holtry	Sturgis, South Dakota
Mrs. Delores Pudwil	Avon, South Dakota
Ila M. Hamm	Artesian, South Dakota
M. D. F	Garden City, South Dakota
Mrs. Don roey	Garden City, Bouth Butteta
Mrs. Leone Bennett (Alternate)	

Daily Proceedings

Minutes of the Seventy-Third Annual Conference of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, held at Aberdeen, South Dakota, June 8th through June 12th, 1954.

Tuesday Morning, June 8th, 1954

Devoti-nal—The devotional period was conducted Rev. S. J. McIntyre of Billings, Montana. The Scripture lesson was based on Acts 2:16.

Called to Order—Conference was called to order with the President, Rev. J. F. Simpson, presiding. The roll was made with thirty-nine ministers and twenty-five delegates responding.

Conference Program—The Orders of the Day was read by a member of the Conference Program Committee. Motion prevailed to accept said report with certain changes being made. Changes were made as follows: Change of date for Missionary service from June 3rd to June 9th; substitute the name of Rev. S. J. McIntyre for that of Rev Emil Hansen to conduct the first devotional period.

Bar of Conference—Motion prevailed that the 1st nine seats in the center section of the Tabernacle constitute the Bar of Conference.

Motion to Seat Denominational Representative—Motion carried that we ask the denominational representative, Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, to be seated in the Bar of Conference.

Report—List of workers and their responsibilities was read and by motion accepted. Certain changes were made in the personnel of said report as follows: the name of Dean Watson was substituted for that of A. Mudgett, in charge of Youth Activities; resignation of Marvin E. Jones was accepted from list of Night Watchman. Norman Keller was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Nominating Committee—A Committee on Nominations was elected consisting of the following persons: L. D. Harris, Marvin E. Jones, John J. Hunter, Henry Dufloth, J. E. Alexander.

Bell Ringer—Andrew Wilson was appointed as official Bell Ringer for all Conference sessions.

Home Missionary Representative—While the Committee on Nominations retired to take care of their responsibilities, Rev. Hawthorne of the Home Mission Department was introduced, and spoke to the group presenting the Card Call Plan.

Report: Nominating Committee—The Committee on Nominations brought in their report on Committees for this Conference session. Motion prevailed that the report be accepted as read. (See Report No. 1.)

Resignation—Max Hansen resigned as a member of the Statistical Committee and his resignation was accepted by motion.

Committee on Itineracy and Orders—The President appointed the following lay members to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders: Cora Blaser, Lee Wagner and Max Hansen.

Election to Statistical Committee—Henry Hystad was elected to the Statistical Committee to fill the vacancy caused by resignation.

Resignation—A resignation from Walter Simpson was read, resigning from the Committee on Itineracy and Orders. Motion prevailed to accept the resignation.

Greetings—Greetings to the Conference were received from the following: Romeo Baronia, George Robbins, Jr., Richard Rossow, Mae Palmer, L. L. Knapp, Harry Shreve, Emil Hansen, Wilbur Drown and Wife, Richard O'Conner, Walter Simpson and Wife, R. J. Eling, and Mrs. Grace Hoien.

Motion—Motion prevailed that the Conference Secretary be instructed to send greetings from the Conference to each one of the above named persons, and to all other absent members of this body.

Adjourned for Committee Work.

Tuesday Afternoon, June 8th, 1954

Called to Order—Conference was called to order by the President. We were led in prayer by L. D. Harris and Lester Bennett.

Minutes Read—The Minutes for the preceding session were read and approved as read.

Partial Report of President—A partial report was read by the Conference President including Official Acts and the President's message. (See Report No. 2.)

Partial Report: Auditing Committee—The Auditing Committee presented a partial report and it was accepted by motion. (See Complete Report No. 3.)

Report: Ministerial Benefit Fund.—The treasurer of the Ministerial Benefit Fund read his report and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 4.)

Report: Conference Advisory Board—The treasurer of the Conference Advisory Board read his report and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 5.)

Report: Group Insurance—The Chairman of the Committee on Group Insurance read his report and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 6.)

. Adjourned Subject to Call of Chair.

Wednesday Morning, June 9th, 1954

Devotionals—The devotional period was led by the Rev. Wilbur Moulton, Artesian, S. D. The Scripture lesson was taken from Psalm 19:7-14.

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

Roll Call—Thirty-three ministers and twenty-five delegates responded to roll call.

Courtesies—The Committee on Courtesies introduced the following persons to the Conference body: Richard Mitchell, Forsyth, Montana; Walter Kemp, Willard, Montana; and Neal Phipps, Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Motion—Motion prevailed that we have 500 copies of the Minutes printed at our Publishing House providing they can promise delivery not later than 45 days after copy is submitted to them.

Report: Railroad Expense—The Committee on Railroad Expense reported, announcing the assessment for this item as \$10.50 per church. The report was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 7.)

Adjourned for Committee Work.

Wednesday Afternon, June 9th, 1954

Called to Order—Conference was called to order by the President. A song was sung, and then we were led in prayer by Rev. Marvin E. Jones.

Motion to Seat Delegate—Motion prevailed that Mrs. Delores Pudwil be seated as the Delegate from the Avon Church.

Courtesses—The Committee on Courtesies introduced the following persons to the Conference: Miss Alma Aldinger, Sierra Leone, West Africa; Rev. Robert Short, Fraternal Delegate from the Dakota Conference of the Free Methodist Church; Rev. Gordon Carey, pastor at Baker, Montana.

Report: Committee on Church and Parsonage—A report was readby the Committee on Church and Parsonage Building and Location. The report was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 8.)

Partial Report: Committee on Itineracy and Orders—The Committee on Itineracy and Orders read a partial report, and the report was accepted by motion. (See Complete Report)

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

Courtesies—The Committee on Courtesies introduced the following persons to Conference: Rev. Wesley Sime, Garden City, S. D.; Dr. R. S. Nicholson, Syracuse, New York, Denominational Representative; Rev. Fred Bingaman, Strool, S. D.

Committee Elected-A special Committee was elected to study the

Blue Cross Hospitalization Plan, as follows: Chairman, Thomas Bailie; R. J. Sausoman, W. J. Leyh.

Appointment to Committee on Itineracy and Orders—The President appointed O. Theo. Beckman to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders because of a vacancy.

Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Thursday Morning June 10th, 1954

Devotionals—The devotional period was conducted by Rev. Richard Mitchell of Forsyth, Montana. The Scripture Lesson was from Colossians 2: 1-11.

Called to Order—Conference was called to order by the President. Forty-one ministers and twenty-nine delegates responded to the roll call.

Report: Passage of Character—The Committee on Passage of Character read a report and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 10.)

Report: Beckman Board—The Treasurer of the Beckman Board, O. Theo. Beckman, read his report and it was accepted by motion. A rising vote of thanks was given to Brother Beckman for his labors as supervisor of the Beckman properties. (See Report No. 11.)

Report: Prayer Secretary—The Conference Prayer Secretary read his report and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 12)

Partial Report: Auditing Committee—The Auditing Committee read a partial report in completion of their work. The report was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 3.)

Report: Superannuate Pension Fund—The Conference Treasurer of the Superannuate Pension Fund read his report and it was accepted by motion. (See report No. 13.)

Motion: Special Committee—Motion prevailed that we have a Finance Committee to study matter of raising all budgets, and to bring in recommendations. Elected to said Committee: S. J. McIntyre, Chairman; R. J. Sausoman, R. R. Dufloth.

Motion—Motion prevailed that it be considered the responsibility of the Pastor to convey information regarding Budget askings to his church annually.

Report: Conference President—The Conference President read his report to complete a former report. The item reported on being his Financial Statement. (See Complete Report)

Motion—Re: Conference Fund (7½%)—Motion prevailed that hereafter all unorganized churches, where the pastor is receiving help from the Conference, be asked to pay the 7½% assessment as a budget item, following the stipulations in the Standing Rules.

Report: Conference Treasurer-The Conference Treasurer read his re-

port and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 14.)

Report: Quarterly Conference Evangelist—The Quarterly Conference Evangelist, Rev. S. J. McIntyre read his report and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 15.)

We were led in prayer by Rev. B. I. Griffin in thanksgiving for the labors reported in the above report.

Adjourned for ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Called to Order-The President called Conference to Order.

Courtesies—The Committee on Courtesies introduced Rev. Thomas Hersey of the Iowa Conference to the Conference. The Rev. Hersey was formerly a member of this Conference.

Motion—Motion prevailed that we have a Standing Committee on Memorials. Elected to said Committee: Chairman, A. L. Cretsinger, David Roberston, J. F. Simpson.

Motion—Motion prevailed that the hour listed on Camp folders be changed from 10:30 to 11:00, for retiring hour.

Motion-Motion carried that a curfew bell be rung at 10: 30 p.m.,

Motion—Motion prevailed that the matter of closing time for the Snack Bar be left to the judgment of the operator of the Snack Bar.

Adjourned by motion, subject to call of Chair.

Thursday Afternoon, June 10th, 1954

Memorial Service—A memorial service was held in memory of persons who had died in the Conference during the past year.

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

Report from W.M.S.—Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger, President of the W.M.S., gave a report of the activities of that organization. A gain of about \$500.00 in receipts over last year was reported.

Report from Y.M.W.B.—The Conference Superintendent of the Y.M. W.B., Miss Marie Brannon reported on the activities of that organization.

Motion—Motion prevailed that the report of the Woman's Missionary Society be acknowledged.

Motion—Prevailed that the report of the Superintendent of the Y.M. W.B. be acknowledged.

Report: Itineracy and Orders—The Committee on Itineracy and Orders read a partial report and it was accepted by motion. (See Complete Report)

Courtesies—The Committee on Courtesies introduced Miss Phyllis Brixie, who has been engaged in Christian work for the last five years, to the Conference. She is a member of the Strool Church.

Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

Friday Morning, June 11th, 1954

Devotionals—The devotional period was conducted by Rev. Marvin E. Jones, of Aberdeen. The Scripture Lesson was taken from Mark 6: 34-42.

Called to Order—Conference was called to order by the President. Roll call was made to which forty-four ministers and twenty-eight delegates responded.

Courtesies—The Committee on Courtesies introduced the following persons to the Conference: Miss Ruth Bixler, missionary to Sierra Leone, West Africa, and Miss Esther Grosenbach, Hot Springs, S. D.

Resignations—Rev. Marvin E. Jones and Rev. A. L. Mudgett resigned from the Local Board of Managers of Miltonvale Wesleyan College, having served for some years as representatives of the Conference in that capacity. Resignations were accepted by motion.

Tellers Appointed—The following men were appointed tellers for the election: Darrell Wagner, Leo Goodell, Richard Mitchell, Ellis Sollio.

Election of Officers—The election of Conference Officers resulted as follows:

President—J. F. Simpson
Vice President—John J. Hunter
Secretary—A. L. Cretsinger
Treasurer—S. J. McIntyre

Recommendation—A recommendation from the Watford City Church, recommending the continuation of the office of Quarterly Conference Evangelist was read, and by motion accepted.

Motion—Motion prevailed that the name of the above officer be changed from Quarterly Conference Evangelist and Assistant to the President, to Second Vice President.

Election Continued:

2nd Vice President—S. J. McIntyre
Trustee (Elder)—H. W. Cretsinger, term expires 1957
Trustee (Lay)—Lee Wagner
Delegate to General Conference (Elder—J. F. Simpson
Delegate to General Conference (Elder)—John J. Hunter
Delegate to General Conference (1st Elder Alternate)—S. J.
McIntyre

Delegate to General Conference (2nd Elder Alternate)—R. J. Sausoman

Lay Delegate to General Conference—O. Theo. Beckman Lay Delegate to General Conference—Erwin Bailey

1st Alternate Lay Delegate—Dave Robertson 2nd Alternate Lay Delegate—J. E. Alexander

Motion—Re: Election of Members of Miltonvale Board—Motion prevailed that we elect one Elder and one layman as representatives on the Local Board of Managers of Miltonvale Wesleyan College.

Election Continued:

Nominated to Local Board of Managers, Miltonvale Wesleyan College—Rev. Lester Buckman, J. E. Alexander Alternate—R. I. Sausoman

Alternate-R. J. Sausoman

The President called for a rising vote of thanks to Marvin E. Jones and A. L. Mudgett for their valuable service on the Local Board of Managers of Miltonvale Wesleyan College.

Elected to the President's Advisory Board-The President nominated the following persons to his Advisory Board, and they were elected: L. D. Harris, O. Theo. Beckman.

Note of Appreciation-The President expressed the appreciation of the Conference to Rev. Marvin E. Jones for twelve years of service as Secretary of the Conference. The Rev. Jones had asked that his name be not considered because he would be serving a Church in the Oklahoma Conference.

Report of Nominating Committee—The Committee on Nominations read a report on Standing Committees and Standing Chairmen. change was made in the report, then it was accepted by motion. Report No. 16.)

Resignation-Rev. H. W. Cretsinger resigned from the Standing Committee on Itineracy and Orders. His resignation was accepted by motion.

Election—Rev. Gordon Carey was elected to fill the unexpired term on the Committee on Itineracy and Orders, the term to expire in 1957.

Greetings Received—Greetings were received from Mrs. Laura Raymer. Adjourned by limitation of time.

Saturday Morning, June 12th, 1954

Devotionals—The devotional period was conducted by Rev. Wesley McIntyre of Harlowton, Montana. The Scripture Lesson was taken from Psalm 78: 40-42.

... Called to Order-Conference was called to order by the President. Inasmuch as there was still considerable Committee work to do before final adjournment the President declared the meeting adjourned for Committee Work.

Saturday Afternoon, June 12th, 1954

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

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

Report-A report of Evangelist's labors was read and by motion accepted. (See Report No. 17.) and set a local defencing notice Mose

Report-The special Committee on Finance read a report and it was

accepted by motion. Note recommendation in said report. (See Report No. 18.)

Motion—Motion prevailed that the President and the Chairman of the Statistical Committee study revision of membership of churches where there are no pastors, but members are still listed.

Motion—Motion prevailed that we follow the same plan next year as this year for Conference and Camp Meeting. (Camp Meeting will begin on the night of Thursday, June 2nd, 1955—Conference to begin the morning of June 7th, 1955, D.V.)

Motion—Motion prevailed that the deficit incurred by the Conference Prayer Secretary be paid from the Conference Treasury.

Report: The Committee on Resolutions read a report and it was adopted by motion. (See Report No. 19.)

Report: Committee on Memorials—The Committee on Memorials brought in a report concerning two Memorials to General Conference. Each Memorial was acted upon separately, as follows:

- Regarding an Undivided Budget; this Memorial being passed unanimously, and
- 2. Regarding a Denominational Loan Fund; this Memorial also was unanimously passed. (See Report No. 20 for details)

Report: Missionary Board—The report of the Missionary Board was read and by motion accepted. (See Report No. 21.)

Report: Past ral Relations Committee—The Committee on Pastoral Relations read their report on Pastoral appointments and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 22.)

Report: Card Call Secretary—Motion prevailed to accept the report of the Card Call Secretary with the following change made in the report: substitute the words: "in Home Mission Conferences," instead of the words: "throughout the United States." (See Report No. 23.)

Motion—Motion prevailed that the following item be referred to the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference: That one-half of Card Call money shall apply on Budget, and that monies thus raised be available for use in any Conference where needed.

Remarks by President—The President made a statement regarding the use of Committees, and the cost involved in calling committee members together. Then he introduced "the Conference President's Working Plan." The plan as outlined was adopted by motion. Motion prevailed that this item be included in "President's Report."

Motion—Motion prevailed that a permanent binder be purchased for loose copies of Minutes of other years. Cost to be paid from the Conference Treasury.

Motion-Motion prevailed that a leather carrying case for Conference

books and supplies be purchased from Mr. Ozanne of Watford City, and the cost be paid from the Conference Treasury.

Motion—Motion prevailed that the Campground facilities be placed at the disposal of Rev. L. D. Harris for a family reunion.

Minutes Read—The final reading of the Minutes was made, and after certain corrections, approved.

Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Reports of Committees

Report No. 1

We your Committee on Nominations, submit the following report:

Pastoral Relations Committee—Conference President, John J. Hunter, W. J. Leyh, Thomas Bailie, J. E. Alexander, Erwin Bailey, G. G. Dufloth

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

Auditing Committee—Henry Dufloth, David Robertson, Miss Voreta Simpson

Railroad Expense-Dean Watson, Harold Griffin

Committee on Resolutions-A. L. Cretsinger, W. D. Howard, Fred Nultemier

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

Statistical Committee—R. J. Sausoman, Darrell Wagner, Henry Hystad, Robert Bateman

Committee on Courtesy-H. W. Cretsinger, John Kern

Pages—

Pastoral Relations—Andrew Wilson

Itineracy and Orders-K. L. Shelley

Committee: L. D. Harris,

Marvin E. Jones, John J. Hunter, Henry Dufloth, J. E. Alexander.

Report No. 2 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The record of another year's work has been written for the Dakota Conference.

The President and the Pastors will bring in their report of their labors during this year, but it would be interesting if we could read the report that GOD has written down for each Pastor, as well as the Conference President.

We are hoping it will be a favorable report, but some day we will know how the record stands.

Doubtless there has been many mistakes, but with these mistakes there has been some gracious victories.

New churches have been started, and a general increase in the attendance both in Sunday schools and church services is reported.

People are becoming more church conscious, and this concern gives the pastor a great opportunity to reap a harvest from personal contacts with these who are becoming awakened.

This is the hour for the church to be at her best in effort and obtaining the spiritual power that is provided for "such a Time as this."

By close observation your President has been enabled by the Spirit to reach a conclusion on some vital points which may concern all Christians.

During the past year, he has never had so many calls in a like period of time from individuals, churches and families, for counsel and help because of perplexity, complicated circumstances, and oppression.

- 1. Some think that their plight is because someone has failed or opposed them.
 - 2. Some think that the Church and Conference has failed them.
 - 3. Some think that the trouble is all within themselves.
 - 4. Some feel that they or others have given Satan an advantage.

But all seem to confess that they are dealing with a stubborn situation which is greater than their human wisdom and effort.

This widespread CRY for help, some of it has been confidential, some of it has been of a public nature has ALARMED me. I have asked myself and God, why is this distress and perplexity become so general?

It leads to this CONCLUSION that Satanic and Demoniac powers are released on man. John on the Island of Patmos doubtless saw what is taking place on the earth, when he said, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth—for the Devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

It seems that the average Christian has too little of the Holy Spirit, to give them Authority, guidance and victory in this atmosphere which is charged with Satanic wrath. It seems that the Strategy of Satan is to attack Christians separately, like a bandit that holds up a man on a lonely road. If this method is not successful, he makes his attack on Christians as a unit, then he uses the weapons of envy and confusion, so that each one will look upon his brother as an enemy and seek to slay him. In this way the Christian becomes an agent of Satan and the slain in battle are many.

We are prone to quibble about a lot of minor details, but unless God's people get back to the place where we can more fully appreciate and appropriate the heritage provided through the power and personality of the Holy Ghost, our efforts will become a mere round of activity, and sooner or later the enemy will triumph in the home, in the church, and then the work of God of which we are a part will disintegrate.

It appears that at this time there is more of a cause for an Alarm because of the infiltration of formal tendencies, worldly tendencies, and a lack of love for that which brings death to self and sin, than a cause of an Alarm on some other point. As far as my observations are concerned, the Dakota Conference can go quite a ways yet along the rugged way before we will have any tinge of fanaticism to impede our progress.

Pentecost was the greatest Miracle that came to the Early Church. It raised their appraisal and emphasis of God's work and the souls of men. It gave them a correct approach for the success of the church, the salva-

tion of the lost, and the overthrow of Satan's power. The church moved on like a mighty army as long as the Holy Ghost was in the lead.

Without the Holy Ghost in this Hour, the Church will become perplexed and discouraged, but the world will become more wicked. The only way the church can counteract the Satanic power is by the power of the Holy Ghost. All other methods have failed and will fail. God is demonstrating that he is greater than the power of Satan, when he finds those whom he can fully indwell by the Holy Spirit. The greatest need of the hour in the Dakota Conference is that the Holy Ghost may have a larger place in our midst.

National and international leaders are in the grip of great fear as civilization is about to fall into an abyss. It is high time for the church to arise with a note of Victory. Such a message will attract the attention of many who are to the point of despair. The Power of the Holy Ghost gave the early church this message, which was fruitful in a revival on a world wide scale.

Yours for a Visitation of the Spirit,

J. P. Simpson.

Conference President's Working Plan

It is my desire and plan, to call together the various committees elected by the Conference, to transact business committed to them, even though the travel expense may reach a considerable sum. The unity of the spirit is of more value than money.

I apologize to the Conference for failure on any point. My motive is to the glory of God and the advancement of the Conference, but my way of doing it is defective often.

Conference President

Official Acts

June 4, 1953—Received transfer for Rev. Gordon Carey, from South Carolina Conference.

June, 1953—On recommendation of the Board of Administration that the date of the Dakota Conference and Camp for 1954 be changed so as not to conflict with the date of the meeting for the Board of Administration in June of 1954.

The Missionary Board and the Camp Board approved the action and set the date for June 3-13. The Camp beginning on June 3 and the Conference beginning on June 8th.

July, 1953—Made a correction in the transfer of Rev. George Robbins to the Kansas Conference. A mistake was made for the Conference to vote a transfer to Rev. Robbins.

December, 1953—Accepted the resignation of Rev. Richard Rossow as pastor of the Sturgis church.

December, 1953—Accepted the resignation of Rev. Richard Rossow as treasurer of the Camp Board.

December, 1953—Appointed Rev. R. Bateman, temporary treasurer of the Camp Board, owing to the shortness of time to secure a treasurer before Rev. Rossow left.

February, 1954—Accepted the Resignation of Rev. R. M. Kelley as pastor of the Hot Springs church.

Appointed Rev. R. M. Kelley pastor of the church at Sturgis. Appointed Rev. Neal Phipps pastor of the Hot Springs Church.

May 10, 1954—Granted Rev. Richard Rossow transfer to California Conference.

May 19, 1954—Granted letter of transfer to Rev. Walter Cook to the Indiana Conference.

J. F. Simpson

President's Financial Report

Received from Conference Treasurer on Conference Expense	\$1075.00
Paid on Expense for Conference	\$1299.00
Received on back expense due from last Conference	

Salary

Received	from	Conference	Treasurer	\$2750.00
Received	from	Churches .		537.44

\$3287.44

J. F. Simpson

Report No. 3 AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited the following Treasurer's books and Financial Reports, and have found them correct:

Ministerial Relief Fund treasurer, Superannuate Pension Fund treasurer, Advisory Fund Treasurer, Blue Cross Treasurer, Camp Meeting Treasurer, Conference Treasurer, Beckman Board Treasurer, Conference President's Financial Report.

H. R. Dufloth, E. David Robertson, Miss Voreta Simpson.

Report No. 4 TREASURER MINISTERIAL BENEFIT FUND Receipts

Cash on hand, June 1, 1953	 \$311.47
Received on first assessment	 152.30

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Received on second assessment	90.75	
Received on third assessment	99.55	
Received on fourth assessment	139.30	: .
Total Receipts		\$793.37
Disbursements		
Lester Myers	\$50.00	
H. Vreugdenhill	11.60	
Marvin Jones	22.72	
James Blaine	50.00	
L. D. Harris	28.00	
R. J. Sausoman	28.70	
J. E. Winterberg		
Geo. Warinner	34.00	
	8.88	
Banking	3.75	
Postage	6.85	,
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Total Disbursements		\$244.50
Balance on hand June 1, 1954		548.87
Total Receipts to June 1, 1954	-	\$793.37
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TREASURER OF THE WESLEYAN GROUP BLUE CROSS HOSPITA		
Numbers of Ministers		24 \$779.01
Disbursemen	ıts	41
Associated Hospital Service Banking Postage	\$770.65 1.30	
Total Disbursements		\$772.46 6.55
Total Receipts	Thomas Bailie, Fund	\$779.01 Treasurer

Report No. 7 RAILROAD EXPENSE COMMITTEE

We the Committee on Railroad Expense have met, and have set the amount of \$10.50 as the assessment to every church. The amount to be paid to the Ministers this year, is one way of their travel at: 04 cents per mile.

Signed: Dean Watson, Harold Griffin.

Report No. 8

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH AND PARSONAGE BUILDING AND LOCATION

Meeting of Conference Building Committee, Aberdeen, South Dakota Tuesday March 2, 1954. Meeting convened in room 332 Alonzo Ward Hotel. Galled to order by the Conference President, Rev. J. F. Simpson. Led in opening prayer by Rev. L. D. Harris. The first item of business was a review of the decision made relative to the Tolstoy property at the joint meeting in June of the Building Committee and the Missionary Board at Tolstoy.

The residential property belonging to Rev. Lester Bennett was looked over quite thoroughly by the joint committee with a view toward purchasing it as a parsonage for the Pierre work. The committee felt the size of the rooms and construction of the building was not suitable for the parsonage desired. Action was taken relative to Rev. Bennett's labor and personal investment in the Tolstoy parsonage. It was recommended that Rev. Bennett be paid \$500.00 in consideration of above investment; payment to be \$40.00 per month beginning August 1st, 1953, continuing until payment of the \$500.00 had been completed. Review of above action passed as satisfactory to the new Building Committee.

The Chairman next presented a letter from Rev. K. L. Shelley as of February 27th, 1954 relative to the new work at Terry, Montana, stating that lots had been puchased in Terry by the local people with a view to the erection of a Church building, as attendance in the Terry services had grown rapidly and they were being threatened by expulsion from the quarters they had been renting for their worship services. It was further stated by Rev. Shelley that a loan of \$5000.00 (five thousand dollars), was available locally at 5% interest, and that loaner would accepts the Terry property above mentioned as security, providing the Conference Officials sign the note. Rev. Shelley's letter also indicated that the local people at Terry were desirous of beginning work immediately before spring work on their ranches.

The committee unanimously recommended that the Terry project be approved under the following terms: The above mentioned loan of \$5000.00 be secured locally and note be signed by Conference officials. Note to be written up representing the Terry Church property as security, that abstract be brought to date or title be passed upon by an Attorney before note is signed. Terms of note to be 5% interest per annun, first years payment to be interest only, principal to be paid off in ten annual payments of equal size thereafter plus interest.

It was further recommended that the Conference be responsible for one half of the \$250.00 interest for the first year and ½ of the Attorney's fees for the title examination.

Rev. Faulkenberry, the Loyalton pastor appeared before the committee and presented their building plans and reported on steps that had been taken by the Loyalton Church toward a building project. A large lumber shed with office rooms had been purchased and paid for by the local people at a cost of \$2,500.00; material to be used in the construction of a new Church. A basement for the new building had already been excavated and paid for by the local church.

Inasmuch as Conference funds are depleted at the present time the Committee recommends approval of the new building plans at Loyalton only on the basis of a local proposition, but urgently recommend that a revision of building plans be considered. The committee suggests a corner entrance with adjoining overflow room with folding doors to auditorium and balcony above. As plans closely correspond to the new building at Strool it is further suggested that a comparison be made.

The chairman presented information relative to the purchase of lots at Bismark North Dakota at a cost of \$3,500.00, payment for same being made by our Church people at Almont, North Dakota. \$1,250.00 being paid within one year. Location of lots being in the East section of the City in a new addition and near a new public school. The committee endorsed the recommendation of the Conference President that no building project be started at Bismark until passed upon by the Missionary Board.

Referring to his letter of January 20, 1954 to the members of the

building Committee, the conference President next presented the needs for parsonages at Pierre, Belle Fourche, and Sundance all of which are receiving monthly payments from the Conference on parsonage rent. A plan for the construction of parsonages on these fields at a saving to both the Conference and the Pastors involved was presented as follows:

FHA loans of six or seven thousand dollars each for Belle Fourche and Pierre could be handled at a monthly cost of approximately \$40.00 each (interest & Insurance included), donated labor on the buildings from the local churches could reduce this figure some. Pierre already reports \$1,200.00 pledged in donated labor toward a new parsonage. The committee recommends that the Conference assume one half of the FHA payments for the first year and the local Churches assuming the balance. This would be cutting Conference commitments on parsonage rent to these fields by 50% and would be asking ten to fifteen dollars less locally than the pastors are now having to pay on their own rent in addition to Conference payments on parsonage rent. These high rental conditions upon these fields make it appear imperative that definite steps be taken toward the erection of our own parsonage quarters as soon as possible. Futher recommending that the local groups in each case assume a larger proportion of the payments as soon as they are able to do so.

Relative to the Sundance parsonage, one layman has contributed the lumber and another \$500.00 toward cost of initial construction. A loan of approximately \$2,500.00 is needed to complete the project which can be secured from a local Building and Loan Co. Recommended by the Committee that this loan be secured and covered by the present commitments on parsonage rent.

A report of the Conference President regarding the Robinsdale addition in Rapid City, South Dakota, indicated that four lots had been purchased, totaling 115ft. x 140 ft. Previous correspondence with Committee covered purchase of these lots before steps were taken, located between U. S. 16 and U. S. 79, cost being underwritten personally by the Conference President, and a loan of \$5000.00 (five thousand dollars), being promised from the Super Annuate fund of the Denomination. It was further reported that a basement 28' x 50' was under construction and near completion. The Conference President stated no assistance would be asked from the Missionary Board for the year of '54 and '55. The committee recommended approval on the above stated basis.

A critical problem relative to the necessity of moving the Sioux Chapel buildings to a new location was referred to the Conference President's Advisory Board.

Meeting adjourned.

Committee: Rev. J. F. Simpson,
Rev. L. D. Harris,
J. E. Alexander,
L. W. Peterson,
Rev. John L. Hunter.

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Receipts		THE
Balance on hand at beginning of year	\$935.44	
Loan from First Nat'l. Bank of Aberdeen	10500.00	
Pledges and gifts	3105.00	
Tabernacle offerings	1453.33	• •
Dining Hall registration and meals	1042.22	• .**
Wesleyan Farm Account	350.00	*
Sale of Refrigerator to S.D.H.A.	225.00	
Snack Bar profits	38.64	
Book Stand profits	26.93	
Northwestern Public Service Co	27.44	•
Tabernacle rental from Aberdeen Y.F.C.	7.50	
Sale of miscellaneous items	19.30	•
Refund on phone calls	20.36	•
Total Receipts		\$17751.16
Disbursements		
Roy Wilhelm (Building of tabernacle)	\$7629.80	× .
Montgomery Ward & Co	2371.09	
Building Materials & labor	1922.04	
Electrical Supplies & labor	518.19	
George E. Warinner	1250.00	:
Interest on notes	33.92	::::
Utilities	260.52	
Telephone	211.25	
Insurance	495.20	
Work on grounds & bldg	180.00	
Kitchen Equipment & Camp Supplies	294.57	
Groceries for Camp	698.51	ं दर्
Kitchen and other help	388.14	
Club Cafe (meals for workers)	68.15	
Moving, travel and entertainment	139.35	- . •
Advertising & Radio Time	140.42	} ·
Evangelistic help	659.00	i
Office Supplies	25.07	
Bank Exchange & Debit Memos	12.60	
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\$17,297.82

Total Cash Balance

\$453.34

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Bateman

Camp Board Treasurer

Report No. 10

COMMITTEE ON PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

We, your committee, have examined the Character Blanks of Pastors and all on the Conference Roll, and their characters are passed.

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

Report No. 11

TREASURER OF BECKMAN BOARD

Balance sheet ending April 30, 1954

Cash on hand May 1, 1953 in First National Bank Receipts		\$881.91
Grain sold	\$5797.99	•
Rentals, grazing	239.00	
Rentals, oil	4040.00	
Sales of livestock	4197.87	
Refunds	80.00	
Miscellaneous	302.87	•
Notes, First National Bank	10300.00	
Total Receipts		\$24,957.73
Grand Total	•	\$25,846.64
Disbursements		
Grain, (Seed and feed)	\$886.00	•
Wages	5902.50	
Leases and Taxes	2429.80	
Cattle purchases	3721.05	
Dakota Conference, (Various fields)	3235.25	•
Insurance, Interest, etc.	198.69	•
Hauling, spraying, etc.	609.65	
Repairs, buildings and fencing	1283.62	
Miscellaneous	156.33	
Paid on Notes	5500.00	

Total Disbursements	\$23,922.89
Balance on hand	1923.75
Checks outstanding	255.20
Net Balance, corresponds with April 30, 1954	2178.95
Notes Payable	
Outstanding May 1, 1953 \$250	00.00
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Total	\$12,800.00
Paid on notes during year	5,500.00
Outstanding April 30, 1954	7,300.00
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Report No. 12

Your Secretary of Prayer submits the following report:

First, we give thanks to Almighty God, who during the past year has heard and answered prayer.

The OBJECTIVES have been:

- I. To have a Chain of Prayer, (night and day), as nearly as is possible, from the beginning of the Conference year, until the close.
- II. To advance the Work of God on every field.
- III. To mobolize our prayer power for fields having special needs, also where special meetings are being held.
- IV. To enlist young and old in the Prayer Program, also all others outside the Church, who will unite with us in this effort for Christ's Kingdom.

Eight Hundred (800) Postal Cards having Revival requests for prayer have been sent through the mails.

Expenses for this work have been about Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

Five Dollars (\$5.00), has been received from the Aberdeen District Prayer Conference. May the Lord bless this effort for His glory.

Prayerfully Yours in HIM,

A. L. Cretsinger

Report No. 13

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATE PENSION PLAN TREASURER DAKOTA CONERENCE ENDING April 30, 1954

Church Budget Received

Charge	Member- ship	Am't Due	Am't Paid	Am't Unpaid
Aberdeen	 . 71	\$106.50	\$63.32	\$43.18
Almont	 30	45.00	39.00	6.00
Artesian	 23	34.50	34.50	
Avon	 . 38	57.00	57.00	

Charge	Member-	Am't Due	Am't Paid	Am't Unpaid
Baker	ship 42	63.00	63.00	Unpaid
Billings-Boyd	. 80	120.00	120.00	
Bradley	. 16	24,00	- Interest	24.00
Brentford	. 13	19.50	19.50	
Brookings		9.00	9.00	
Buffalo	. 26	39.00	39.00	
Bushnell	. 10	15.00	15.00	
Butte	. 10	15.00		15.00
Calvary	. 7	10.50	10.50	
Conner	. 10	15.00	15.00	
Deadwood	. 25	37.50	37.50	
Flandreau	. 9	13.50	13.50	
Forsyth	. 13	19.50	13.00	6.50
Garden City	. 19	28.50	28.50	
Hot Springs	. 25	37.50	37.50	
Houghton	. 23	34.50	34.50	
Huron	. 58	87.00	87.00	
Ipswich	. 29	43.50	43.50	
Johnson Corner	. 47	70.50	67.50	3.00
Knobs	. 9	13.50	15.00	
Lake Wilson	. 12	18.00		18.00
Loyalton	. 34	51.00	51.00	
McIntosh	. 10	15.00		15.00
Medicine Rock	. 9	13.50	13.50	
Mission	. 12	18.00	18.00	
Missoula	. 9	13.50	13.50	
Mitchell	. 83	124.50	124.50	
Mobridge	. 37	55.50	.31.50	24.00
Mt. Vernon	. 12	18.00	33.00	
Northville	1	21.00		21.00
Pollock	. 2	3.00		3.00
Rapid City		51.00	51.00	
Rawlins	. 21	31.50		31.00
Ridge		27.00	45.00	
Redfield		81.00	81.00	
Richland	. 52	78.00	78.00	
Strool		39.00	33.00	6.00
Sturgis	. 25	37.50	37.50	
Tolstoy		28.50	28.50	
Watertown		85.50	85.50	
Watford City	. 46	69.00	69.00	1 50
Webster	. 1	1.50		1.50
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Pastor's Income Assessments Receive		
Lester Buckman		
Thos. Bailie		
Ralph Howard		
W. O. Howard		
L. D. Harris		
W. J. Leyh	39.78	•
J. F. Simpson	18.15	: :
Ellis Sollie	22.76	
S. J. McIntyre	52.47	
Lester Meyers	8.82	
A. L. Mudgett	33.90	
B. I. Griffin	32.50	•
A. L. Cretsinger	25.06	
R. M. Kelly	126.07	
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Total amount received on Church Budget		
Total amount received Pastors assessment		
Amount rec'd on last years budget		
Remitted to David A. Rees June 23/53		\$647.19
Remitted to David A. Rees Oct. 7/53		218.35
Remitted to David A. Rees Dec. 22/53		222.59
Remitted to David A. Rees Feb. 3/54		212.91
Remitted to David A. Rees May 30/54		1499.47

\$2800.51 \$2800.51 Respectfully submitted, H. R. Dufloth, Superannuate Treasurer

Report No. 14

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER

Receipts	
Balance Cash on hand June 1, 1953	\$2810.57
Romeo Baronia	
Pioneer Pastor's Fund—Emergency Relief	
Puerto Rico	
Pension Fund	707.18
Conference S. S. Assessment	
General Conference S. S. Assessment	192.80
General Conference Delegates Fund	192.80
General Conference Administrative Budget	384.31
John Mickley (From Field Services)	432.10

Foreign Missions	757.47	
Home Missions	586.78	
Miltonvale College	1371.25	
Orphanage	124.71	
Received from 72% Fund, One third Conf. Pledges	9327.44	
Harlowton, Missionary Project	648.68	
Railroad Carfare	455.15	
Crop Money	4573.72	•
Australia	164.32	
Oil Lease	151.70	
Conference Minutes	425.83	
W.M.S. (Faulkenberry)	12.00	
Rawlins, Wyoming	420.00	
Mount Vernon	320.00	
Butte, From Sale of Property	230.00	
Deadwood, Sale of Property	480.00	
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Total		\$26617.64
Disbursements		
Rapid City, Church note	\$150.00	
Flandreau Church, Sinking Fund	180.00	
Romeo Baronia, Salary, Philippine Islands	720.00	
John Mickley, Sioux Chapel, Salary	1200.00	
Quarterly Conference Evangelist, Salary	1893.75	
Conference Evangelist on rent	480.00	
Conference Evangelist, Expense	344.72	
E. Stanislaus, Missoula, Salary	900.00	
Lee Goodell, Sundance, Salary	600.00	
Sundance, Parsonage rent	480.00	
Sundance, Wyo. Church furnace	38.27	
Belle Fourche, Parsonage rent	360.00	
W. G. McIntyre, Harlowton, Salary	1040.00	
Foreign Missions	757.47	
Home Missions	586.78	
Miltonvale College	1371.25	
Orphanage	124.71	
H. Dufloth, Pension Fund treasurer	358.50	
W. W. Jefferies, from Pension Fund	25.00	
Dean Watson, Pierre, Salary from Pioneer Fund	1791.05	
General Conference S. S. Budget	192.00	•
Conference S. S. Budget	57.25	
General Conference Delegates Expense	447.89	
General Conference Administrative Budget		
Australia	164.32	- '.

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J. F. Simpson, Conference President's Salary	2750.00
J. F. Simpson, Balance due on back expense	123.87
J. F. Simpson, money due on phone bill	200.00
J. F. Simpson, Expense	1075.00
Charles D. Haynes, Principal, Interest, Missoula loan	618.30
Incidental expense	487.52
Railroad fares	344.80
Conference Minutes	453.80
Mrs. A. Puppel, Interest	13.44
H. W. Eggers, Moving to Brookings, S. D	125.00
W. Cook, Northville	25.00
Mrs. I. A. Hansen, refund	199.09
J. F. Simpson, 10 A. land, surveying	325.00
A. L. Cretsinger, on loan	200.00
L. Bennett, grant	100.00
Missoula Church, material	103.18
Missoula Church Insurance	48.79
Transportation for Community church and Parsonage	39.00
Paul Faulkenberry	12.00
Harlowton Church, Insurance	67.68
Harlowton, material, repair Church and Parsonage	416.13
H. W. Eggers, moving to Harlowton	147.50
C. Reisdorph, moving	75.00
Harlowton, property, on principal	1000.00
Harlowton, property, Abstract	15.00
E. Bailey, moving to Rawlins	75.00
A. L. Cretsinger, Salary	620.00
E. Hobbie, Salary	520.00
Butte Church Insurance	36.85
Repair property, Deadwood	257.04
Tolstoy, Interest on loan	100.00
Ridge, Church, Material	200.00
Puerto Rico	18.11
Conference Treasurer, honorarium	150.00
Conference Sec'y honorarium	50.00
	statical systems in
Total	\$ 25640.17
Total Receipts	\$26617.64
Total Disbursements	25640.17
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Balance in Funds June 1, 1954	\$977.47
PIONEER PASTOR'S FUND	
Total Receipts	\$1075.73
Total Disbursements	\$1791.05
Total Disoursements	φ1/71.03

ROMEO BARONIA FUND			
Total Receipts Total Disbursements		\$100.00 \$720.00	
	Marie A. Clare		
SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' F	\$348.68		
Received Pension money	358.50		
Total Receipts	0 2199	\$707.18	
Disbursements: H. Dufloth, treasurer	\$358.50		
W. W. Jefferies	25.00		
Total Disbursements	od electric wind of the	\$383.50 \$323.68	
CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL F	TIND		
Balance on hand June 1, 1953	\$296.90		
Receipts	103.00		
Total Receipts		\$399.90	
Disbursements	See	57.25	
Balance on hand June 1, 1954		\$342.65	
GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE EXI	PENSE FU	JND	
Balance on hand June 1, 1953	\$293.29		
Receipts	154.60		
Total Receipts		\$447.89	
Disbursements		\$447.89	
DISBURSEMENTS			
Pension Fund Balance	\$323.68		
Conference S. S. Fund Balance	342.65		
Balance in (2) Funds		\$666.33	
Balance in Conference Treasury		\$311.14	
Balance in Full		\$977.47	
STATEMENT OF ASSETS OF SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS'			
FUND	\$289.49		
Loan No. 1, to Conference			
Loan No. 2, to Conterence			

Loan No. 3, to Conference	348.68	
Total Assets	itted, S. J. M	\$887.56 cIntyre
Report No. 15	·	
QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELIST AT TO PRESIDENT	AND ASS	ISTANT
Item I Labors: 1. Time Employed—12 months 2. Revivals held: (1) In local Conference—15 (2) Quarterly Meetings held—11 (3) Other Services held—235 (4) Communion Services—8 (5) Annual Meetings—4 (6) Number Forward—300		
Item 11 Receipts: Salary Offerings		
Total	,	\$3120.00
Other Income: Gifts	\$29.50	•
Total		\$29.50 \$3149.50
Received on Rent	_	\$440.00
Total Receipts Travelling Expense	- \$344.72	\$3589.50

Report No. 16

S. J. McIntyre

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ON STANDING COMMITTEEES

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

Recommendation—That Auditing Committee be a Standing Committee,

and that books of all Conference Treasurers be in the hands of said Committee, on the first day of assembly, either Conference or Camp Meeting, which comes first, that two Elders or Conference Preachers be elected to said Committee.

Auditing Committee-H. R. Dufloth, K. L. Shelly, Eugene Stainislaus.

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

Conference Missignary Board—Conference W.M.S. President, Conference Treasurer, H. W. Cretsinger, David Robertson, Ted Beckman, H. H. Franklin, Claude Bandy.

Committee on Itineracy and Orders—Lester Buckman re-elected for four year term, term to expire 1958. Robert Bateman to fill unexpired term of Walter Simpson, term to expire 1956.

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

Sunday School Board—Conference Sunday School Secretary, Florence Hughes, Darrell Wagner.

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

Vacancies Committee—W. J. Lynch, Thomas Bailie, R. J. Sausoman, Wilford Johnson, Dan Palmer.

Committee on Evangelism—Second Vice President, Conference Sunday School Secretary, A. L. Cretsinger, Dean Watson.

Committee on Superannuated Minister's Aid—Second Vice President, Conference Secretary, Treasurer of Superannuate Pension Fund.

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

Chairman Statistical Committee-Darrell Wagner

Chairman Railroad Expense—Dean Watson.

Chairman Committee on Resolutions-W. O. Howard.

Conference Representative to South Dakota United Temperance League—W. J. Leyh.

Conference Educational Secretary—L. R. Buckman

Sunday School Secretary-Lester Buckman

Tithing Secretary-B. I. Griffin

Transportation Secretary-J. F. Simpson

Card Call Secretary-R. J. Sausoman

Wesleyan Men's Fellowship-E. David Robertson.

Secretary and Treasurer of Ministerial Benefit Fund—Thomas Bailie Temperance Secretary—W. J. Leyh

Treasurer Superannuate Pension Fund-H. R. Dufloth.

Prayer Secretary-A. L. Cretsinger

L. D. Harris,
Marvin E. Jones,
John J. Hunter,
Henry Dufloth,
J. E. Alexander
Emil Hansen
John Winterberg

Report No. 17

EVANGELIST'S LABORS

Item I Labors:			
1. Time Employed	8	12	20
2. Revivals Held:			
(1) In Local Conference	2	. 4	6
(2) In other Conferences	. –	8	8
(3) In Other denominations			_
3. Quarterly Meetings Held			
4. Other Services Held	31		31
Item II Receipts			
1. Offerings or Salary	\$280.00	\$150.00	\$1780.00
2. Marriage and Funeral Fees	10.00	• • •	10.00
3. Gifts	10.00		10.00
4. Traveling Expenses	150.00	280.00	430.00
5. Total Net Evangelist's Salary	150.00	1220.00	1370.00

Report No. 18

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We recommend that all General Budget Items be paid percentagewise by all organized churches, until the Education and Superannuated Pension Fund is paid in full for the Conference Year; then revert back to your former plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. S. J. McIntyre, H. R. Dufloth, Rev. R. J. Sausoman.

Report No. 19

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

As we approach the end of the age, and the close of another Confer-

ence year—we pause in retrospect and give thanks to Almighty God for every blessing and benefit which has been ours. We say with the Psalmist, "O give thanks unto the Lord"; and with Joshua, "Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you." Josh. 23:14a.

To be successful in carrying out Christ's great commission to the world, it is necessary first that men are saved; second, that they are entirely sanctified—the heart being purified by faith and the life filled with the Holy Ghost. "And ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8b.

In this busy age we would urge all followers of Christ to take time to be holy; to put God first, to spend the best hour of every day in prayer and waiting upon God until there is a praying through. We urge every one to be a Bible-loving Christian; to be more loyal to the person and to the teachings of the Christ; to live a life of sacrifice in our daily task of building our Lord's Kingdom.

God has said, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in Him," I John 2: 15. The Christian can find no pleasure in the world and desires to be separated from it. We recommend that the members of the church of Christ do not support with their presence, nor means, the many world programs and the modern and false religions, which conspire against the Church and the true worship of God.

We would recommend:

1. A family altar in every home.

2. That every family be subscribers to our splendid Christian publications, namely: THE WESLEYAN METHODIST, the WESLEYAN MISSIONARY, THE WESLEYAN YOUTH, and others of the Church.

work therein, or by buying and selling; and by punctual attendance at God's House.

4. Refraining from doing what we know is not for the glory of Godfrom reading those books and singing those songs that do not tend to the knowledge of and love for God.

5. Ceasing from uncharitable and unprofitable conversation, from softness and needless self-indulgence, from wearing apparel which does not modestly and properly clothe the person, and from laying up treasures upon earth.

6. We recommend to our people Rev. J. R. Swauger's article in THE WESLEYAN METHODIST of March 19, 1954, entitled "Superfluous Adornment," and endorse the same to our people as setting forth the Bible standard on worldly adornment.

7. We do not recommend the Standard Revised Version Bible for

our people.

Be it resolved also, that we do hereby declare and reaffirm our faith and adherence to those doctrines and standards that have been held as fundamental in the Word of God, and as have been epitomized and written in the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline; also, that we pray for one another and for our leaders, and use every influence to strengthen the structure of the Church of God.

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

To Miss Marie Brannon, Mrs. Violet Leyh and Mrs. Wesley McIntyre who have handled the office of registration with courtesy and efficiency we say, "Thank God and you."

To Rev. S. J. McIntyre, Mrs. Dora Kilger, Miss Anna Vetch and Rev. Wesley McIntyre and all others who have helped or contributed in any way to the dining hall or kitchen—we say your service has been the best. We express to your our deep appreciation. To Theodore Beckman, Kenneth Lerew and to the Beckman Estate, for the contributions of beef we thank the I ord and you.

To those of our Conference who during the past year have suffered sorrow, bereavement or loss—we extend our deepest Christian sympathy and pray that God may comfort each heart and give good hope through grace.

To those of our members who are in the service of our country, we will give our prayers, our comunications, and our kindnesses.

To Rev. A. L. Mudgett the Conference gives thanks for his public address system. Also to Rev. Marvin Jones and to those of our number who are preaching the gospel by radio and who helped to advertise special meetings during the year, including the Conference and camp meeting. We thank God. Also, Rev. Robert Bateman for the sign he has so kindly contributed for the camp meeting.

To Brother Theodore Beckman who has submitted his Annual Financial Report we express our thanks. To President Wesley Knapp of Miltonvale Wesleyan College, who has so ably presented the subject of Christian Education, we are thankful. We pledge our full allegiance to this great branch of the Church of Christ, by giving our students, our means and our prayers. To Rev. George Warinner the campground carpenter, and to Brother Jones the caretaker of the grounds we say thank you. We wish to express gratitude to God for our Conference President, Rev. J. F. Simpson, and to his assistant, Rev. S. J. McIntyre; to every missionary evangelist and pastor, and to our conference officials for every sacrifice and labor of love.

While the world is in revolution, and while the forces of evil are holdly defiant toward all righteousness, civil law and authority-violating laws governing liquor, tobacco, narcotics and other social evils, be it resolved that we use our influence in every manner to combat—also to cooperate with all legitimate forces in resisting and destroying the same.

We are thankful to the Lord for sending to us our Denominational Representative and President, Rev. R. S. Nicholson. He was mightily used of God in his contribution to the conference, and as Camp Meeting Evangelist. For Rev. Robert Wallace, Young People's Evangelist, Prof. Stanley E. Banker, Song Leader, Miss Esther Grosenbach, Children's Worker, whose work and contributions were outstanding spiritually, we humbly thank God. We thank the Department of Home Misions for their representative to us, Rev. George Hawthorne, who ably presented the Card Call Plan. Most of all, for the blessed New Testament spirit of unity among the Brethren, we are grateful to the Heavenly Father.

Finally, be it resolved that we give ourselves completely and eternally to God, a living sacrifice, that He may use us in the task of soul-saving and Evangelizing our great Northwestern territory, in planting Wesleyan Methodist Sunday Schools and Churches therein and spreading Bible Holiness over these lands.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. Cretsinger, W. O. Howard, Fred Nultemier.

Report No. 20

MEMORIAL TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

- I. Whereas, In order that we conserve our energies and man hours in handling monies raised for General Budget: and
- II. Whereas, In order that we may expedite our task of gathering, dividing, and distributing said monies: and
- III. Whereas, In order that we may simplify the Budget asking in the minds of the contributors:

We sincerely Recommend, that we use in our denomination the UNIFIED BUDGET.

WHEREAS, As a Denomnation, we are faced with a great challenge, and are responsible to GOD, for evangelizing our Home Mission Field (The United States, The Dominion of Canada, The Country of Alaska, and Australia); countries with an ever increasing population, expanding communities, growing cities, with new and open doors of opportunity, and not having sufficient funds to enter these new fields for GOD, to evangelize and to plant churches and Christian Institutions, therein: and

WHEREAS, GOD has blessed many of our people with means, who have many dollars invested in interest bearing bonds, securities, investments in personal property, and otherwise, who would loan their money to the Church for the Evangelizing of our Home Missionary Field, to plant Wesleyan Methodist Sunday Schools, Churches, Missions, and Chris-

tian Institutions, providing the Denomination would guarantee the security of such loans, on a sound financial basis.

We sincerely RECOMMEND, That our Church set up a DENOM-INATIONAL LOAN FUND of \$500,000.00 (or as nearly to this goal as is possible), created by direct loans from members of churches, to the Denominational Loan Fund, at interest rates comparable to interest on savings accounts, to be in turn reloaned to churches, groups, individuals engaged in Pioneer, or Building Programs. All loans to be approved by the Department of Home Missions, or the General Executive Committee.

Let Disciplinary provisions be made for this action.

We RECOMMEND, that one half (1/2), of the Card Call Plan money raised, be applied on Budget; and that one half (1/2), of Card Call Plan money raised, be made available for Church Extension, within all Conferences.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Memorials

Report No. 21

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD

We, your Missionary Board submit the following report:

A meeting of the Missionary Board was called by the Conference President, on June 11th, 1954.

The following recommendations were made:

1. That we pay \$10.00 per month on the Flandreau, S. D. note, and that the local church make a liberal offering as payment on this note.

2. That we pay \$70.00 per week salary for the Conference President,

and that his traveling expenses be paid.

- 3. That at the time of his visitation, the churches endeavor to raise a liberal offering, for either the Conference President, or the Second Vice President to apply on his salary, thus reducing the amount to be paid from the Conference Treasury.
- 4. That \$60.00 per month be paid Romeo Baronia, unless information from the field warrants reduction of same.
- That \$100.00 per month be paid toward the salary of John Mickley as Pastor of Sioux Community Chapel.
- 6. That the Charles D. Haynes monthly payment on principal and interest be paid.
- 7. That the Second Vice President be paid \$65.00 per week, and that his traveling expenses be paid.
- 8. That we pay \$40.00 per month for parsonage payment, and \$55.00 per month for the Sundance, Wyoming work.
- 9. That we pay \$30.00 per month for house rent at Belle Fourche, South Dakota.
 - 10. That we apply the Pioneer Pastors Fund to the Pierre work, until

October 1, 1954, and that his salary be set at \$50.00 per week.

- 11. That the Report of the Building Committee meeting held March 2nd, 1954, be accepted.
 - 12. That we assist in moving the Pastor to Miles City, Montana.
- 13. That we pay \$15.00 per week salary, and \$40.00 per month rent to the Terry, Montana work, until October 1, 1954.
 - 14. That we pay \$66.72 for quieting title at Terry, Montana.
- 15. That the item of rent for Mt. Vermon and Pierre, S. D. be referred to the Beckman Board.
- 16. That steps be made to secure on additional \$1000.00 on the loan to Sundance, Wyoming.
- 17. That before the building is begun at Terry, Montana, Rev. Shelley contact the Chairman of the Building Committee for final approval.
- 18. That the matter of assistance for Rawlins, Wyoming, be referred to the Beckman Board.
- 19. That \$5.00 per week be paid on Pastor's Salary at Harlowton, Montana, and that this Missionary Project be referred to the Executive Committee of the W.Y.P.S. Also, that this project be reviewed at the fall meeting of the Missionary Board.
- 20. That we pay \$75.00 per month for Pastor's Salary at Missoula, Montana, and that the furnace be properly repaired.
 - J. F. Simpson,
 - S. J. McIntyre.
 - Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger,
 - H. W. Cretsinger,
 - O. Theodore Beckman,
 - E. David Robertson.
 - H. H. Franklin.
 - R. E. Jaquith

Report No. 22

COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS

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

Aberdeen—Leo Cox
Almont—Ellis V. Sollie
Artesian—W. E. Moulton and Wife
Avon—Rudy Hauck, supply
Baker and Knobs—Gordon Carey
Belle Fourche—Harold Griffin
Billings—John J. Hunter
Bradley—In the hands of the President
Brentford—Ralph Howard

Brookings-Eugene Stanislaus Buffalo-Darrell Wagner Conner-Lester Bennett Deadwood-Andrew Wilson Flandreau and Bushnell-B. I. Griffin Forsyth-Richard Mitchell Garden City-Wesley Sime. Harlowton-Wesley McIntyre Hot Springs-Neal Phipps Houghton-Fred Bingaman Huron-W. J. Leyh and Wife Inswich-Robert Bateman Loyalton-Paul Faulkenberry, supply McIntosh-In the hands of the President Medicine Rocks and Mill Iron-Walter Kemp Miles City-W. O. Howard Mission-Ralph Frazer, supply Mitchell-R. J. Sausoman Missoula-Robert Merril Mt. Vernon-Ernest Hobbie, supply Mobridge-Bennie Veeder Northville-To be supplied Pierre-Dean Watson Rapid City-Lester Buckman Rawlins-A. L. Cretsinger and Wife Redfield-Richard Sprowl Richland-Dallas Wadsworth Robinsdale (Rapid City)-In the hands of the President Rocky Point, Ridge and Biddle-A. J. Gerlman A.Sioux Community Chapel-John Mickley; assistant, Howard Boyle Strool-L. D. Harris Sturgis-R. M. Kelly Sundance-Lee Goodell Terry-Kenneth Shelley Tolstoy-V. Vreugdenhil and Wife Tuthill-To be supplied Watertown-Rolland Fletcher Watford City and Johnson Corners-Thos. Bailie and Wife

Philippine Islands—Romeo Baronia Unstationed Elders—Ralph Helle, Donald Gerrietts, W. W. Jeffers, Mrs. Grace Miller Hoien, Charles Fisher Brainerd Indian School—William Gale

American Sunday School Union—L. L. Knapp

Serra Leone, West Africa-Alma Aldinger, Ruth Bixler

Webster-In the hands of the President

General Evangelists—J. E. Winterberg, A. A. Becker
Supplying Churches outside denomination—Marion Koth, Emil Hansen, Earl Fessenden

Transferred to California Conference—Richard Rossow

Missionary Work—Wilbur Drown and Wife, George Warinner, Daniel McCandless, Otto Jensen, H. J. Van Vliet, Isla Knight, Elton Clyde, Mrs. Laura Raymer, Paul Steward, C. J. Goodspeed, Evelyn Gisselbeck, A. T. Reisdorph, H. A. Cottrill, H. W. Cretsinger, Paul Essex, Lester Myers, Paul Davidson, Howard Boyle.

Conference President—J. F. Simpson Second Vice President—S. J. McIntyre

Assistant Pastor of Milwaukee, Wis. Church-Meredith Bailie

Missionary Evangelist-Warren Pamp

Teaching in Miltonvale Wesleyan College—Elvie Turner, George Robbins

Attending College—Henry Vanderbush, Richard O'Connor, Allen Gisselbeck, Richard Follette, Gene Cowing, Earl Olson, Glen Wessel, Eugene Gisselbeck, Clyde McCone

Indian Missionary Work-John Kearns, Minnie Knecht, R. L. Gowan.

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

Pastor in Iowa Conference-Walter Simpson

Supply to Ponca City, Okla.—Marvin Jones

Church Extension Work in California Conference-Archie Mudgett

Transferred to Indiana Conference-Walter E. Cook

Missionary to Haiti-Mae Palmer

Missionary to Cuba-Harry Shreve

General Sunday School Secretary-R. D. Reisdorph

General W.M.S. President-Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph

Pastoral Relations Committee recommend that A. L. Mudgett supply the Watertown pulpit through Sunday July 18th.

Inactive List-A. J. House and Wife.

J. F. Simpson,
John J. Hunter,
J. E. Alexander,
G. G. Dufloth,
Erwin Bailey,
Thomas Bailie,
W. J. Leyh.

Report No. 23

REPORT OF THE CARD CALL SECRETARY

The Card Call Plan as devised by the Rev. W. L. Thompson, Home Missionary Secretary, 1935-1939, affords the Wesleyan family the opportunity to share in the establishing of new churches in unchurched areas in

Home Mission Conferences.

As of April, 1954, 142 church projects have received aid, one of these being pastored by Rev. W. D. Shelor, a former Dakota Conference pastor; to date 30 new projects await their turn and many additional projects are possible and could be appreciably expanded.

The Statistics of 1954 record that there are 174 subscribers within the Dakota Conference. This is 14% of our membership. In view of these figures a strong endeavor should be made to increase the number of subscribers in the forthcoming year to 375 thus making the Dakota Conference an Honor Roll Conference having 30% of its membership.

The Secretary proposes that this be effected by securing the subscriptions of the pastors, laymen, the Sunday School, W.M.S., W.Y.P.S., and Y.M.W.B. of the local church.

This should be a challenge to all those who hold an interest in promoting the Wesleyan message into those unchurched areas of our nation.

R. J. Sausoman

Dakota Conference Card Call Secretary

Report No. 24

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS

We recommend that Sunday, June 13th at 10: 30 a.m. be set aside for the Ordination service with Dr. Roy S. Nicholson bringing the sermon.

We recommend that Lester Bennett, Dean Watson, Lee Goodell, and Darrell Wagner, having completed their studies and having the required experience, be elected to Elders Orders.

We recommend that the licenses of Wilbur Drown, Wesley McIntyre, Wesley Sime, Elvie Turner, Isla Knight, and Paul Davidson be renewed.

We recommend that G. H. Cary, an elder in good standing in the South Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, being desirous of transferring his membership, be received.

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

We recommend that Andrew Gerleman be continued in the first year of the course of study and his license to preach be renewed.

We recommend that Rudy Houck, being recommended by his local church be received to study and travel under the direction of the Conference.

We recommend that Godfrey Brokenrope be discontinued from the Course of Study by his own request.

We recommend that Meredith Bailie, whose name has been submitted by his local church, be received, placed in the second year of the Course of Study and license to preach be granted.

We recommend that W. E. Moulton and Mrs. W. E. Moulton be con-

tinued in the second year of the Course of Study and their licenses be renewed.

We recommend that Wilbert Becker be returned to his quarterly Conference.

We recommend that Richard Mitchell be received to travel under the direction of the Conference and that he be placed in the third year of the Course of Study, and license to preach be granted.

We recommend that Earl Olson be advanced to the third year in the Course of Study.

We recommend that Howard Boyle, Mae Palmer, and Gene Cowing be continued in the third year of the Course of Study.

We recommend that Paul Essex and Paul Faulkenberry having completed their studies be granted licenses to preach.

We recommend that Eugene Gisselbeck be granted a license to preach and be placed in the fourth year of the Course of Study.

We recommend that Glen Wessell, Paul Steward, and Allen Gisselback be advanced to the fourth year of the Course of Study.

We recommend that Harold Griffin, Andrew Wilson, Eugene Stanislus, Ralph Frazier, Daniel McCandless, Evelyn Chapman Gisselbeck, Ralph Howard, Richard Follette, and Henry Vanderbush be continued in the fourth year of the Course of Study and their licenses be renewed.

Committee: L. R. Buckman,
John J. Hunter,
Lee E. Wagner,
H. W. Cretsinger,
Mrs. Cora Blazey,
Max Hansen.

Standing Rules

- 1. Financial Plan for Conference Work—Money for Conference work shall be obtained by each local Church paying an amount equal to 7½% of all monies raised for ail purposes, this to include local treasury, Sunday School, W.M.S., W.Y.P.S. and Y.M.W.B., with the exception of finance for building and repairs. One-third of this fund shall be used for Church Extension within the bounds of the Dakota Conference, and the balance, two-thirds, shall constitute the regular Conference Fund. This amount is to be sent to the Conference Treasurer once a month.
- 2. Railroad Expense—The amount of the Railroad Expense Assessment this year is \$10.50, and it is recommended that this amount be sent to the Conference Treasurer as soon as possible. The Committee shall reimburse the pastors for railroad expense on the basis of four cents a mile, one way for distance traveled.

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

- 3. Camp Meeting Board—The Conference W.M.S. President, the Conference W.Y.P.S. President and the Pastor of the Aberdeen Church shall be members of the Camp Meeting Board by virtue of office.
- 4. The Local Church File is to be left with the Church by the outgoing Pastor, so that the incoming Pastor will have immediate access to the data contained therein upon his arrival on the field. This file is to be open for inspection of members of the local church.
- 5. Budgets—All Churches will be instructed at the beginning and again at the close of the Conference year regarding their obligations to the Conference relative to Budget askings, and the amount due on Budget.
- 6. Officer's Terms—All officers shall hold office until the close of the Conference session in which they are retired.
- 7. Honorarium Treasurer—The Conference Treasurer shall be paid an honorarium of \$150.00 each year.
- 8. Honorarium Secretary—The Conference Secretary shall be paid an honorarium of \$50.00 each year.
- 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 Con-

ference, and checks drawn on such account shall be signed by the treasurer, as treasurer of said fundamental manufacturers as treasurer of said fundamental manufacturers.

- (a) Each treasurer shall have in hand bank statements at the beginning and at the close of the Conference year involved, and said bank statement shall be submitted with the Treasurer's account book to the Auditing Committee of the Conference at the Annual Conference session, on the first day of the session.
- (b) Duplicate receipts, or records, other than the treasurer's account book, with source, date and donor of all receipts shall be submitted to the Auditing Committee with said treasurer's books.

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

12. Pioneer Pastors' Fund—An assessment of one dollar per year shall be raised from each member of each charge and sent to the Conference Treasurer, the monies thus raised to constitute the Pioneer 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 Year—Closing date shall be April 30th.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Postage and necessary expense shall be deducted from the fund.

- 20. Opening Date of Conference shall be the first Tuesday after the first Monday of June of each year.
- 21. Conference Work—All monies sent in under the 7½% fund shall be counted as Conference Work on the Statistical blanks, and monies sent in for the Pioneer Pastor's Fund shall be counted as Conference Missions on the blanks.
- 22. Each Conference Standing Committee shall have a book of records, and shall be prepared to report to Conference all work done by their Committee.
- 23. Member of Missionary Board—The Conference Treasurer shall be a member of the Missionary Board by virtue of office.
 - 24. All members of all Committees doing Conference work shall have

their travel expenses paid from the Conference Treasury.

- 25. Closing Date for Treasurers—All treasurers of the various funds of the Conference are instructed to close their books on the 15th day of May each year.
- 26. The Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, the Committee on Railroad Expense, and the Statistical Committee shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Conference a year in advance, and their names are to appear with the list of Standing Committees.
- 27. Each Church shall be responsible to the Pastor, and each Pastor shall be responsible to the Church to which he was appointed at the last session of Conference, and which Church he has served for the preceding Conference year, this responsibility to be inclusive of the first Sunday after the close of Conference and Camp Meeting.
- 28. Superannuate Pension Fund—Monies sent in by the Churches on the budget item of Superannuate Pension Fund, (\$1.50 per member), is to be sent to the Superannuate Pension Fund Treasurer of the Conference.
- 29. Aid for Rent—Whenever money is paid by the Conference for rent, and whenever such rental money is used for the purchase of a parsonage, that said parsonage be deeded to the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.
- 30. Aid to Churches—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.
- 31. Agreement Between Conference and Willie Beckman Estate—
 "The following land is deeded to the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan
 Methodist Church on the agreement mentioned below: S. W. ¼, North
 half of 28, all of section 21, and S. W. ¼ of 9, all in township 18, range 11,
 in Perkins County, South Dakota.
- 1. That O. Theo. Beckman be appointed supervisor to rent and subrent such land.
- 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.
 - 10. It is prayerfully requested that the Dakota Conference keep the spirit of unity, a missionary spirit, and confidence in your leaders. Action taken during the 1952 Conference pertaining to this agreement: The Beckman Board of the Dakota Conference shall be known as the DIRECTORS of the Beckman Estate, with power to transact all legal business in the Estate in keeping with the provisions of the will of Willie E. Beckman.
 - (1) When said Board of Directors shall sell a part, or all, of the land in the Beckman Estate, or when the leasing of the land for oil, or the sale of mineral or gas rights or royalties be made that the President and Secretary of said Conference, or its Trustees, be empowered to sign any legal papers, deeds and contracts of all kinds.

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

Items of Vital Importance

Information Regarding the Beckman Board—A Board was created in June 1949 to be known as the Beckman Board, this Board to manage and operate the Beckman properties. This Board is composed of the follow-

ing persons: J. F. Simpson, L. D. Harris, William Ward, Mrs. W. 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 heretofore entered into between Willie E. Beckman and the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. That in accordance with the wishes of Willie E. Beckman that O. Theo. Beckman continue as supervisor of the Beckman properties.

BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

Foreign Missions \$2.00 per member
Home Missions 1.25 per member
Education 2.50 per member
Orphanage
Superannuate Pension Fund
General Sunday School Budget
Conference School Budget
Pioneer Pastors' Fund (Conf.) 1.00 per member
General Conference Delegates Expense
General Conference Co-ordinate Expense
Australia (a separate Item)
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John J. Hunterterm expires 1955
Robert Batemanterm expires 1956
Gordon Careyterm expires 1957
Lester Buckmanterm expires 1958

List of Examiners and Books

L. R. Buckman (All grades and books read to be reported to Rev.

L. R. Buckman)

First Year-Bible, Applied English

Second Year-Bible, Homiletics

Third Year-Bible, History of Wesleyan Methodist Church

Fourth Year-Bible, Business Administration of Church

Robert Bateman

First Year-Theological Compend, Perfect Love

Second—Theology

Third Year-Theology

Fourth Year—Theology

John Hunter

First Year—Roberts Rules of Order Second Year—Principles of Teaching for Christian Teachers Third Year—System of General Ethics Fourth Year—Psychology and Life

Gordon Carey

First Year—Wesleyan Methodist Discipline Second Year—Foundation of Doctrine Third Year—Church History, System of Christian Evidence Fourth Year—Church History, The Superlative Book

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Item VI. Disbursed for Past	tor				
Charge	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Baker Belle Fourche Biddle Billings and Boyd	\$2,860 1,680 1,300 1,160 1,873 1,017 265 2,956	\$660 180 250 420 360	\$81 20 50 5 5	\$40 287 60 599 78 64 316	\$3,641 2,167 1,660 1,160 2,897 1,460 329 3,967
Bradley Brentford Brookings Buffalo Bushnell Butte	1,361 2,079 1,413 1,690	120 720 360	10 20 20	1,526 93 350 72	3,017 2,910 2,143 1,782
Calvary Conner Deadwood Flandreau Forsyth Garden City Harlowton Hot Springs Houghton Huron Ipswich Johnson Corners	245 1,212 1,950 920 879 1,530 1,545 1,432 1,530 3,400 2,153 1,300	360 300 240 300 240 330 480 360 360 300	30 5 150 150 68 10	153 300 320 61 387 536 777 400 322 100 117	398 1,872 2,600 1,226 1,586 2,311 2,802 2,332 2,237 3,978 2,580 1,410
Knobs Lake Wilson Loyalton McIntosh	7550 1,350	200	35	249	627 1,834
Medicine Rocks Miles City Mission Missoula Mitshell Mobridge Mt. Vernon Northville Pierre	902 1,247 564 1,460 2,860 2,512 1,397 1,431 2,400	100 600 300 480 480 240 	10 20 35 63 40	239 514 183 80 176 570 38 201 217	1,251 2,381 1,047 2,055 3,579 3,362 1,435 1,767 3,517
Pollock Rapid City Rawlins Redfield Richland Ridge Robbinsdale Roby	2,860 1,775 2,340 2,281 1,560	480 420 500 300	77 29 20 25 35	60 317 409 250 105	3,477 2,541 3,269 2,856 1,700
Rocky Point Sioux Chapel Sturgis Strool Sundance Terry Tolstoy Tuthill Watertown Watford City	1,200 1,710 2,080 910 611 1,040 490 2,600	600 360 480 180 240	45 35 5 20	75 211 1,025 87 61 200 148 130	1,275 2,566 3,500 1,482 692 1,420 903 3,345
Webster	1,820 \$77,768	300	45	100	2,265

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Item VII. Disburse	d for	Church					
	Evangelistic Help	School Expense			Paid on Indebted-	Church Incidental Expense	Church
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Charge	Other]	Sunday	Building	Repairs	Amount ness	Church	Total for
Aberdeen	\$403	\$372	=	\$168		\$806 92	\$1,749 807
Almont Artesian	267 192	163 66	130	155 331 501		489 485	1,078
Avon Baker Belle Fourche	15 41 100	188 262 243	33	92		303 600	731
Riddle	50	40	1 220	;;;		8 510	98 2,858
Billings and Boyd Bradley	497	458 58	1,220	173		136	285
Brentford Brookings	30 150	355				415 227	920
BuffaloBushnell	130 321	305 157	1,495	103		185	2,157 766
Butte	: : : :					93 260	9; 51;
Conner Deadwood	340			294	\$150	302 140	1,392
Flandreau Forsyth	110			10	65		279
Garden City	130 207	213		28		294 521	545 941
Hot Springs	411 317	1 00	300	1,085		516 261	1,560
Huron Ipswich	253	73	192	14		417 258 730	1,25
Johnson Corners Knobs	200			53		/30	1,25
Lake Wilson Loyalton		333	510		700	828	2,37
McIntosh Medicine Rocks	:::::	44		45			8
Miles Citiy Mission	311	117			67	175 215	1,66 33
Missoula Mitchell	480	440	111	230 152		288 781	67 1,96
Mobridge Mt. Vernon	203 100) 55	1	924 67		316 155	2,01 37
Northville Pierre	330 201			521	353	148	1,06 58
Pollock Rapid City	50	325		212	567	786	1,94
Rawlins	270	369	58 552	69 69	1,700	338 646	63 3,11
Richland Ridge Robbinsdale	420		2,000	271	:::::	257 40	1,83 2,14
Rocky Point		: ::::;;		::: <u>;</u>	:::::		
Sioux Chapel Sturgis	32	9 306		95 650	:::::	185 422 260	58 1,70 50
StroolSundance	100	0 115	788		:::::	260 176 205	1,13
Terry Tolstoy	12	7 123	1	310	225	197	1,03 88 24
Tuthill	14	2 618	11,821		800	1,664	15,04
Watford City	26	9 405	'	220		854	1,74

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Charge		Undivided Budget	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Superannuated Ministers'	Orphanage	Administrative Budget	General Conference Travel and Entertainment	General Sunday School Work	Australia	Total General Budget
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Baker Belle Fourche Biddle Billings and Boyd		\$11	\$138 82 52 76 609 84 13 293	\$73 68 92 48 104 123	\$124 65 58 95 105 3	\$63 39 35 57 63	\$5 7 11 10 11 5	\$29 13 9 15 17	\$4 3 6 6	\$8 2 6 12 5	\$18 6 10 11	\$450 297 268 323 938 220 13 868
Bradley Brentford Brookings Buffalo Bushnell		62 15	26 108 145 44	16 75 68 15	33 6 70 25	20 9 39 15	3 5 13 5	 5 2 13 7	2 1 14 2	3 8 11 3	20	108 296 388 118
Butte Calvary Conner Deadwood Flandreau Forsyth Garden City Harlowton Hot Springs Houghton Huron Ipswich Johnson Corners Knobs		14 68	53 71 86 37 21 49 60 123 57 376 161 484 81	35 25 37 15 10 106 43 91 110 230 129 458 16	20 25 63 23 27 62 66 137 112 171	11 18 46 14 13 40 37 35 178 74 255	7 5 12 5 2 5 5 5 6 15 36	3 10 9 26 16 26	3 6 14 2 4 3 27 4 22	4 13 2 3 6 3 10 5 6	6 6	139 158 282 107 51 230 108 358 363 999 1458 118
Lake Wilson Loyalton McIntosh Medicine Rocks Miles City Mission		6	68 57 56 90	43 41 36	85	51 32	9 5 5	14 4 2 5	5 1	3	9 2	287 104 110 192
Missoula Mitchell Mobridge Mt. Vernon Northville		28	1,020 109 24 6 32	11 124 75 15 29	263 106 30 27	14 125 32 18	23 21 11 3 5	33 15	12	9 10 55 1	21 10	61 1,656 374 148 44 84
Pollock Rapid City Rawlins Redfield Richland Ridge Robbinsdale		6	76 68 152 2,073 27	66 108 68 286	25 31 135 18 10	51 81 78 27	17 5 13 5	14	5 5 22 42	11 5	9 14	334 226 490 2,502 194
Rocky Point Sioux Chapel Sturgis Strool Sundance		175	50 61	34	25 145	38 33	6 5	10	4 3	3 7	6	5 176 438
Terry Tolstoy Tuthill Watertown		39	34	64	12	39	5	23		5	2 13	204 444
Watford City Webster Totals		13 565 \$	246	151 \$3,322	115	132	12 \$395	23 27 440	<u>7</u>	15 19 \$272	12	444 734 \$17,971

Item VIII. Disbursed for Confe	rence	Bud	get			1	
Charge	President's Salary	Conference Evangelist's Salary	Conference Work	Conference Missions	Conference Sunday School	Total Conference Budget	Total Budget
Aberdeen Almont Artesian	\$10 24	\$12 \$12	\$400 160 228	\$50 36 31	\$4	\$460 224 271	\$91 52 53
Avon Baker Belle Fourche Biddle	28 10	14	231 340	38 42	6	272 430 10	1,36 23 1
Billings and Boyd Bradley Brentford	40	79	367	202	7	695	1,56
Brookings Buffalo Bushnell	10	18 13	58 166 158	49 29 10	4	129 218 169	42 60 28
Butte Calvary Conner Deadwood	10	5 10 20	34 125 179	7 10 25		46 145 234	18 30 51
Flandreau Forsyth Garden City	10 10	30	45 27 190	25 55 13 33	1	101 80 233	20 13 46
Harlowton Hot Springs Houghton Huron	10 25	100000	11 239 153	25	3	21 242 249	60 61
Johnson Corners Knobs	13 25	70	498 249 317 50	303 65	6	523 565 483 50	1,52 1,07 1,94 16
Lake Wilson Loyalton McIntosh		120		34	2	156	44.
Medicine Rocks Miles City Mission Missoula	14		92 157 104 71	9 15 12		115 172 126 101	21 28 31 16
Mitchell Mobridge Mt. Vernon	130		762 328 149	108 37 12	5 2	1,009 370 263	2,66 74 41
Northville Pierre Pollock Rapid City	37 40	30	39 11 274	52		48 78 366	9 16 70
Rawlins Redfield Richland		50 46	21 299 353	54		71 399 353	29 88 2,85
Ridge Robbinsdale Rocky Point Sioux Chapel			ii			 11	19
Sturgis Strool Sundance	10		90 281	25 22	1	116 306 10	29 74 1
Terry Tolstoy Tuthill Watertown	29	60	100	92		184	38
Watford City Webster	30	65	342	46		483	1,21

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Minutes

of the

Forty-Ninth Annual Session

of the

Dakota Conference

of the

Woman's Missionary Society

Held at

Aberdeen, South Dakota

June 8-11, 1954

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Miles City-Mrs. Hazel Shelley Mission-Miss Angela Borszick Missoula-Mitchell-Mrs. Myrtle Kendall Mobridge-Mrs. Augusta Johnson Mt. Vernon-Mrs. Pauline Hobbie Northville-Mrs. Dorothy Nultemeier Pierre-Mrs. Darlene Letchworth Rapid City-Mrs. Della Norris Rawlins-Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger Redfield-Mrs. Eunice Ketzback Richland-Mrs. Loraine Palmer Ridge-Mrs. Mabel Gerleman Strool-Mrs. Lillie Bingaman Sturgis-Mrs. Honour Kellev Sundance-Mrs. Evelyn Howes Tolstoy-Mrs. Eunice Vreugdenhill Tuthill-Mrs. Leah Boyle Watertown-Mrs. Inez Gisselbeck Watford City-Mrs. Daisy Bergeron

Mrs. Effie Reisdorph
Mrs. Frances Sollie
Mrs. Ruth McIntyre
Mrs. Margaret Muri
Mrs. Maxine Bingaman
Mrs. Donna Stanislaus
Mrs. Wilma Wetmore
Mrs. Rose Wagner
Mrs. Anne Bateman
Mrs. Viola Leyh
Mrs. Nellie Sausoman
Mrs. Harriet Harris
Mrs. Jean Sime
Mrs. Ruth Faulkenberry
Mrs. August Dubro

Mrs. Mabel Wadsworth
Mrs. LaVerne Jones
Mrs. Eleanor Buckman
Mrs. Inez Goodell
Mrs. Ruth Gibson
Mrs. Lillian Bailie
Mrs. Myrl Frazier
Mrs. Elsie Wilson
Mrs. Marian Cretsinger
Mrs. Barbara Watson
Mrs. Joyce Mudgett
Mrs. Rena Veeder
Miss Marie Brannon
Miss Alma Aldinger
Miss Ruth Bixler

Daily Proceedings

Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.

Opening—The Forty-Ninth Annual session of the W.M.S. of the Dakota Conference was called to order by the President, Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger. Mrs. Jean Sime led us in singing "I Love To Tell The Story" and "He Signed The Deed." The Lord melted our hearts as we entered into the Conference Session. Mrs. Marion Cretsinger led us in devotion, using Luke 5: 1-11 as the basis for her thoughts. She admonished us as the W.M.S. to resist the enemy and to "launch out into the deep." Mrs. Lillian Bailie led us in prayer. This was followed with a special number by the Miltonvale College quartette.

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

Conference Body—A motion prevailed that delegates, presidents, minister's wives, Y.M.W.B. Superintendents and lady ministers constitute the Conference Body. It was voted that Miss Angela Borszick, Mrs. Evelyn Howes, Mrs. Margaret Robertson and Dorothy Cretsinger sit in as delegates from their respective charges.

Programs—The programs for Conference were distributed and corrections made. It was moved and seconded that they be adopted.

Nominating Committee—The Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Amy Hunter, Mrs. Ruth McIntyre, Mrs. Lillian Bailie, Mrs. Effie Reisdorph and Mrs. Anne Bateman.

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

Special Motion—A motion prevailed that if there was no delegate present from a given charge but their president or pastor's wife was present that she be seated as a delegate from that charge. Mrs. Loreen Griffin was seated as a delegate for Flandreau and Bushnell and Mrs. Eunice Vreugdenhill for Tolstoy.

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

It was moved and seconded that the Nominating Committee present names for Auditing Committee which would be a Standing Committee at the time they bring names for various other offices.

Report of President—Motion prevailed that we accept the President's report with a rising vote of thanks. (See Report No. 2.)

Report of District Chairmen—The Chairmen of the Northeast, Southern, Aberdeen, Northwest and Black Hills districts gave good reports with some very interesting highlights. These reports were accepted.

Prayer Requests—Mrs. Lillian Bailie presented the ladies with the following prayer requests: For God's guidance in the Conference sessions, for the pastor's wives and for various African needs. A good season of prayed followed.

Message—The Courtesy Committee presented Dr. R. S. Nicholson who

spoke to us on the general theme of "The Magnitude of the Need" as he saw it in his six weeks of travel in Puerto Rico, Haiti, Jamaica and Colombia.

Adjourned with prayer led by Mrs. Loreen Griffin.

Tuesday, 1:15 p. m.

Opening—The group joined heartily in singing "Tis Burning in my Soul", followed with prayer led by Mrs. Mabel Gerleman.

Roll Call—Roll was answered by each delegate, pastor's wife, local president and Y.M.W.B. Superintendent from each charge coming forward together and introducing themselves. This helped us to get acquainted.

Courtesy—Mr. Wesley Knapp, President of Miltonvale Wesleyan College, was presented to the Conference Body. He spoke to us of the close relationship of Missions to Christian Education. He presented us with the challenge to do our best for our own school at Miltonvale, Kansas.

Miltonvale Area Chairman—Mrs. Viola Leyh, Miltonvale Area Chairman, was introduced. She spoke on the theme "Retrospect and Prospect"—the backward look or the heritage. She said, "this year of Golden Jubilee exceeds any other year insofar as W.M.S. connectional finances are concerned."

Card Call Representative—Rev. George Hawthorne, of the Home Missions Department was presented. He played two numbers on his accordian and gave his personal testimony. He presented us with the challenge of building new churches in needy areas, stressing the use of the Card Call Plan.

Adjourned.

Wednesday 8:00 a. m.

Opening—With Mrs. Jean Sime leading the group, we sang "He Signed the Deed" and "Tell it to Jesus."

Courtesy—The Courtesy Committee introduced Mrs. Ruth Calhoun Faulkenberry daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Calhoun, missionaries in Haiti and Miss Aldinger, missionary to Africa. Miss Aldinger led in devotions using Exodus 14:13 and the thought of "Standing still and seeing the salvation of the Lord." A time of prayer followed. Mrs. Ruth Faulkenberry and Mrs. Jean Sime sang "Lord Give Me a Vision."

Project Committee—Mrs. Mabel Gerleman and Mrs. Dorothy Nultemeier were appointed by your President to have charge of the displaying of the various projects.

Roll Call—Delegates answered roll by stating what their society brought as a conference project.

Courtesy—Rev. J. F. Simpson, Conference President, was presented. He brought greetings from the Conference and suggested that we sponsor conference project such as road signs to advertise our churches.

Mission Study Report-Mrs. Lillian Bailie gave the report of the

Mission Study Secretary. Accepted. (See Report No. 3.)

Report of the Magazine Solicitor—The report of the Magazine Solicitor showed a total of 691 subscriptions. It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted.

Magazine Skit—A very unique skit, promoting magazine subscriptions was given with the following taking part: Mrs. Kathryn Gibson, Miss Florence Hughes, Mrs. Opal Bandy, Mrs. Inez Gisselbeck, Mrs. Lillian Griffiths, Mrs. Ruth Gibson and Mrs. Ella Buell.

Wesleyan Missionary Survey Committee—Mrs. Lloyd Parrish and Mrs. Darlene Letchworth were appointed by the President to have charge

of the Missionary Survey sheets and to make a composite.

News from Miss Mae Palmer—Mrs. Mabel Wadsworth, pastor's wife from Richland Church, the church from which Miss Palmer comes, and which supports her, brought us some interesting accounts of Miss Palmer's work in Haiti.

Adjourned.

Wednesday 1:15 p. m.

Opening—The meeting was called to order by the President. After a time of singing and testimonies we were led in prayer by Mrs. Barbara Watson.

Courtesy—The following new pastor's wivers were introduced and they gave their testimonies: Mrs. W. O. Howard, Mrs. Jean Sime, Garden City South Dakota, Mrs. Ruth Mitchell, Forsyth, Montana.

Roll Call—Delegates answered roll by giving the amount of the Golden Jublilee Offering. The total Jubilee offering for the Conference amounted to \$587.86.

Partial Report of Auditing Committee—A partial report was given by the Auditing Committee. Accepted.

Treasurer's Report—A motion was made and seconded that we accept the Treasurer's Report with a raising vote of thanks. (See Report No. 7.)

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

Motion—A Motion was made and seconded that we accept the resignation of Mrs. Ruby Wagner as Magazine Solicitor. Mrs. Jean Sime was elected to fill this office.

Courtesy—Our Courtesy Committee presented Rev. Nate Scharff, a converted Jew of Dayton, Ohio, who spoke to us on Jewish Missions. He spoke with a broken-heart in behalf of his own people, using Lamentations 1:12. "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by that six million Jews were killed by the Nazi regime, that there are 35,000 Jews in Cairo Egypt, six million Jews in America, 16,000 Jews in Damascus, 45,000 Jews in France and these have no one to evangelize them." We were made to agree that discrimination is not of God and that we feel a new burden in behalf of Jewish Missions.

Motion—Motion made and seconded that we accept the recommendation of the Executive Board that the offering taken at the Public Missionary Service this year be divided four ways to include Jewish missions.

Adjourned.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY SERVICE

Wednesday 8:00 p. m.

With our president presiding, the Public Missionary Service opened by singing "Jesus Saves", "Speed the Light" and "O Happy Day" led by Mr. Stanley Banker. Miss Ruth Bixler, missionary to Africa gave her testimony and read the Scripture taken from Acts 9:1-19. This was followed by prayer led by Dr. R. S. Nicholson. A quartette composed of Mrs. Alice Fletcher, Mrs. Ruth Faulkenberry, Miss Harriet Johnson and Mr. Banker brought a number in song and Miss Alma Aldinger sang "Let Me Burn, Out For Thee."

Rev. Nate Scharff spoke of his recent travels in Palestine, the response of the Jews to Christ as the Messiah as he preached to them and how in his travels he had given out fourteen hundred Bibles. The offering was taken amounting to \$1,470.20. Rev. Robert Wallace dismissed the service in prayer.

Thursday, 8:00 p. m.

Opening—We began our session by group singing led by Mrs. Jean Sime. Kneeling for prayer we sang "He Signed the Deed" and were led in prayer by Mrs. Eunice Vreugdenhill. Devotions were led by Mrs. Nellie Sausoman, speaking on the subject "A Christian's Challenge". She brought three words and three questions: Commission—"How big is my task"; confidence—"How great is my God"; conquest—"How Large is my world."

Roll Call—Roll was answered by giving the society membership and total subscriptions, stating if a 15% gain was made.

Minutes—The secretary read the minutes and with two additions they were approved.

Courtesy—Rev. Wm. Gale, President of Brainerd Indian School was introduced. He then introduced Mrs. Lillian Griffiths, member of the conference who is now a cook at Brainerd. She told how God had led her there. Rev. Gale spoke to us of the salaries of the staff and the current needs.

Special Committee on Finance—Mrs. Marion Cretsinger led in a period of discussion on the various funds and how they are to be dispersed on the statistical blanks. This committee composed of Mrs. Marion Cretsinger, Mrs. Mabel Wadsworth and Mrs. Joyce Mudgett gave several instructions to the Secretary as to changes that should be made in the Annual Report Blanks before sending them out next year.

Courtesy—The following new pastors wives were introduced and gave their testimonies: Mrs. Pauline Hobbie, Mt. Vernon, S. D., Mrs. Thelma

Carey, Baker, Montana; Mrs. Florence Kemp, Medicine Rocks, Montana.

Miss Ruth Bixler, missionary to Africa was introduced. She spoke of her work in Sierra Leone, West Africa, of the Bible Schools, the pressure from the government and the slowness of the people in grasping simple Bible truth. She admonished us to pray that the Bible School students might be able to withstand the temptation to seek large salaries and gladly obey the call of God. After speaking she was presented with a traveling case from the Conference W.M.S.

Letter—A portion of a letter from our General Treasurer, Mrs. Phaup, was read telling of the meeting of our jubilee goals.

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-Miss Marie Brannon

Prayer Partner Secretary-Mrs. Amy Hunter

Mission Study Secretary-Mrs. Lillian Bailie

Delegates to General Conference-Mrs. Ruth McIntyre, Marion Cret-singer

Alternate Delegates-Mrs. Amy Hunter, Rena Veeder District Chairmen were elected as follows:

Aberdeen-Kathryn Gibson

Black Hills-Honour May Griffin

Northeast-New Pastor's Wife at Brookings

Northwest—Ruth McIntyre

Southern-Victoria Moulton

We were adjourned.

Thursday 1:15 p. m.

Opening—We opened the session with a short period of singing and testimonies followed with prayer led by Mrs. Mabel Gerieman.

Motion—A motion was made and seconded that we send our Y.M.W.B. Superintendent to General Conference.

Memorials—Discussion was carried on relative to memorials. It was suggested that it be left to the committee as to how much time should be used for this service.

Report of Membership Committee—Mrs. Rena Veeder read the report of the Membership Committee. It showed a total of 974 members. The Conner W.M.S. was awarded a book from the book-stand for showing the largest percentage of gain in active and honorary membership. Accepted.

Prayer Partner Secretary Report—Mrs. Amy Hunter gave the report of the Prayer Partner Secretary, showing a total of 621 prayer partners and

42 prayer partner circles. Accepted.

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

Y.M.W.B. Report-Miss Marie Brannon gave her report. It was

moved and seconded that we accept it. (See Report No. 8.)

Y.M.W.B. Discussion Period—Mrs. Viola Leyh brought many helpful suggestions on "How can I improve my Y.M.W.B."? She said, "Wistful longing will never take the place of hard work. We can have a thriving Y.M.W.B. if we really want one—we need to realize the importance of this organization.

Gift presentation—Mrs. Joyce Madgett, our retiring treasurer, was presented with a white chenille bedspread from the Conference W.M.S. in appreciation of her faithful work.

We were dismissed in prayer by M 3. Marion Cretsinger.

Thursday, 6: 45 p. m. Public Y.M.W.B. Service

A public Y.M.W.B. service was held in the main tabernacle. It included songs by the children, a short skit depicting the history of the Y.M.W.B., a felt-o-graph lesson and a special number in song. An offering in the amount of \$15.00 was received.

Friday, 10:00 a. m.

After singing several choruses we were led in prayer by Mrs. Frances Sollie. Mrs. Mabel Wadsworth brought devotions using Psalm 25 and the thought of "Waiting Upon the Lord."

Roll Call—Roll was answered by giving total disbursements for Home and Foreign Missions and Education, stating if there was a 15% increase in total receipts.

The Y. M. W. B. children brought us two numbers in song. A rising vote of thanks was given to Miss Esther Grosenback for her fine work with the children on the Campgrounds.

Miss Alma Aldinger was presented with a check from the Y.M.W.B. Superintendent in the amount of \$15.00, and a check from the Conference W.M.S. in the amount of \$46.15 to be used for equipment and supplies in the dispensary in Africa.

Courtesy—Rev. and Mrs. John Mickley of the Sioux Indian Chapel in Rapid City, and Rev. John Kearns, Indian worker were introduced and gave testimonies. They spoke briefly of their work among the Indians.

Blanket Committee—Mrs. Dorothy Nultemeier, Mrs. Will Palmer and Mrs. Mabel Wadsworth were appointed as a committee to see about the washing of the blankets which belong to the Camp.

Courtesy—Miss Phyllis Brixey, missionary to Germany was presented. She spoke briefly of her eight months of language study, children's work and village evangelism in Germany.

Mrs. Evangeline McIntyre, pastor's wife of Harlowton, Monana spoke a few moments of the new W.M.S. at Harlowton and a few of their achievements as a society this year.

Discussion Period—Mrs. Ruth McIntyre led a discussion on "How can we improve our local monthly meetings?" Many helpful suggestions were gleaned.

Friday 1:15 p. m.

Opening—Mrs. Jean Sime led in singing "Lean on His Arms" and "Spirit of the Living God."

Literature Sales—The report of the Literature sales was given in the amount of \$76.80. Accepted.

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

Memorial Service—A short Memorial Service was conducted honoring the deceased. Mrs. Loreen Griffin read the Scripture; Mrs. Ruth and Mrs. Kathryn Gibson sang a duet; Mrs. Honour May Griffin read the honor roll and Mrs. Viola Leyh led in prayer.

Greetings—Mrs. Laura Raymer sent greetings to the Conference W.M.S. by letter. Greetings were sent from Mrs. Spry by Mrs. Nellie Sausoman, from Mrs. Tullis by Mrs. Wagner and from Mrs. Nyquist by Mrs. Frances Sollie.

Instructions to Secretary—It was moved and seconded that the Secretary send greetings from the Conference W.M.S. to the following: Mrs. A. J. House, Mrs. Spry, Mrs. Tullis, Mrs. Nyquist, Mrs. McGovern and Mrs. Raymer. Moved and seconded that words of thanks be sent to Mrs. J. D. Williams, Ipswich and Mrs. Esther Farnham, Brookings for things they contributed to the Campgrounds.

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

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

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

Memorial from Aberdeen W.M.S.—The Aberdeen Society presented the recommendation that the offering from the Public Missionary Service be divided four ways next year—Conference, Foreign, Home and Education. Moved and seconded that this memorial be accepted and referred to Executive Committee for their consideration.

Sewing Instructions—Miss Ruth Bixler gave us some instructions as to sending sewing needs for the African Institute.

Minutes-The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned—on motion; and closing prayer of Session offered by Mrs. Lillian Bailie.

Reports of Committees

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, wish to submit the following report: Resclutions—Mrs. Lillian Bailie, Mrs. Viola Leyh, Mrs. Inez Goodell Courtiesies—Mrs. Evangeline McIntyre

Plan of Work-Mrs. Leona Bennett, Mrs. Ruby Wagner, Mrs. Kathryn Gibson

News Reporter-Mrs. Frances Ellis

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

Standing Committees

Program—Executive Committee
Auditing—Mrs. Mabel Wadsworth, Mrs. Evangeline McIntyre
Membership—Mrs. Victoria Moulton, Mrs. Anne Bateman
Magazine Solicitors—Mrs. Jean Sime, Mrs. Honour Kelley
Statistical—Mrs. Nellie Sousoman, Mrs. Honour Griffin
Memorial—Mrs. Loreen Griffin, Mrs. Hazel Shelly

Signed: Mrs. Amy Hunter
Mrs. Ruth McIntyre
Mrs. Lillian Bailie
Mrs. Effie Reisdorph
Mrs. Anne Bateman

Report No. 2

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Praise glorifieth God and is comely to His people. May we together magnify our Lord for His grace bestowed upon us this past year. Also let us offer "the sacrifice of praise" for the hard, the difficult places. While many have sensed as never before the pressure of Satanic power, let us praise the Lord that the power of Calvary has not changed; that "with God all things are possible"; and that we have the privilege of counting all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord." We should rejoice that to us is given the honor of holding high the Blood-Stained Banner in the midst of this crooked and preverse age, and of claiming the precious Name of Jesus in the very face of Satan's power, thus wresting victory out of seeming defeat.

, Together we have labored and the Lord has given a good year. Let us press the battle with renewed consecration and determination that our Christ may have that for which He died!

Official Acts

Spoke at the Cadwell Holiness Camp, Ridge, Montana, July 25. Spoke at the Buffalo, Wyoming, church, July 28.

Sent out Home Mission blotters, tracts, and monthly report blanks.

Sponsored Christmas gifts for Sioux Indian Chapel.

Organized society at Harlowton, Montana, December 29.

Spoke at the following churches December 30 through January 3: Baker, Medicine Rocks, Forsyth, Miles City, Terry and Billings.

Sent out World Day of Prayer booklets.

Spoke at Sundance, Wyoming, March 21.

Arranged for travel of Alma Aldinger and Ruth Bixler.

Spoke at Pierre South Dakota, April 22.

Attended all day session of Executive Committee April 23, at Redfield, South Dakota.

Spoke at sessions of Black Hills District Convention April 26.

· Sent throughout the year 794 letters and cards and a total of 144 other pieces of mail.

Submitted through His grace,
Dorothy Cretsinger

Report No. 3

REPORT OF MISSION STUDY

Number of societies participating in the course	.21
Number of societies sending no report	
Number of persons reading the six books	
Number of person reading four books	
Number of persons reading less than four books	
Societies using the Study Book	
Number of books other than the Reading Books	.57
Number of persons reading the Bible through	
Number of persons eligible for Gold Quadrennium certificate thus far .	
Number of persons eligible for Blue Quadrennium Certificate thus far.	

Signed: Mrs. Lillian Bailie, Conference Study Secretary

Report No. 4

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

Having been impressed anew while in this assembly, of our need to allow God to take what we are and impart His Spirit and power, that our lives and labors may rebound unto the honor of His name, we resolve to relax in God, attach ourselves to Him, that we be not disturbed nor moved by the stress and strain of this present evil world, so dominated by Satanic power.

Be it resolved that we give thanks for the blessings and victories procured during the past half century of service as a missionary society and of which we have been reminded by our Golden Jubilee.

Be it further resolved that as an act and evidence of our appreciation for the prayers, groans, tears, sacrifices and labors of our predecessors we dedicate ourselves anew to the unfinished task of winning a lost world to Christ.

We also resolve to hereby express our appreciation to those who have come into our midst with messages of deep concern for their tasks in various fields of labor.

To Dr. R. S. Nicholson, our Denominational Representative who pointed out our need of resting—peace in our Great God, and moving forward by prayer and service in behalf of the entire church program, and the mission fields which he so recently visited.

To Mrs. Viola C. Leyh our Area Organizer who refreshed and inspired our hearts as she presented a historical resume relative to the origin of missionary work which had its beginning before the foundation of the world, revolving around Calvary and recipitating its influence in this our day.

To Rev. J. F. Simpson, our Conference President for his greeting and expression of appreciation for the co-operation and work of the Woman's Missionary Society in its relation to the main Conference Body and the church's work in general.

To Nate Scharff, our Jewish Representative who traveled many miles bringing his messages which bore evidence of his deep soul burden for his people, and in main his heart concern for our discrimination and apparent apathy regarding the lostness of our fellow-men both Jew and Gentile.

To Rev. George Hawthorn, who played his accordian and then presented the interests of Home Missions, and the Card Call Plan in paritcular.

To President Wesley Knapp of Miltonvale Wesleyan College who brought to our attention very frankly, definite reasons which keep the school from meeting it's obligations which could be corrected if the conconstituency of the school responded by properly paying its budget, seeing that our youth avail themselves the privilege of attending said school, and holding up the school program with the strength of our prayers.

To Rev. Wm. Gale, President of Brainerd Indian School, whose presentation of the work at the school gave us a new appreciation of the sacrifices and labors of the staff. We likewise give appreciation for the greetings of Rev. and Mrs. John Mickley, of the Sioux Chapel, and Rev. John Kearns, Indian Village Evangelists.

To Alma Aldinger and Ruth Bixler, furloughed missionaries, who tenderly and fervently presented the work and needs in their various aspects

on the African field. To Phyllis Brixey, missionary in Germany, we express thanks for her message relative to her labors for the Lord in this needy field.

In the light of these greetings and messages, we resolve to establish our throne rights in behalf of these specific needs:

Be it resolved that we urge our ladies to pray daily for Dr. R. S. Nicholson as he further tours the mission fields, and to ask that divine wisdom be granted him as he directs the interests of the denomination.

Be it resolved that we pray for the missionary children who remain in boarding schools in the States, while their parents serve in foreign lands as well as the children who are with their parents on the field, especially the children in Colombia.

Be it resolved that Nate Scharff's burden shall be realized in that we as a church be quickened as we take up the burden he carries, by uniting ourselves in prayer.

Most of all, we resolve to lean hard on the sustaining and empowering grace of God as we press unitedly and devotedly into the activities which shall occupy us during the ensuing conference year.

Signed: Mrs. Lillian Bailie,

Mrs. Viola C. Leyh,

Mrs. Inez Goodsell.

Report No. 5

COMMITTEE ON GOALS

We submit the following:

- 1. That we gain at least one new member for each ten or fraction thereof, reported this year.
- 2. That, by whatever means necessary, we get the magazine into each home represented in the Church and Sunday School.
- 3. That each member determine to make definite contacts for the Lord, month by month, through witnessing to others, and inviting them to accompany us to our meetings and other services.
- 4. That we endeavor to keep our meetings alive and interesting through well planned programs and a vital acceptance of the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Signed: Mrs. Marion P. Cretsinger, Mrs. Anne Bateman, Mrs. Jean Sime.

Report No. 6

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee have audited the books of the W.M.S.

treasurer and found them to be correct. We have audited the books of the Y.M.W.B. and with an adjustment they are correct.

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

Report No. 7

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance from last year		
Total Vouchers Received	1991.08	
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$14810.24 14396.07
Balance on hand June 1, 1954	ett,	\$414.17
Dakota Conference	W.M.S. Ti	reasurer.

Report No. 8

Y. M. W. B. REPORT

Total number of Bands reporting			31
Total number of members reported			976
Seven new bands reporting were Almont,	Knobs	Mission,	Mobridge,
Pierre, Rapid City and Rawlins.			* *
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Financial Report

Total Receipts, 1953-1954	\$1601.42
Total Disbursements	1592.62
Balance on Hand	9.01
Total	1603.74

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

Report No. 9

PLAN OF WORK

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

1. Arrange with pastor for one missionary prayer service each month.

- 2. A minimum of 10 meetings to be held during the year, in which prayer is given a prominent place, and business is transacted; and at least one public meeting.
- 3. Recognizing the power of prayer, let us diligently observe the following:
 - a. The formation of Prayer Partner Circles in each Society with a Prayer Partner Secretary, who shall send a report to Conference Prayer Partner Secretary within 60 days after adjournof 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. Co-operation in the World Day of Prayer services under the direction of the District Chairman.
 - a. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and 75% of the active membership to be subscribers to the WESLEYAN MIS-SIONARY.
 - b. A Magazine Solicitor to be elected who will faithfully endeavor to obtain all renewals and will gain all new subscriptions possible, reporting the same to the Conference Magazine Solicitor according to the plan of said Solicitor.
 - a. Each society to be recognized in Annual Conference by the New President and Delegate.
 - b. Delegate to be instructed by local society regarding the amount to be pledged by that Society at the Annual Conference session, same to be divided equally, as decided at the Conference session.
 - c. Statistical Report Blanks filled out on time. Send one copy to Mrs. Nellie Sausoman, Mitchell, South Dakota by May 15th.
 - a. All monies received as dues be sent to Conference Treasurer, designating where 50% of same be applied on missions.
 - b. All monies and vouchers to be sent to Conference Treasurer quarterly and final quarterly remittances not later than May 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. That each Society sponsor a Work Project throughout the year, bringing the same to the conference session to be displayed.
- f. 25¢ per active member be paid for a General Administrative Fund, not to apply on budget.
- a. \$1.25 per member be paid towards the support of Alma Aldinger, our Conference Missionary. This may apply on budget.
 - b. Stress the use of Card Call Plan. Not to apply on budget.
 - c. Use of "Penny-a-Meal" jar and/or Thank Offering envelopes, the same to be turned in to local Treasurer quarterly.
 - d. Use of Pre-Easter Self Denial Folders, said money to be used as directed at that time.
- This Efficiency Standard to be read in the society at least once a year.

4% credit for each of the 25 items. Total 100%, Honor Roll 80%. We recommend the following:

- 1. That there be continued reference to the Plan of work as guide for the year's work.
 - 2. That a missionary offering be taken at the monthly prayer meeting.
- 3. That registration fee be provided for the delegate to Annual Conference.
 - 4. That we urge use of "In Remembrance Folders."
 - 5. That Thank Offering monies be used for Home Missions.
- 6. That we include all men in the church in our membership goal, same to be included in all our assessments, unless otherwise specified.
- 7. That local societies inquire into the needs of Home Mission stations and Orphanage before sending used clothing and that no monetary value be placed on same; that such boxes be reported merely as to the number sent; that boxes of new merchandise be reported as to monetary value and that the sending society evaluate and fill out receipt for same. That to be sent to the missionaries for their signature after which it should be forwarded to Conference Missionary Treasurer for proper receipting.
 - 8. That gift subscriptions to the Magazine be encouraged.
 - 9. That our Prayer Partners be remembered by letters and gifts.
- 10. That our local societies make bandages and these be forwarded promptly to the Missionary Home, 32 Bergen Avenue, New Jersey, to await outgoing missionaries, the number of pounds to be reported with no value attached.
- 11. That we promote the Mission Study and Reading Course; the use of the Study Book designated each year; also Program Calendars and other helps, and that final reports be sent to Mrs. Lillian Bailie, Watford City, North Dakota by April 30th.
- 12. That the Resolutions and Goals report be read before the Society upon receipt of the new Minutes.
 - 13. That the officers of each society be encouraged to attend the An-

nual Conference sessions.

- 14. That each society faithfully pray for the Conference missionary work at the Sioux Indian Chapel in Rapid City, and in the Philippine Islands.
- 15. That an offering be sent by each society to be used for dining hall supplies.

16. That each society send jelly and canned goods to camp.

Let us be encouraged as we labor for the Lord this coming year, and "let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name."

Signed: Mrs. Leona Bennett Mrs. Ruby Wagner Mrs. Kathryn Gibson

Report No. 10

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

That our appointment for travel expense for Rev. R. S. Nicholson's field journey amounting to \$33.15 be paid from the Conference Expense Fund.

That we pay our share of drayage expense on the piano for the youth tabernacle.

That the standing rule passed last year concerning offerings taken at the public missionary service be removed from the standing rules. Further, that inasmuch as Nate Scharff would be representing Jewish missions, our offering this year would be divided four ways: Home, Foreign, Conference and Jewish missions.

That we purchase an additional twenty song books for use in the Young People's and Missionary sessions.

That an honorarium in the amount of \$35.00 plus a portion of expenses be paid Mr. Nate Scharff.

That we cooperate in the mile of dimes project for completion of the hospital in India being sponsored by the General Executive Committee

That sufficient funds be appropriated to complete the reception room.

That an offering be sent in from each society to be used for dining hall supplies.

Signed: Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger,
Mrs. Marion Cretsinger,
Mrs. Barbara Watson,
Mrs. Joyce Mudgett,
Miss Marie Brannon

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W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT

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W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

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W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued

Disbursements											
Societies	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Medical Student Missions	Hephzibah, Cash	Hephzibah, Provisions	Education, Cash	Education, Provisions				
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Baker Belle Fourche Billings Boyd Brentford Brookings Buffalo Bushnell Calvary Conner Deadwood Flandreau Forsyth Garden City Harlowton Hot Springs Houghton Huron Ipswich Johnson Corners Knobs Loyalton Medicine Rocks Miles City Mission Missoula Mitchell Mobridge Mount Vernon Northville Pierre Rawlins Rapins Rapins Refield Richland Ridge Strool Sturgis	\$175.58 \$1.93 91.82 89.91 154.71 119.85 114.00 23.00 44.25 68.56 47.15 35.30 15.30 16.50 17.50 17.50 17.50 28.14 101.51 62.84 41.04 44.44 12.03 294.73 82.00 24.99 65.89 69.17 20.00 24.67 25.84 26.87 27.87 28.14 101.51 102.84 103.84 104.67 105.84 105.85 105.86 1	\$186.12 90.18 38.34 205.00 548.78 81.25 221.80 25.99 42.15 99.84 95.32 30.00 60.50 00.55.65 122.95 56.65 122.95 44.64 220.63 121.43 356.63 170.05 47.13 56.63 170.05 47.13 56.63 170.05 47.13 56.63 170.05 47.13 56.63 170.05 47.13 56.63 170.05 47.13 56.63 170.05 47.13 56.63 170.05 52.74 48.64 28.75 77.38 77.59 46.47 172.80 46.47 172.80 50.00	\$3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00	\$5.00 5.00	\$5.15	5 00 32 50 6 00 25 00 13 00 20 00 18 00 	\$81.00				
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W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued

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Barbara Watson, Conference W.M.S. Secretary

Dakota Conference W. Y. P. S.

OFFICERS FOR 1954 W.Y.P.S.

President—Rev. Dean Watson
Vice-President—Rev. Darrell Wagner
Secretary—Voreta Simpson
Treasurer—Alice Fletcher
Youth Solicitor—Ruth Hildebrant

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

Aberdeen District—Rev. Paul Faulkenberry
Black Hills District—Rev. Andrew Wilson
Northeastern District—Rev. Wesley Sime
Northwestern District—Rev. Wesley McIntyre
Southern District—Philip Briles

W.Y.P.S. PRESIDENTS

Aberdeen-Miss Sara Lee, 1117 6th Ave. N.E., Aberdeen, S. Dak. Almont-

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Artesian-Robert Moulton, Artesian, S. Dak.

Avon-Burnell Pudwill, Dante, S. Dak.

Baker-Mrs. Erna Jordan, Baker, Mont.

Belle Fourche-Alice Robertson, Belle Fourche, S. Dak.

Billings-Earl Howard, 110 S. 38th St., Billings, Mont.

Brentford-

Brookings-

Buffalo-

Connor-

Deadwood-Mrs. Andrew Wilson, Deadwood, S. Dak.

Flandreau-

Forsythe-

Garden City-

Hot Springs-

Houghton-

Huron-Claude Bandy, 503 4th St., N.E., Huron, S. Dak.

Ipswich—

Johnson Corners-Lavonne Jones, Keene, N. Dak.

Loyalton-Mrs. Ivan Holsing, Loyalton, S. Dak.

Miles City-

Missoula-

Mitchell—Philip Briles, 423 N. Sanborn, Mitchell, S. Dak.

Mobridge—Miss Betty Lou Barnes, Mobridge, S. Dak.

Mt. Vernon-

Northville-

Pierre-

Rapid City—David Simpson, 2812 Meadowbrook Dr., Rapid City, S. Dak.

Rawlins-Mrs. A. L. Cretsinger, Rawlins, Wyo.

Redfield-Wesley Cretsinger, Redfield, S. Dak.

Richland-Ben Joachim, Cresbard, S. Dak.

Strool-Harold Wilkenson, Ralph, S. Dak.

Sturgis-Eunice Rogers, Sturgis, S. Dak.

Sundance-

Tolstoy-Miss Eleanor, Myrann, Tolstoy, S. Dak.

Watertown-Lowell Gisselbeck, 309½ Fourth Ave., Watertown, S. Dak.

Watford City-Mrs. Dorothy Ulledalen, Watford City, N. Dak.

DELEGATES

Artesian-Etta Adams, Frances Geddes, Robert Moulton Aberdeen-Jerry Christensen Avon-Deloris Pudwill Baker-Thelma Carv Belle Fourche-Marcella Donald, JoAnn Robertson Billings—Alice Fletcher Brookings-Ivan Palmer Connor-Cora Mae Christopherson Deadwood—Sally Maxwell Loyalton-Mrs. Ivan Halsing, Darall Bukaske, Arlyce Stern Garden City-Viotetta McGillivary Huron-Verda Dubro, Wilbert Becker Ipswich-Ruth Maynard, Mary Maynard Johnson Corners-Janice Koeser Mitchell-Harriet Johnson, Ruth Hildebrandt Mobridge-Patty Barnes, Doris Wahl Pierre-Mrs. Letchworth Rawlins-Mary Esther Cretsinger Rapid City-David Simpson, Kay Mills Redfield-Ruth Gange, Wesley Cretsinger Richland-Deloris Bailey, Robert Davies Strool-Glen Week, Harold Wilkenson Tolstoy-Marion Vreugdenhill Watertown-Sandra Olson, Lowell Gisselbeck, Barbara Sutton

Watford City-Shirley Kartel

Daily Proceedings

The first meeting of the Young People's Conference for the year 1954 was held in the Youth Tabernacle on Monday, June 7. It was called to order by Rev. A. L. Mudgett, President. The group sang the chorus "Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know" and then had prayer.

The motion was made and supported that the first five rows of seats on either side of the Young People's Tabernacle constitute the bar of conference. The delegates were seated.

The Roll Call was given.

The president made the suggestion that the nominations for the committees be made from the floor rather than by the Nominating Committee because of the brevity of time. A motion to that effect was made and carried.

The following committees were elected:

Statistical Committee:

Harriet Johnson, Chairman

Rev. Dean Watson Of all wabaow!

Ruth Hildebrandt

Auditing Committee:

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Rev. Dean Watson

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Rev. Lester Buckman, the Blacw Hills District chairman, gave a report of the three district rallies held at Sturgis, Belle Fourche, and Deadwood. An invitation was extended for all to the Youth Camp in the Hills. 1917.

Rev. Sausoman, Chairman of the Southern District, reported a rally held at Huron with Ruth Bixler as speaker.

Rev. Wesley McIntyre, Northwest District Chairman, reported con-

ventions held. He told of the success of last year's Youth Camp and plans that are being made for this year's camp.

Rev. Wesley Sime, Chairman of the Northeast District, told of the Rally at Garden City with Ruth Bixler as special speaker.

Rev. Robert Bateman, Aberdeen District Chairman, reported a convention at Richland with Martin Cox and Alma Aldinger as speakers. A rally was also held at Mobridge.

Rev. Mudgett stressed the importance of having closer fellowship among the young people in each district.

The Wesleyan Youth Solicitor's report was called for, but not given.

The motion was made and carried that the Nominating Committee bring back two names for each office.

Motion was made that a special committee be elected to plan for Youth Day, to act the next year. There was discussion and an amendment was made and carried that the Executive council be the Planning Committee for Youth Day.

The meeting was adjourned for each District Caucus and committee work.

Monday 1:00 p. m.

Roll call was given.

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

The Treasurer's Report was given by Donna Stanislaus. Moved and supported that we accept it. (Note. See Report No. 2)

The Ways and Means Committee gave their report. Moved and supported that we accept it. (Note. See Report No. 3)

The Resolutions Committee gave their report. It was moved and supported that we accept the report. (Note. See Report No. 4)

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

The election resulted in the following:

President-Rev. Dean Watson

Vice-President-Rev. Darrell Wagner

Secretary—Voreta Simpson

Treasurer-Alice Fletcher

Youth Solicitor-Ruth Hildebrandt

A delegate to General Conference was elected, Voreta Simpson. The alternote elected was Mrs. Dean Watson.

Mominations and elections for various District: Chairmen resulted in the following:

Northwest—Wesley McIntyre

Black Hills—Andrew Wilson and the state of t

Aberdeen-Paul Faulkenberry

Southern—Philip Briles Northeast—Wesley Sime

Rev. Sausoman made an announcement of the new Youth Camp to be held at Mitchell. He invited the youth to aftend.

Rev. Mudgett expressed appreciation to the officers he'd worked with and pastors who had cooperated.

A rising vote of appreciation was given President Rev. Mudgett.

Rev. Wesley McIntyre expressed appreciation for the support the Conference W.Y.P.S. gave Harlowton this past year.

We adjourned for the Executive Council meeting.

Monday 4: 15 p. m.

The new president, Rev. Watson, led the group in singing "Christ For Me".

Motion was made and carried that the Executive Council pass on the Statistical report, since it was not ready.

The report of the Executive Council was given. Motion made and carried that the report be accepted. (Note. See Report No. 5)

Motion was made and passed that the matter of publishing a Crusader be left in the hands of the Executive Council. The president made the suggestions that the Vice President, Darrell Wagner, print a News Letter. The consent of the other officers was given.

The minutes were read and accepted.

Pledges were received from the different societies to be applied on the projects outlined by the Executive Council. They totaled \$445.

Rev. Watson took an offering to be given in appreciation to Rev. Mudgett. Motion made and supported that Rev. Watson present said token to Rev. Mudgett at the Installation service in the evening.

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The final session was adjourned.

The group sang "Blest BE the Tie that Binds".

Reports of Committees

Report No. 1

AUDITING COMMITTEE

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

> Wesley Sime, Chairman; David Simpson, Lowell Gisselbeck.

Report No. 2
TREASURER'S REPORT, 1953-1954

Items	Balance on Hand 1953	Receipts	Expenses	Balance on Hand 1954
Camp Offering	1-961	\$39.78		\$39.78
San Antonio Crusade		127.82	\$127.82	407.70
Conference Dues	\$21.74	79.10	16.10	84.74
Church Extension	27.98	41.92	50.00	19.90
Foreign Missions	83.95	135.68	219.63	Br. 150 and
Home Missions	91.62	60.93	152.55	
Crusader	31.05	6.00		37.05
General Dues		286.90	286.90	VALUE OF THE PARTY
7½% Fund		188.08	188.08	
Service Men's Commission		15.00	15.00	
Missionary Project		- 378.68	378.68	A SHAPE OF THE SAME
Education		103.02	103.02	
Brainerd Indian School		27.00	27.00	
Youth Week Offering		119.43	119.43	
Miscellaneous	od or Mar	59.35	59.35	
Totals	\$256.34	\$1,668.69	\$1,743.56	\$181.47
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Disbursements 1953-5		1,743.56		
Balance on Hand 193 Bank Service Charge			\$ 181.47 .80	
			\$180.67	

Report No. 3

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

We, the Ways and Means Committee, present the following recommendations for the consideration of the Dakota Conference W.Y.P.S.

- 1. That we continue the use of membership cards.
- 2. That we avail ourselves of the opportunity of attending district

youth camps for the sake of spiritual uplift and fellowship of Christian youth.

- 3. That the different W.Y.P.S. societies exchange services.
- 4. Let them consistently endeavor to make and to raise all General Conference dues by April 15, 1955.
- 5. In cooperation of the general W.Y.P.S. upon reviving our societies reaching thirty-five million young people and children of our country, let us endeavor to do our part in the emphasis by praying for revival in our societies and forming Gospel Teams for distributing Christian literature and conducting gospel services for youth and children.
- 6. Let W.Y.P.S. plan an educational service and receive a liberal offering to be applied on educational budget.

R. J. Sausoman, Chairman; Arlyce Stern, Cora Mae Christopherson.

Report No. 4

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions submit the following:

Be it resolved that we give heartfelt thanks to God for the privilege of attendance at Youth Conference and for His divine blessing.

Be it resolved that we as young people consecrate our lives to the Holy Ghost and seek His leadership in the planning of our future.

Be it resolved that we wholeheartedly support all projects sponsored by the Conference W.Y.P.S. and that we promote the subscriptions and use the WESLEYAN YOUTH.

Be it resolved that we diligently seek unsaved young people, to bring them to the Lord and that we put them to work in our local societies.

Be it resolved that we pray earnestly and support zealously all Foreign and Home missionaries with emphasis upon those connected with our Conference.

Be it resolved that we promote by our attendance and support our district youth camps and rallies.

Be it resolved that we express our sincere appreciation to all who have contributed in any way to make this conferense session a blessing to all who attended; especially to Rev. Robert Wallace our youth evangelist, to Rev. R. S. Nicholson for his ministry and to Brother E. Stanley Baker for the inspiration in song.

and the same of

Alice Fletcher, Chairman; Ivan Palmer, Rev. L. R. Buckman.

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council was called to order at 3:00 Monday afternoon, June 7, by our President, Rev. Dean Watson.

Motion was made and seconded that Voreta Simpson act as secretary for the meeting of the Executive Council.

Motion was made and carried that \$5 a month be sent to Rev. Ordenez, pastor in the Philippines.

Moved and carried that \$50 be paid for a piano for the Young People's Tabernacle.

Moved and carried that we purchase paint for the interior of the youth tabernacle. Rev. Watson shall call a work meeting for those within 150 miles of Aberdeen to put the paint on.

Motion made and carried that we set as a goal \$250, to be given Alma Aldinger to be used to help build a new print shop in Africa.

Motion made and carried that the dues shall continue as \$1.25. \$1.00 for the connection and 25¢ for the conference.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Executive Council was called to order at 1:00 p.m. June 8, Tuesday.

The statistical report was presented. Motion made and supported that we accept it.

Meeting was adjourned.

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Standing Rules

1. The second Sunday in September will be observed as church extension Sunday.

Budget Apportionment

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

W.Y.P.S. STATISTICAL REPORT											
Name of Society	Active Me	Associate Members Wesleyan Youth	Efficiency Standard Rating	Conference Dues	General Dues	Church Extension	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Local Work	
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Baker Belle Fourche Billings and Boyd Brentford Brookings Buffalo Conner Deadwood Flandreau Forsyth Garden City Hot Springs Houghton Huron Ipswich Johnson Corners Loyalton Miles City Missoula Mitchell	15	3 5 5 11 1 16 10 12 3 3 10 1 1 2 4 1 2 4 1	C A B A	\$3.75 5.50 11.50 6.50 3.00 8.20	\$14.00 9.00 15.00 12.00 13.00 13.00 10.80 15.00 15.25	\$15:00 35:00 3:00 3:00 35:00	\$7.50 8.00 3.00 3.00 27.00 28.46 7.16	\$3.00 37.82 84.55 3.00 15.00	\$8.00 5.00 3.00 14.00 9.47 7.17	\$1,46 88.05 28.68 4.75 30.00 22.00 25.56 44.00 15.75	
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W.Y.P.	W.Y.P.S. STATISTICAL REPORT											
Name of Society	Other Items	Camp Offering	Youth Week	11%%	Pledge	Total Receipts Plus Balance	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand				
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon	\$10.00 163.01		\$101.48	\$12.56 5.80	20.00	\$304.18 212.04 235.21	\$135.69 163.61 218.04	\$168.49 48.43 17.17				
Baker Belle Fourche Billings and Boyd Brentford Brookings	27.84 5.00	10.00		3.45 1.57		362.61 110.43 116.12 29.93	357.13 57.00 84.44 16.57	5.48 53.43 21.68 13.36				
Buffalo Conner Deadwood Flandreau												
Forsyth Garden City Hot Springs Houghton												
Huron Ipswich Johnson Corners Loyalton	6.19 99.26 40.16		21.25 7.76 16.10	10.54	15.00	319.00 83.63 232.90 150.96	161.00 82.70 232.90 145.46	158.00 .93				
Miles City Missoula Mitchell Mobridge Mount Vernon			100.00		20.00	547.62 519.04	442.49 507.92	105.13 11.12				
Northville Pierre Rapid City Rawlins Redfield	20.00	5.88				24.62 119.36 24.73 103.98	18.42 112.85 20.20 106.01	6.26 6.51 4.53				
Richland Sioux Chapel Strool Sturgis	25.00 27.50 .10			2.33 2.15		103.98	162.74 37.28 27.15	7.20 34.84 4.16 .10				
Sundance Tolstoy Tuthill Watertown Watford City			6.00 29.36 5.85	5.00 10.41 3.48		71.10 162.56 166.71	67.33 155.80 74.90	3.77 6.76 91.81				
Totals						\$4,156.25	\$3,388.13	\$618.24				