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CONFERENCE ROLL

ELDERS

Thomas Bailie	Forsyth, Montana
Mrs. Lillian Bailie	Forsyth, Montana
W. C. Brannon	306 S. 32nd St., Billings, Montana
Mrs. Erma Brannon	306 S. 32nd St., Billings, Montana
Arthur Calhoon	Adra, B. N. Rly., India
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Donald Gerriets	Redfield, South Dakota
L. D. Harris	Watford City, North Dakota
Ralph Helle	Mission, South Dakota
W. C. Howard	Mt. Vernon, South Dakota
John Hunter	Buffalo, Wyoming
Otto Jensen	Yankton, South Dakota
Mrs. Otto Jensen	Yankton, South Dakota
W. W. Jeffers	1810 Young St., Cincinnati, Ohio
Marvin Jones	700 W. Seventh Ave., Mitchell, South Dakota
Kathleen Kelsven	Almont, North Dakota
Paul Kindschi	Miltonvale, Kansas
Mrs. Paul Kindschi	Miltonvale, Kansas
Wesley Knapp	Miltonvale, Kansas
Kenneth Knapp	Marion, Indiana
Minnie Knecht	Pomeroyton, Kentucky
W. J. Leyh	Mina, South Dakota
Mrs. Viola Leyh	Mina, South Dakota
J. C. McGovern	Mitchell, South Dakota
S. J. McIntyre	Redfield, South Dakota
Lester Meyers	Ipswich, South Dakota
Julius Miller	Northville, South Dakota
Mrs. Julius Miller	Northville, South Dakota
Mrs. Laura Raymer	Haywarden, Iowa
Arthur Reisdorph	Forsyth, Montana
R. D. Reisdorph	212 Eighth Ave., N. E., Aberdeen, South Dakota
Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph	212 Eighth Ave., N. E., Aberdeen, South Dakota
George Robbins	Mt. Tabor, Iowa
W. D. Shelor	308 N. Lincoln St., Aberdeen, South Dakota
Harry Shrieve	China

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J. F. Simpson	721 S. Minnesota St., Mitchell, South Dakota
J. E. Spry	Artesian, South Dakota
Raymond Sausoman	Britton, South Dakota
George Thomas	Huron, South Dakota
C. K. Thompson	Northville, South Dakota
Mrs. Elizabeth Traver	Bushnell, South Dakota
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John Winterberg	Avon, South Dakota

LICENTIATES

Romeo Baronia	1810 Young St., Cincinnati, Ohio
Archie Buell	Baker, Montana
C. W. Calhoon	
Mrs. C. W. Calhoon	
Hazel Carter	Olean, New York
Wilbur Drown	Redfield, South Dakota
Mrs. Wilbur Drown	Redfield, South Dakota
Thomas Hersey	Knobbs, Montana
L. L. Knapp	Ipswich, South Dakota
Marion Koth	Jamestown, North Dakota
Isla Knight	India
Robert McIntyre	Redfield, South Dakota
Chester Reed	St. Paul, Nebraska
Kenneth Shelley	Mobridge, South Dakota
Leslie Smith	Watford City, North Dakota
Walter Simpson	721 S. Minnesota St., Mitchell, South Dakota
Frank Traver	Bushnell, South Dakota

DELEGATES

Ruth Bixler	Mitchell, South Dakota
Dorothy Bruins	Watford City, North Dakota
Mrs. William Downer	Roscoe, South Dakota
Mr. Thomas Edwards	Houghton, South Dakota
Mr. Bartin Enos	Plevna, Montana
Mrs. C. E. Griffiths	Barnard, South Dakota
Mr. E. A. Girard	Aberdeen, South Dakota
Miss Frances Gooding	Huron, South Dakota
Mrs. Henry Hillen	Houghton, South Dakota
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Mrs. Albert Johnson	Billings, Montana
Grace Knapp	Ipswich, South Dakota
Mrs. H. Knecht	Houghton, South Dakota
Pearl Knoftsker	Baker, Montana
Bernice Kunkel	New Salem, North Dakota
Frank Martin	Northville, South Dakota
Mrs. J. C. McGovern	Mitchell, South Dakota
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Walter Simpson	Mitchell, South Dakota

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DAILY PROCEEDINGS

OPENING OF CONFERENCE

Minutes of the sixty-first annual session of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America for the year of 1941 and 1942 was held in Aberdeen, South Dakota, June 2-8, 1942.

Conference Sermon—The opening service was held in the tabernacle on the campground at eight o'clock in the evening. The service opened with a good song service followed by prayer. Rev. H. W. Cretsinger, pastor of the new church at Butte, Montana, preached the sermon from the book of Esther using as a text, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this," Esther 4, first part of verse 14. The Lord gave liberty and unction to our brother as he reviewed before us the world conditions with the need of our message of God and salvation as the answer to the great need of the nation and the world.

Wednesday Morning

Devotionals—Devotions were conducted by Rev. A. M. Wiley reading and commenting from Psalm 1.

Business—President called the Conference to order.

Roll Call—The roll was called to which twenty-seven preachers and twelve delegates answered.

Report—The Program Committee read their report and it was adopted with the name of John Hunter being substituted for A. C. Buell as Chairman of the Railroad Expense Committee.

Nominating Committee—A Nominating Committee of five members was elected as follows: W. D. Shelor, L. D. Harris, R. D. Reisdorph, Mrs. C. E. Griffiths, Bartin Enos.

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

Called to Order—President called the session to order for election of Conference Committees.

Report—The report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 1.)

Election—The committees were elected as read.

Adjournment—Adjourned for committee work.

Wednesday Afternoon

Devotionals—Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. E. Spry, reading and commenting from Romans 6:10.

Roll Call—Roll was called to which nineteen preachers and fourteen delegates responded.

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Minutes—Minutes were read and approved.

Greetings—President read greetings from Rev. W. O. Howard who is holding meetings in the Oregon Conference, Rev. W. W. Jeffers and Rev. Charles Carter missionary elected to Africa.

Motion—Motion prevailed to have 350 copies of the minutes printed at our Publishing House.

Passage of Character—Discussion and instruction was given to the Committee relative to some of the items on passage of character.

Adjournment—Adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thursday Morning

Devotionals—Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Marvin Jones reading Ephesians 5:10.

Roll Call—Roll was called to which twenty preachers and twelve delegates answered.

Minutes—Minutes were read and approved.

Courtesies—Rev. Julius Miller, pastor at Ipswich, South Dakota, was introduced and spoke briefly. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Shelley were introduced and gave short testimonial talks.

Reports—The Camp Meeting Treasurer read his report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 2.)

The President read his report and it was adopted subject to Auditors report on financial items. (See Report No. 3.) This was done with a rising vote of thanks, singing the Doxology.

The Secretary of Ministerial Relief Fund read his report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

The Committee on Passage of Character read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

Leave of Absence—Brother Hunter was extended leave of absence on account of his mother's death.

Substitution—J. C. McGovern was elected to Pastoral Relations and Orders to fill vacancy of John Hunter.

Message of Condolence—President authorized to convey message of sympathy to Mr. Hunter and also to Brother August Wegner whose daughter passed away.

Change in Orders of the Day—On account of funeral of Mrs. McFarland at 2:30 p. m., the Connectional address was changed to 1:15 p. m. instead of 1:30 p. m.

Motion—Moved to adjourn at close of Connectional address until 3:45 p. m.

Adjournment—Adjourned for Committee work.

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Thursday Afternoon

Called to Order—Called to order by President at 1:15 p. m. for Orders of the Day.

Connectional Address—Rev. R. D. Reisdorph, Connectional Representative, gave the Connectional address. The address was very inspirational and enlightening. Surely we have much to praise God for in the work of our Connection through the different arms of the work.

Adjournment—Adjourned to attend funeral of Mrs. McFarland.

Friday Morning

Devotionals—Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Julius Miller, reading and commenting on 1 Corinthians 13.

Roll Call—The roll was called to which eighteen preachers and eleven delegates responded.

Change of Time—Motion prevailed to set aside Orders of the Day to hear reports.

Reports—Auditing Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 6.)

Itinerary and Orders report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

Orders of the Day—Election of Officers—The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—J. F. Simpson.

Vice-President—W. C. Brannon.

L. D. Harris was elected Secretary but resigned. His resignation was accepted with a rising vote of thanks for twenty years of service as Secretary of the Dakota Conference.

Secretary—Marvin Jones.

Treasurer—Frank Martin.

Trustees—W. C. Brannon, August Wegner.

Delegates to General Conference to be held June, 1943 at Houghton, N. Y.:

Elders—J. F. Simpson, L. D. Harris.

Alternate—W. C. Brannon.

Lay Members—Frank Martin and Harold Duffloth.

Alternate—William Fessenden.

Sunday-school Secretary—W. J. Leyh.

Tithing Secretary—W. D. Shelor.

Transportation Secretary—J. F. Simpson.

Educational Secretary—William Fessenden.

Representative to Miltonvale—W. D. Shelor

Ministerial Relief Fund Secretary—Thomas Bailie.

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Report—The report of the Nominating Committee on Standing Committees was read and adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

Election—All members were elected as nominated.

Reports—The Treasurer read his report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

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

The Committee on Resolutions read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 10.)

Nominations—The President nominated J. C. McGovern and Frank Martin as members of the Advisory Board.

Election—They were elected.

Adjournment—Adjourned by limitation of time.

Saturday Morning

Devotions—Devotional service was conducted by Rev. George Thomas reading from Lev. 19:15.

Roll Call—The roll was called to which twenty-two preachers and fourteen delegates responded.

Appraisal—The Conference Trustees were instructed to appraise the value of the Camp Meeting property and report to next meeting of the body.

Time of Next Conference—The time of next Conference was set for June 1, 1943.

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

Committees—A Committee on Memorials to General Conference was elected as follows: W. D. Shelor, Marvin Jones and W. J. Leyh.

Adjournment—Adjourned to call of the Chair for the Orders of the Day.

Orders of the Day—A very helpful and inspirational service was rendered, conducted by the Sunday-school Secretary, W. J. Leyh. Next followed the Tithing service under direction of W. D. Shelor, Tithing Secretary. Rev. Babcock gave a fine Biblical message on tithing.

Monday Afternoon

Reports—The Pastoral Relations Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 12.)

The Building Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 13.)

The Committee on Memorials read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 14.)

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The Missionary Board's recommendations were read and relative to the President's salary it was to be amended to read \$25.00 per week instead of \$20.00. The report was adopted as amended. (See Report No. 15.)

The report of the Trustees Valuation of Campground was read and accepted. (See Report No. 16.)

Adjournment—Adjourned to call of the Chair, singing the Doxology and the Secretary closed with prayer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pastoral Relations Committee—J. F. Simpson, J. E. Spry, Thomas Bailie, John Hunter, Mrs. R. E. Jaquith, Mrs. Albert Johnson.

Committee on Passage of Character—H. W. Cretsinger, Mrs. Laura Raymer, Mrs. Dave Robertson.

Auditing Committee—Marvin Jones, Lester Meyers.

Railroad Expense Committee—Thomas Hersey, Mildred Rist.

Resolutions Committee—W. D. Shelor, J. E. Winterberg and Mrs. A. Royalty.

Committee on Courtesies—J. C. Brannon.

Conference Reporter—W. D. Shelor.

W. D. SHELOR,
L. D. HARRIS,
R. D. REISDORPH,
MRS. C. E. GRIFFITHS,
BARTIN ENOS.

Report No. 2

CAMP MEETING TREASURER

Receipts

Amount on hand June 1st, 1941	\$ 117.10
Total receipts from all sources	1247.99
Total	<hr/> \$1365.09

Disbursements

Groceries	\$ 331.10
Miscellaneous	4.30
Printing	57.99
Tuning piano	5.00
Work in kitchen	57.50
Sand	25.00
Auditorium rental	27.60
Hardware and electric goods	25.95
Storage on meat	3.10
Painting sign	5.00
Evangelists and children's workers	260.00
Ice	8.13

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Mattresses	5.15	
Water	7.00	
Building material	256.95	
Lights	10.27	
Song books	26.25	
Insurance	42.40	
Telephone and telegraph	7.55	
Laundry	4.24	
Mileage	4.20	
Interest	42.00	
Cash on hand	148.51	
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Total		\$1365.09

Report No. 3

PRESIDENT

This has been a year in which history has been written in the nations of the earth and we trust that some important history has been made for God and righteousness in the Dakota Conference.

God has given our Conference a rich variety of consecrated men and women both among the ministry and laymen, to push the work of this great missionary field.

We have men ripe in years and rich in experience to give counsel and help in the work. We have men with the vigor of youth and the zeal of the spirit to hasten to the battle front to win victories for God and to answer the Macedonian Call. A number of our young men and women are in our schools preparing for this white harvest field.

In these pioneer fields there is a shortage of men and finance to sponsor a building program. God has blessed the Dakota Conference with preachers who can use a trawl, saw, paint brush, and do electric wiring as well as proclaim the gospel message. This has saved our churches thousands of dollars.

Our ministers and their wives are showing a sacrificial spirit, they have borne heavy burdens during the past year, some almost to the breaking point but a foundation is being laid in these new fields for a prosperous work in the future.

We are caused to say that it is not by might or by power but by My Spirit saith the Lord.

There has been some glorious answers to prayer on these new fields this year, as God's promises have been proved anew. These answers have caused tears of joy to flow freely and praise to abound to God because He ever liveth to make intercession for His people.

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Our Conference it not only blessed with spiritual and energetic ministers but also with laymen who have caught the vision of prayer and have been wafting sweet incense of devotion to God by day and by night. They are responding nobly to the call of pioneer work and are consecrating their means to God for the building up of His work.

The W. H. & F. M. Society has not only sponsored a prayer program but have also heartily coöperated in building our new works.

We are blessed with a great host of consecrated young people who are catching the vision and are responding to the challenge of the Church. Many of our young men have answered to the call of their country and may our prayers follow them. It is to be hoped that our Conference will go on record as officially sending greetings to all our young men who have been called to the service of our country.

We have been impressed with the spirit of unity and coöperation among our pastors and churches. This is a choice fruit which we should endeavor to retain.

As we see the distress of nations, we do not know what a day will bring forth but we are assured of this fact that if we retain our National Liberty it is going to cost us much.

If we advance as a Conference it will cost us more this year than last year but how much will it cost if we fail to advance.

There comes times in the history of the Church in which she must go farther with her Lord in drinking the cup of sacrifice and may God give us grace and courage as we face this hour.

Official Acts

Time given to the field, twelve months.

June 17, accepted the resignation of Rev. J. C. McGovern as pastor of the Watford City Charge.

August 7, accepted the resignation of Rev. Paul Kindschi as pastor of the Mitchell Church.

August 27, accepted the resignation of Rev. L. D. Harris, pastor of the Ipswich Church.

August 27, appointed Rev. L. D. Harris pastor of the Watford City Charge.

August, received the transfer of Rev. Mrs. Paul Kindschi from the Oklahoma Conference.

October 6, appointed Rev. Julius Miller as supply of the Ipswich Church.

November 7, granted a letter of transfer to Rev. Ben Findley to the Oklahoma Conference.

November, received the letters of transfer for Rev. and Mrs. Julius Miller as ordained elders from the Church of the Nazarene.

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December 10, accepted the resignation of Rev. Marvin Jones as pastor of the Almont Church.

December 10, appointed Rev. Marvin Jones pastor of the Mitchell Church.

December 20, appointed George Gore as supply of the Almont Church.

March 21, organized a church at Flandreau and received same into the Conference.

May 29, authorized Rev. W. Cretsinger to organize a church at Butte, Montana, the same has been received into the Conference.

May 24, assisted with the dedication of our church at Huron.

May 31, assisted in the rededication of the Richland Wesleyan Church.

Have devoted my time during this year to pioneer work, revivals, Quarterly Conference visitations and supplying some of our churches until a pastor was appointed.

Financial Statement

Salary:

Received from revivals and Quarterly Conference visits ...	\$ 467.97
Received from Conference Treasurer	735.39
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Total salary	\$1203.36
Expense including meals, hotel, telephone, telegraph, bus fare, postage and some railroad fare	\$ 183.20

J. F. SIMPSON, President.

Report No. 4

MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND SECRETARY-TREASURER

Receipts

Cash on hand at the beginning of year	\$ 48.58
Received on first assessment	34.00
Received on second assessment	30.00
Received on third assessment	33.00
Received on fourth assessment	23.25
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Total receipts for Conference year	\$ 169.33

Disbursements

Paid to Rev. W. D. Shelor	\$ 50.00
Total disbursements	50.00
Balance on hand June 1st, 1942	119.33
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Total receipts to June 1, 1942	\$ 169.33

THOMAS BAILIE, Secretary-Treasurer.

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Report No. 5

COMMITTEE ON PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

We, your Committee on Passage of Character, have examined the reports of the pastors to the Annual Conference and their characters were passed.

H. W. CRETSINGER,
LAURA RAYMER,
MARGARET ROBERTSON.

Report No. 6

AUDITING COMMITTEE

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

MARVIN E. JONES,
LESTER A. MEYERS.

Report No. 7

ITINERACY AND ORDERS COMMITTEE

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

That Romeo Baronja, L. L. Knapp and Isla Knight be continued in the first year's Course of Study and that their licenses be renewed.

That Chester Reed and Hazel Carter be continued in the fourth year and their licenses be renewed.

That Marian Koth be advanced to the fourth year of study and her license be renewed.

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

That Thomas Hersey be graduated from the Course of Study and his license be renewed.

That Kenneth Shelley and Robert McIntyre be received into the Conference and be granted licenses to preach.

That Mr. Wilbur Drown, Mrs. Wilbur Drown and Elvie Turner be received into the Conference and placed in the study of the fourth year and granted licenses to preach.

That Rev. Julius Miller and Mrs. Julius Miller, elders in the Church of the Nazarene, be accepted as members in the Dakota Conference in accordance with paragraph 171 in the Discipline.

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That Walter Simpson be received into the Conference, and be placed in the study of the third year, and be granted a license to preach.

That George Gore be received to study and placed in the first year of the Course of Study.

That Mrs. C. W. Calhoon be continued in the second year of the Course of Study.

That Beulah Hughes be received to study and placed in the third year of the Course of Study.

That the following candidates be ordained at this session of Conference: Kathleen Kelsven, Mrs. Paul Kindschi, Kenneth Knapp, Lester Meyers, Donald Gerriets and Ralph Helle.

That the ordination service be held Sunday morning, June 7, 1942, and that Rev. C. H. Babcock deliver the Ordination sermon.

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

A. M. WILEY,
R. D. REISDORPH,
W. D. SHELOR,
S. J. McINTYRE,
ELEANOR SHOEMAKER,
RUTH BIXLER.

Report No. 8

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ON STANDING COMMITTEES

Camp Meeting Board—R. D. Reisdorph, J. F. Simpson, W. D. Shelor, J. E. Spry, J. C. McGovern, Albert Hillen, President of W. Y. P. S., President of Missionary Society.

Conference Program Committee—J. F. Simpson, W. D. Shelor, President of Missionary Society.

Missionary Board—J. F. Simpson, J. C. McGovern, W. D. Shelor, Mrs. W. J. Leyh, R. D. Reisdorph, William Fessenden, Frank Martin.

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MRS. C. E. GRIFFITHS,
L. D. HARRIS.

Report No. 9

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Conference Fund

Receipts

Cash on hand beginning of year	\$ 282.26
Received from Conference W. H. & F. M. Society ..	345.30
Received from churches and individuals	1306.21
Total	\$1933.77

Disbursements

Ministers' carfare	\$ 64.72
Gordon Goodsell, Watertown rent	120.00
H. W. Cretsinger, Butte work	210.00
J. F. Simpson, President's salary	735.39
J. F. Simpson, expenses	180.21
Arthur Reisdorph	104.65
W. D. Shelor, printing of Conference program	3.00
McKeever Press, typing and adding machine rent ..	2.50
Chas. Schreibeis, interest on note to Conference	24.00
Roy S. Nicholson, interest on loan to Conference ..	9.00
Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association, printing minutes	85.39
Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association, statistical blanks, etc.	5.75
Woolverton Printing Co. (Conference letterheads) ..	5.00
F. R. Eddy, General Conference President's salary ..	2.50
Interest on loans from Superannuated Fund	57.26
Bank exchange	3.75
Total	\$1613.12
Cash on hand to balance, June 1, 1942	320.65

Home Mission Fund

Receipts

Total receipts from church offerings	\$ 64.25
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Disbursements

Paid Roy S. Nicholson, Home Missionary Secretary \$ 64.25

Foreign Missions

Receipts

Total receipts \$ 28.18

Disbursements

Paid to E. F. McCarty, Foreign Missionary Secretary \$ 28.18

Education

Receipts

Total receipts for Education \$ 4.50

Disbursements

Paid Floyd Hester, Treasurer of Miltonvale College \$ 4.50

Superannuated Ministers' Fund

Receipts

Cash on hand at beginning of year \$ 195.56

Total receipts from church offerings 47.90

From Billings Church, payment on \$200.00 note 70.00

Interest on loans to Conference 57.26

Total receipts \$ 370.72

No Disbursements

Cash on hand to balance June 1, 1942 \$ 370.72

Statement of Assets

Loan No. 1 to Conference \$ 289.49

Loan No. 2 to Conference 349.39

Loan No. 3 to Conference 105.48

Loan No. 4 to Conference 210.00

Loan to Billings, Montana Church 130.00

Loan to Buffalo, Wyoming 100.00

Cash on hand, June 1, 1942 370.72

Total assets \$1555.08

FRANK MARTIN, Treasurer.

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Report No. 10

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolved, That we unite in praise to God, our Heavenly Father, for His abundant grace and guiding hand throughout another Conference year, and for His manifest blessing upon this session of our annual meeting, and for the unity and coöperation of our people.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to our Conference President, Rev. J. F. Simpson, for his faithful and energetic labors within the bounds of the Dakota Conference, and that we pledge him our prayers and whole-hearted support as we face another Conference year.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to our General Representative, Rev. R. D. Reisdorph, for his presence and addresses and advice to us during this session of Conference.

Resolved, That we extend our gratitude to the men and women of the Aberdeen district who have improved and beautified the campgrounds and buildings in recent weeks, and to the charges that brought in splendid donations of provisions for the dining hall, and to those who have ministered to our physical comforts, especially to the young who have so willingly responded to the "draft" made for the dining room work.

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

Resolved, That we lift our hearts often to God in prayer for those of our brethren who labor on new fields under extreme sacrifice, and to those who are opening new fields of labor along with their regular pastorate.

Resolved, That we send a letter of thanks to the various railroads that have extended free transportation to our Conference officials.

Resolved, That we urge upon our United States Senators from our four states the importance of their influence, in every way possible, in establishing necessary safeguards for the moral wellbeing of our youth who are now serving their country, especially the suppression of liquor and vice near the camps of our armed forces.

Resolved, That we, the people of the Dakota Conference, send greetings to the boys of our churches that have been called for active service in the present crisis and pray oft for their divine protection by the Great "I Am." This greeting to be sent by the local pastors.

Resolved, That we Wesleyans will seek by every means to be good citizens of both the Kingdom of God on earth and of the United States

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of America through the difficult and trying days now upon us. Let us "Render unto Ceasar the things that are Ceasar's, and unto God the things that are God's," that in all things we may prove ourselves worthy of the rich heritage that is ours.

W. D. SHELOR,
J. E. WINTERBERG,
MRS. A. ROYALTY.

Report No. 11

RAILROAD EXPENSE COMMITTEE

We, the Railroad Expense Committee, have found the amount sent in from the various charges to be \$78.55, while the amount paid out is \$80.96, leaving a deficit of \$2.41.

The deficit added to the expense and divided equally throughout the churches makes an apportionment of \$4.61. We recommend that this amount be raised by July 1, and be sent in to the Conference Treasurer so that it can be used in other needy channels.

THOMAS D. HERSEY,
MILDRED RIST.

Report No. 12

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Aberdeen—W. D. Shelor.
Almont—A. M. Wiley.
Artesian—J. E. Spry.
Avon—J. E. Winterberg.
Baker—A. C. Buell.
Billings—W. C. Brannon and wife.
Bradley—In hands of President.
Buffalo—John Hunter.
Bushnell and Flandreau—Frank Traver.
Butte—W. H. Cretsinger.
Forsyth—Thomas Bailie and wife.
High Prairie—To be supplied.
Houghton and Britton—R. J. Sausoman.
Huron—George Thomas.
Ipswich—Lester Meyers.
Knobs and Mill Iron—Thomas Hersey.
McIntosh—In hands of President.
Medicine Rocks—In hands of President.

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Mission—Ralph Helle.
Mitchell—Marvin Jones.
Mobridge and Pollock—Kenneth Shelley.
Northville and Brentford—Julius Miller and wife.
Redfield and Calvary—S. J. McIntyre.
Richland—W. J. Leyh and wife.
Watertown—Gordon Goodsell and wife.
Watford City and Johnson Corners—L. D. Harris.
Webster—In hands of President.
Willow Lake (Missionary Work)—Donald Gerriets.
Conference President—J. F. Simpson.
Missionary Evangelists—J. C. McGovern, W. W. Jeffers.
Unstationed Elder—C. K. Thompson.
Missionary Work in India—Isla Knight, Arthur Calhoon.
Mountain Mission Work—Minnie Knecht.
Missionary Work—C. W. Calhoon, Kenneth Knapp, Marion Koth,
Mrs. Frank Traver, Wilbur Drown, Elvie Turner, Walter Simpson, Leslie
Smith, Romeo Baronia, George Gore, Robert McIntyre, Arthur Reisdorph.
Song Evangelists and Children's Workers—Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph,
Kathleen Kelsven, Mrs. Alberta Kindschi.
Supply in Holiness Mission—Mrs. Laura Raymer.
American Sunday-school Union—L. L. Knapp, Chester Reed, Otto
Jensen and wife.
Teaching at Miltonvale College—Wesley Knapp.
Teaching at Mt. Tabor, Iowa—George Robbins.
Missionary on Furlough—Hazel Carter.
General Sunday-school Secretary—R. D. Reisdorph.
General Evangelists—W. D. Howard, Paul Kindschi.

J. F. SIMPSON,
MRS. R. E. JAQUITH,
MRS. ALBERT JOHNSON,
J. E. SPRY,
THOMAS BAILIE.

Report No. 13

BOARD OF CHURCH AND PARSONAGE BUILDING AND LOCATION

Your committee approved plans of Church and Parsonage at Forsyth,
Montana.

Authorized the borrowing of \$1,000 by the Conference Trustees, for
the building of church and parsonage at Forsyth, Montana.

We recommend that a suitable record book be purchased for the
Board and paid for by Conference funds.

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Your Board approves in general the present plans of the Watertown church and parsonage as submitted by Gordon Goodsell. We recommend that the basement walls be put in as preplanned. That construction begin when proper financial plans are arranged.

J. F. SIMPSON,
R. D. REISDORPH,
J. C. McGOVERN,

FRANK MARTIN,
H. W. CRETSINGER.

Report No. 14

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS TO NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE

We, the Committee on Memorial to the next General Conference, which convenes in 1943, recommend the following changes in our Discipline:

Paragraph No. 375, Section 4, page 194: To read, "That each Annual Conference shall elect a Stewardship and Tithing Secretary whose duty it shall be to furnish literature on tithing and the Storehouse Plan to the Pastors and Tithing Secretaries of the churches," etc.

We recommend the following change in the General Rules: Paragraph No. 46, Page 30, line 11, "The taking of diversions such as attendance at theaters, movies, circuses, dances and carnivals, and others of like nature, which cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus."

We recommend that the General Conference clarify our position on members using tobacco, particularly in regard to those who were full members in the Wesleyan Methodist Church and were using tobacco at the time of the last action of the General Conference on this subject.

W. D. SHELOR,
MARVIN E. JONES,
W. J. LEYH.

Report No. 15

MISSIONARY BOARD

The meeting of the Missionary Board was held June 5, 1942, on the campgrounds at Aberdeen, S. D. Meeting opened with prayer by the Secretary. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

W. D. Shelor was elected Secretary to succeed L. D. Harris.

We recommend the following:

That Conference President's salary be set at \$20.00 per week and parsonage rental for the amount of \$15.00 per month. Amendment offered by Julius Miller and seconded by W. J. Leyh to raise the President's salary to \$25.00 per week and parsonage rent.

That the Conference pay \$10.00 per month on parsonage rental at

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Watertown, South Dakota, and the sum of \$10.33 per month parsonage rental at Forsyth, Montana.

That each charge make a special effort to raise as much cash as possible on Quarterly Conference visits and revivals held by the Conference President, all such money to be credited on his salary.

That the Conference pay \$15.00 per month for eight months on pastor's salary at Forsyth, Montana.

That the Conference Treasurer send \$50.00 to Charles Schreibeis on principle due him on note and that a second \$50.00 be sent him later in the year.

J. F. SIMPSON,
J. C. McGOVERN,
R. D. REISDORPH,

W. D. SHELOR,
MRS. W. J. LEYH,
FRANK MARTIN.

Report No. 16

TRUSTEES

We, the Trustees of the Dakota Conference Camp, have appraised the property and valued it at sixteen thousand dollars.

J. C. McGOVERN,
J. E. SPRY,
W. C. BRANNON,
FRANK MARTIN,
AUGUST WEGNER.

CONFERENCE STANDING RULES AND RESOLUTIONS

Financial Plan for Conference Fund

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

This amount is to be sent to the Conference Treasurer monthly.

The amount for Railroad Expense is \$4.61 per charge, this money, to be raised and sent to the Conference Treasurer as soon as possible.

By-Laws

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

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

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

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

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

See Resolutions under Report No. 10.

Budget Apportionment

Foreign Missions	\$2.00 per member
Home Missions .....	.50 per member
Orphanage .....	.25 per member
Education	1.50 per member

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Information

S. J. McIntyre	Term expires in 1943
A. M. Wiley	Term expires in 1944
Education	Term expires in 1945
R. D. Reisdorph	Term expires in 1946

List of books and examiners as follows:

Rufus Reisdorph—

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

Second Year, Bible and Homiletics, by Kearns.

Third Year, Bible and Christian Evidences.

Fourth Year, Bible and Bible Geography.

S. J. McIntyre—

First Year, Robert's Rules of Order.

Second Year, How to Prepare An Expository Sermon.

Third Year, System of General Ethics.

Fourth Year, Psychology.

A. M. Wiley—

First Year, Theological Compend; and Perfect Love.

Second Year, Teacher Training and Theology.

Third Year, Theology.

Fourth Year, Theology.

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

W. D. Shelor—

First Year, Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.

Second Year, Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.

Third Year, Church History and All About the Bible.

Fourth Year, Church History and System of Christian Evidence.

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

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Charges	Item I. Pastor's Labors.										Item II. Periodicals									
	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Wesleyan Missionaries Taken	W. Y. P. Journal	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart	Pupils Lesson Stories, etc.	Bible Lesson Stories, etc.
Aberdeen	12	1	1	18	10	16	40	46	50	8	65	8	14	38	...	50	...	...	11	26
Almont	12	1	1	4	4	2	30	16	11	7	22	1	9	12	11	5	10	...	...	...
Artesian	12	1	1	4	3	2	22	13	...	5	33	15	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...
Avon	12	2	1	5	5	...	15	8	6	6	...	30	...	...	...	15	7	...	10	...
Baker	12	1	1	5	8	18	25	16	6	...	22	...	...	14	...	5	14	...	5	...
Billings	12	1	1	14	19	...	40	40	...	12	45	15	30	30	8	25	15	...	...	...
Bradley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brentford	12	1	1	...	3	...	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Britton	12	1	1	3	2	...	8	7	5	3	10	5	9	...	...	5	...	...	...	...
Buffalo	12	2	1	8	6	11	25	18	12	8	25	15	...	18	5	15	4	1	...	12
Bushnell	12	1	1	1	1	1	10	7	5	3	10	...	...	...	...	4	5	...	5	5
Butte	12	1	1	7	2	...	10	15	15	5	10	...	15	15	...	8	...	...	...	1
Calvary	12	1	1	2	9	...	8	3	...	4	8	...	...	...	...	4	2	...	...	...
Flandreau	12	1	1	...	...	...	10	3	...	3	8	...	...	...	...	5	3	...	...	...
Forsyth	12	1	...	3	1	1	15	10	8	4	8	8	...	8	1	10	...	1	...	...
High Prairie	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Houghton	12	1	1	7	6	...	18	...	8	4	10	...	3	5	...	6	...	...	...	...
Huron	12	1	1	2	1	...	18	18	12	2	14	10	...	1	...	12	...	...	12	...
Johnson Corners	9	1	1	14	12	13	24	24	20	10	45	12	15	15	...	12	20	1	...	...
Ipswich	10	2	1	6	8	10	15	6	...	...	20	7	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...
Kinning	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Knobs	12	2	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
McIntosh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	12	1	1	6	6	3	39	30	...	11	38	46	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...
Mission	7	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	6	5	...	1	...	5	10	...	...	...
Mitchell	12	1	1	8	15	...	35	25	15	10	35	18	22	18	...	6	12	...	...	...
Mill Iron	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mobridge	12	1	1	4	7	6	20	6	10	4	20	...	5	4	...	6	10	1	...	...
Northville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pollock	12	1	1	8	13	3	25	20	15	7	30	6	12	10	...	10	8	1	...	...
Redfield	12	2	1	4	17	13	35	12	20	5	40	8	10	5	...	20	20	1	...	...
Richland	12	1	1	7	5	...	6	7	8	3	7	3	8	1	...	3	8	...	...	...
Watertown	9	1	2	8	9	13	24	20	25	6	28	8	7	...	...	6	25	1	20	...
Watford City	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Webster
Totals	301	32	27	153	173	113	524	370	251	139	565	197	208	208	37	236	207	7	51	56

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Item III. Membership

Charges	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	No. Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss	Gain	No. under 14 years of age	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Local Preachers	Membership Tithing
Aberdeen	7	...	22	1	1	123	106	17	...	...	9	1	1	1	40
Almont	1	...	13	...	1	39	26	13	...	...	2	...	...	1	15
Artesian	...	...	...	...	1	57	56	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	10
Avon	...	...	...	...	...	21	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Baker	2	...	...	...	1	33	34	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	6
Billings	12	...	...	1	...	84	95	...	11	...	8	7	...	2	35
Bradley	...	...	...	...	...	16	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brentford	2	...	...	...	2	25	25	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	4
Britton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo	1	...	...	...	5	24	20	4	...	...	2	4	...	...	15
Bushnell	...	...	...	...	2	16	14	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	4
Butte	14	...	...	...	...	14	14	...	14	2	2	2	...	...	8
Calvary	...	...	...	...	...	17	17	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	10
Flandreau	8	...	...	...	...	8	8	...	8	...	1	...	...	...	8
Forsyth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Prairie	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Houghton	2	...	1	2	...	36	35	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Huron	1	...	...	...	1	26	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Johnson Corners	3	...	1	2	...	67	67	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	27
Ipswich	6	...	5	...	4	54	51	3	...	...	...	1	1	1	20
Kinning	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Knobs	...	...	...	...	...	13	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
McIntosh	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	...	...	...	...	...	14	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Mission	...	...	...	...	...	17	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6
Mitchell	12	...	14	...	3	95	90	5	...	2	...	2	2	2	20
Mill Iron	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mobridge	...	...	...	...	...	9	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Northville	...	...	...	1	...	57	56	1	...	...	6	6	1	...	6
Pollock	...	...	...	...	...	27	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Redfield	7	...	...	...	...	46	53	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...
Richland	...	...	...	...	...	78	84	...	6	2	...	4	...	3	26
Watertown	6	...	...	...	...	16	22	...	6	...	...	...	2	2	25
Watford City	10	30	40	...	10	1	...	3	8
Webster	7	7
Totals	98	...	54	4	26	1059	1075	47	63	6	35	27	5	20	347

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Item IV. Sunday Schools

Charges	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers	Whole No. of Teachers	Whole No. of Scholars	Total No. in Main School	Average Attendance	No. Scholars in Home Dept.	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	No. Scholars Converted	No. Scholars Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts.	No. in Teacher's Training	No. of Organized Classes	No. Books in Library	No. W. Y. P. Societies	Membership of Societies
Aberdeen	1	8	10	175	193	129	27	220	2	1	2	165	1	28			
Almont	1	4	5	42	42	30	21	15	47	2	1	17	1	10			
Artesian	1	4	7	65	72	53	15	72	4	1	2	1	8				
Avon	1	5	5	47	57	40	6	63	5	2	1	12					
Baker	2	6	7	35	48	40	7	55	10	2	1	15					
Billings	1	9	12	170	191	151	5	25	221	8	4	1	20				
Bradley	1	3	3	25	25	14	1	25	1	1	1	40					
Brentford	1	3	3	21	21	17	1	21	9	1	2	1	9				
Britton	1	7	6	47	33	38	5	22	80	7	1	7	14	1	9		
Buffalo	1	2	2	20	24	15	1	24	15	4	12	1	1				
Bushnell	1	2	5	41	48	21	4	52	4	12	1	1	1				
Butte	1	3	3	10	15	12	1	15	15	1	1	1	1				
Calvary	1	3	2	10	15	8	1	15	15	1	1	1	1				
Flandreau	1	3	2	10	15	8	1	20	14	1	1	1	1				
Forsyth	1	2	4	16	16	16	1	20	14	1	1	1	1				
High Prairie	1	3	4	40	36	30	1	40	1	2	1	1	6				
Houghton	1	4	6	56	65	41	1	65	10	3	1	1	23				
Huron	1	4	6	56	65	41	1	65	10	3	1	1	23				
Johnson Corners	1	8	8	90	98	51	1	98	10	3	1	1	10				
Ipswich	1	5	4	32	36	25	1	36	1	1	1	15	1	10			
Kinning	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Knobs	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
McIntosh	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Medicine Rocks	1	5	4	30	30	20	1	30	1	1	1	125	1	1			
Mission	1	3	2	13	18	10	1	18	1	1	1	6	1	1			
Mitchell	1	8	8	104	120	75	13	133	2	1	1	30	1	18			
Mill Iron	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Mobridge	1	5	5	30	35	22	7	42	2	1	1	1	6				
Northville	1	5	5	30	35	22	7	42	2	1	1	1	6				
Pollock	1	3	6	70	80	50	11	91	15	1	1	30	1	20			
Redfield	1	2	5	73	78	50	11	78	6	1	1	1	15				
Richland	1	6	4	28	35	21	1	35	1	1	1	1	1				
Watertown	1	4	5	61	70	40	5	75	1	1	1	1	11				
Watford City	1	4	5	61	70	40	5	75	1	1	1	1	11				
Webster	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Totals	27	117	135	1351	1521	1019	31	142	1671	93	29	16	13	13	436	15	211

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Item V. Church Property

Charges	No. Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Aberdeen	1	\$10000		1	\$5000	\$ 500	\$ 70
Almont	1	4600					
Artesian				1	1200	107	
Avon	1	5000		1	1000		
Baker	1	2000	\$ 290	1	2000	1650	15
Billings	1	12000	2700	1	5000		2055
Bradley							
Brentford	1	750					
Britton							
Buffalo	1	3500	256	1	2500	1477	30
Bushnell	1	1300	200	1	500		11
Butte	1	12000	495				32
Calvary							
Flandreau							122
Forsyth	1	4500	1800	1			
High Prairie							
Houghton	1	4000			1250		42
Huron	1	2500		1			
Johnson Corners	1	3000	140				181
Ipswich	1	3500		1	1000	236	
Kinning							
Knobs							
McIntosh							
Medicine Rocks	1	1500		1	1000		
Mission	1	800	113				
Mitchell	1	5000		1	3000	1635	
Mill Iron							
Mobridge							
Northville	1	2500		1	1000		710
Redfield	1	4000		1	750		165
Richland	1	3500		1	2000		150
Watertown				1	1500	790	550
Watford City	1	2000		1	1000		
Webster							
Totals	21	\$87950	\$6074	17	\$29700	\$6395	\$4133

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Item VI. Amount Contributed for Pastor

Charges	Pastor's Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Aberdeen	\$1333	\$300	\$20	\$ 48	\$1701
Almont	664	198	10	25	897
Artesian	450	120	8	50	628
Avon	387	108	20	90	605
Baker	320	.....	97	60	477
Billings	1200	300	31	146	1677
Bradley .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brentford	225	.....	.....	15	240
Britton	209	72	.....	37	318
Buffalo	550	158	33	202	943
Bushnell	998	60	8	40	1106
Butte	693	180	.....	178	1051
Calvary	314	.....	.....	104	418
Flandreau	72	.....	.....	10	82
Forsyth	345	120	5	25	495
High Prairie .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Houghton	391	.....	.....	59	450
Huron	385	.....	16	45	446
Johnson Corners	1080	.....	.....	30	1110
Ipswich	500	120	8	37	665
Kinning .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Knobs	327	.....	.....	11	338
McIntosh .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medicine Rocks	405	50	.....	182	637
Mission	45	70	.....	2	117
Mitchell	626	125	5	140	896
Mill Iron .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mobridge .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northville	426	60	.....	127	613
Pollock .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Redfield	600	96	15	190	901
Richland	885	100	17	50	1052
Watertown	227	240	135	602
Watford City	383	180	5	45	613
Webster
Totals	\$14040	\$2657	\$298	\$2083	\$19078

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Item VII. Amount Contributed for Church

Charges	Conference President's Salary	Conference Evangelist's Salary	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday-school Expense	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Total for Church
Aberdeen	\$10	29	\$198	\$337	\$ 797	\$384	\$1726
Almont	6	25	89	55	95	268	628
Artesian	5	4	405	10	66	209	740
Avon	12	82	38	507	101	1403	76
Baker	12	190	177	847	177	1403	128
Billings	3	51	12	10	76	353	155
Bradley	16	106	28	128	51	353	155
Brentford	12	155	59	76	51	353	155
Britton	8	30	20	20	77	155	53
Buffalo	12	155	59	76	51	353	155
Bushnell	8	30	20	20	77	155	53
Butte	4	110	25	886	160	1185	53
Calvary	8	35	10	39	82	3026	192
Flandreau	5	30	8	3000	39	3026	192
Forsyth	14	84	23	7	64	192	1082
High Prairie	14	84	23	7	64	192	1082
Houghton	14	84	23	7	64	192	1082
Huron	20	63	64	175	6	328	221
Johnson Corners	16	55	23	63	64	221	42
Ipswich	11	31	16	10	5	38	121
Kinning	7	33	12	38	32	121	888
Knobs	23	50	94	344	377	888	193
McIntosh	8	72	50	63	30	72	453
Medicine Rocks	2	40	70	118	124	643	332
Mission	6	33	12	38	32	121	888
Mitchell	23	50	94	344	377	888	193
Mill Iron	8	72	50	63	30	72	453
Mobridge	2	40	70	118	124	643	332
Northville	8	72	50	63	30	72	453
Pollock	2	40	70	118	124	643	332
Redfield	26	115	70	118	124	643	332
Richland	28	105	70	324	116	643	332
Watertown	10	51	23	48	200	332	521
Watford City	15	100	57	297	52	521	521
Webster	15	100	57	297	52	521	521
Totals	\$316	\$210	\$1733	\$1480	\$9051	\$2518	\$15308

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Item VIII. Amount Contributed for Benevolences

Charges	Undivided Budget	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Conference Work	Superannuated Ministers' Fund	Connecional S. S. Work	W. Y. P. S.	Orphanage	Other Benevolent Objects	Total for Benevolences
Aberdeen	\$80	\$13	\$93	\$55	\$165	\$5	\$6	\$48	\$30	\$160	\$655
Almont		19	51	21	44	7		5	25	10	182
Artesian	8	10	34	11	23	3	3	4	10	32	138
Avon		33	10	5	21	8			5		82
Baker		16	38	17	23	5		3	9	61	172
Billings	28	20	23	42	245	5	8	3	22	85	481
Bradley											
Brentford	8	8		6	25				8		55
Britton		19	3		36		2		5	3	68
Buffalo		46	61	23	92	2	3	3	15	85	330
Bushnell		7	24	26	21	2			2	6	88
Butte	8	20			6				21		55
Calvary		5	15	15	31	2					68
Flandreau											
Forsyth											
High Prairie									4		4
Houghton	11	38	56	40	60	10	7	3	5		230
Huron		32	15	3	8	1			5	46	110
Johnson Corners		31	95	40	147	25	3	6	24		371
Ipswich		17	27	45	61			2	9	20	181
Kinning											
Knobs		12	13	2	24	5				24	80
McIntosh											
Medicine Rocks				2	33	3		1	11		50
Mission		8	11		19					8	46
Mitchell		11	32	14	111	3	5	1	5	10	192
Mill Iron											
Moabridge											
Northville	25	24	52	5	30	5	2				143
Pollock											
Redfield		2		35	83	3		14	5	57	199
Richland	31	47	142	22	142	4	4	5	34	68	499
Watertown		8	25	8	36		1		5	40	123
Watford City	10	13	53	18	60	8	3	2	5		172
Webster											
Totals	\$209	\$459	\$873	\$455	\$1546	\$106	\$47	\$100	\$264	\$715	\$4774

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Item IX. Totals

Charges	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
Aberdeen	\$1701	\$1726	\$655	\$4082
Almont	897	268	182	1347
Artesian	628	628	138	1394
Avon	605	209	82	896
Baker	477	740	172	1389
Billings	1677	1403	481	3561
Bradley .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brentford	240	76	55	371
Britton	318	278	68	664
Buffalo	943	353	330	1626
Bushnell	1106	155	88	1349
Butte	1051	1185	55	2291
Calvary	418	53	68	539
Flandreau	82	82	.....	164
Forsyth	495	3026	4	3525
High Prairie .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Houghton	450	192	230	872
Huron	446	1082	110	1638
Johnson Corners	1110	328	371	1809
Ipswich	665	221	181	1067
Kinning .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Knobs	338	42	80	460
McIntosh .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medicine Rocks	637	38	50	725
Mission	117	121	46	284
Mitchell	896	888	192	1976
Mill Iron .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mobridge .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northville	613	193	143	949
Pollock .....	.....	72	.....	72
Redfield	901	453	199	1553
Richland	1052	643	499	2194
Watertown	602	332	123	1057
Watford City	613	521	172	1306
Webster
Totals	\$19078	\$15308	\$11774	\$39160

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Minutes of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of the Dakota Conference, June 2—6, 1942

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President—Mrs. Viola Leyh, Mina, S. D.

Vice-President—Mrs. Erma Brannon, 306 So. 32nd St., Billings, Mont.

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Avon—President, Mrs. Marie Winterberg, Avon, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Nora Bangert, Avon, S. D.

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Billings—President, Mrs. Erma Brannon, 306 So. 32nd St., Billings, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Yetter, 3415 2nd Ave. So., Billings, Mont.

Brentford—President, Mrs. William Eske, Conde, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. H. E. Hopkins, Mellette, S. D.

Britton—President, Mrs. R. Sausoman, Britton, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. V. S. Dietz, Britton, S. D.

Buffalo—President, Mrs. John Mitten, Buffalo, Wyo.; Secretary, Mrs. Amy Hunter, Buffalo, Wyo.

Bushnell—President, Mrs. Lee Merritt, Bushnell, S. D.; Secretary, Miss Judd, Bushnell, S. D.

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Butte—President, Mrs. Marion Cretsinger, 105 S. Gaylord St., Butte, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. Lila Bardell, 617½ S. Wyoming St., Butte, Mont.

Calvary—President, Marie Kegler, Athol, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Alfred Olson, Athol, S. D.

Cresbard—President, Mrs. Ed Bardell, Cresbard, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Mabel Boston, Cresbard, S. D.

Houghton—President, Mrs. Charles Reisdorph, Houghton, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. T. H. Edwards, Houghton, S. D.

Huron—President, Mrs. Merle Goodsell, Huron, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Earl Creselins, 231 4th St. N. E., Huron, S. D.

Ipswich—President, Mrs. Julius Miller, Ipswich, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. William Downer, Roscoe, S. D.

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

Medicine Rocks—President, Mrs. Archie Judd, Willard, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. Gilbert Clocksene, Willard, Mont.

Mitchell—President, Mrs. LaVerne Jones, 700 W. 7th Ave., Mitchell, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Julia Holshire, Mitchell, S. D.

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Pollock—President, Miss Lucia Rose, Pollock, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Severson, Pollock, S. D.

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

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

Sandstone—President, Mrs. Leslie Shaw, Berg, N. D.; Secretary, Edna M. Wheeler, Berg, N. D.

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Watford City—President, Mrs. L. D. Harris, Watford City, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Leslie Smith, Watford City, N. D.

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DELEGATES

Aberdeen—Mrs. L. F. Kindschi.
Almont—Miss Kathleen Kelsven.
Artesian—Mrs. Lillian Bailie.
Avon—Mrs. Marie Winterberg.
Baker—Miss Dorothy Stark.
Billings—Mrs. J. J. Albright.
Brentford—Mrs. Harry Hopkins.
Britton—Mrs. R. J. Sausoman.
Buffalo—Mrs. Amy Hunter.
Bushnell—Mrs. Frank Traver.
Butte—Mrs. Marion P. Cretsinger.
Calvary—Mrs. Kenneth Lerew.
Cresbard—Miss Beulah Boston.
Houghton—Mrs. Lillian Griffiths.
Huron—
Ipswich—Mrs. Wagner
Johnson Corners—Mrs. Littlebridge.
Knobs—
Medicine Rocks—Mrs. Ralph Helle.
Mitchell—Mrs. J. C. McGovern.
Northville—Mrs. Herbert Blake
Pollock—Mrs. Rose
Redfield—Mrs. Katherine Drown.
Richland—Miss Marie Brannon.
Sandstone—Mrs. Anna Shaw.
Watertown—Dorothy Traver.
Watford City—Mrs. Harriet Harris.

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Daily Proceedings

Wednesday, 9:30 a. m.

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

Devotionals—Mrs. Louise Goodsell led the body in singing, "Glory to His Name," after which devotions were conducted by Mrs. Lillian Bailie, speaking on the subject of "A Great Woman," bringing out the place of women in the work of the Lord, basing her thoughts on 2 Kings 4:8. Mrs. Brannon led us to the throne in earnest prayer.

Credentials—Mrs. Ralph Helle and Mrs. Wagner were appointed Committee on Credentials.

Welcome—The President spoke a few words of welcome and exhortation to the body.

Roll Call—Roll was called to which 23 responded.

Election of Committee—A Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Harriet Harris, Mrs. Erma Brannon, Mrs. Susie Shelor, Mrs. Amy Hunter, Mrs. Lillian Griffiths.

Conference Body—Motion carried that Delegates, Presidents, Pastors' wives and Y. M. W. B. Superintendents be included in the Conference Body. Motion carried that there be added the names of the wife of the Connectional Sunday-school Secretary, the wife of the Conference President, and Mrs. Traver, to be considered as honorary members.

Adjournment—Adjourned to meet again in fifteen minutes.

Wednesday, 11:15 a. m.

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

Bar of Conference—Motion prevailed that the first six seats on either side of the tabernacle be called the Bar of Conference.

Report—Report of Nominating Committee was read and accepted. (See Report No. 1.)

Election—Motion carried that Mrs. Harriet Harris act as a Reporter to prepare a report for the local city newspaper, and also act as Reporter for the Wesleyan Missionary.

Adjournment—Following prayer, we were adjourned to meet again at 1:00 o'clock.

Wednesday, 1:00 p. m.

Call to Order—Called to order by President.

Devotionals—The quotations of Bible verses for a short time inspired our hearts anew, after which we were led in prayer by Mrs. Downer.

Minutes—Minutes were read and approved.

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Roll Call—A roll call was given to which 22 responded.

Courtesies—Mrs. Frank Traver was introduced to the body and responded with testimony.

Substitution—By common consent, Mrs. Frank Traver substituted for Bushnell's delegate, who was unable to be present.

Reports—All local reports were given.

Report—Report on Orders of the Day was given and accepted. (See Report No. 2.)

Report—Auditing Report was read and accepted. (See Report No. 3.)

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

Election—Motion carried that Mrs. Harriet Harris act as Wesleyan Missionary Solicitor.

Adjournment—Following a closing song led by Mrs. Drown, we were dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Frank Thompson.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING

Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

As Rev. Sausoman of Britton played hymns of missionary nature, a goodly congregation assembled for the annual Public Missionary service of the Dakota Conference Missionary Society. We were led in congregational singing by Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, singing, "Beautiful Words of Life" and "Work for the Night is Coming." A drama followed, sponsored by the Aberdeen Society, depicting by three generations (grandmother, mother, daughter), the life of the Navajo Indian. This drama was beautifully presented and conveyed to the congregation a clear picture of Navajo Indian life, and the changes wrought in such lives by the entrance of divine grace. Included in the cast were Mrs. Roy Ellis, Mrs. John Ochs and Mrs. Beulah Hughes. Rev. Simpson led us in prayer, after which followed a vocal duet by Misses Kathryn Fessenden and Grace Knapp, singing, "O Love of God." A reading followed by Dorothy Traver, entitled, "That Brother's Blood," written by a missionary. The missionary message by Rev. Reisdorph followed, the message being gleaned from the scripture, John 4: 34-38, dwelling particularly on the words, "I sent you to reap." Following the message, as Erwin Anderson of Richland inspiringly officiated at the piano, pledges and offerings were taken to the amount of \$430.33, said amount to be equally divided between Conference Missions and Foreign Missions, unless otherwise stated. We were dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Erma Brannon of Billings.

Thursday, 9:30 a. m.

Devotionals—After song, led by Mrs. Winterberg, Mrs. Shelor led us in devotions. A gracious season of prayer followed, with several of the

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women leading out in prayer. Solo, "Take the World But Give Me Jesus," was sung by Mrs. Drown of Redfield.

Roll Call—Silent roll call to which 24 were present.

Minutes—Minutes read and approved.

Orders of the Day—A report of the Quadrennial Missionary Convention held in Miltonvale last June was given by Florence Hughes of Aberdeen.

Courtesies—Mrs. Kenneth Shelley and Mrs. Julius Miller were presented to the Society and responded with testimony.

Love Offering—Motion carried that a presentation from the Society be given Brother and Sister John Hunter, as a love gift, because of the recent death of Brother Hunter's mother, to help them in this time of need.

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

Presentation—In behalf of the Society, Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph presented the Conference President, Mrs. Leyh, a large box of gifts, representing each local society throughout the Conference, as special love gifts, in appreciation of the President's work throughout the year.

Presentation—Mrs. John Hunter was presented a love gift to the amount of \$8.83, by Mrs. Leyh, in behalf of the Society, and sympathies extended in this time of family bereavement.

Adjournment—Adjourned to meet again at 1:15 o'clock.

Thursday, 1:15 p. m.

Devotionals—Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Cretsinger.

Minutes—Minutes read and approved.

Roll Call—A roll call to which 20 responded.

Instructions to Secretary—By common consent, the President instructed the Secretary to send letters of greetings and friendship to the following pastors' wives who were unable to be present in our Conference gathering: Mrs. Buell, Mrs. Spry, Mrs. A. Reisdorph, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Thomas, as well as Mrs. Patrick of Bushnell and Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph.

Forsyth, Montana—Mrs. Cretsinger spoke to the Society concerning work at Forsyth, Montana, and of the sacrifices of the pastor and family of the past year, and it was moved and carried the Society send \$25.00 from the treasury to help them at this time of need.

Adjournment—Adjourned by motion.

Friday, 10:00 a. m.

Devotionals—Unitedly we sang, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," after which devotions were conducted by Mrs. Albright of Billings. Sev-

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eral responded in prayer. A vocal solo was rendered by Mrs. Sausoman.

Roll Call—Roll call to which 21 responded.

Orders of the Day—A report was given of the Conference Y. M. W. B. work by Mrs. Goodsell, Conference Y. M. W. B. Superintendent.

Orders of the Day—Report of the Conference Prayer Program was given, with Mrs. Bailie substituting for Mrs. Spry as Chairman. The theme for the report was "Three Looks at Our Prayer Program": 1. "Past Attainments or Victories" by Mrs. Brannon, Northwest District Organizer. 2. "The Difficulties of the Prayer Program" by Mrs. Bailie, Southern District Organizer. 3. "Future Possibilities of the Prayer Program" by Mrs. Griffiths, substituting for Mrs. Spry, Aberdeen District Organizer.

Courtesies—Mrs. Blanchard from Zion's Hill Mission was introduced to the body and spoke briefly.

Friday, 1:00 p. m.

Devotionals—Devotions were led by Mrs. Drown, with response in prayer by several of the ladies.

Courtesies—Rev. Simpson was introduced to the body and spoke a few words, thanking and commending the same for efforts and labors of the past year.

Roll Call—Silent roll call to which 20 were present.

Election—Mrs. Harriet Harris was elected General Conference Delegate for the Missionary Society; Mrs. Erma Brannon was elected Alternate Delegate. Mrs. Goodsell was elected Y. M. W. B. Delegate to General Conference.

Report—Plan of Work Committee Report was read and accepted. (See Report No. 5.)

Substitution—Moved and carried that Mrs. Brannon be first member of Resolutions Committee, acting for Mrs. R. Reisdorph, who was unable to act.

Presentation—In behalf of the Society, Mrs. Brannon presented the new brides within the Conference, Mrs. F. Traver and Mrs. K. Shelley, a gift.

Care of Camp Buildings—Sister Shelor presented matter of each Society making a contribution toward hired help to prepare and clean the buildings for Conference and camp each year, the oversight of which the Camp Meeting Board will attend to. Motion carried that each Society raise at least \$1.00 to pay for above work, sending same to Mrs. Larson before the spring months.

Curtaining the Camp Buildings' Windows—Motion carried the President appoint a Committee to measure windows of buildings on campground (exception of Main Tabernacle), and to apportion the correct

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number and sizes to each society, for them to supply uniform curtains for the coming year, also making provisions for rods. Committee appointed: Mrs. Shelley, Mrs. Traver, Mrs. Shelor and Mrs. Larew.

Adjournment—Adjourned by motion to meet at 8:00 o'clock in the morning.

Saturday, 8:00 a. m.

Devotionals—After singing, Mrs. McGovern led us in devotions, followed in prayer by Mrs. Goodsell. A vocal solo was given by Mrs. Miller of Ipswich.

Minutes—Minutes read and approved.

Roll Call—Roll was called to which 18 delegates responded.

Courtesies—Rev. Blanchard of Zion's Hill Mission was presented to Society and spoke concerning the work there. Miss Willia Caffray was introduced to Society and responded with a short talk, emphasizing the subject, "I Must Be a Missionary."

Adjournment—Adjourned to be present in the Main Tabernacle, to meet again at 1 o'clock.

Saturday, 1:00 p. m.

Devotionals—Mrs. Goodsell led us in song, after which Mrs. Paul Kindschi led us in prayer.

Roll Call—Roll call to which 16 were present.

Report—Committee on Resolutions Report was read and accepted. (See Report No. 6.)

Report—Statistical Committee Report was read and accepted. (See Report No. 8.)

Instruction to Delegates—The Treasurer will close her books on May 21, 1943.

Minutes—Motion carried the Treasurer reserve \$25.00 for payment of annual minutes.

Expenses—Moved and carried the Organizers of the Southern, Northwest and Aberdeen Districts, Mrs. Goodsell and the Secretary be paid, each, \$1.00 to reimburse them for expenses incurred during past year.

Love Gifts—Moved and carried remaining amount in treasury (over \$17.00) be divided and given to Conference President and Brother and Sister Blanchard.

Report—President read report of her work within the Conference for the past year. Report accepted. (See Report No. 7.)

Contacting Unreached Societies—Moved and carried that each delegate in the Aberdeen and Southern Districts carry back to society the matter of helping financially the Northwest societies, in aiding them to engage the President to visit their societies this coming year (especially those who were unreached this past Conference year).

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Missionary Travel—Motion carried to empower the President to take steps toward securing a missionary to travel the Conference.

Adjournment—After singing in unison, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," we were dismissed with prayer.

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Reports of Committees

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following report:

Statistical—Mrs. Louise Goodsell, Mrs. Lillian Bailie.

Auditing—Mrs. Susie Shelor, Miss Dorothy Stark.

Orders of the Day—Mrs. Traver, Mrs. Brannon, Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Cretsinger.

Resolutions—Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, Mrs. Winterberg, Mrs. Albright.

Courtesies—Mrs. Brannon.

Plan of Work—Mrs. Kindschi, Mrs. Sausoman, Mrs. Drown.

Signed: MRS. L. D. HARRIS,
MRS. SUSIE SHELOR,
MRS. LILLIAN GRIFFITHS,
MRS. AMY HUNTER,
MRS. ERMA BRANNON.

Report No. 2

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Wednesday morning, Local Reports and Treasurer's Report. Wednesday evening, Public Missionary Meeting with Connectional Sunday-school Secretary, Rev. R. D. Reisdorph, speaker. Thursday morning, 9:30 o'clock, Report of District Quadrennial Missionary Convention of W. H. & F. M. S. by Florence Hughes. 11:00 o'clock, Election of Officers. Friday morning, 10:00 o'clock, Y. M. W. B. work to be presented by Mrs. Goodsell; Prayer Program Report. Friday to be observed as "Tag Day." Friday afternoon, Rev. Simpson to address the society. Saturday morning, 8:30 o'clock, Rev. Blanchard to address the Society. 9:00 o'clock, Rev. D. Willia Caffray to address Society.

Signed: VIOLA C. LEYH,
MRS. ELIZABETH TRAVER,
MRS. BLANCHE A. LARSON,
ERMA S. BRANNON,
LILLIAN GRIFFITHS,
MARION P. CRETSINGER.

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Report No. 3 AUDITING COMMITTEE

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

Signed: MRS. SUSIE SHELOR,
DOROTHY STARK.

Report No. 4 TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary Report for the Year 1941-1942

On hand at the beginning of the year	\$ 28.53
Received from all sources	2180.78
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Total	\$2209.31
Disbursed	2102.57
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Balance on hand	\$ 106.74

Signed: BLANCHE A. LARSON

Report No. 5 PLAN OF WORK

We, the Committee on the Plan of Work, urge each Society to observe at least one night of prayer each month in the Conference Prayer Program, also that each local society cooperate in observing one night of prayer in the Connectional Prayer Program, in addition to the following plan of work outlined by the General Conference:

1. Arrange with the pastor for one missionary prayer service each month.
2. A minimum of ten meetings during the year in which prayer service is held and business transacted.
3. Red Letter Days:
 - (a) Harvest Day for Educational work.
 - (b) Easter-program, gifts and offerings for Home Mission work.
 - (c) World Day of Prayer—that we cooperate in observing the World Day of Prayer.
 - (d) May Day—to be known as gift day, bandages and such gifts as can be sent out with outgoing missionaries or used on our Home field.
 - (e) Wesleyan Missionary Day—with program to secure subscriptions for our official organ.
4. One public meeting.
5. Correspond with missionaries.

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6. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and 50% of membership to be subscribers to the Wesleyan Missionary.

7. A solicitor elected for the Wesleyan Missionary gaining not less than two new subscribers a year.

8. A delegate elected to the Annual Conference of the W. H. & F. M. Society.

9. Report blanks properly filled out on time.

10. At annual meeting instruct delegate the amount to pledge at Conference session for the Society.

11. Officers elected at last meeting of Conference year.

12. All monies received as dues be sent to the Conference Treasurer, designating where 50% of same shall be applied on missions. (See par. 293 of Discipline.)

13. A Superintendent and fully organized Y. M. W. B.

14. Every woman of the church a member of the Society, or a 20% gain in membership.

15. Money sent to Conference Treasurer on time.

Ten points each.

In conclusion:

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

Signed: MRS. L. F. KINDSCHI,
MRS. WILBUR DROWN,
MRS. RAYMOND SAUSOMAN.

Report No. 6

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Inasmuch as the war clouds hover closer and closer over our own nation as well as other Christian nations, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, dedicate ourselves anew to fervency of prayer in behalf of world evangelism, and as the powers of darkness settle down, that we as Christians arise to our privilege of intercessory prayer.

Be it further Resolved, That we give ourselves to continuous intercession for our nation, that she humble herself and turn from her wicked ways, adjusting herself to God's order.

Be it also Resolved, That we pray for our boys in the armed service that the Holy Spirit will brood over the camps and scenes of conflict and woo many to Christ; that we unite our hearts in earnest petition for suf-

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fering motherhood throughout our lands, especially for the comfort of those mothers in the bonds of holy faith.

Be it Resolved, That we be instant in the ministry of prayer for Christian leaders in all nations; that we not forget missionaries in occupied areas, and, also womanhood, which is exposed to the atrocities of their captors.

Be it also Resolved, That we express our appreciation to Brother Reisdorph for his stirring message, also to Sister Caffray and Brother and Sister Blanchard for their presentation of world and home missions.

Be it Resolved, That we carry the burden more faithfully for our pioneer Conference works.

Be it Resolved, That we express our thanks to those who in any way have provided for our needs and entertainment throughout the Conference session.

Be it further Resolved, That we as Christian women register disapproval of the loose conduct and conversation, of the reading of trashy literature and of the irreverence so prevalent among our youth; that we covenant together to manifest that attitude by prayerfully guarding our own homes against the same.

Signed: ERMA S. BRANNON,
ESTHER M. ALBRIGHT,
MARIE WINTERBERG.

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Report No. 7

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters of the Dakota Conference W. H. & F. M. Societies: Greetings! "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him."

There is, no doubt, but that this generation is living in some of the most trying days in the history of our universe. Future days are fraught with evil forebodings. It is, indeed, a comfort to our hearts to know that we can draw upon God for strength for just such days as these.

Sisters, in the new duties and responsibilities of the coming year, remember God's promise, "I will strengthen thee." Do not shirk the task but accept it as God's will, and do your best, knowing that, "As your days so shall your strength be."

Official Acts

In June, in company with the other delegates, I attended the District Missionary Convention at Miltonvale.

In July, I urged the reorganization of the Pollock Society and later visited the same.

In October, I organized a Society at Willow Lake.

In November, in company with Mrs. Spry, I organized a Society at Britton.

In December, I appointed Mrs. Erma Brannon, to take the place of Mrs. LaVerne Jones, as District Organizer.

Visited all the Societies in the Conference during the year with the exception of Medicine Rocks, Knobs, Sandstone and Mission.

Other duties and correspondence attendant to the office have been cared for.

Respectfully submitted,

VIOLA C. LEYH.

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Report No. 8 W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Receipts

Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Members Gained	Members Lost	Regular Meetings Held	Special Meetings Held	Do You Use Missionary Programs?	Wesleyan Missionaries Taken	Cash on Hand From Last Year	Membership Dues
Aberdeen	24	...	3	...	22	1	Yes	18	\$ 3.41	\$24.00
Almont	6	...	...	...	20	2	Yes	4	...	6.00
Artesian	9	6	8	...	11	1	Yes	3	2.10	15.00
Avon	10	4	5	...	11	2	No	5	2.45	14.00
Baker	15	1	3	3	23	2	Yes	8	...	16.00
Billings	17	...	...	...	20	5	Yes	19	...	16.50
Brentford	4	3	...	3	7	1	Yes	3	.12	7.00
Britton*	5	1	6	...	7	...	Yes	2	...	6.00
Buffalo	7	3	...	5	10	5	Yes	6	.03	10.00
Bushnell	5	...	...	...	7	3	...	1	...	5.00
Butte*	8	2	10	...	9	1	Yes	2	...	10.00
Calvary	9	3	1	...	12	1	No	7	1.46	12.00
Cresbard	13	1	...	...	18	2	Yes	6	...	14.00
Houghton	8	3	3	...	12	1	Yes	6	.84	11.00
Huron	12	...	3	...	12	1	No	1	...	12.00
Ipswich	7	...	5	1	9	1	Yes	8	.88	12.00
Johnson Corners	18	2	5	1	17	2	Yes	12	3.58	20.00
Knobs	7	...	1	...	12	1	No	2	...	7.50
Medicine Rocks	10	2	5	...	13	2	Yes	6	.06	12.00
Mitchell	12	...	...	...	12	5	No	15	1.08	12.00
Northville	14	2	3	...	12	2	Yes	7	.07	16.00
Pollock*	9	2	11	...	11	2	No	2	...	11.90
Redfield	13	5	7	...	18	3	Yes	13	4.61	18.00
Richland	16	7	1	...	18	1	Yes	10	11.21	23.00
Sandstone	8	...	1	...	10	2	...	8	...	8.00
Watertown	11	5	8	...	5	1	Yes	5	...	16.00
Watford City	13	10	1	Yes	10	...	13.00
Willow Lake*
Totals	284	53	87	13	348	51	...	189	\$31.90	\$347.90

*New Societies.

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Receipts						
Societies	Offerings	Labor	Clothing and Other Gifts to Home Work	Bandages and Other Gifts to Foreign Work	Other Sources	Total
Aberdeen	\$113.07	\$27.56		\$12.50	\$26.00	\$206.54
Almont	27.68		\$10.00		24.16	67.84
Artesian	50.76	2.75	15.80	2.00	3.00	91.41
Avon	68.40				39.27	124.12
Baker	64.41		22.00	3.50	1.43	105.91
Billings	113.49		19.23		16.00	166.65
Brentford	21.20	14.00	12.80		2.55	57.67
Britton	18.13				2.10	26.23
Buffalo	61.52	5.00	20.75		5.00	102.30
Bushnell	29.00	5.00				39.00
Butte	48.45		13.64			72.09
Calvary	100.62					114.08
Cresbard	32.35		9.45		10.70	66.50
Houghton	35.87		12.65		78.95	139.31
Huron	26.92	31.00	26.00	6.50		102.42
Ipswich	23.83		3.00	10.75		50.46
Johnson Corners	81.20		16.10		169.57	290.45
Knobs	23.07		13.90			44.47
Medicine Rocks	52.57		72.50	64.00	53.30	254.43
Mitchell	52.55	15.00	8.30		5.20	94.13
Northville	68.13		5.00		23.67	112.87
Pollock	10.44		.75	1.00	24.41	48.50
Redfield	31.30		33.70		12.50	100.11
Richland	142.56				7.84	184.61
Sandstone	41.25				5.80	55.05
Watertown	44.68				5.00	65.68
Watford City	56.97					69.97
Willow Lake						
Totals	\$1440.42	\$100.31	\$315.57	\$100.25	\$516.45	\$2852.80

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Disbursements									
Societies	Undivided	Home, Cash	Home, Clothing and Other Gifts	Hephzibah, Cash	Hephzibah, Provisions	Foreign, Cash	Foreign, Bandages and Other Gifts	Education, Cash	Education, Provisions
Aberdeen		\$11.00	\$ 2.50	\$13.00		\$59.25	\$12.50	\$27.50	
Almont		2.80	10.00	5.00		15.50		11.00	
Artesian		10.20	15.80	8.13		22.75	2.00	1.50	
Avon		6.00		5.00		10.00		5.00	\$2.00
Baker		6.00	22.00	5.00		5.00	3.50	8.00	2.00
Billings		6.00		5.00		12.00		20.00	6.23
Brentford		6.00		8.50				6.50	
Britton		6.00		5.00		3.00			
Buffalo		17.50	20.75	5.00		10.00		7.50	
Bushnell		7.00		2.00		10.00		5.00	
Butte		6.00	12.29	13.20	\$4.50				
Calvary		21.00		5.00		46.00		20.60	1.00
Cresbard	\$ 4.21	6.00	5.00	9.50	4.83	7.50		2.00	
Houghton		16.34	12.65	5.18		43.88		18.45	
Huron			26.00	5.00			6.50	3.50	
Ipswich		6.00		2.50		10.75		3.50	
Johnson Corners		6.25	15.26	29.10		47.75		21.56	5.00
Knobs						16.23			
Medicine Rocks		12.50	15.50	15.00		62.50	3.00	10.00	
Mitchell		11.00	8.30	5.00		5.00		13.63	
Northville		6.00	26.03	5.00		29.35	5.00	3.00	1.25
Pollock		6.00	.75	5.00		4.13	1.00	1.00	
Redfield		13.38	36.82	5.37		7.50		5.50	
Richland		6.00		7.00		85.37		14.70	
Sandstone	2.50	6.00		5.00		10.00	2.50	5.00	1.00
Watertown		8.00		5.00		16.15		8.00	
Watford City	10.00	8.00		5.00		24.50		1.21	1.00
Willow Lake									
Totals	\$16.71	\$216.97	\$229.65	\$188.48	\$9.33	\$559.11	\$36.00	\$223.65	\$19.48

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Disbursements

Societies	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Delegates Fee to General Conference	Conference 7½, Pledges, New Work	Cash on Hand	Total	Efficiency Standard Rank, %
Aberdeen	\$ 8.01	\$12.00	\$20.21	\$2.40	\$ 36.10	\$2.07	\$206.54	115
Almont	7.11	3.50	5.16	.....	7.77	.....	67.84	...
Artesian	3.00	7.50	16.14	.50	8.09	.....	91.41	120
Avon	43.24	14.00	23.52	1.40	11.10	2.86	124.12	100
Baker	14.27	8.00	15.00	1.60	15.54	.....	105.91	100
Billings	.....	17.00	64.75	1.70	32.75	1.22	166.65	100
Brentford	6.00	3.50	14.32	.....	12.85	.....	57.67	75
Britton	.....	3.00	2.50	.60	6.13	.....	26.23	80
Buffalo	.....	5.00	21.31	1.00	13.77	.47	102.30	105
Bushnell	5.00	5.00	2.00	.....	3.00	.....	39.00	85
Butte	11.65	5.00	12.65	.80	3.50	2.50	72.09	90
Calvary	5.66	6.00	1.00	1.37	6.45	.....	114.08	110
Cresbard	.....	7.00	.....	1.40	19.06	.....	66.50	100
Houghton	.....	5.50	25.61	.....	11.70	.....	139.31	110
Huron	45.83	6.00	9.59	.....	.....	.....	102.42	...
Ipswich	6.00	12.00	.88	.....	8.83	.....	50.46	130
Johnson Corners	2.50	10.00	16.07	2.50	126.94	7.52	290.45	144
Knobs	.....	7.50	20.74	.....	.....	.....	44.47	...
Medicine Rocks	53.30	6.00	1.20	1.20	73.51	.....	254.43	119
Mitchell	.....	12.00	8.25	1.20	27.00	2.75	94.13	120
Northville	.....	16.00	9.13	1.20	10.91	.....	112.87	100
Pollock	.75	5.50	19.00	.....	5.37	.....	48.50	90
Redfield	6.24	4.63	8.20	1.70	8.55	2.22	100.11	120
Richland	.....	9.50	28.54	1.90	27.23	4.37	184.61	100
Sandstone	.....	4.00	8.72	.....	10.33	.....	55.05	116
Watertown	.....	8.00	5.00	1.60	13.93	.....	65.68	100
Watford City	6.50	4.00	1.30	8.46	69.97	132
Willow Lake
Totals	\$208.56	\$209.63	\$363.49	\$25.37	\$503.50	\$25.98	\$2852.80	...

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Y. M. W. B. STATISTICAL REPORT

Bands	No. of Members	No. of Meetings Held	Dues	Offerings	Education	Total
Aberdeen	30	19	\$15.60	.....	.....	\$15.60
Almont	7	18	6.20	\$ 1.00	.....	7.20
Artesian	8	20	4.16	5.23	.....	9.39
Avon	7	6	3.64	.66	.....	4.30
Baker	5	...	2.60	1.40	\$ 2.00	6.00
Billings	20	25	10.40	.81	3.00	14.21
Brentford	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Britton*	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo	17	24	8.84	27.88	3.28	40.00
Bushnell	10	10	5.20	12.80	13.00	31.00
Butte*	...	...	.....	3.05	.....	3.05
Calvary	...	...	.....	3.05	.....	3.05
Cresbard	...	...	.....	7.33	.....	11.49
Houghton	8	12	4.16	.....	.....	.....
Huron	7	...	1.78	7.75	.....	9.53
Ipswich	21	12	5.72	20.58	1.33	27.63
Johnson Corners	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Knobs	...	...	.....	18.92	.....	18.92
Medicine Rocks	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northville	12	10	4.68	12.26	2.00	18.94
Pollock	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Redfield	14	8	7.28	10.31	.....	17.59
Richland	25	12	13.00	44.68	5.00	62.68
Sandstone	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Watertown*	8	8	4.16	5.23	.....	9.39
Watford City*	19	20	10.26	15.00	.....	25.26
Willow Lake	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	218	204	\$107.68	\$197.94	\$29.61	\$335.23

*New Bands.

Minutes of the Dakota Conference W. Y. P. S.

After the morning service of young people's day, June 9, 1942, the Vice-President declared a brief business session at which a Nominating Committee was elected. Miss Kathleen Kelsvin was elected Chairman, Miss Ruth Cloud and Rev. Marvin E. Jones composed the committee.

At 1:30 p. m., the annual business meeting convened. Rev. Paul L. Kindschi conducted a brief devotional period and the meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Gordon Goodsell, in the absence of the President, John Hunter.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last session. The motion prevailed to accept them as read.

The Treasurer read his report and it was accepted.

The Nominating Committee gave its report and it was accepted. The following officers were elected:

President—John Hunter.

Vice-President—Gordon Goodsell.

Executive Committee:

Southern District—Elvie Turner.

Aberdeen District—Edna Shelor.

Northwest District—Irene Albright.

Journal Solicitor—Raymond Sausoman.

Assistant Solicitors:

Southern District—Duane Janssen and Frances Gooding.

Aberdeen District—William Fessenden and Lucille Sime.

Northwest District—Ruth Klamm and Walter Brannon.

The motion was made and seconded that we elect a Conference Missionary Secretary. Rev. Thomas Bailie was elected to this office. A motion was made and seconded that some kind of point system be worked out by the Executive Committee to encourage reading of missionary literature under the program of increased interest in missions.

Rev. John J. Hunter was elected as Delegate to General Conference. Rev. Gordon Goodsell was elected as Alternate.

The motion prevailed that we have our minutes published with the Conference Minutes.

The motion prevailed that we vote out \$25.00 for a revival meeting at Forsyth, Montana.

The motion prevailed that a Sunday be designated as Church Extension

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sion Sunday at which an offering will be taken for that purpose. The date was left for the Executive Committee to decide.

The motion prevailed that we assess each member of local societies ten cents to provide funds for Delegate's expense to General Conference.

It was moved and seconded we adjourn.

GORDON W. GOODSSELL, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance brought forward	\$ 35.27
Johnson Corners 7½% .....	.65

Church Extension

Redfield	\$ 4.50
Mitchell	6.73
Artesian	6.00
Ipswich	2.38
Buffalo	4.42
Richland	3.00
Baker	2.00
Almont	4.86
Aberdeen	3.50
Total	\$ 37.39

Dues

Artesian	\$ 2.25
Baker	3.00
Redfield	5.00
Johnson Corners	5.75
Houghton	1.50
Billings	3.50
Ipswich	2.50
Buffalo	2.25
Aberdeen	5.50
Mitchell	4.50
Northville	2.50
Almont	2.50
Watford City	2.50
Total	\$ 43.25
Total receipts	\$ 116.56

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Expenditures	
Postage	\$.50
Watertown (Church Extension)	5.00
Butte (Church Extension)	23.00
Bank charges .....	.35
Conference President (Church Extension)	12.30
Miscellaneous26
Transfer of 7½% to Conference Treasurer65
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Total	\$ 42.06
Balance on hand	74.50
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Total	\$ 116.56

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by our President, John Hunter, June 13, 1942. Nominations were opened for Secretary-Treasurer. Miss Elvie Turner and Gordon Goodsell were nominated. The latter was elected.

It was moved and seconded the Secretary use funds for procuring statistical report blanks for annual reports of the local W. Y. P. S. and same be sent to the societies.

It was moved and seconded we carry out next year for camp a program similar to that carried out this year, i. e., two local societies from each district reporting upon the progress made in their W. Y. P. S. the past year. These societies and speakers to be selected by the District Presidents. These reports are to be a daily feature in the young people's services. Also, for the program on Young People's Day, the District Presidents are to report upon the conventions held in their district the past year.

The motion was moved and seconded \$10.00 be appropriated toward a meeting at Story, Wyo. and \$15.00 to Rosebud, Mont. If for any reason these meetings do not materialize said funds be appropriated to other needy fields.

It was moved and seconded the second Sunday in September be observed by all local W. Y. P. S. as Church Extension Sunday, at which time an offering shall be taken for said purpose and money be sent to the Treasurer, Gordon Goodsell, 501 E. Kemp, Watertown, S. Dak.

It was moved and seconded, the Conference President, J. F. Simpson, and his Advisory Committee be authorized to appropriate Church Extension Funds where needed.

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The Secretary was authorized by common consent of the committee to obtain a permanent record book.

It was moved and seconded necessary funds be appropriated to purchase stencils for making signs. The purpose of such is to encourage the making of advertising signs for all of the churches of the Conference, and said signs to be placed on highways approaching city giving name and location of our Wesleyan Methodist churches.

It was moved and seconded necessary funds be supplied Brother Bailie, Missionary Secretary, for obtaining missionary literature.

It was moved and seconded Brother Thomas Bailie work out the point system for stimulating missionary activity in the local young people's societies.

It was moved and seconded that the following memorial be sent to the General Conference by way of the Book Committee:

The Dakota Conference W. Y. P. S. proposes that article 5 of the local society W. Y. P. S. constitution be omitted and the following be inserted in its place: "Missions. It is recommended that one Sunday each month be devoted to the study of missions and an offering be taken for the same, said funds to be handled through the channels of the W. Y. P. S."

Motion was made and seconded we adjourn.

GORDON W. GOODSSELL, Secretary.