## **MINUTES**

---OF THE---

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

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# IOWA & CONFERENCE

--OF THE-

WESLEYAN METHODIST
CONNECTION OF AMERICA

—HELD AT—

COLLEGE SPRINGS, IOWA,

COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 18th,

1901.

# CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT.		
Rev. Frank J. Wilson	arengo,	Iowa.
SECRETARY.		
Rev. R. Wesley Mack	larence,	Iowa.
TREASURER.		
Rev. Joseph C. McGovern	Dundee,	Iowa.
TRUSTEES.		
1. Rev. Geo. S. Fry, Newtonville, Iowa Terr		
2. Fred Decker, Clarence, Iowa	"	1903
3. Charles N. Fox, College Springs, Iowa "	- "	1904
4. Rev John T. Platt, Wayne, Iowa "	"	1905
5. Horace J. Richardson, Charles City, Iowa "	"	1906
COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENCY.		
Revs. R. Wesley Mack, H. J. Richardson, Al	bert Joh	nson,
ADVISORY BOARD.		
Rev. Jos. C. McGovern, J. D. Willia	ms, Sr.	
JEDICIAL COMMITTEE.		
Revs. J. C. McGovern, A. W. Hall, G. S. Fry, B	F. Log	sdon.
COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY AND ORDE	RS.	
1. Rev. H. J. Richardson Term	n expire	s 1902
2. Rev. Geo. S. Fry		1903
3. Rev. D. E. Knapp		1904
CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE.		
Revs. 1). E. Knapp, Geo. F. Kelley, Al	bert Joh	nson.

## DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

#### FIRST DAY-WEDNESDAY.

Forenoon Session.

The Iowa Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America convened for its forty-eighth annual session in the Wesleyan Methodist church, of College Springs, Iowa, September 18, 1901, about 10 o'clock, a. m.

In the absence of Rev. J. C. McGovern, who was appointed to conduct a love feast at the opening of Conference, the meeting was conducted by the conference president, Rev. F. J. Wilson. This meeting was a precious season of grace and profitable to all.

At the conclusion of this meeting the Conference was declared ready for the transaction of the business belonging to it.

The roll was then call, after which Revs. Geo. S. Fry and and J. T. Platt were elected committee on credentials.

The committee on credentials reported the following names of duly elected delegates: Frank Ballou and Ralph Reamer, delegates from Dayton charge, J. D. Williams from Marengo and M. D. Crow from College Springs.

The president appointed J. D. Williams and M. D. Crow as the lay members on the Committee of Itinerancy and Orders.

The president appointed Rev. Mrs. L. A. Bishop and C. N. Fox as Committee on Religious Services.

On motion the first five seats and side seats in front of the stoves were constituted the bar of the conference. The hours for meeting and adjourning the meetings of this session of conference were fixed, by vote, as follows: Begin at 9 o'clock and close at 11:30 a. m., and begin at 1 o'clock p. m. and close at the discretion of the body.

Adjourned by motion.

Benediction by Rev. W. D. Merryman.

#### Afternoon Session.

Religious services were conducted by Rev. M. H. Barr. Minutes read and approved.

The committee on credentials made further partial report, naming J. R. Little as delegate from Pilot Rock charge.

Communications were read from Rev. R. E. Willis, W. A. Clark, and also the credentials of Rev. W. D. Merryman, a deacon from the West Iowa M. E. conference.

At this juncture Rev. Merryman was introduced and briefly addressed the conference.

By motion the above named, and all papers coming before this body, were ordered referred, when read, to the committees to which they properly belong.

The transfer of Rev. F. A. Butterfield, transferring him from the Syracuse Wes. Meth. conference to this conference was then read and by vote received.

By motion the president was instructed to appoint the standing committees. The president proceeded to appoint as follows:

COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS—Rev. R. Wesley Mack, Rev. Geo. S. Fry, Rev. J. C. McGovern, J. D. Williams, J. R. Little, F. Ballou. STATISTICS—Revs. W. R. Emerson and M. H. Barr.

SABBATH SCHOOLS-Sister Anna McGovern,

DISBURSEMENT OF SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS FUND—Rev. Geo. S. Fry, Rev. J. C. McGovern and R. Reamer.

MEMORIALS—Rev. J. C. McGovern, Rev. R. Wesley Mack and J. D. Williams.

A question was raised regarding the legality of a delegate

being elected from Dayton charge for Rev. A. W. Hall, connectional agent, who is a member of said charge. The President requested a ruling from the General Conference President, Rev. E. Teter, and the following ruling was rendered:

QUESTION: Is a connectional officer entitled to a delegate to represent him in the conference where his membership is, though he resides without the bounds of his own conference?

YES, for the reason that the discipline makes exception in their case as to residence, showing clearly that their election to a connectional office that may necessitate their residing within the bounds of another conference does not give said conference power over said officer, thus clearly meaning that his ministerial membership and rights remain in the conference where he holds his membership. This being true he is entitled to a delegate from the charge where he holds his church membership.

Rev. Geo. S. Fry requested to be excused from this afternoon session to prepare for this evening's service, but owing to the absence of several ministerial members of conference his presence was demanded and his request was not granted.

A communication from Rev. Woster P. Kingsbury was read, in which he requested that his name be dropped from the conference roll, and which was accompanied by the return of his credentials. By vote of conference his request was granted and his name ordered dropped from the roll.

Communications from Revs. C. P. Sage and J. Q. Emery were read.

A petition from the Hoover's charge requesting that the Hoover church be not sold, was read. A motion obtained to refer this paper to the conference trustees, and paper was so referred.

Communications were read from Rev. B. F. Logsdon and C. H. Moshier, delegate from Masonville and Dundee circuit.

On motion it was made the order of the day for Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock be to hear Rev. E. Teter, General Missionary Secretary.

By vote it was ordered to hold the Conference Missionary

Society immediately following the hearing of the General Missionary Secretary.

On motion it was made the order of the day on Friday a. m. at 10 o'clock to elect conference officers.

The president appointed Rev. J. T. Platt as committee on post office addresses.

The passage of character was then taken up and the following named persons were called and characters passed: Revs. J. C. McGovern, John T. Platt and Milburn H. Barr.

The committee on credentials in making further partial report, reported the following named persons as delegates: Ira King delegate from Guthrie Center circuit, and John Cooper from Wayne charge.

In the passage of character the following names were called, reported and passed: Revs. F. J. Wilson, D. E. Knapp and Anna McGovern.

On motion licentiates and all ministerial visitors are invited to honorary seats.

The following names were called and characters passed: Revs. C. P. Sage, R. E. Willis, B. F. Logsdon and A. W. Hall.

The president appointed as a committee to audit the conference treasurer's books the following named persons: J. R. Little, J. D. Williams and R. Reamer.

On motion the confenence treasurer was instructed to draw from the treasury the sum of \$11.10 to repay that amount which was loaned by him to this conference.

Rev. R. Wesley Mack was called for passage of character. Reported and character passed.

Conference adjourned by motion.

Benediction by Rev. D. E. Knapp.

#### SECOND DAY-THURSDAY.

#### Forenoon Session.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Sister Clara R. Pence. Reading of the twenty-sixth Psalm, and prayer.

The roll was called and minutes read, corrected and approved.

It was declared that by common consent it is the sense of this conference that the names of legally elected delegates who do not attend but who send reports should be entered upon the roll.

The committee on credentials reported the following named delegates: Lena Cretsinger, Guthrie circuit; Omer D. Hash, Iona and West Union, Neb.; Norman Hall, Bennezette; and Chas. S. Skidmore, Homer, Neb.

The president called to the chair Rev. G. S. Fry and then tendered his annual official report, which was adopted. See report No. 1.

The following motion, presented by Rev. H. J. Richardson, prevailed: "Moved that a committee be raised to recommend suitable action looking to the remuneration of our president, Rev. F. J. Wilson, for services rendered." On motion the acting chairman was instructed to name this committee. Chairman named Rev. H. J. Richardson, Rev. J. C. McGovern and J. D. Williams as such committee.

. The president resumed the chair.

By vote the conference minutes were ordered published.

Moved and carried that the conference secretary be paid from the treasury the sum of \$10.10, the amount of deficiency in the expense of publishing conference minutes of last year.

President appointed Sister Emma C. Johnston as Committee on Missions.

It was voted that this conference, as a body, attend the memorial services for our assassinated National President, Wm. McKinley, to be held in the chapel of Amity College this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

A motion obtained to raise a committee to secure funds to publish the conference minutes. The president named J. R. Little and Sister Emma C. Johnston as such committee.

The following motion prevailed: "Moved that the committee to raise funds for publishing the conference minutes secure the amount necessary and that the pastors take a collection during the coming year to be used to publish the minutes of next conference.

In the passage of character, Rev. A. Johnson was called. During the examination of his character conference adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by Rev. E. Teter.

#### Afternoon Session.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. F. J. Wilson who read the fifth chapter of James, and offered prayer.

Requests were made that prayer be offered for the recovery to health of sister Richardson, wife of our brother, Rev. H. J. Richardson, and for the salvation and healing of the son of our brother, Rev. Geo. F. Kelley, which were granted and prayer offered by Revs. McGovern, Teter and Wilson.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Rev. A. Johnson proceeded to make report and his character passed.

Rev. G. S. Fry was called to the chair and Rev. F. J. Wilson reported for the Evangelist Committee. This report was adopted. See report No. 2.

Conference at 1.55 p. m. repaired to memorial services as per previous arrangement.

Conference again convened at 4 o'clock p. m.

On motion Sister Emma C. Johnston was elected secretary

of the conference tithing roll and the book of records given into her hands.

The Houghton Student Committee then offered its report. Report adopted. See report No. 3. By motion the committee was continued.

Committee on Memorials reported. See report No. 4.

In the passage of character the following names were called, reported by letter and character passed: Revs. L. True, L. W. Easton and Thomas Hartley.

By motion the conference secretary was instructed to write a letter of christian greeting to Bro. Thomas Hartley.

Rev. T. F. Blair was called, reported by Revs. Wilson and Platt. Character passed.

Rev. D. F. Shepardson was called, reported by Revs. Teter and Platt. Character passed.

Rev. A. B. Wilkinson was called. No report. Character passed.

Rev. C. M. Howe was called. Reported by letter. Character passed.

The secretary was instructed to write to Rev. A. B. Wilkinson requesting him to make report to the next conference.

Adjourned by motion.

Benediction by Rev. Geo. F. Kelley.

#### THIRD DAY-FRIDAY.

#### Forenoon Session.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. Johnson, who read the 91st Psalm, and offered prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The committee on credentials reported the names of G. W. Belt as delegate from Bethel, and Frank Shannon from Alba-

ton. The committee on itinerancy and orders then made partial report, which was adopted.

At this juncture Rev. F. C. Hill of the Kansas Wes. Meth. conference was introduced to the conference.

The credentials of Rev. Alonzo L. Seavey of the West Free Methodist conference were read and, as per previous action, were referred to the committee on itinerancy and orders.

Rev. W. R. Emerson made report from Bennezette charge, he having served that charge as pastor after the death of their former pastor, the late Rev. S. A. Gilley.

At this juncture the following named persons were introduced to the conference: Prof. Silas W. Bond, president Houghton W. M. Seminary; Rev. A. L. Seavy, from the West Iowa F. M. Conference, and Rev. Mudd, pastor of the College Springs F. M. Church.

In the passage of character the following names were called and characters passed: Revs. Thomas C. Breeding, J. J. Fell, W. H. Riley and Olive M. True.

The order of the day being called the conference proceeded to the election of conference officers.

The president appointed as tellers, Rev. W. R. Emerson and M. D. Crow.

On informal ballot Rev. Frank J. Wilson received a majority of all the votes cast and by vote of conference the secretary of the conference was instructed to cast the ballot of the entire conference for Rev. Frank J. Wilson for president, which was done and he was declared elected.

On informal ballot Rev. R. Wesley Mack received a majority of all votes cast and by vote of conference the tellers cast the ballot of the conference for him for secretary, which was done and he was declared elected.

By vote of conference the secretary cast the ballot of the entire conference for Rev. Joseph C. McGovern for conference treasurer, and he was declared elected. By vote of conference the secretary cast the ballot of the conference for Rev. Horace J. Richardson as conference trustee, to succeed himself, and he was declared elected conference trustee for a term of five years.

On motion the informal ballot for members of the committee on itinerancy and orders was made formal and Rev. Dorland E. Knapp receiving the majority of all votes cast was declared elected for a term of three years to succeed himself.

For Advisory Board the present members were, by vote, retained.

By vote the present Judicial Committee was retained.

By vote the present Committee on Presidency was retained.

The conference then joined in singing, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," after which prayer was offered.

By request the committee on Itinerancy and Orders was excused for committee work.

Rev. Geo. S. Fry was called for the passage of character, reported and character passed.

Rev. Mina Johnson was called, reported by Rev. A Johnson, and character passed.

Rev. M. I. Appleby was called, reported by the conference president, and character passed.

Rev. J. M. Whitehead was called and declared withdrawn. Rev. Geo. C. Houck was called, reported and character passed.

Rev. Dr. Riley of the F. M. church was here introduced and made fitting remarks.

Rev. Mrs. L. A. Bishop was then called for passage of character, but asked to be excused for a time, which request was granted.

The name of Rev. George M. Farr was called, and there being no report it was voted to waive the passage of his character.

The name of John Q. Emery was called and by vote laid upon the table.

Rev. Cameron Weigle was called, reported by delegate and Rev. A. Johnson, and character passed.

Rev. Mary Shepardson called, reported by Rev. Platt and

character passed.

The name of Rev. J. E. Grinnell called, and by motion laid upon the table.

Rev. Louis Marshall called and character passed.

At this juncture prayer was offered, especially in behalf of father and mother Fox, of College Springs, on account of the severe illness of their daughter in Oklahoma.

The conference treasurer then tendered his annual report. By motion, action upon the report was deferred until the auditing committee should make their report.

Conference adjourned by limitation. Benediction by Rev. W. R. Emerson.

#### Afternoon Session.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. T. Platt, who read from the thirteenth chapter of Hebrews, and offered prayer.

Roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The committee on Sabbath schools reported and the report was adopted. See report No. 5.

The committee raised to recommend suitable action with reference to the remuneration of the conference president, made its report, which was adopted. See report No. 6.

A motion prevailed to proceed to receive invitations for a place to hold our next ministerial institute in the event of there being no conference camp meeting held. Invitations were received from Dayton, Dundee, St. Charles and Marengo, from which the committee may select as the place for the next institute.

Rev. George F. Kelley was put upon the passage of his

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Respectfully submitted.

W. R. EMERSON, M. H. BARR, Committee.

character, and after making report his character was passed by vote.

The order of the day being called for Rev. E. Teter, general missionary secretary, made a very encouraging report of our home and foreign mission work.

He also, in the absence of Rev. A. W. Hall, connectional agent, reported very encouragingly with reference to the connectional interests.

At the conclusion of Bro. Teter's reports, the order of the day being called, the conference gave place to the conference missionary society, which held a very interesting and profitable session.

Upon adjournment of the missionary society, the conference being called to order by the president, Rev. Mrs. L. A. Bishop was again called for passage of character, who reported and her character passed.

The name of Rev. James Lytle was called and his character passed.

The conference then voted an expression of sympathy and affection to Rev. Lytle and to Sisters Lowery, Grinnell and Press.

On motion the name of Rev. John Q. Emery was taken from the table and he was put upon the passage of his character, and reported by Rev. A. Johnson and C. Skidmore, and his character passed by vote.

On motion the name of Rev. J. E. Grinnell was also taken from the table and his character passed.

By vote Rev. J. E. Grinnell was granted a letter of standing, as per his request.

On motion it was made the order of the day for 2 o'clock to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon to hear Pres. Bond of Houghton Seminary.

Announcements of committees and conference adjourned by motion.

Benediction by Rev. H. E. Buck.

#### FOURTH DAY-SATURDAY.

#### Forenoon Session.

Conference opened with prayer by Rev. F. J. Wilson. The roll was called and minutes read and approved.

The committee on books and periodicals made report, which was adopted. See report No. 7.

The committee on statistics tendered its report through Rev. W. R. Emerson. It was moved to adopt the report, but, in view of the fact that from some of the charges no reports were received and from others but partial reports, an amendment was offered and prevailed, requesting the committee to secure as much additional report as may be attainable and forward to the conference secretary to be incorporated in the report and so recorded in the conference minutes. Motion, as amended, prevailed. See report No. 8.

By motion it was ordered to elect a statistical secretary and by vote Rev. Mrs. L. A. Bishop was elected such secretary.

The order of the day was then called and memorial services were held for Revs. S. A. Gilley and D. Stanford who have died during the past conference year.

Fitting remarks as to the life and character of Bro. Gilley were made by Rev. R. Wesley Mack, Rev. F. J. Wilson, Rev. J. C. McGovern and J. D. Williams, delegate from Marengo, while Rev. J. T. Platt and J. R. Little, delegate from Pilot Rock, made honorable mention of the noble life and loyal service of Bro. Stanford.

Brief remarks were also made by Rev. H. J. Richardson, Rev. G. S. Fry and Ira King, delegate from Guthrie circuit, with reference to Bro. Gilley, who being more actively engaged in the work of the conference was more widely known than Bro. Stanford, who on account of failing health for the past few years has been prevented from active service.

On motion of Rev. H. J. Richardson the conference secre-

tary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy and christian greeting to sister Gilley and the children.

At the conclusion of this service the conference stood adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by Rev. G. S. Fry.

#### Afternoon Session.

Conference opened with prayer by Rev. H. E. Buck. Minutes read and approved.

The report of the auditing committee as read by J. R. Little was adopted. See report No. 9.

On motion the conference treasurer's report was adopted. See report No. 18.

The camp meeting committee then reported through Rev. A. Johnson. Report adopted. See report No. 10.

On motion the camp meeting committee, with Rev. G. F. Kelley to take the place of Rev. L. True, was continued.

A resolution on prohibition was offered by Rev. E. Teter. See resolutions.

At this juncture a movement was put on foot to raise a fund for conference work and the sum of \$322 in cash and subscriptions was raised, after which the order of the day was called for and Prof. S. W. Bond, president of Houghton Seminary, gave a good report of our school, and the sum of \$62 was raised for the running expenses of the school.

A subscription was also opened and \$800 was raised as an endowment fund for the school, and \$100 to be paid at the rate of \$10 per annum.

The committee on missions then made its report, which was adopted. See report No. 11.

This was followed by the report of the missionary board by Rev. D. E. Knapp. Report adopted. See report No. 12.

The committee on itinerancy and orders made its completed

report through Rev. Geo. S. Fry. Report adopted. See report No. 13.

The conference missionary, sister Emma C. Johnston, tendered her report, the adoption of which was waived. See report No. 14.

Rev. Geo. S. Fry brought before the conference the proposition of raising the sum of \$800 to enable sister Emma C. Johnston to make herself self supporting. The above amount was raised by subscription.

On motion Joseph R. Little, Frank Ballou and Joseph A. Laird were declared elected trustees of "The Returned Missionary Fund."

By motion it was made the sense of this conference that the moneys raised for sister Johnston be paid to the treasurer of this board of trustees, Mr. Frank Ballou, Clarence, Iowa.

The committee on superannuated ministers fund reported by Rev. J. C. McGovern. Report adopted. See report No. 15.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the College Springs people for the royal reception and entertainment received at their hands.

Motion prevailed to proceed to fix the time and place of the next session of conference.

It was moved to leave the time to be fixed by the connectional agent and the conference officers. An amendment was offered to the effect that the time be left with the conference president. A substitute prevailed which provided that "the time of the next session of conference be fixed by the connectional agent and the conference president."

The place was fixed by calling the roll of conference. Upon second vote Masonville, Delaware county, received the majority of votes and was declared the place of holding the next conference.

The report of sister Emma C. Johnston, conference missionary, was adopted.

The committee raised to procure funds to publish the conference minutes reported \$25.47 raised. Report adopted.

On motion the conference secretary was empowered to publish the conference minutes.

A motion to adjourn to 7 o'clock this evening prevailed. Benediction by Rev. A. Johnson.

#### Evening Session.

Conference opened with Rev. Geo. S. Fry in the chair. Prayer offered by Rev. J. T. Platt.

Minutes read and approved.

In the passage of character Rev. H. J. Richardson was called, reported and character passed.

On motion conference adjourned for religious services to meet at the call of the chair.

Conference was again called at 10 o'clock p. m.

The committee on pastoral relations made its report through Rev. J. C. McGovern. The report was adopted. See report No. 16.

The conference trustees reported by Rev. G. S. Fry. Report adopted. See report No. 17.

On motion it was ordered to pay the conference secretary the sum of \$5 out of conference funds to defray expense of postage, stationery, etc.

On motion of Rev. J. C. McGovern it was voted that this conference send the conference president to travel over the conference as the needs of the conference may demand and that this conference stand back of him for the amount of \$400 and expenses.

On motion it was ordered that until further notice annual conference convene on Tuesday instead of Wednesday as here-tofore.

On motion the conference secretary was instructed to keep the roll of our honored dead. Minutes read and approved. Conference adjourned *sine die* at 11 o'clock p. m. Benediction by the conference president.

R. WESLEY MACK, Conf. Secy.

At the Sunday morning service Mrs. Lorinda A. Bishop was ordained an elder.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

#### PROHIBITION.

The use of intoxicating beverages is clearly prohibited in the word of God.

Drunkenness is classed among the fruits of the flesh, and those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. No drunkard shall enter the kingdom of God.

Men become drunkards by drinking.

There would be no drinking if nothing was made to drink.

As matters now stand in the United States, all intoxicating drinks, lawfully made and sold, are made and sold by the authority of the U. S. and the various states wherein said drinks are made and sold.

Those who make the laws for the U. S. and the various states which authorize the manufacture and sale of said drinks are elected by the voters of the land.

This makes the voters of the land responsible for the drink curse.

We believe that all laws, whether license, tax or revenue laws, that give the persons paying said license or tax the right to manufacture or sell beverages that intoxicate should be repealed and laws enacted by the general government, and the various states, forever prohibiting the manufacture, importation, sale and use of beverages that intoxicate.

We further believe that such penalty should be attached to said laws as would not only make any person who violated said laws responsible for all damage done but be so severe that none would think of violating said laws.

We therefore pledge ourselves to talk, pray and vote for Prohibition and act with such parties as promise to prohibit the liquor traffic when placed in power.

Signed E. TETER.

### REPORTS.

#### No. 1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Iowa Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1901:

Dear Brothers and Sisters: I beg leave to make my official report.

- 1. Lorinda A. Bishop resigned the Des Moines work, which resignation was accepted Oct. 20, 1900, and she was appointed to College Springs work.
- 2. Albert Johnson and wife of Albaton charge and L. True and wife of Guthrie circuit exchanged works, which was approved Nov. 2, 1900.
- 3. Nov. 22, 1900. Appointed B. F. Logsdon evangelist at large at his request.
- 4. Thomas Hartley asked privilege of working for other denominations in as much as none of our work was accessible. This was approved Nov. 5, 1900.
  - 5. Nov. 25th, 1900. Appointed Joel E. Grinnell evangelist at will.
- Jan. 13, 1901. F. J. Wilson resigned the Emmanuel work to take effect Jan 27, 1901. Geo. F. Kelley was called to the work and accepted. Approved Jan. 28, 1901.
- 7. March 4, 1901. Relieved M. H. Barr from the West Union and Iona (Neb.) work at his request.
- 8. Through the death of S. A. Gilley the Bennezette work was left without a pastor. On May 1, 1901, approved the arrangment for Waldo R. Emerson, a licentiate of the St. Charles church, to serve them the balance of the year.
- 9. July 8, J. M. Whitehead resigned the Guthrie Center work. Harvey E. Buck took the work until conference. Which was approved July 28.

I was not asked to travel over the conference, but as we were not able to secure an evangelist, and as so many points were left in the hands of the president and as so many calls were received from the churches, I resigned my work as pastor and devoted my time more fully to the needs of the conference.

I visited all the works I possibly could. I spent sixteen Sabbaths with the churches of the conference, for which I received \$164.07; my expenses were \$96.76, and for help at home \$30 while away among the churches, making a total of \$127.76 expenses. From this will be deducted a rail-

road rebate of \$25.39, leaving a total expense of \$102.37. Balance, \$62.70. I have paid out for postage and stationery \$5.75.

Respectfully submitted.

F. J. WILSON, President.

#### No. 2. EVANGELIST COMMITTEE.

We would report that the committee have been in correspondence with Revs. E. R. Dodd, E. W. Bruce, L. S. Cooper and B. F. Hester.

We were able to secure only the services of Rev. B. F. Hester, and that only for one month, for which he was paid \$10 out of the evangelist fund and about \$30 was paid him on the fields where he labored.

Respectfully submitted.

F. J. WILSON, J. C. McGOVERN, ALBERT JOHNSON

#### No. 3. HOUGHTON STUDENT COMMITTEE.

The Houghton Student Committee would report as follows: Sister May Lord went to Houghton Seminary soon after the close of our last conference and continued in school through the year. At the close of the year she made a request to come home during vacation, and in view of the rigid economy practiced by her while in school, as shown below, the committee granted her request and sent her \$25 to defray her expenses. She came home and spent her vacation but returned to Houghton at the opening of the Fall term and is now in school.

#### No. 4. COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

The Committee on Memorials will conduct a memorial service for the deceased members of the conference who have died during the past year, at 10 o'clock Saturday forenoon.

J. C. McGOVERN,

J. D. WILLIAMS, R. WESLEY MACK.

#### No. 5. SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Of all the departments of the work of the church, your committee considers the Sabbath school one of the most important in the upbuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom; but we find that the great mass of the churches neglect the Sabbath schools and by so doing weaken the church and let satan steal the lambs for whom Jesus gave his life.

We realize that the boys and girls of today are the men and women of tomorrow, and unless we save the children they may, nay they will, drift away from us and be lost to us.

We recommend therefore that both pastors and people labor as never before to promote the interest of the Sabbath school:

1st. By being in our places every Sabbath; not get the children ready and send them, but get them ready and BRING them.

2d. By having our officers and teachers persons of real Godly piety, those of whom God can say, "This is my workmanship."

3d. That our own literature be used. If we believe our doctrines and principles to be right, let us use our influence to promote them. If we allow other Sabbath school supplies to take the place of our own, we need not be surprised if our young people drift away from us. We must educate our young people in our church, and in our work we have found no better place to do this than in the Sabbath school.

Let us therefore go forth in the the future to do more to promote the influence and work of the Sabbath school than ever in the past that we may prove the scripture. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him."

Signed, ANNA McGOVERN, Com.

#### No. 6. PRESIDENT'S SALARY.

We, your committee to recommend action looking to the proper remuneration of our president for past services would recommend that he be allowed the sum of \$10 in addition to the amount already received, Said amount to cover postage and bring his receipts up to \$6 per Sabbath.

Signed, H. J. RICHARDSON,

J. C. McGOVERN, J. D. WILLIAMS.

#### No. 7. BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Books and Periodicals would respectfully report the following: To an extent we understand the need of a pure, wholesome literature in our homes and in our public libraries. We also know that our publishing house furnishes the above described literature and to an extent we have sought its circulation. But, in as much as we have had impressed upon our hearts at this meeting a deeper sense of our need of good reading to be placed before our people, we would report that it is the sense of this conference that we renew our diligence in the circulation of our literature and not cease until the Wesleyan Methodist is in every church home, our Sabbath school literature in all Sabbath schools under our care and the books from our publishing house be placed before our people. And that we hereby express our appreciation of the labors of our connectional officers in furnishing us with helpful literature for our personal benefits and the advancement of the principles of our denomination.

D. E. KNAPP, Committee.

No. 8.

#### STATISTICS.

(See table last page.)

#### No. 9. AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the Iowa Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church:

Your Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following: We have examined the books and accounts of the conference treasurer, J. C. Mc-Govern, and we find them correct and properly balanced in the report as made by the treasurer to your body. Respectfully submitted,

J. R. LITTLE, RALPH REAMER, J. D. WILLIAMS.

#### No. 10. CAMP-MEETING COMMITTEE.

The Camp-Meeting Committee would report the following:

1st. A meeting was held in the N. W. district at Albaton, July 7 to 17, Rev. L. True being the only member of the committee present. The meeting was conducted by Rev. Duley and wife of Omaha, and a good meeting was reported. Several were saved and some were sanctified. \$54 was raised at this meeting which covered all its expenses.

2d. There being no camp-meeting desired in the N. E. none was held.

3d. In the S. W. district the Guthrie circuit invited the district camp-

meeting to be held there in September, and it was so published, but owing to the convening of conference at a near date we thought it wise not to hold it.

Believing camp-neetings beneficial to the promotion of the cause of Christ and in the building up of the church, therefore we would request the ministry of the Iowa conference to put before the churches the importance of this work.

Signed.

D. E. KNAPP.

ALBERT JOHNSON.

#### No. 11. REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The office of Jesus Christ is given in Isaiah 51-1: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." The world is filled with such, for whom Christ died, Christ has made us co-workers with Himself by saying, "As my father hath sent me even so send I you." We believe there is a place and work for the humblest and weakest child of God in bearing the "bread of life" to the hungry, remembering that it is necessary to have the vessel which bears it clean and pure, fit for the service of the King. To this object we would recommend that pastors consider it a part of their office to, as far as possible, train the members of the church, especially the young, to work, in the church and elsewhere. "As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined." We cannot expect our children to grow up to be loyal and enthusiastic workers in the church unless they begin in the early christian life.

We would recommend that as an aid toward this object Children's Home and Foreign Mission Bands be organized as auxiliaries to the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies; that children and people be taught to give as the Lord has prospered them, to carry on the work.

"As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, 'Separate me Barnabas and Saul from the work whereunto I have called them.'"
The Holy Ghost church will have those who are called to special work.
Every means should be taken to educate the church on the subjects and to have those who are ready go forth.

We praise God for the prosperity of the work in Africa, for the means raised, the new buildings and the preservation of the lives of missionaries, and would pledge ourselves anew to work for the coming of His kingdom.

Signed, EMMA JOHNSTON.

#### MISSIONARY BOARD.

The Missionary Board met in the College Springs' parsonage Sept. 21, 1901, Bro. H. J. Richardson in the chair. There being no requests for appropriations none were recommended. Moved and carried that we recommend that Sister Emma C. Johnston be continued conference missionary evangelist, to travel throughout the connection. Adjourned by motion.

D. E. KNAPP, Sec'y.

#### No. 13. ITINERANCY AND ORDERS.

We would recommend,

1st. That Wm. D. Merryman, who coming to us as a deacon from the M. E. church, be received and required to pass examination in Blackburn's Church History, Hogg's Homiletics, Lee's Natural Theology, McIlvaine's Christian Evidences, D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation, Angus Hand-Book of the Bible, Haven's Mental Philosophy and Wayland's Moral Science.

2d. That Lorinda A. Bishop, with a general average of 94½ % in three studies, be elected to Elders Orders.

3d. That W. R. Emerson, Clara R. Pence and Harvey E. Buck be received and entered on the first year of study.

4th. That Mina Johnson be continued in the first year's course, she having been prevented from taking examination because of sickness.

5th. That A. L. Seavey be received on his credentials from the Free Methodist church after passing in our course of study.

6th. That George F. Kelley be re-entered in the second year of the course of study.

7th. That M. H. Barr, with a general average of 89½% in six studies, be passed to the third year in the course of study and he be required to bring up Blackburn's Church History.

8th. That Anna McGovern be continued in the third year's course, she having given a good reason for not taking an examination at this time.

9th. That G. C. Houck, John Q. Emery, Louis Morshall, George M. Farr, Thomas C. Breeding, J. J. Fell and O. M. True be referred back to their quarterly conference.

Signed, H. J. RICHARDSON,

D. E. KNAPP,

G. S. FRY,

M. D. CROW,

J. D. WILLIAMS.

#### No. 14. MISSIONARY EVANGELIST.

Report of receipts and expenses of the Missionary Evangelist.

					]	Recei	pts					E	xper	ises.
Illinois and Iowa						\$147	86						\$ 80	19
Michigan						66	16						35	93
South Dakota						91	88						27	80
Totals						\$305	90					,	\$143	92
			S	ig	110	ed,		EMMA JOHNSTON.						

#### No. 15. SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS.

The committee on the disbursement of the Superannuated Minister's Fund recommend that the following appropriations be made: Emma Johnston \$15, Sister Balch \$15, Sister M. C. Grinnell \$15, Sister Lowery \$15, and Sister Lizzie Tuffin \$15. Signed, GEO. S. FRY, RALPH REAMER, I. C. McGOVERN.

#### No. 16. PASTORAL RELATIONS.

- 1. Number of elders on the conference roll, 19.
- 2. Elders on the stationed list:

Joseph C. McGovern	John T. Platt	Doland E. Knapp
Albert Johnson	R. Wesley Mack	Horace J. Richardson
Frank J. Wilson	George S. Fry	Thomas F. Blair
Thomas Hartley	Alvin W. Hall	Cyrus P. Sage
Benjamin F. Logsdon	Richard E. Willis	Levi W. Easton
Lorinda A. Bishop	(Elected, not ordained)	William D. Merryman
Frank A. Butterfield	C. M. Howe	Deacon (from M. E. ch.)
Daniel F Shepardson	A. B. Wilkinson	

- 3. Elders left without appointment: None.
- 4. Elders on the superannuated list: James Lytle.
- 5. Elders deposed this year: None.
- 6. Elders withdrawn this year: Leslie True and Woster P. Kingsbury.
- 7. Elders who have died this year; Silas A. Gilley and D. Stanford.
- 8. Number of licentiates reported from quarterly conference rolls: 13.
- 9. Licentiates on the stationed list:

George C. Houck	Anna McGovern	Milburn H. Barr
Mary Shepardson	George F. Kelley	Louis Marshall
Myron I. Appleby	Mina Johnson	Waldo R. Emerson
Harvey E. Buck	Clara R. Pence	John Q. Emery

- 10. Amounts contributed on the various circuits and stations for the support of: 1, Preaching, \$3,413.44; 2, Missions, \$176 20; 3, Education, \$214.22; 4, Sunday schools, \$258.59; 5, Dollar plan, \$267.30; 6, Superannuated ministers, \$79.05; 7, Evangelists, \$656.16; 8, Incidental expenses, \$357.17; 9, Building and repairs, \$1,934.97; 10, All other benevolent objects, \$205.89; 11, Donations to pastors, \$205.61. Total amount contributed, \$7,766.60.
  - 11. Number that are in connection, 836.
- Sunday schools: 1, Number of, 19; 2, Superintendents, 19; 3, Scholars, 782; 4, Teachers, 80.
- 13. The next conference is to be held at Masonville, Delaware county, Iowa. The time to be fixed by the Connectional Agent and the Conference President.
  - 14. The work is supplied as follows:

Dayton, R. Wesley Mack.

Walker and Hoover and West Union, Emmanuel, George F. Kelley.

D. E. Knapp, conditionally.

Marengo, W. D. Merryman.

Bennezette, W. R. Emerson.

Bazille and Ponca Mission, J. Q. Em- Wayne, J. T. Platt. ery.

Albaton, M. H. Barr.

C. M. Howe

Des Moines, Howardville and Vinton, St. Charles, H. J. Richardson. in the hands of the President.

Masonville and Dundee J. C. and Anna McGovern.

Missionary at large, George S. Fry.

Maquoketa, G. C. Houck.

College Springs and Mt. Caramel,

Lorinda A. Bishop.

Bethel, B. F. Logsdon.

Pilot Rock, F. A. Butterfield.

Guthrie Center, to be supplied.

West Union, Homer and Iona,

Neb., Albert and Mina Johnson, conditionally.

Beaconsfield and Guthrie circuit, to be supplied.

Left to choose their own fields of labor:

D. F. and Mary Shepard- L. W. Easton son

A. B. Wilkinson M. I. Appleby

T. F. Blair Thomas Hartley Clara R. Pence

Left in the hands of the President: Harvey E. Buck and A. L. Seavey. Attending school at Houghton, N. Y.: C. P. Sage and R. E. Willis. Unstationed list: W. H. Riley.

Missionary Evangelist: Louis Marshall.

Connectional Agent, A. W. Hall.

F. J. Wilson, Conference President, to travel over the conference. Conference Missionary Evangelist, Emma C Johnston.

15. The conference officers are: President, Frank J. Wilson, Marengo,

Iowa; Secretary, R. Wesley Mack, Clarence, Iowa; Treasurer, Joseph C. McGovern, Dundee, Iowa.

F. J. WILSON, R. WESLEY MACK, J. C. McGOVERN. GEORGE S. FRY, J. R. LITTLE, FRANK BALLOU, J. D. WILLIAMS, Committee.

#### No. 17. CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

1st. Board met in parsonage at College Springs, Iowa, Sept. 21, 1901. 2d. Members present: H J. Richardson, John T. Platt, C. N. Fox and Geo. S. Fry.

3d. H. J. Richardson called the meeting to order.

4th. H. J. Richardson was elected chairman and Geo. S. Fry, secretary.

5th. A petition regarding the Hoover church was read.

6th. Motion prevailed to recommend the conference to defer action on the petition as to the Hoover church for further consideration.

7th. Moved and carried that unless some action is taken during this conference year to build up the work at Walker, that the church property be sold. HORACE J. RICHARDSON,

> GEORGE S. FRY, JOHN T. PLATT, CHARLES N. FOX, Trustees.

#### No. 18. TREASURER'S REPORT, 1900-1901.

The undersigned, treasurer of the Iowa conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church of America, begs leave to submit the following annual report:

DOLLAR PLAN. Receipts.

Amount received during the year \$253 (	)5
Disbursements.	
Paid to Rev. A. W. Hall, connectional treasurer \$189 7	78
Paid to Iowa conference fund 63 2	
Total disbursements \$253 (	_

#### MISSIONARY FUND.

Receipts.
Home missions from all sources during the year \$ 48 70
Foreign missions from all sources during the year 85 02
Total receipts
Disbursements.
A. W. Hall for home missions \$ 22 70
Iowa conference for home missions 26 00
A. W. Hall for foreign missions 85 02
Total disbursements \$133 72
SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND.
Receipts.
Cash on hand when last reported \$ 85 97
Received during year 97 25
Total receipts
Disbursements,
Emma Johnston \$ 25 00
Mrs. M. C. Grinnell 20 00
Mrs. E. Tuffin
Mrs. Nancy Lowery 15 00
Mrs. John Balch
Stamps and drafts
Balance to new account 87 92
Total
IOWA CONFERENCE FUND.
Receipts.
Cash on hand at commencement of the year \$ 47 32
Dollar plan
Home mission fund
Total
Disbursements.
Rev. R. E. Willis
Rev. Alberton Johnson
Treasurer's book
Postage, drafts and stationery 3 19
R. Wesley Mack, balance due for Conf. Min 8 20
J. C. McGovern, balance due on loan 11 10
Balance to new account 70 25
Total

#### STUDENT FUND.

Receipts.

Receipts.
Amount received from all sources during the year \$234 70
Cash on hand
Disbursements.
Miss May Lord
Postage and drafts
Balance to new account
Total
EVANGELIST FUND.
Receipts.
Cash on hand at close of last conference \$ 29 00
A. Heisler
J. R. Little
B. F. Hester
Total \$ 69 00
Disbursements.
S. A. Gilley
L. A. Bishop 8 65
B. F. Hester
Balance to new account
Balance to new account
Total disbursements \$ 69 00
RETURNED MISSIONARY FUND,
Receipts.
Cash on hand at last report \$ 5 00
Bennezette church
O. L. Snow
Rachel Porter 5 00
Rachel Porter
Total receipts
Disbursements,
A. W. Hall
Emma Johnston ,
Returned to O. L. Snow 5 00
Total \$ 26 31
BUILDING FUND.
Cash on hand at close of last conference \$ 25
No receipts or disbursements during the year.

#### HOUGHTON SEMINARY FUND.

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Disbursements.

J. C. McGOVERN, Treasurer.

#### CONFERENCE ROLL.

Elders on the stationed list:
Name and charge. Address.
Joseph C. McGovern, Masonville and Dundee Dundee Iowa
John T. Platt, Wayne Wayne, Iowa
Dorland E. Knapp, Guthrie Center Guthrie Center, Iowa
Albert Johnson, West Union, Iona and Homer, Neb. Coon Rapids, Iowa
R. Wesley Mack, Dayton Clarence, Iowa
Horace J. Richardson, St. Charles Charles City, Iowa
Frank J. Wilson, Conference President Marengo, Iowa
George S. Fry, Missionary at Large Walker, Iowa
Thompson F. Blair Vinton, Iowa
Thomas Hartley Granada, Minn
Alvin W. Hall, Connectional Agent Syracuse, N. Y.
Cyrus P. Sage, Student Houghton, N. Y.
Benjamin F. Logsdon, Bethel Baxter, Iowa
Richard E. Willis, Student Houghton, N. V.
Levi W. Easton 1711 East Grand avenue, Des Moines, Iowa
Lorinda A. Bishop, College Sp. and Mt. Carmel . College Springs, Iowa
William D. Merryman, (Deacon), Marengo Marengo, Iowa
Frank A. Butterfield, Pilot Rock Quimby, Iowa
C. M. Howe, West Union, Iowa
Daniel F. Shepardson Shell Beach, La.
A. B. Wilkinson Lake Arthur, La.

#### SUPERANNUATED MINISTER.

Name and charge.	Address.
James Lytle, Mt. Carmel	Riverton, Iowa
LICENTIATES.	
George C. Houck, Maquoketa	Maguoketa, Iowa
Anna McGovern, Masonville and Dundee	
Milburn H. Barr, Albaton	
Mary Shepardson	
George F. Kelley, Emmanuel	
Louis Marshall	Des Moines, Iowa
Myron I. Appleby	
Mina Johnson	
Waldo R. Emerson	Aredale, Iowa
Harvey E. Buck	
Clara R. Pence	
John Q. Emery	
A. L. Seavey	—
DELEGATES.	
Frank Ballou, Dayton	Clarence, Iowa
Ralph Reamer, Dayton	. Oxford Mills, Iowa
John D. Williams, Marengo	
M. D. Crow, College Springs	College Springs, Iowa
J. R. Little, Pilot Rock	
John Cooper, Wayne	
Ira King, Guthrie Center	
Homer Hunn, St. Charles	
C. H. Moshier, (not present) Masonville and Dunde	
Lena Cretsinger, (not present)	
Omer Hash, (not present) Iona and West Union, N	
Norman Hall, Bennezette	
Charles Skidmore, Homer, Neb	
Geo. W. Belt, (not present) Bethel	
Frank Shannon, Albaton	Sloan, Iowa
CONFERENCE MISSIONAR	Y.
Emma C. Johnston	Clarinda, Iowa