

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

—OF—

IOWA  CONFERENCE

—OF THE—

WESLEYAN METHODIST

Connection (or Church) of America

—HELD AT—

Fairview Chapel, Marengo, Iowa,

COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 19th,

1905.

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| 1. | Rev. Albert B. Gould, Hammond, Minnesota | Term expires 1906 |
| 2. | Rev. George S. Fry, Walker, Iowa | " " 1907 |
| 3. | Fred Decker, Clarence, Iowa | " " 1908 |
| 4. | W. Scott Reed, Knoxville, Iowa, R. F. D. | " " 1909 |
| 5. | Rev. John T. Platt, Bristow, Iowa | " " 1910 |

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Revs. E. R. Dodd, A. B. Gould, F. J. Wilson

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| 1. | Rev. A. B. Gould | Term expires 1906 |
| 2. | Rev. Mrs. L. A. Bishop | " " 1907 |
| 3. | Rev. F. A. Butterfield | " " 1908 |

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY—FORENOON

The Iowa Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection convened for its fifty-second annual session at Fairview church, near Marengo, Iowa, Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1905, at half past ten o'clock a. m.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Thomas Hartley, who read scripture lesson and offered prayer. So few members of conference having arrived, on motion conference adjourned to meet at two o'clock p. m.

Benediction by Bro. Andrews of South Dakota.

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY—AFTERNOON

Devotional services led by the Rev. J. W. Leedy.

On motion the Rev. Thos. Hartley was elected chairman of the committee on credentials.

The credentials committee made partial report, naming J. D. Williams and J. D. Frick as delegates from Marengo and Sister Libbie Bailey from Greenwood Charge (Minn.).

On motion the bar of the conference was fixed so as to include all seats in front of the stoves.

Rev. J. W. Leedy, lately received as a licentiate, and Rev. A. B. Gould, received from the Minnesota conference, were introduced to the conference.

The president recommended the following persons to the committees named: Rev. A. B. Gould, Education; Rev. J. W. Leedy, Resolutions; Rev. Thos. Hartley, Books and Periodi-

cals; J. D. Williams, Itinerancy and Orders; Rev. Mrs. L. A. Bishop and J. D. Williams, Religious Services.

The above named persons were elected to the offices recommended.

On motion the conference president was added to the committee on religious services.

A motion prevailed to fix the time of opening and closing the meetings of this session. On suggestion of the president the time was fixed as follows: Forenoon meetings to open at 9:00 and to close at 11:30 afternoon meetings to open at 1:30 and to close at the discretion of the body.

The following resolution was presented: First, that the president of conference be constituted permanent chairman of the committee on religious services; second, that the pastor and first delegate from the charge at which the next conference is to be held be constituted the remaining members of the committee for the session; third, that this arrangement be a standing rule of conference until rescinded. On motion the matter was laid on the table for future consideration.

Communications were read from the Rev. J. H. Meek, pastor of Dundee charge, and the Rev. L. W. Easton of Wellsford, Kansas, and their characters passed.

A communication from the Revs. J. C. and Anna McGovern was also read, in which they request letters from this conference.

On motion the names of J. C. and Anna McGovern were ordered restored to the roll (their letters of standing from this conference having been returned to the president during this conference year).

Their names were called for passage of character and their characters passed.

On motion their requests were granted and they were granted letters of transfer from this conference to the Dakota conference.

A communication from the Rev. H. E. Buck was read and his character passed.

On motion all papers when read before this body were ordered passed to the committees to which they properly belong.

In the passage of character the Rev. Thos. Hartley was called, made report, answered disciplinary questions, and his character was passed.

On motion conference adjourned at 4 p. m. for the organization of committees.

Benediction by the Rev. A. B. Gould.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY—FORENOON

Conference opened with devotional services led by the Rev. F. A. Butterfield.

The Rev. W. D. Merryman was elected a member of the committee on credentials.

The committee on credentials reported the following named persons as duly elected delegates to this body: Maurice Brink, Dayton; Miss Maud Nickolaus, Wayne; Mrs. Ella Reed, Elm Ridge.

Roll called, minutes read, corrected and approved.

The president made recommendations regarding the filling of standing committees as follows: Sunday Schools, Miss Bertha Betzer; Itinerancy and Orders, Maurice Brink; Postoffice Addresses, Edythe Merryman; Auditing, Revs. George S. Fry and Albert Johnson; Disbursement of Superannuated Ministers' Fund, Revs. Thos. Hartley, T. F. Blair and G. C. Houck; Memorials, Revs. George S. Fry and A. W. Hall; Pastoral Relations, Rev. George S. Fry, Rev. R. Wesley Mack, Rev. E. R. Dodd, J. D. Frick, W. N. Walton and Sister Ella Reed.

Motion prevailed to adopt the above recommendations of the president.

A communication from the Rev. B. F. Logsdon was read, his name called for passage of character and his character passed.

A letter of greeting from Mother M. C. Grinnell was read, after which conference joined in singing "My Latest Sun Is Sinking Fast."

On motion the conference secretary was instructed to write a letter of greeting to Mother Grinnell and to any others that in his judgment required such.

Sister Bertha Betzer, a licentiate received during the year, was introduced to the conference.

In the passage of character the Rev. Geo. S. Fry was called, answered disciplinary questions, and his character passed.

The name of the Rev. R. D. Robertson was called; he being absent and no communication from him having been received, the following motion regarding his case prevailed: Moved that the secretary of the conference be instructed to communicate with the Rev. R. D. Robertson of Doan, Iowa, for the purpose of ascertaining his present relations to this conference, and that the action of this conference shall be final when an answer from him shall have been received.

The name of the Rev. W. H. Riley was called, reported by the Rev. Dodd, and his character passed.

The name of the Rev. James Lytle was called, reported as having passed to his final reward during the past conference year; his name was ordered placed upon the roll of honored dead.

The committee on credentials reported the following delegates: Miss Edythe Mer ryman, Guthrie Center; D. O. Bliss, St. Charles; W. N. Walton, Hoover.

A letter of standing of Elder W. Van Driessen of the former Minnesota conference was read and referred to the committee on itinerancy and orders.

The name of the Rev. B. Bender was called and report was

made that he had passed during the conference year to his Heavenly Home. His name was ordered passed to the roll of honored dead. Conference joined in singing one of Father Bender's favorite songs, "I Shall Be Like Him," and Rev. Dodd led the conference in prayer.

The Revs. F. A. Butterfield, C. M. Howe, R. E. Willis and Albert Johnson were called, made report and characters passed.

The Rev. A. B. Gould was called and was offering his report when at 11:30 a. m. conference was adjourned by limitation.

The conference president offered prayer and the Rev. A. Johnson pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON

Devotional services led by Sister Bertha Betzer, who led the conference in prayer, then reading the word from the tenth chapter of John. Rev. Fry then offered prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

The committee on credentials reported Mrs. Mattie Jones as delegate from Bennezzette.

The item of unfinished business, viz. the examination of the character of the Rev. A. B. Gould, was resumed and after answering disciplinary questions his character passed.

The Rev. W. D. Merryman was called and was offering his report when the question of reporting Union Sunday Schools was raised and after being discussed at some length the following resolution was offered and prevailed: "Resolved, first, that all Sunday Schools under the pastoral oversight of Wesleyan Methodist pastors may be included in the statistical report of the pastor having said school in charge; second, that the above be spread upon the conference minutes as a standing rule." On completion of this report the character of Rev. Merryman passed.

The committee on credentials reported S. Rymil as delegate from Homer (Neb.) charge.

The Rev. E. R. Dodd was called, made report as conference evangelist and his character passed. On motion the conference evangelist's report was adopted. See report.

The resolution relative to the committee on religious services, which was laid upon the table in yesterday's afternoon meeting, was by motion taken from the table. A motion to adopt the resolutions prevailed.

On motion it was made the order of the day at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow to elect conference officers.

On motion Rev. A. Johnson was added to the committee on statistics.

On motion conference adjourned at 4:00 p. m.

Announcements of committees.

Benediction by the Rev. Platt.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY—FORENOON

Devotional services led by the Rev. A. B. Gould.

The committee on credentials reported W. M. Gipe as delegate from Emmanuel charge.

Roll called and minutes read and approved.

Recommendations of W. D. Merryman, Edythe Merryman and Bertha Betzer were read and by previous action referred to the committee of itinerancy and orders.

On motion it was made the order of the day to hear Rev. Hall's report Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

On motion all visiting brethren and sisters in harmony with our doctrines and principles were invited to honorary seats.

The Rev. F. J. Wilson was called for passage of character and offered his official report, which was by motion ordered adopted item by item.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were read and adopted.

Item 8 read and was being discussed when conference was adjourned by vote at 11:30 a. m.

Benediction by the Rev. Hall.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY—AFTERNOON

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Dodd.

Minutes read and approved.

Rev. Fry was again called to the chair and the conference president proceeded to make his report.

On motion this item of business was waived and the committee on credentials reported Mrs. Anna Rogers as delegate from Pilot Rock.

The president again read item 8 of his report which was by motion referred to a special committee of three to be appointed by the chair. The chair appointed Revs. A. W. Hall, E. R. Dodd and Thomas Hartley as such committee.

On motion the order of the day, viz. the election of officers, was postponed until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

The president proceeded with his report.

Items 9 to 27, inclusive, were by motion adopted.

Items 28 to end of the report were by motion referred to the auditing committee.

The president resumed the chair and Houghton Student Committee reported by Rev. R. E. Willis. Report adopted. See report.

A subscription was taken for Sister May Lord, our present student in Houghton College and fifty-eight dollars was pledged for her support in completing her school.

The conference president offered the following: "Following resolutions are offered as a substitute for 'First' in instructions to president in published minutes of 1904, page 21: First, that the conference president be required, authorized and appointed to travel the conference as president and hold at least one

service at each of the churches during the year, under such dates as he may publish in advance, having general supervision of the spiritual interests thereof; second, that he shall also have charge of the benevolences of the conference, and shall receive contributions therefor, which shall be divided as follows: 60 per cent shall be placed to the conference fund, 15 per cent to foreign missions, 15 per cent to home missions, 10 per cent to the superannuated ministers' fund; third, that he shall have general supervision of the church property within the bounds of the conference, and shall inquire into the titles of the same to see that no property is loosely held, and shall look after the rental of conference property and see that the rent is placed in the conference treasury, and shall investigate the feasibility and possibility of the sale of conference property not in use, and report his findings to the next session of the conference; fourth, that he shall also devote as much time as possible and as occasion may afford in quarterly and other meetings."

The above resolutions were by vote referred to a committee of three appointed by the chair. The chair appointed as such committee the Revs. Mack, Butterfield and Hall.

Conference adjourned by motion.

Benediction by the Rev. Thos. Hartley.

FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY—FORENOON

Devotional services were led by the Rev. D. W. Scott.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Recommendation of W. R. Emerson was read and referred to the committee of itinerancy and orders.

Communications from the Revs. G. J. Cameron and J. J. Fell were read.

The auditing committee made a report regarding the financial portion of the president's report. Report adopted. See report.

The special committee to which was referred the resolutions presented yesterday by the conference president made report. Report ordered adopted item by item.

Item 1 read and adopted.

Item 2 was read, discussed and adopted by a vote of twenty for and one against, the negative vote being cast by the president.

Items 3 and 4 read and adopted.

The remaining portion of the report, which was explanatory in its character, was read and adopted by a vote of eighteen for and two against. The report as a whole was adopted.

The special committee to which was referred item 8 of the president's report, made report. Report unanimously adopted. See report.

Recommendation of Adelia Houck was read and referred to the committee of itinerancy and orders.

Rev. W. D. Merryman was elected to the committee on statistics.

The president's report as a whole was adopted.

Conference adjourned by limitation at 11:30 a. m.

Benediction by the Rev. J. W. Leedy.

FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY—AFTERNOON

Devotional exercises led by the Rev. Merryman.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

The belated order of the day, viz. the election of conference officers, was taken up and resulted as follows:

For president, on first ballot, Rev. F. J. Wilson received twelve of the twenty votes cast and was declared elected.

For vice-president, on first ballot, Rev. F. A. Butterfield received eleven of the twenty-one votes and was declared elected.

For secretary, on first ballot, Rev. R. Wesley Mack received

ed nineteen of the twenty-two votes cast and was declared elected.

The committee on credentials reported George W. Belt as delegate from Bethel charge.

For treasurer, on first ballot, Rev. R. E. Willis received twenty-five of the twenty-six votes cast and was thus elected.

For conference trustee, on first ballot, Rev. John T. Platt received thirteen of the twenty-five votes cast and was thus elected to succeed himself.

For trustee for one year to fill vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Rev. F. E. Calhoon, Rev. A. B. Gould received fifteen of the twenty-five votes cast and was thus elected.

On motion the Rev. F. A. Butterfield was elected to succeed himself on the committee of itinerancy and orders.

On motion the present committee on presidency was re-elected.

On motion the present advisory board was re-elected.

On motion the present judicial committee, with Rev. Thos. Hartley to take the place of Rev. Calhoon, resigned, was re-elected.

On motion the present camp meeting committee, with Rev. A. B. Gould to take the place of Rev. Meek, who expects to reside outside the bounds of the conference, was re-elected.

The order of the day was called and the officers of the W. H., F. & Conf. Missionary Society were invited to the president's and secretary's chairs to take charge of the annual conference missionary meeting, report of which follows:

WOMAN'S HOME, FOREIGN AND CONFERENCE MISSIONARY
SOCIETY OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE

The society met Friday afternoon, Sept. 22, 1905, at Fairview church, Marengo, Iowa.

Mrs. L. A. Bishop was in the chair and Mrs. Clara Wilson was elected secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. L. A. Bishop, president; Mrs. Laura Little, vice-president; Mrs. Clara Wilson, secretary; Mrs. Mabel Mack, treasurer and solicitor; Mrs. Sniffin, collector.

The following named local societies sent written reports, which were read and adopted: Guthrie Center, Dayton, Bennezzette, Fairview, Dundee, St. Charles and Maquoketa. See reports.

Miss Maud Nickolaus made a verbal report for the Wayne society, which was adopted.

The treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Meek, not being able to be present, turned the work of the treasurer over to Mrs. Mabel Mack, who made the report, which was adopted. See report.

Mrs. Anna C. Bordman, returned missionary from Africa, gave a very interesting and inspiring address.

Sixteen new members were received.

Sister Edythe Merryman reported for Guthrie Center as follows:

Report of the Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Guthrie Center:

Organized Oct. 18, 1904.

Present number of members	11
Number of meetings held	34
Money received during the year:	

Dues	\$ 8 50
For work	13 45
Collections outside	7 00

Total	\$28 95
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Expenditures:

For carpet for church	\$14 90
For stand	1 40
For quilting material	1 55
To help defray delegate's expenses to Gen. Conf.	1 00
Voted to send to annual conference society	2 00

Total	\$20 85
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Besides the above named amount, one comforter, ten yards of calico and a pair of towels were sent to the missionary in Africa.

Box including express valued at \$5.00 was sent by Sisters Hazlett, Keister and Thomas. EDYTHE MERRRMAN, Sec'y.

Sister Mabel Mack reported for Dayton as follows:

Report of Woman's Home, Foreign and Conference Missionary and Aid Society for Dayton charge for the year ending in August, 1905:

Present membership	24
Number joined during the year	9
Number withdrawn during the year	9
Number of meetings held	11
Amount contributed during the year for missions	\$30 09
Amount of aid fund applied on dollar plan	15 00
Garments and quilts made and sent to Africa	7 50
Freight on goods sent to Africa	50

Total amt. paid from treasury during year for mission work . \$53 09

Respectfully submitted, MRS. SARAH JEFFREY, Secy.

The following report of the Bennezette society was read by Sister Sniffin:

Report of the Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Bennezette:

Number of meetings during the year	14
New members	3
Receipts:	
Amount raised by work	\$ 6 50
By dues	35 50
Outside collections	4 60
Merchandise sent to Africa	11 07
Total	\$57 67
Expenditures:	
Work done on parsonage	\$ 6 30
Sent to conference	40 30
Total	\$46 60

ALICE McKERNAN, Sec'y.

Mrs. Clara Wilson gave the following report:

Annual report of the Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary and Aid Society of Fairview church, Marengo, Iowa, for the year ending September, 1905:

Number of members	20
Number of meeting held during the year	10
Amount of dues raised for missions	\$8.97

Respectfully submitted, MRS. CLARA WILSON, Sec'y.

Report of Dundee Missionary Society for the conference year ending September, 1905:

Number of members	14
Honorary members	10
Number of meetings held	16
Amount received	\$14.28
Paid to treasurer of Annual Conference Society	\$3.00
Work done	2 quilts made
Mass meetings held	1

Names and postoffice addresses of officers:

President	Mrs. Schultz, Manchester, Iowa
Vice-President	Mrs. Meek, Dundee, Iowa
Treasurer	Mrs. John Fober, Dundee, Iowa
Secretary	Miss Anna Stone, Manchester, Iowa

ANNA STONE, Sec'y.

The following is the report from Maquoketa:

Maquoketa, Iowa, Sept. 19, 1905.

Have held a meeting every month from organization date (Dec. 1st).

Amount of dues	\$ 6 33
Charity work	4 00
Total	\$10 33
Amount paid to pastor	\$ 5 33
Amount paid to Conf. W. H. & F. M. S.	1 00
Total	\$ 6 33

MRS. M. E. McCREERY, Sec'y.

The eighth annual report of the St. Charles Home and Foreign Missionary Society:

The St. Charles society meets every two weeks. The devotional exercises and business meetings are led by the president or vice-president. Each meeting is opened by singing, reading a chapter from God's word and prayer. The business meetings consist of roll call, reading minutes of last meeting, hearing report of solicitors and committees, paying of dues, etc.

Number of members belonging to the society at the commencement of the year, 18. One member removed by death during the year, one withdrew, and three were received, making 19 members in society now.

Each member pays a membership fee of \$1.00 a year.

Number of meetings held this year, 20. The attendance has been good. Visitors at most every meeting.

At our meetings we work at piecing and making quilts; pieces are donated and quilts sold. We also work at sewing, quilting and tying comforts for any wishing to hire us. We have an aid society in connection with our missionary society; only half the money goes for missionary work. Amount collected and sent to conference for missions, \$10.50.

CLARA DAY, Cor. Sec'y.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer pro tem. of the Woman's Foreign, Home and Conference Missionary Society submits the following report for 1905:

Received from local societies the following amounts:

Wayne	\$ 7 43
St. Charles	10 50
Bennezette	40 30
Guthrie Center	2 00
Dayton	30 09
West Union	7 00
Dundee	3 00
Fairview	8 97
Maquoketa	1 00
Membership fees	8 00
Total	<u>\$118 29</u>

STATISTICAL REPORT

1905

PASTORS AND CHARGES.

	Time—Months	Appointments	Churches	Received	Expelled	Discontinued
J. H. Meek, Dundee	12	1	1	1	1	1
F. A. Butterfield, Wayne	12	1	1	2	1	1
F. E. Calhoun, College Springs	7	1	1	1	1	1
A. R. Higgs, Guthrie Circuit	5	1	1	1	1	1
M. R. Baldridge, Bulah, Neb.	10	1	1	1	1	5
W. D. Merryman, Guthrie Center	12	2	2	17	1	1
W. D. Merryman, Elm Ridge	12	1	1	1	1	1
E. H. Westbrook, Bethel	12	1	1	2	1	2
R. Wesley Mack, Dayton	12	1	1	6	1	3
G. C. Houck, Maguoketa	12	1	1	10	2	4
R. E. Willis, Pilot Rock	12	1	1	1	1	1
R. E. Willis, Albaton	12	1	1	2	1	2
D. W. Scott, Emmanuel	12	1	1	5	1	1
A. B. Gould, South Troy	12	3	1	11	1	1
A. B. Gould, West Pleasant	12	1	1	1	1	1
J. T. Platt, Bennezzette	12	1	1	1	1	1
J. T. Platt, Union Ridge	12	1	1	1	1	1
L. A. Bishop, Marengo	12	1	1	6	1	1
W. R. Emerson, St. Charles	5	1	1	1	1	1
Howardville	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bertha Betzer, Hoover	5	1	1	18	1	1
Bertha Betzer, West Union	5	1	1	2	1	4
Homer (Neb.)	1	1	1	1	1	1
Des Moines (no report)	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ponca Mission (no report)	1	1	1	1	1	1
West Union (Neb.) (no report)	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. W. Leedy, Masonville	5	1	1	1	1	1
Diagonal	1	1	1	1	1	1
Vinton (no report)	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Carmel (no report)	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTALS	220	28	25	72	2	23

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ALBERT JOHNSON, WM. D. MERRYMAN, Committee.

Disbursements:

Foreign missions	\$ 59 14
Home missions	59 15
Total	\$118 29
Respectfully submitted, MRS. MABEL MACK, Treas. pro tem.	
CLARA A. WILSON, Sec'y Conf. Society.	

FIFTH DAY—SATURDAY—FORENOON

Devotional services led by the Rev. W. R. Emerson.

Committee on credentials reported Mrs. Mary Ballou as delegate from Dayton, C. H. Babcock from College Springs and Freeman Andrews from Dundee.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

The treasurer tendered his annual report, which was by vote referred to the auditing committee.

In the passage of characters the following persons were called, reported and passed: R. Wesley Mack, A. W. Hall, J. T. Platt, Mrs. L. A. Bishop, D. W. Scott, G. C. Houck, W. R. Emerson and Miss Bertha Betzer.

On request the committee on itinerancy and orders was excused to complete its work.

The name of Rev. A. B. Wilkinson was called, reported favorably by the Rev. Hall and his character passed.

The following absent members were called and their characters passed: G. J. Cameron, D. F. Shapardson, Mina Johnson, J. J. Fell and T. F. Blair. (The last named brother arrived a little later.)

The Rev. J. W. Leedy was called, reported and passed.

On motion the time of the next annual conference was left with the conference president and the connectional officers.

An invitation for the next conference was received from Guthrie Center, and was by vote accepted.

On motion it was ordered to leave the fixing of the place in

the hands of the president and advisory board in event of Guthrie Center finding itself unable to entertain the conference.

The Rev. F. J. Wilson, as secretary of the Iowa Annual Conference Tithing Union, reported forty-two names added to the roll during the past year.

On motion the Rev. D. W. Merryman was elected statistical secretary.

The committee on books and periodicals made report. Report adopted. See report.

The committee on resolutions offered report, which was adopted by a rising vote and ordered sent to the "Wesleyan Methodist" for publication. See report.

The committee of itinerancy and orders made partial report, which was adopted.

Conference adjourned by limitation at 11:45 a. m.

Benediction by the Rev. D. W. Scott.

FIFTH DAY—SATURDAY—AFTERNOON

Devotional services were led by the Rev. J. T. Platt.

Minutes read and approved.

The camp meeting committee made report. Report adopted. See report.

Committee on missions made report. Report adopted. See report.

Committee on Des Moines church made report. Report adopted. See report.

Committee to re-incorporate conference made report, which was adopted. See report.

The following resolution, offered by the Rev. Hartley, was passed by a rising vote: "Resolved that we, the Iowa Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, in conference assembled in Fairview church, Marengo, Iowa, this 23rd day

of September, 1905, do tender to the people of this vicinity a rising vote of thanks for the magnificent way in which they have entertained us; 2nd, Resolved that this resolution be spread upon the conference minutes. Thos. Hartley, Com."

Rev. H. M. Ferguson was called for passage of character, made report and character passed.

The auditing committee made completed report, which was adopted. See report.

On motion the treasurer's report was adopted. See report.

The treasurer tendered his resignation, which was by vote accepted. He also requested a letter of standing, which was granted.

On motion the conference secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the conference for Rev. Waldo R. Emerson for conference treasurer, which ballot was cast and he was declared elected.

On suggestion of Rev. Fry it was voted to hold memorial services for Revs. Lytle and Bender on Sunday next at 3:00 p. m. (The above named services were later postponed to 6:00 p. m.)

The committee on education made report, which was adopted, and report ordered sent to the "Wesleyan Methodist" for publication. See report.

The time for the order of the day having arrived, the Rev. A. W. Hall presented the missionary, publishing and educational interests in a most interesting and profitable manner. At the conclusion of Rev. Hall's address, the Rev. T. F. Blair offered prayer and conference joined in singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

The committee on disbursement of superannuated ministers' fund made report. Report adopted. See report.

On motion conference adjourned at 4:20 p. m. to meet at 7:00 p. m.

FIFTH DAY—SATURDAY—EVENING

Conference opened for business at 7:30 p. m.

Prayer by the conference president.

Committee on itinerancy and orders made final report, which was adopted.

On motion the report as a whole was adopted.

On motion conference adjourned to the call of the chair to give place to a missionary address by Mrs. Bordman, our recently returned missionary from Africa.

ADJOURNED MEETING

Conference again called to order at 11:00 p. m.

The statistical committee made report which was adopted. See report.

The committee on pastoral relations made report. Moved to adopt. It was moved to amend the report by adding the name of Miss Edythe Merryman, singing evangelist to the list of licentiates. Amendment prevailed.

A motion prevailed to further amend the report by placing Union Ridge charge, formerly under the care of J. T. Platt, in the hands of the president. The report as amended was adopted.

On motion it was ordered to pay Mrs. Emma C. Johnston twenty-five dollars from the superannuated ministers' fund.

Motion prevailed to constitute the secretary a committee to publish the conference minutes.

On motion the conference secretary was instructed to draw on the treasury for all expense incurred in publishing the conference minutes.

A motion prevailed to pay the secretary five dollars from the treasury on last year's expenses.

On motion conference adjourned sine die at 11:35 p. m.

Prayer by the conference president.

At the Sunday forenoon service the Revs. W. D. Merryman and W. R. Emerson were ordained elders.

R. WESLEY MACK, Conf. Sec'y.

Standing Rules and Resolutions

By an act of conference the conference secretary was instructed to include in the conference minutes all standing rules and resolutions of this conference.

On page 3 of Vol. III of the Conference Records we find the following: On motion of Rev. S. A. Gilley, "All resolutions of this conference in annual sessions, so far as adopted at previous sittings, are hereby repealed."

See Conference Journal Vol. III, page 117: 1, "That the enrollment and not the average attendance shall be the basis of the statistical report of number in Sunday Schools;" 2, "That pastors report all salary and donations separately and that the committee on statistics shall so record them;" 3, "That the rent of parsonages be not reported as part of the salary."

On same page of Journal we find the following: "Resolved that it is the sense of this conference that the discipline requires that the license of every quarterly conference licentiate, whether or not recommended to the annual conference to travel under its direction, or to be ordained as elders at its hands, shall be renewed once a year and so reported to to the annual conference, provided it is the mind and purpose of the quarterly conference to continue the licentiate in such relations."

From page 158, Vol. III: "Ordered that, until further notice, annual conference shall convene on Tuesday instead of Wednesday as heretofore."

Page 185, same book: "Resolved that it be the rule of this conference that no elder or licentiate thereof has the right to hold or conduct religious services within the bounds of any church or charge within the conference without the consent and approval of the pastor of such church or charge, unless so authorized or appointed by the conference president thereof."

"Resolved: First, That the conference president be required, authorized and appointed to travel the conference as president, having general supervision of the spiritual interests and benevolences thereof, holding at least one service at each of the churches during the year, under such dates as he may publish in advance. Second, At such services he shall present the subject of our benevolences and direct, assist and encourage the pastors and churches in raising the same, as provided by our book of discipline, under the dollar plan and offering for superannuated ministers. Third, He shall have general supervision of the church property within the bounds of the conference, and shall inquire into the titles of

the same to see that no property is loosely held, and shall look after the rental of conference property and see that the rent is placed in the conference treasury, and shall investigate the feasibility and possibility of of the sale of conference property not in use and report his findings to the next session of the conference. Fourth, He shall also devote as much time as possible, and as occasion may afford, in quarterly and other meetings. Fifth, He shall be paid from the conference fund the sum of \$500.00 and traveling expenses per year for his services, the same to be paid quarterly."

"Resolved: First, That the president of conference be constituted permanent chairman of the committee on religious services. Second, that the pastor and first delegate from the charge at which the next conference is to be held, be constituted the remaining members of the committee for the session."

"Resolved: That all Sunday Schools under the pastoral oversight of Wesleyan Methodist pastors may be included in the statistical report of the pastor having said school in charge."

REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL REPORT

With gratitude to our blessed Lord for his kind and tender care and gracious benediction, and to the brothers and sisters who have borne so patiently our many mistakes and infirmities and co-operated so earnestly and generously to make the year a spiritual and financial success, we submit the following report:

1. Sept. 21, 1904. Arranged for Rev. M. R. Baldridge of the Dakota conference to serve the church at Bulah, Neb.

2. Oct. 31. Rev. G. J. Cameron resigned his work at Homer, Neb., and Guthrie Circuit, and engaged to serve the Hoover charge, which was approved.

3. Nov. 8. Rev. J. J. Fell resigned from the statistical committee and Rev. Waldo R. Emerson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

4. Nov. 8. The action of the last conference inviting the Minnesota conference to unite with us and the following resolution passed by the Minnesota conference Oct. 1, 1904, and approved Nov. 1 by the president

of the general conference, formed a basis for our operations in that state during the conference year: "Resolved, That, in accordance with the action taken by the late session of the Iowa conference and insofar as this body has power to act, we do hereby discontinue our separate existence and unite ourselves with the Iowa conference, subject to the forms and rules provided by the discipline and otherwise for making this action valid. It is understood and provided in this action that the preachers and churches of this conference who shall so elect shall be received by the Iowa conference to its full privileges and rights and shall receive the same consideration and care accorded those now belonging thereto, and if, in the good providence of God, our borders shall be enlarged and our numbers increased so that it shall seem best to assume again our separate station, the right to do so is reserved without prejudice by this action."

5. Oct. 19. As Rev. A. B. Culbertson did not take the Hoover and West Union churches as conditionally appointed by the last conference, he was appointed missionary evangelist and went to Washington state.

6. Nov. 16. Received \$15, interest on the Beaconsfield parsonage note, and forwarded same to the conference treasurer.

7. Jan. 1, 1905. Endorsed the arrangement for Rev. C. G. Chandler to serve the West Union work as pastor for an indefinite time.

8. Jan. 21. Received official notice that the Greenwood and Buttermore churches in Minnesota had voted to unite with the Iowa conference, and, having secured the concurrence of one of the advisory board, received them.

9. Jan. 27. Received letters of standing from Rev. J. C. McGovern (elder) and Rev. Anna McGovern (licentiate) as returned to the Iowa conference, and ordered the secretary to issue conference license to Anna McGovern.

10. Feb 6. Received Rev. A. B. Gould into the conference as an elder on his credentials from the Minnesota conference.

11. Received and accepted the resignation of Rev. F. E. Calhoon from the committee on itinerancy and orders and appointed Rev. A. B. Gould to fill vacancy.

12. Rev. G. J. Cameron desiring to go to Nebraska, resigned his work at the Hoover charge, and was appointed missionary evangelist Mar. 23.

13. April 5. The purchaser of the Beaconsfield property released the same to the Iowa conference, being unable to pay out, which was accepted, and the property was rented to the same party for one year at \$4.00 per month, payable monthly in advance. \$12.00 was paid in advance and forwarded to the conference treasurer.

14. For lack of funds and other reasons deemed justifiable, I did not travel the conference according to directions from April 10 to July 9.

15. Accepted the resignation of Rev. F. E. Calhoon as pastor of the College Springs church, he having accepted a charge in the Congregational church.

16. April 13. Issued letter of standing to Rev. James Hughes and on April 25 issued letter of withdrawal.

17. April 30. The arrangement for Rev. A. R. Higgs of the U. B. church to serve the Tuttle's Grove church half his time was approved.

18. May 20. Granted letter of standing to Rev. F. E. Calhoon.

19. June 12. Accepted the recommendation of J. W. Leedy, licentiate of Marengo charge, to travel, and appointed him missionary evangelist.

20. June 25. Issued transfer to E. S. Goodin, licentiate, to the Kansas conference.

21. July 7. Received \$12.00, less 25¢ commission, for rent on the Beaconsfield parsonage, and forwarded the same to conference treasurer.

22. Aug. 9. Purchased tent of Des Moines Tent and Awning Co., 33x50, three years old, for \$100.00. \$75.00 has been paid on the same, \$50.00 of which was sent from the Hoover church and \$25.00 I borrowed on my own account. \$13.10 of this has been secured in the meeting in Guthrie Co. \$15.00 is yet back on the subscription for the same at Hoover. The balance is yet unprovided for.

24. Arranged for the conference evangelist to hold meetings at Emmanuel, Dayton Valley, Guthrie Center, West Union, Marengo, Dale, Homer, Neb., and Hoover. The last three named were tent meetings. These meetings were productive of good and from which there were some accessions to the church.

25. Arranged for Rev. Harry Furgeson to hold meetings at Dundee, Bethel and Tuttle's Grove. Some fruit resulted from these meetings.

26. Arranged for Rev. J. W. Leedy to hold meetings at Guthrie Center, Greenwood, Minn., and Wichita, which were not without results and ingathering.

27. Upon repeated and earnest requests from the president of the Alleghany conference for the Rev. E. R. Dodd, conference evangelist, to assist in their conference camp meetings, Aug. 23, I consented.

28. Issued the following orders on the conference treasurer:

Conference Fund:

- Order No. 1. \$25 to Rev. F. E. Calhoon, appropriation of last yr.
2. \$10 to Rev. W. D. Merryman, voted at last conf.
3. \$50 to F. J. Wilson, salary.

- Order No. 4. \$25 to P. G. Linaweaver, evang. services last year.
10. \$15 to Rev. E. R. Dodd, salary.
 11. \$50 to Mrs. E. R. Dodd, E. R. Dodd's salary.
 12. \$27.64 to Rev. R. Wesley Mack, printing conf. mts.
 13. \$10 to Rev. G. C. Houck, helping in spl. meetings.
 14. \$50 to Rev. E. R. Dodd, salary.
 15. \$15 to Rev. H. M. Furgeson, Dundee spl. meet'gs.
 16. \$75 to Rev. E. R. Dodd, salary.
 17. \$10 to Rev. H. M. Furgeson, meetings at Bethel.
 19. \$10 to Rev. E. R. Dodd, salary.

Superannuated Ministers' Fund:

- Order No. 4. \$20 to Nellie M. Gilley.
5. \$20 to Mrs. John Balch.
 6. \$20 to Nancy Lowrey.
 7. \$20 to Mrs. M. C. Grinnell.

Building Fund:

- Order No. 9. \$15 to H. G. Bonebreak, debt on Diagonal church.
18. \$20.66 to Rev. F. J. Wilson, sidewalk for the Des Moines church.

29. Received in cash for the conference fund during the conference year and turned over to the conference treasurer \$525.66. Traveling and other expenses \$149.60. Salary paid in full, \$365.00.

APPENDIX

1. Feb. Received from Rev. A. B. Gould, as from the treasurer of the Minnesota Conference, in cash and drafts amounting to \$117.36, to be used in Minnesota.

2. Issued the following orders on the conference treasurer from the conference fund:

- Order No. 20. \$315 to Rev. F. J. Wilson, salary in full.
21. \$149.60 to Rev. F. J. Wilson, conference expenses.
 22. \$50 to Rev. E. R. Dodd, salary.
 23. \$24.40 to Rev. E. R. Dodd, salary in full.

Respectfully submitted, FRANK J. WILSON, Conf. Pres.

HOUGHTON STUDENT COMMITTEE

The Houghton Student Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Sister May Lord, our student at Houghton, preparing for missionary work in Africa, was continued at school the past school year. Nothing but the most favorable reports have been received of Sister Lord's progress in her school work. In view of the fact that she has but one year remaining of the preparatory course at Houghton, your committee deemed it best for her to return, and she is again in school.

Amount in treasury to the credit of this fund at last report . . . \$35 64
 Received from all sources during past conference year 35 00

Total \$70 64
 Paid to May Lord during the year for school expenses 56 64

Balance on hand \$14 00

Respectfully submitted, R. WESLEY MACK, Chairman.
 R. E. WILLIS, Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The Iowa Conference believes in education. While we deplore the tendency of the times to dethrone the Holy Spirit and set up in its stead a godless head-worship, we recognize that the plan of God to use human instruments in the salvation of the world implies intellectual equipment as one of the weapons by which his servants are to wage a good warfare. "Study to show thyself approved." The first requisite is the endowment with the spirit of God. "Without me ye can do nothing." Second to this alone is a mind trained and shaped as an instrument to our hands for the work to which we are called. From Moses down the men whom God has used to guide and establish his cause have been men endowed with both these requisites—they were spirit filled men and they were educated men.

Now, an educated man does not of necessity imply a course in school. Many a man who deserves that title has earned it as Abraham Lincoln earned it, with little help from the schools. And let no man to whom early advantages have been denied despair of remedying the defect by his own efforts. But the fact remains that ordinarily the school is the only practical means of securing an education and we urge upon our young, especially those who feel called of God to the work of the ministry, to fit themselves for that work by a course in school.

And in these days of apostasy and disloyalty to God and his bible, when many so-called Christian colleges and even theological seminaries

have become hot-beds of infidelity, we exhort our people to great carefulness in the choice of the schools they shall patronize. We recommend to them our own school at Houghton as one where a full gospel and a whole bible are taught and revered, and where the spiritual is not forgotten or subordinated to the development of the intellectual.

A. B. GOULD.

COMMITTEE TO RE-INCORPORATE THE IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Your committee report as follows:

We have carefully compared the present articles with the present code of Iowa and found them to be in perfect harmony with the same and therefore find no reason for re-incorporating.

A. W. HALL,

F. J. WILSON, Committee.

COMMITTEE ON DES MOINES CHURCH PROPERTY

Your committee report as follows:

We found the condition of the walk practically all right. No disposition or sale of the property was made.

F. J. WILSON, President.

R. WESLEY MACK, Advisory Board.

CONFERENCE EVANGELIST'S REPORT

Grateful to the Lord for his blessings of saving, sanctifying and quickening power among us during the year and also thankful to our brethren and sisters in the ministry and among the laity for their hearty co-operation in the work, we submit the following report:

Eleven special or revival services were held during the year in the conference.

By permission of our conference president and we trust by order of the Lord we responded to a call from the Alleghany Conference Campmeeting Committee to assist them in their yearly campmeeting held at Stine-

boro, Pa. We also assisted in a quarterly meeting at Springboro, Pa., and preached a few times on other occasions while east.

We preached for the St. Charles church several times while they were without a pastor.

We held a good many bible readings, prayer meetings and some missionary meetings, preached some funeral sermons and done some personal work, all we trust blessed of our Lord.

The amount of fruitage we leave to "the Lord of the harvest" to reckon, for "He knoweth."

Money received from meetings held	\$286 41
Money received from conference treasury	274 40
Total	\$560 81
Evangelist's traveling expenses	\$ 60 81
Evangelist's salary	500 00
Total	\$560 81

E. R. DODD.

COMMITTEE TO WHICH WAS REFERRED ARTICLE 8 OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your committee report as follows:

Resolved, 1st, That we approve of the action of the conference president in the receiving of the South Troy and Mt. Pleasant churches in Minnesota to membership in this conference and that we heartily extend to those churches a sincere Christian greeting of Christian fellowship and welcome them to hearty co-operation in carrying forward the work of the church.

2nd, That we are moved to the extending to them of our Christian fellowship and co-operation by reason of their voting to join with us in our church work in loyalty to our book of discipline, as it now stands, and thereby assuring us that they will not receive into their membership persons who are members of secret societies.

A. W. HALL,
THOS. HARTLEY,
E. R. DODD, Committee.

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND

We, your committee on superannuated ministers' fund, recommend

that the following sums be paid by the conference treasurer to the following named persons:

Sister John Balch	\$25 00
Sister M. C. Grinnell	25 00
Sister S. A. Gilley	25 00

THOS. HARTLEY, Committee.

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

1. That the conference president be required, authorized and appointed to travel the conference as president, holding at least one service at each of the churches during the year, under such date as he may publish in advance, having general supervision of the spiritual interests and benevolences thereof.

3. He shall have general supervision of the church property within the bounds of the conference and shall inquire into the titles of the same to see that no property is loosely held, and shall look after the rental of conference property and see that the rent is placed in the conference treasury. He shall also investigate the feasibility and possibility of the sale of conference property not in use and report his findings to the next session of the conference.

4. He shall also devote as much time as possible and as occasion may afford, in quarterly and other meetings.

Substitute for "first" in instructions to president in conference minutes on page 21. The paragraphs shall be numbered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Your committee to which was referred the resolutions offered by our conference president as substitute for that portion of the standing rules relating to the duties of the conference president, submit the following report, which we offer as substitute therefor:

1. That the conference president be required, authorized and appointed to travel the conference as president, having general supervision of the spiritual interests and benevolences thereof, holding at least one ser-

vice at each of the churches during the year under such dates as he may publish in advance.

2. At such services he shall present the subject of our benevolences, and direct, assist and encourage the pastors and churches in raising the same as provided by our book of discipline under the dollar plan and offering for superannuated ministers.

3. He shall have general supervision of the church property within the bounds of the conference and shall inquire into the titles of the same to see that no property is loosely held, and shall look after the rental of conference property and see that the rent is placed in the conference treasury. He shall also investigate the feasibility and possibility of the sale of conference property not in use and report his findings to the next session of the conference.

4. He shall also devote as much time as possible and as occasion may afford, in quarterly and other meetings.

The closing paragraph now designated "second" in the printed minutes shall follow in a paragraph numbered 5.

Explanation: In explanation of the above report it is but just that your committee state that in consideration of the substantial contributions that have been made for the endowment of our educational work, the Wesleyan educational society, through its treasurer, relinquishes its right and claim to its portion of the funds raised under the dollar plan for the conference year in favor of the conference fund, so that the distribution of moneys raised under the dollar plan will be divided as follows: Conference fund, 50%; foreign missions, 25%; home missions, 25%; the superannuated ministers' offering to be a separate offering.

A. W. HALL.

R. WESLEY MACK.

F. A. BUTTERFIELD.

COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

It has long been acknowledged by those who have labored for the salvation of the young that the greatest cause of their ruin has been evil associations and that the worst of these associates are the companions that come to them in the form of books and periodicals, and as Jesus has said to the church, "Ye are the light of the world," we believe that one of the greatest influences that can be brought to bear upon them is good reading. Therefore we recommend to all our ministers and people that they see well to it that the young in their families and communities are

furnished with good, wholesome literature, and inasmuch as our own publishing house at Syracuse can furnish us with any of the works of the best authors in Christendom, we heartily recommend that we patronize our own publishing house as far as it is subservient to our own interests and needs.

And furthermore, for the encouragement of our beloved editor and those associated with him in his editorial duties, we wish to convey in this paper our hearty endorsement of and co-operation in his endeavor to make our church literature strong and reliable as to bible doctrines, helpful and encouraging in the development of the highest type of Christian manhood and womanhood, and that we do pray the richest blessing of the almighty God upon his labors.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. HARTLEY, Chairman.

CAMPMEETING COMMITTEE

Your campmeeting committee submit the following report:

After canvassing the ground by personal solicitation, and writing our brethren in the matter, as to having a campmeeting, also as to time, place and special help, the committee of three members met, but did not deem it advisable to hold such a meeting this year.

This was much to our regret and we feel much too the loss to the conference, but as there seemed no favorable opening until too late in the year to make it practical or possible, we acted according to our best judgment in the matter.

F. J. WILSON,

W. D. MERRYMAN,

E. R. DODD, Committee.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Believing it to be for the glory of God that we publicly declare our open disapproval and relentless hostility to certain public evils, which we recognize with sadness have such a hold upon our nation and in too many cases upon the church itself, we, the Iowa Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection at Marengo assembled, do declare our purpose in the following resolutions:

PROHIBITION

Whereas we believe the use of alcoholic liquors by the individual, and the manufacture and sale of the same by individuals, companies or

states, is evil in its practice and results, a sin against God and humanity; and whereas the word "temperance" cannot be applied to any form or sin, the least compromise or indulgence being excess, therefore be it resolved,

First, That we demand of our ministers and members that they totally abstain from the use of all forms of alcoholic liquors as a beverage, and urge them to endeavor to persuade others to total abstinence.

Second, That we believe the sale of and indulgence in the so-called "lighter drinks," as pop, ginger ale, etc., is a great source of temptation to the young and therefore a great evil, and we pledge ourselves to at all times shun the very appearance of evil in this matter and to use our influence against the same.

Third, That, in our opinion, the only solution of the saloon problem is no saloon, and that the only right course of action for the state and nation is to refuse to license this evil, and by state and national amendment to prohibit the manufacture, sale, importation and exportation of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes. And we deem no political party worthy of the support of Christian men which consents to the license system, or does not put itself on record as openly hostile to this accused traffic. To this end we affirm that no member of the Wesleyan Methodist church can consistently lend aid by voice, vote or influence to such organizations.

SECRET SOCIETIES

Whereas, we see only evil, and that continually, from the unholy fellowship with secret orders, therefore be it resolved,

That we re-affirm the declarations of our discipline, that we will on no account tolerate our ministers or members joining or holding fellowship with secret societies, as in the judgment of this conference it is inconsistent with our duty to God to hold such relations.

DIVORCE

Whereas, the foundation of our civil and religious life is that sacred institution, the home; and whereas, its security and purity is being wantonly destroyed by the looseness which prevails in the laws of the state and in the practices of the church, many of which recognize at least a score of different causes as a basis for annulling the marriage contract; and whereas, the word of God admits of but one cause, therefore be it resolved,

First, That, following the teaching of our blessed Lord, we will recognize but one ground for divorce—that left us in His precious word.

Second, That our ministers keep themselves unspotted from this thing

by refusing to unite in marriage persons divorced for any other than the one cause, believing John II-11 "that he that biddeth him godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds."

Third, That we heartily join in the just indignation and righteous efforts against the seating of polygamous congressmen but from the statement of Jesus that "whosoever putteth away his wife and marrieth another commiteth adultery," we give as our judgment that there is no difference between the man who contracts plural marriages and chooses to retain all as wives and the man who contracts plural marriages and who on unscriptural grounds chooses to put away all but one, and that this last state of sin should be exposed and given its proper place by the side of the other.

JNO. W. LEEDY, Committee.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

The sin and fall of man so touched the great, loving heart of God that He sent a missionary down from heaven, who spoke as never man spoke to redeem and restore man back to God, and well did He perform His mission. Not merely did He show His mighty power and loving spirit in opening the eyes of the blind, unstopping deaf ears and sympathizing with and helping the poor and needy, but by a life of suffering, self-denial and death, redeeming the world with his own precious blood and forever establishing the truth that this world is a missionary field. Hence the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." He also said, "Tarry ye till ye are endued with power from on high."

It is important that we should go out into the fields of sin, both at home and abroad. In order to succeed we must breathe in upon our souls the spirit of our Master till we feel and realize the baptism of the holy ghost settling down upon our hearts and upon the church. Then we will begin to pray as He prayed, give as He gave, and be willing to suffer as He suffered, and to deny ourselves and follow Him.

Then from the sunny south, the dark continent of Africa, the missionary fields, north, east and west, and from the entire church, will go up songs of praise for the ingathering of souls, the conversion of sinners, and the sanctification of believers.

We wish to close by praising the Lord for the grand and noble missionaries He has given us to the dark continent of Africa, and may their spirit of devotion to the cause for which Christ gave His life, arouse throughout our borders a more earnest missionary spirit than ever before.

ALBERT JOHNSON, Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brethren of the conference: Your treasurer begs leave to submit the following report:

DOLLAR PLAN FUND

Receipts—On hand at last report	\$ 286 16	
Received from all sources	268 41—	\$ 554 57
Disbursements—Paid to Conference Fund	\$ 138 64	
Paid to Rev. A. W. Hall	415 93—	\$ 554 51

HOME MISSION FUND

Receipts—Received from all sources	\$ 20 08	
Disbursements—Paid to Rev. A. W. Hall	\$ 20 08	

FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Receipts—Received from all sources	\$ 20 52	
Disbursements—Paid to Rev. A. W. Hall	\$ 20 52	

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND

Receipts—Cash on hand at last report	\$ 143 98	
Received from all other sources	85 41—	\$ 229 39
Disbursements—Paid to Nancy Lowery	\$ 20 00	
Paid to Nellie M. Gilley	20 00	
Paid to Mrs. John Balch	20 00	
Paid to M. C. Grinnell	20 00	
Cash on hand	149 39—	\$ 229 39

HOUGHTON STUDENT FUND

Receipts—Cash on hand at last report	\$ 35 64	
Received from all other sources	55 00—	\$ 90 64
Disbursements—Paid to May Lord during the year	\$ 56 64	
Cash on hand	34 00—	\$ 90 64

CONFERENCE FUND

Receipts—Cash on hand at last report	\$ 79 99	
Received during the year	1147 79—	\$1227 78
Disbursements—Paid out during the year	1129 27	
Cash on hand	98 51—	\$1227 78

BUILDING FUND

Receipts—Cash on hand at last report	\$ 272 70	
Received from all sources	23 75	
Received from Conference Fund	185 00—	\$ 481 45
Disbursements—Paid to H. G. Bonebreak	\$ 15 00	
Paid to Conference Fund	185 00	
Paid to F. J. Wilson	20 66	
Cash on hand	260 79—	\$ 481 45

EDUCATIONAL FUND

Receipts—Cash on hand at last report	\$ 5 50
Disbursements—Cash on hand	\$ 5 50

The above is respectfully submitted this 23rd day of September, 1905.

R. E. WILLIS.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

The auditing committee, having examined the books and counted the cash on hand, find them to be correct, as reported to the conference by the treasurer, R. E. Willis.

GEO. S. FRY.

ALBERT JOHNSON.

Having examined the books and accounts of the conference president, F. J. Wilson, we find them correct and properly balanced in the report as made by the president to your body.

We recommend \$25.00 to be paid to said president, as justly due him on salary.

GEO. S. FRY,

ALBERT JOHNSON,

Auditing Committee.

COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS

1. Number of elders on conference roll, 23.
2. Elders on stationed list: Lorinda A. Bishop, Frank A. Butterfield, Frank J. Wilson, R. Wesley Mack, John T. Platt, Albert Johnson, Edward R. Dodd, C. M. Howe, Alvin W. Hall, George J. Cameron, Wm. D. Merryman, Richard E. Willis, James H. Meek, Waldo R. Emerson, Thomas Hartley, A. B. Gould, W. Van Driessen.
3. Elders on the unstationed list: L. W. Easton, A. B. Wilkinson, R. D. Robertson.
4. Elders on the superannuated list: W. H. Riley, T. F. Blair, D. F. Shepardson.
5. Elders on the supernumerary list: None.
6. Elders withdrawn this year: (a) By letter of standing: F. E. Calhoun, R. E. Willis; (b) by transfer: J. C. McGovern; (c) by withdrawal: James Hughes.
7. Elders joined the conference this year: (1) By ordination: Wm. D. Merryman and Waldo R. Emerson; (2) by transfer: none; (3) by letters of standing: A. B. Gould and W. Van Driessen.

8. Died this year: James Lytle, elder, and Benj. Bender, licentiate.
9. Elders deposed this year: none.
10. Numbers of licentiates reported from the quarterly conference rolls, 13.
11. Licentiates on the stationed list: D. W. Scott, G. C. Houck, J. W. Leedy, H. M. Ferguson, Bertha Betzer, Edythe Merryman.
12. Amount contributed on the several charges for the support of: Preaching, \$3588.50; missions, \$214.82; educational, \$1130; Sunday schools, \$330.62; dollar plan, \$293; superannuated ministers, \$95.98; evangelists, \$626.53; incidental expenses, \$366.79; building and repairs, \$368.99; conference fund, \$795.93; other benevolent objects, \$324 30. Total contributions, \$7632.16.
13. Number of members in connection, 790.
14. Number of churches on the conference roll, 25.
15. The next conference to be held at Guthrie Center, time to be determined by the conference president and the connectional officers.
16. The conference officers are: President, Frank J. Wilson; vice president, Frank A. Butterfield; secretary, R. Wesley Mack; treasurer, Waldo R. Emerson.
17. The work is supplied as follows: Marengo, to supply itself; Wayne, F. A. Butterfield; Dayton, W. R. Emerson; Bennezzette, J. T. Platt; Union Ridge, in the hands of the president; Guthrie Center (half the time), W. D. Merryman; Albaton, Albert Johnson, conditionally; Dundee and Masonville, Mrs. L. A. Bishop, conditionally; College Springs, in the hands of the president; Guthrie Circuit, in the hands of the president; Homer, Neb., to be supplied; Maquoketa and Epworth Mission, G. C. Houck; Emmanuel, to supply itself; West Union, in the hands of the president; Hoover, Miss Bertha Betzer; Diagonal, W. D. Merryman; Vinton, in hands of the president; Pilot Rock, to be supplied; St. Charles and Howardville, R. Wesley Mack; South Troy, to be supplied; Mt. Pleasant, A. B. Gould; Elm Ridge, Wm. D. Merryman; singing evangelist, Edythe Merryman; to choose their own fields of labor, D. W. Scott, Thomas Hartley and George S. Fry; missionary evangelists, James H. Meek and Harry M. Ferguson; missionary in Nebraska, George J. Cameron; missionaries at will, C. M. Howe, B. F. Logsdon, W. Van Driessen and H. E. Buck; connectional agent, A. W. Hall; conference evangelist, John W. Leedy with salary at \$500 and traveling expenses; in the hands of the president, E. R. Dodd.

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Frank J. Wilson	Conference President	Marengo
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Thomas Hartley		Granada, Minn.
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George S. Fry		Walker

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D. W. Scott		La Porte City
H. M. Ferguson	Missionary Evangelist	Marshalltown
J. W. Leedy	Conference Evangelist	Epworth
Edythe Merryman	Singing Evangelist	Guthrie Center
H. E. Buck	Missionary at will	Bridgeport, Neb.

DELEGATES

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J. D. Frick	Marengo	Marengo

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Maurice Brink	Dayton	Clarence
Miss Maud Nickolaus	Wayne	Olds
Mrs. Ella Reed	Elm Ridge	Knoxville
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D. O. Bliss	St. Charles	Charles City
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G. W. Belt	Bethel	Baxter
Mrs. Mary Ballou	Dayton	Clarence
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C. H. Babcock (not present)	College Springs	
Freeman Andrews (not present)	Dundee	