

MINUTES  
OF THE  
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OF THE  
Illinois Conference  
OF THE  
Wesleyan Methodist Connection,  
or Church, of America  
HELD AT  
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SEPTEMBER 9-12, 1909.

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## THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

### ILLINOIS CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CONNECTION (OR CHURCH) OF AMERICA.

#### OFFICERS—1909-1910.

**President:**—Wm. Pinkney, 305 W. 7th St., Sterling, Illinois.

**Vice-President:**—Warren Clay, Stockton, Ill., R. D. No. 3.

**Secretary:**—Bertha B. Evans, Stockton, Ill., R. D. No. 3, No. 17.

**Treasurer:**—J. L. Clark, Stillman Valley, Ill. R. D. No. 1.

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#### CONFERENCE ROLL AND ADDRESSES.

##### Clergy.

D. W. Bond, Miltonvale, Kansas.

Wm. Pinkney, 305 W. 7th St., Sterling, Ill.

J. P. Spaulding, Princeton, Ill.

W. H. Clatworthy, Yates City, Ill.

J. T. Hurry, 6 Lyttleton St., Worcester, England.

Warren Clay, Stockton, Ill., R. D. No. 3.

Glen E. Tilton, New Windsor, Ill., R. D. No. 1.

Mary E. Kuhl, 1114 The Temple, Chicago, Ill.

J. L. Clark, Stillman Valley, Ill., R. D. No. 1.

##### Lay Delegates.

Anna Shipe, Cherry Valley, Ill., R. D. No. 1.

Ann E. Hinsdale, Princeton, Ill., R. D. No. 1, No. 71.

W. A. Arnold, Warren, Ill., R. D.

Emerson Dean, Stockton, Ill., R. D. No. 1.

Albert Becker, Sheffield, Ill., R. D. No. 1.

Harry L. Merryman, New Windsor, Ill., R. D. No. 2.

Mrs. Martha H. Clark, Stillman Valley, Ill., R. D. No. 1.

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### ROLL OF HONORED DEAD.

C. H. Drake,	C. G. Goodwin,
Rufus Lumry,	Amos Young,
Allen Murry,	I. M. Whitney,
A. M. Spencer,	H. R. Will,
Milton Smith,	Wm. Whitten,
John Watson,	D. Wright,
Geo. Sovereign,	W. W. Stewart,
E. B. Van Alstyn,	W. H. Spencer,
W. H. Van Doren,	H. Breckenridge,
H. H. Hawkins,	Mary A. Will,
Mrs. I. M. Whitney,	W. C. Mullenix.

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### STANDING COMMITTEES.

**Itinerancy and Orders:**—J. L. Clark (3 years), W. W. Clay (2 years), Mary E. Kuhl (1 year).

**Presidency:**—Eli Hoisington, D. W. Bond, J. L. Clark.

**Advisory Board:**—J. L. Clark, Ann E. Hinsdale.

**Conference Missionary Board:**—Wm. Pinkney, Ex-Officio, J. L. Clark, Harry L. Merryman.

**Conference Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society:**—President, Mrs. J. L. Clark; Vice-President, Mrs. Inez Tilton; Secretary, Mrs. Lillian Clay; Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Davis.

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### JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

#### First Day. Thursday Morning.

The Illinois conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America, convened for its sixty-fifth annual session in the Wesleyan Methodist church at Chelsea, Ill., on Thursday morning, September 9, 1909, at 9:30 A. M.

Conference called to order, Rev. Wm. Pinkney, President, in the chair. Devotionals led by the President.

Credentials were presented by delegates from Kishwaukee, Bureau and Chelsea.

The Secretary being absent, Ann E. Hinsdale was chosen Secretary pro tem.



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Roll call responded to by three elders and four delegates.

Moved that the first three seats in the center of the church be constituted the bar of the conference.

On motion W. W. Clay was elected chairman of Committee on Religious Exercises, and the name of W. A. Arnold was added to the committee.

It was voted that the morning meetings commence at 8:30 and close at 11:30; that the afternoon meetings commence at 1:30 and close by motion.

Rev. J. L. Clark was re-elected for three years, a member of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Eli Hoisington, D. W. Bond and J. L. Clark were elected Committee on Presidency.

Anna Shipe was elected Committee on Courtesies.

Ann E. Hinsdale was appointed Committee on Post-office addresses.

The time for election of officers was set for Friday morning immediately after the reading of the minutes.

A letter was read by the President from J. T. Hurry. Also a letter from Sister Spaulding in reference to J. P. Spaulding.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Brother Hurry and Brother Spaulding expressing the sympathy of the conference and requesting them to send in their names and become members of some local Wesleyan church and thus retain their membership in the conference.

A letter was read from Mrs. Mary E. Kuhl reporting her work. It was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Emerson Dean and Harry Merryman were elected Committee on Statistics.

Ann E. Hinsdale and Mrs. Martha Clark were elected Committee on Sunday-schools.

D. W. Bond and Robert Geddes were elected Committee on Reforms.

J. L. Clark and Harry Merryman were elected Committee on Missions.

Wm. Pinkney and W. A. Arnold were elected Committee on Education.

Adjourned by limitation.

Dismissed with prayer by J. L. Clark.

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### First Day. Thursday Afternoon.

Conference called to order by the President.

Devotional services conducted by J. L. Clark.

Minutes of morning read and approved.

Report of Committee on Incorporation was made verbally. A statement was made by J. L. Clark as to why the work rested just where it did last year. On motion report was accepted and committee continued.

Credentials were read for Albert Becker as delegate from Bureau and Hickory charge and his name added to the list of members.

A resolution concerning the disposition of conference money gathered from the sale of church buildings was adopted. (See report No. 1.)

Robert Geddes of Kishwaukee was introduced to the conference and his credentials presented making him a member of the conference.

The Treasurer reported as having received \$17.25 from D. W. Bond, as Conference Fund.

It was moved that the report of Treasurer as far as Conference and Superannuated money is concerned, be accepted.

W. W. Clay moved that the President be instructed to send Brother Spaulding \$50.

Report of the President was then given verbally as follows:—

No report from Brush Point; Sunday-school at Sugar Creek; Bureau was also left in the hands of the President, who had been with them in two quarterly meetings.

He then read the original arrangement and understanding by which Bureau and Hickory were permitted to secure a supply.

On motion Brother Pinkney's report concerning present conditions at these places was accepted.

The Treasurer was instructed to make out separate reports for Conference and Superannuate Funds.

It was voted that the conference Secretary for this year, secure blanks for pastor's reports, and that inasmuch as the Secretary had failed to supply the pastors for this year proceed to the examination of character as heretofore.



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J. L. Clark called. Character passed.

Adjourned by motion.

The evening services were in charge of J. L. Clark.

### Second Day. Friday Morning.

Devotional services conducted by President.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Roll call responded to by four elders and six delegates.

The delegate from Hopewell being present and no credentials having been furnished him, on statement of Brother Clay as being present when he was elected, it was moved that he be received and his name be added to the list of members.

The order of the day was called and the conference proceeded to elect officers.

Rev. Wm. Pinkney was unanimously re-elected President.

Rev. Warren Clay was re-elected Vice-President.

Miss Bertha B. Evans was elected Secretary.

A vote of thanks was given Sister Ann E. Hinsdale for her services as Secretary pro tem.

Rev. J. L. Clark was re-elected Treasurer.

Moved that the conference Treasurer be treasurer over all conference money.

Committee on Pastoral Relations was elected. J. L. Clark D. W. Bond and W. W. Clay constituted the Ministerial members, and Robert Geddes, Harry L. Merryman and Emerson Dean the lay-members.

Communication from Brother J. L. Stratton was read, also one from Brother L. W. Mills.

President reported letter of standing having been granted Brother Glen E. Tilton.

It was moved that the President's action be ratified.

Committee reported on Christian Education through its chairman, Wm. Pinkney. (See report No. 2.)

Report was amended and adopted.

Moved that the conference now make arrangements for the place and time of holding the next annual conference.

It was voted to leave the place in the hands of the President and the invitation from Kishwaukee as well as other invitations be left with him.

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It was voted that the time also be left with the President, he to consult the convenience of the charge and Connectional officers.

Moved that the Woman's Home Missionary Society be given Saturday afternoon immediately after the opening.

On motion the time immediately after the Woman's Society, was given to the Connectional officers.

Conference Missionary Board was elected:—Wm. Pinkney, ex-officio, J. L. Clark, 2nd member, Harry L. Merryman, 3rd member.

It was voted that J. L. Clark and Ann E. Hinsdale be elected as members of Advisory Board.

Adjourned by motion to meet at 1:30 P. M.

### Second Day. Friday Afternoon.

Devotional services led by Brothers Pinkney and Clay.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Examination of character taken up. W. H. Clay called; report given, and character passed.

Sister Ann E. Hinsdale reported for West Bureau, Albert Becker for Hickory Grove, and Harry L. Merryman for Hopewell.

Moved that Sister Clark be recognized as delegate from Kishwaukee.

Moved that we adjourn to meet at call of chair.

Conference called to order by President.

Report on Pastoral Relations was made by its Secretary, W. W. Clay. Report adopted. (See report No. 3.)

Examination of character resumed. D. W. Bond called and character passed.

Mrs. Jennie Ayres, of the Michigan conference, and Rev. W. J. Seekins, our Publishing Agent, were introduced to the conference.

Adjourned by motion. Benediction by Brother Seekins.

Friday evening services were in charge of D. W. Bond.

### Third Day. Saturday Morning.

Devotionals led by Brother Pinkney and Sister Ayres.

Roll call responded to by three elders and six delegates.

Minutes read and approved.

Brother Glen E. Tilton's statistical report was read and passed to the committee.

Moved to adjourn at call of chair.



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Chair called conference to order.

Committee on Sabbath-schools reported through their chairman, Ann E. Hinsdale. (See report No. 4.)

Report accepted and adopted.

Committee on Missions reported through its chairman, J. L. Clark. (See report No. 5.)

On motion it was adopted.

A resolution relating to the presidential supervision of the pulpit supply was presented.

It was considered item by item and adopted. (See report No. 6.)

On motion the time of adjournment was extended.

A resolution was offered by J. L. Clark, that no letter of standing be granted a member of conference until he shall have given to the President his statistical report.

It was adopted.

Adjourned by motion.

### Third Day. Saturday Afternoon.

Conference opened by President.

Devotionals led by J. L. Clark.

Minutes of previous session read and approved with corrections.

J. L. Clark presented his report as Treasurer of conference.

It was accepted. (See report No. 7.)

Committee on Summary of Statistical Reports reported.

On motion it was accepted with corrections. (See report No. 8.)

It was voted that we have our minutes printed and at our own publishing house.

Moved that the Treasurer be instructed to correspond with Brother Tilton and Brother Ellis, and to obtain receipts for all funds raised and expended for conference minutes.

Voted that the Treasurer shall apply conference funds in treasury on expense bill of last year and that any deficit remaining, together with the expense of publishing the minutes for the current year be apportioned by him among the four main charges of the conference.

Rev. J. H. Meek of Stockton, Ill., of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, was introduced to the conference.



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Mrs. J. L. Clark reported that no meeting of the Conference Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society aside from the evening service to be addressed by Mrs. Jennie Ayres, would be held, and that by consent the officers would remain the same as in the past year.

The order of the day was called for, and Rev. W. J. Seekins, our publishing agent, presented the financial interests of the church.

Sister Anna Shipe presented the report on Courtesies. (See report No. 9.)

It was accepted. The report was given into the hands of the President to be read at the Sunday morning service.

Moved that the collection Sunday morning be for the purpose of the Secretary for getting supplies for the conference, and meeting her expenses.

Moved that we adjourn. Dismissed by Brother Seekins.

### **Saturday Evening Service.**

The Conference Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society had charge of the evening service.

Sister Clark led the devotional service after which Sister Jennie Ayres of the Michigan conference, delivered a missionary address.

After the address a subscription was taken for Home and Foreign Missions.

### **Sabbath Services.**

A love feast was held on Sabbath morning, followed by preaching, by Wm. Pinkney, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The evening service was in charge of W. J. Seekins, who preached a very instructive as well as powerful sermon.

At the close of the sermon special prayer was offered by Brother Pinkney, in behalf of the conference and its connections.

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## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### **Report No. 1.—Resolution Concerning Superannuate Fund.**

Whereas at a regular meeting of the Illinois annual conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church held at Sugar Creek church near Tibbets, Wis., September 13-16, 1899, there were passed resolutions creating a Superannuate Fund, and, whereas, at

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the session of the conference held at Hopewell, Ill., September 10-13, 1908, this fund was transferred to the Conference Fund; and, whereas, as this money was originally intended for superannuate purposes only,

Be it ordered, that the action of the last conference be rescinded, and that the fund be henceforth known as the Superannuate Fund, and that when we incorporate, it be so held.

W. W. Clay.

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### Report No. 2.—Christian Education.

Education is absolutely necessary to civilization, and the character of the civilization is determined by the education of the people. If only a few of the people are educated the civilization is limited and the masses are in degradation, and are very likely to be oppressed and become incapable of self-government. The people of the old countries are largely in this condition, hence centralized governments of all grades, even to absolute monarchies, exist. A republic in the broadest sense, cannot long exist without a general education of the people. This constrained the Fathers of our Republic to arrange for and establish the common school system which has extended with our population until we are safe in saying, our entire people are the best educated of any on the earth, and consequently our civilization is the highest, most general. But there is an element in this condition we are expected to emphasize named, Christian Education. This element permeates more or less, our educational system. We wish it was always more, for the **highest good** can only be reached through a thorough **Christian Education**. The teachings of Christ and His Apostles which lie at the foundation of the Christian system are such that they take hold of the elemental nature of man, enlightening, and quickening the conscience, taking hold of the will and governing the conduct. Realizing this the church has taken great interest in educational matters and in all denominations. Educational institutions have been established and maintained by Christian people. At the foundation of these is the Sunday-school. What a power this school might become if every Christian realized its vital relation to the prosperity of the church, and the welfare of humanity; and would give it their whole-hearted interest, and sup-



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port, the people's Christian University.

The Wesleyan Methodist church, while always interested has not been as successful in establishing higher institutions of learning as some others, but we hope by persistent effort a higher degree of success may be obtained. We rejoice in the prospect before us and we not only comment, but assure our workers of our hearty co-operation, believing that they are working in the line of God's Providence for the perpetuation of our type of Christianity. Christian Education, and Christian Government.

Wm. Pinkney, W. A. Arnold.

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### Report No. 3.—Report on Pastoral Relations.

Chelsea, W. W. Clay.

Kishwaukee, J. L. Clark.

Bureau and Hickory Grove, Supplied by J. S. McInnis, by consent of conference under supervision of the President.

Hopewell, In the hands of the President.

Brush Point, In the hands of the President.

Sugar Creek, In the hands of the President.

Wheaton, In the hands of the President.

Wm. Pinkney, President of the conference.

D. W. Bond, Evangelist.

J. P. Spaulding, Superannuated.

W. H. Clatworthy, To choose his own field of labor.

J. T. Hurry, Evangelist in Worcester, England.

Mary E. Kuhl, State President of W. C. T. U.

Glen E. Tilton, Supernumerary.

W. W. Clay, D. W. Bond, J. L. Clark, Emerson Dean, Harry L. Merryman, Robert Geddes, Committee.

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### Report No. 4.—Report of Committee on Sunday-Schools.

One of the most precious assurances of God's word is found in the promise, "My word which goeth forth out of my mouth shall not return unto me void but shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." And knowing that, "He is not willing that any should perish," and that God's word once fixed in their mind can but have its fruit, we are greatly encouraged to go forward in gathering to-

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gether the little ones, the young, and those of maturer years. for the most careful study of God's word; believing that each effort to thus instruct ourselves or others will not fail of its reward. We would recommend the enlargement of our Sunday-school work by organizing Home Departments in each school. Thus many who feel but little interest in these things may be led to become members of the Sunday-school. And even should they not do so, the quarterly visit of the Home Department Superintendent, and prayer will do much to bring into these homes an evangelizing influence which would not otherwise be felt. Believing the command of our Lord to "Suffer the little children to come unto me," and knowing that He was "much displeased" with those who opposed their having a place among His people, to be just as binding upon us as upon others in the days of His incarnation. We hail with pleasure the plan that has been organized to gather even the young babes under the blessed influences of the Sabbath-school, through the Cradle Roll, thus bringing the mothers to feel that the Sunday-school is thinking of them with a tender solicitude which will do much to encourage them in all their care and win many to the cause of our dear Lord. We would therefore recommend also the addition to each of our Sunday-schools a Cradle Roll and thus call into activity the latent power of our membership.

Ann E. Hinsdale, Martha H. Clark.

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### Report No. 5.—Report of Committee on Missions.

The cause of missions has ever been an important one in the history of the church. It is in keeping with the command of the Master, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

This command was understood by the early church as imperative, and in reference to this, we find the church at Antioch, under the leadership of the Holy Ghost, obeying the voice of the Spirit, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" and as a result after prayer and fasting they were sent out on their God appointed mission.

In proportion as the missionary spirit has prevailed to that extent has the church been alive and aggressive.



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The need of missionary effort both at home and abroad is still apparent. Never were so many doors open and the cry of "Come over and help us" is louder today than ever before.

Our own work in Africa is but in its infancy. Doors are opening everywhere around our mission at Kunso, asking, yes pleading, for the man with the Book.

The work there needs the united prayers and sympathies of our people.

The work in the south is reported as progressing even beyond our expectation yet it is greatly in need of encouragement and financial aid in order to push the work of the school and the southern conferences.

Therefore, we urge our people, First, To study the needs of our work in both the home and foreign fields in order that they might be intelligent in regard to the work. This need is beyond the knowledge of the average church man. Second, We need to pray for a baptism of the Holy Spirit that moved the early church to send out Barnabas and Saul. Third, We rejoice in the growth of the missionary spirit and the increase of effort among the churches, also in the increased willingness of young men and women to make the sacrifice of leaving home and going to the foreign field for Christ's sake and the salvation of men. To the end that our people may more thoroughly know our need we recommend: First, That each of our pastors preach a missionary sermon each year, at every appointment on his charge.

Second, That we urge our pastors to organize Woman's Missionary Societies, and Y. M. W. Bands on their respective fields of labor. Third, That fervent prayers be offered in behalf of our missionaries now on the foreign and home fields and for God's blessing on those who are shortly to sail for our mission in Africa, that they may have a safe journey across the deep and that their lives may be precious in the eyes of the Lord of the harvest.

J. L. Clark, Harry L. Merryman.

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### Report No. 6.—Resolution on Presidential Supervision.

Whereas, in the past serious loss has come to our conference through lack of pastoral supply, and whereas this could have been avoided by proper oversight, and due notice given, Be it ordered, That when any circuit shall be advised of any possibility of

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the removal of the pastor assigned to the work by the conference of presidential action, that the church shall immediately report their situation to the President, together with the prospect for obtaining a supply, and it shall be his duty to confer with them and to use his influence to present suitable candidates to the church for their consideration.

Furthermore, Be it ordered that each pastor shall hold his quarterly meetings so that the third quarterly meeting shall come prior to the first day of May and as much earlier as possible, and that the President of the conference be hereby ordered to attend the third quarterly meeting upon each charge, and that the date of said meeting be left with the President.

W. W. Clay.

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### Report No. 7.—Report of the Treasurer for Educational and Missionary Purposes for the year ending September 9, 1903.

Bureau:—Education, \$5.04; Home Missions, \$23.25; Foreign Missions, \$32.50; Limba Missions, \$10.10; Total, \$71.19.

Chelsea:—Foreign Missions, Total, \$23.

Hopewell:—Home Missions, \$78.35; Foreign Missions, \$49.72; Educational, \$163.75; Total, \$291.82.

Kishwaukee:—Home Missions, \$51; Foreign Missions, \$29.75; Limba Missions, \$20.60; Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, \$6.75; Y. M. W. Band, \$15; Total, \$123.10.

Grand total:—\$509.11.

Cash on hand:—\$65.15.

J. L. Clark, Treasurer.

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### Report No. 8.—Report of Committee on Summary of Statistical Reports.

Time employed, 3 years; Appointments, 6; Number of churches, 7; Membership: Received, 15; Expelled, none; Discontinued, none; Died, 1; Granted letters, 6; Present numbers, 282; Baptized, 15; Unstationed Elders, none; Licentiates, none; Periodicals: Wesleyan Methodists taken, 43; Sunday-school Banners, 15; Wesleyan Lesson Helps, 120; Church Property: Number of meeting houses, 6; Value of, \$18,100; Parsonages, 6; Value of, \$10,500; Amounts contributed: Pastor's salary, \$2758.21; Evan-



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gelist's receipts, \$271.58; Superannuated Ministers, none; Home Missions, \$154.60; Foreign Missions, \$162.22; Conference Missions, none; Educational enterprises, \$168.79; Sabbath-schools, \$288.58; Building and repairs, \$141.44; Incidental expenses, \$280.82; Other benevolent objects, \$424.95. Total, \$4651.19.

Emerson Dean, Harry L. Merryman, Committee.

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### Report No. 9.—Report of Committee on Courtesies.

The visiting members, including pastors and delegates of the sixty-fifth Illinois annual conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church tender their hearty thanks to the members of the Chelsea church for the kind and loving manner in which they have been entertained during their stay with you. Their tenderest regards are yours, and as they go to their different homes they will pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon you, until we all meet to part no more.

Anna Shipe, Committee.

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### Statistical Reports.

**Report from Bureau Charge:**—Time employed, 1 year; Appointments, 2; Number of churches, 2. Membership: Received, 1; Expelled, none; Discontinued, none; Died, none; Granted letters, 2; Present numbers, about 100; Baptized, none; Unstationed Elders, none; Licentiates, 1. Periodicals: Wesleyan Methodists taken, about 12; Sunday-school Banners taken, none; Wesleyan Lesson Helps, none. Sabbath-schools: Number of, 2; Superintendents, 2; Teachers, 9; Scholars, 130; Books in library, none. Church property: Number of meeting houses, 2; Value of, \$5000; Parsonages, 1; Value of, \$2500. Amounts contributed: Pastor's salary, \$800; Evangelist's receipts, none; President's salary, none; Superannuated Ministers, none; Home Missions, \$23.25; Foreign Missions, \$27.50; Conference Missions, none; Educational enterprises, \$5.04; Sabbath-schools, \$51.43; Building and repairs, \$62.44; Incidentals, \$72.71; Other benevolent objects, \$36. Total, \$1078.37.

**Report from Hopewell charge:**—Glen E. Tilton, Pastor. Time employed, 1 year; Appointments, 1; Number of churches, 1. Membership: Received, 4; Expelled, none; Discontinued, none; Died, 1; Granted letters, 2; Present numbers, 55; Baptized, 2; Unstationed

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Elders, none; Licentiates, none. Periodicals: Wesleyan Methodists taken, 13; Sunday-school Banners, none; Wesleyan Lesson Helps, none. Sabbath-schools: Number of, 1; Superintendents, 3; Teachers, 5; Scholars, 90. Church property: Number of meeting houses, 2; Value of, \$4000; Parsonages, 1; Value of, \$2000. Amounts contributed: Pastor's salary with rent and donations, \$625; Evangelist's receipts, \$141.58; Home Missions, \$80.35; Foreign Missions, \$57.72; Educational enterprises, \$163.75; Sabbath-schools, \$21.71; Repairs, \$3; Incidentals, \$56.83; Other benevolent objects, \$265.95. Total, \$1410.89.

**Report from Chelsea Charge:**—Warren Clay, Pastor. Time employed 1 year; Appointments 1; Number of churches, 1. Membership: Received, 8; Expelled, none; Discontinued, none; Died, none; Granted letters, 1; Present numbers, 43; Baptized, 8; Unstationed Elders, none; Licentiates, none. Periodicals: Wesleyan Methodists taken, 8; Sunday-school Banners, 15; Wesleyan Lesson Helps, 120. Sabbath-schools: Number of, 1; Superintendents, 1; Teachers, 5; Scholars, 87; Books in library, none. Church property: Number of meeting houses, 1; Value of, \$2500; Parsonages, 1; Value of, \$1500. Amounts contributed: Pastor's salary, \$708.21; Evangelist's receipts, \$14; President's salary, none; Superannuated Ministers, none; Home Missions, none; Foreign Missions, \$23; Conference Missions, none; Educational enterprises, none; Sabbath-schools, \$40.44; Building and repairs, \$61; Incidental expenses, \$61.28; Other benevolent objects, \$48; Minute fund, \$5; For Woman's Missionary Society, \$7. Total, \$967.63.

**Report from Kishwaukee Charge:**—J. L. Clark, Pastor. Time employed, 1 year; Appointments, 1; Number of churches, 1. Membership: Received, 3; Baptized, 5; Granted letters, 1; Present number resident members, 54; Non-resident, 13; Total, 67; Unstationed Elders, 2. Periodicals: Wesleyan Methodists taken, 10. Sabbath-schools: Number of, 1; Superintendents, 4; Teachers, 9; Scholars, 100. Church property: Number of meeting houses, 1; Value of, \$3000; Parsonages, 1; Value of, \$2000. Amounts contributed: Pastor's salary, \$625; Evangelistic, \$116; Home Missions, \$51; Foreign Missions, \$77; Sabbath-schools, \$75; Building and repairs, \$115; Incidentals, \$90; Other benevolent objects, \$75. Total amount raised, \$1124.

Bertha B. Evans, Conference Secretary.