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STANDING COMMITTEES

Advisory Board—W. C. Brannon, Frank Martin.
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CONFERENCE ROLL

ELDERS

Thomas Bailie	Almont, N. Dak.
Mrs. Thomas Bailie	Almont, N. Dak.
W. C. Brannon	Billings, Mont.
Mrs. W. C. Brannon	Billings, Mont.
Arthur Calhoon	India
Charles Carter	Cadillac, Mich.
Wayne Cretsinger	Story, Mont.
L. D. Harris	Ipswich, S. Dak.
W. O. Howard	Mt. Vernon, S. Dak.
Fred Hunt	Nehalem, Oregon
John Hunter	Buffalo, Wyo.
Otto Jensen	Yankton, S. Dak.
Mrs. Jensen	Yankton, S. Dak.
W. W. Jefferies	Mitchell, S. Dak. —
Marvin Jones	Houghton, S. Dak.
Paul Kindschi	Mitchell, S. Dak.
Minnie Knecht	St. Helens, Ky.
W. J. Leyh	Mina, S. Dak.
Mrs. W. J. Leyh	Mina, S. Dak.
J. C. McGovern	Mitchell, S. Dak.
S. J. McIntyre	Redfield, S. Dak. —
Mrs. Laura Raymer	Bradley, S. Dak.
Allen Regan	Huron, S. Dak. —
Arthur Reisdorph	Woodland, Cal.
Rufus Reisdorph	Aberdeen, S. Dak. —
Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph	Aberdeen, S. Dak.
George Robbins	Mt. Tabor, Ia.
W. D. Shelor	Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Harry Shreve	China
J. F. Simpson	Mitchell, S. D.
J. E. Spry	Northville, S. Dak. —
George Thomas	Huron, S. Dak. —
C. K. Thompson	Northville, S. Dak.
A. M. Wiley	Hanna, N. Dak.
John Winterberg	Avon, S. Dak. —

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LICENTIATES

Romeo Baronia	Cincinnati, Ohio
Archie Buell	Baker, Mont.
C. W. Calhoon	Ekalaka, Mont.
Mrs. C. W. Calhoon	Ekalaka, Mont.
Hazel Carter	Olean, N. Y.
Ben Findley	Miltonvale, Kans.
Donald Gerriets	Redfield, S. Dak.
Gordon Goodsell	Watertown, S. Dak.
L. L. Knapp	Ipswich, S. Dak.
Wesley Knapp	Ipswich, S. Dak.
Isla Knight	India
Chester Reed	St. Paul, Neb.
Mrs. Elizabeth Traver	Bushnell, S. Dak.
Raymond Sousoman	Watford City, N. Dak.
Mrs. Charles Wilson	Miltonvale, Kans.

DELEGATES

Ruth Bixler	Mitchell, S. Dak.
Mrs. Carl Gerriets	Redfield, S. Dak.
Mrs. E. A. Girard	Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Tom Edwards	Houghton, S. Dak.
George Gore	Billings, Mont.
Mrs. Harry Goodnow	Artesian, S. Dak.
Liberty Griffith	Houghton, S. Dak.
Mrs. Henry Hillen	Houghton, S. Dak.
Mrs. S. J. Insley	Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Mrs. Albert Johnson	Billings, S. Dak.
Marion Kelsven	Almont, N. Dak.
Grace Knapp	Ipswich, S. Dak.
Mrs. H. C. Knecht	Houghton, S. Dak.
Edwin Koeser	Watford City, N. Dak.
Mrs. B. Lefler	Mission, S. Dak.
Theos Mittan	Bushnell, S. Dak.
Mrs. W. A. Montgomery	Buffalo, Wyo.
Mrs. Hazel Overby	Brentford, S. Dak.
Mrs. R. Taken	Watertown, S. Dak.
Mrs. Warren Rickett	Almont, N. Dak.
Ed. Sime	Cresbard, S. Dak.
Curtis Shreeve	Baker, Mont.
Walter Simpson	Mitchell, S. Dak.
August Wegner	Mina, S. Dak.
Mrs. John Waldner	Huron, S. Dak.

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DAILY PROCEEDINGS

OPENING OF CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church of America) for the year of 1940 held in Aberdeen, S. Dak., June 4-9, 1940.

Conference Sermon—The Conference opened at eight o'clock Tuesday evening, June 4, with the largest audience ever assembled for the opening service. After a good song service led by Sister Reisdorph and prayer, Rev. Mrs. Ashcraft was introduced as the speaker of the evening. Her message was well received as she by word and stereopticon slide revealed conditions as they are today and the need of faith in God to meet them.

Wednesday Morning

Devotionals—The devotional meeting was conducted under the leadership of Rev. R. D. Reisdorph, Conference President, who introduced Rev. Anna McGhie who spoke of the blood of Jesus Christ in its relation to forgiveness, sanctification and the agency to our keeping and growth in grace. Her message was followed by a most gracious communion service wherein our hearts were melted to tears as God's gracious presence was felt. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Call to Order—Called to Order by the President.

Roll Call—Roll was called to which twenty-two preachers and fifteen delegates responded.

Report—The report of the Program Committee was read and, with the substitution of the name of Gordon Goodsell instead of A. C. Buell who could not be present, it was adopted.

Election and Organization—A committee on nominations was elected as follows: A. M. Wiley, Chairman; J. F. Simpson, August Wegner, W. C. Brannon, S. J. Insley.

Conference Bar—The first ten seats in center of tabernacle was made the Bar of Conference.

Recess—President declared a recess for the Nominating Committee to work.

Call to Order—President called the Conference to order for the organization in election of committees.

Report—Nomination Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 1.)

Appointment—President appointed Mrs. Lyle Overby and Mrs. Albert Johnson to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

Election—Rev. J. C. McGovern was elected to the Committee of Itineracy and Orders to act during Conference session.

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Thursday Morning

Devotions—The devotions were conducted by Rev. W. C. Brannon, reading from 2 Tim. 1:7-13, and giving some enlightening comments thereon.

Roll Call and Minutes—Roll was called and minutes read and approved.

Reports—A partial report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 2.)

Ministerial Relief Treasurer—The Treasurer of the Ministerial Relief Fund read his report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 3.)

Camp Meeting Treasurer—The Camp Meeting Treasurer read his report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

President's Report—The Conference President read his report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

Finance—Motion prevailed that adjustment of President's salary be referred to Missionary Board.

Courtesies—The following new members and visiting friends of the Conference were introduced and spoke briefly: Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Sousoman; Rev. and Mrs. Moulton of Ely, Nebr.; Ralph Halle and Lester Meyers, Theological graduates of Miltonvale College; Rev. R. D. Reisdorph as Connectional Representative and our beloved President.

Printing—Motion prevailed that we have report blanks printed for request to Ministerial Relief Fund.

Committee—A committee of three was elected to formulate said blanks as follows: J. F. Simpson, Chairman; W. C. Brannon and W. D. Shelor.

Minutes—Secretary was instructed to have three hundred copies of the Minutes printed.

Finance—Motion carried that at the time of distribution of Minutes an offering be sent to the Conference Treasurer to help defray the expense of printing.

Adjourned—Adjourned by limitation of time.

Friday Morning

Devotions—Devotions were conducted by Rev. Gordon Goodsell. Taking his scripture from Hebrews 12:1, and commenting thereon.

Roll Call and Minutes—Roll was called and Minutes read and approved.

Courtesies—President Floyd Hester of Miltonvale College was introduced and addressed Conference. Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Goodsell were introduced and gave their testimony to God's marvelous grace.

Report—The Committee on Passage of Character gave their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 6.)

Order of Day—Election of Conference Officers: President, J. F. Simpson (on second ballot, as first was nominating). Vice-President,

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W. C. Brannon (on first ballot). Secretary, L. D. Harris (on first ballot). Treasurer, Frank Martin (on first ballot). Trustees, Frank Martin, 1943; August Wegner, 1942.

Report—The Nominating Committee on Standing Committees and remaining Conference Officers read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

Standing Rule—On motion it was made a Standing Rule that the Presidents of W. Y. P. S. and W. H. & F. M. S. be members of the Camp Meeting Board.

Articles of Religion—Vote on Articles of the Constitution numbers 20, 21, 22. Motion prevailed we vote by roll call. The vote stood, 45 ayes, no naves, on No. 20 and 21. Forty-four ayes and one not voting on 22. Churches were instructed to have vote on the Articles of Religion Nos. 20, 21, 22 within thirty days and send results to the Secretary.

Standing Rule—On motion it was voted that it become a Standing Rule that all old officers hold over until close of Conference session.

Report of Treasurer—The Conference Treasurer's report was adopted, as correct. (See Report No. 8.) Treasurer was authorized to close his books seven days before opening of Conference this to become a Standing Rule.

Seating—On motion the reseating of the Tabernacle was left in the hands of the Camp Meeting Board.

Finance—The arrangement for collection of note to the Billings Church was referred to Missionary Board.

Advisory Board—Nomination and election: President elect, Rev. J. F. Simpson, nominated W. C. Brannon and Frank Martin as members of his Advisory Board. They were elected.

Report—Statistical Committee read the Statistical Report and it was adopted.

Report—Itineracy and Orders Committee reported and it was adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

Recess—President declared a recess until 1:30 p. m.

Education—At 1:30 p. m. an Educational Program was rendered by President Hester, Rev. W. S. Freeborn and several of the Miltonvale students. Rev. Freeborn spoke relative to the need of new dormitory and pledges were taken to apply on the same. We pledge our support and appreciation to Miltonvale College.

Saturday Morning

Devotions—Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Raymond Sousoman reading from James 1:22-24 with very appropriate application.

Roll Call and Minutes—The roll was called and minutes read and approved.

Courtesies—Rev. W. S. Freeborn of Miltonvale, Kansas was introduced and addressed the Conference in a few well chosen words.

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Report of Auditing Committee—The Auditing Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 2.)

Report of Treasurer—The Treasurer's report was adopted as corrected. (See Report No. 8.)

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

Ministerial Relief—The Committee on formulating blanks for the Ministerial Relief Fund read their report and it was adopted.

Recommendation—The same Committee recommended that in case of death the amount of benefit be raised from \$50 to \$75, and was so ordered. (See under Standing Rules.)

Finance—Motion prevailed that the expense of printing blanks and cards be handled from funds in the Ministerial Relief Treasury.

Resolutions Report—The Committee on Resolutions read their report and it was adopted. Motion prevailed that we add a resolution of appreciation to Railroads Companies for courtesies in providing passes for our officials. (See Report No. 11.)

Recess—President declared a recess to the call of the Chair.

Saturday Evening

Prayer—Rev. George Thomas.

Report—The Missionary Board read their recommendations to Conference and they were approved. (See Report No. 12.)

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

Time of next Conference—The date of next Annual Conference was set for June 3, 1941.

Recommendation of Anniversary—President elect J. F. Simpson recommended that each church celebrate the anniversary of their organization this year which was acted upon favorably by the Conference.

Adjournment—On motion Conference session adjourned for 1940. President Rufus Reisdorph in a few well chosen words expressed his appreciation of the coöperation of all concerned in our Conference session and through his twelve years of service and our hearts were moved to tears as he closed in asking God's blessing upon us and pledging his continued support to all the interests of our beloved Conference.

President elect J. F. Simpson took the Chair and also spoke briefly of the blessing of God upon us and earnestly asked the continued support and prayers of the ministers and laymen of the Conference to which there was a gracious response of tears and Amens. This gracious season of blessing closed in the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" with hand clasps and brotherly affection. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pastoral Relations Committee—Rufus Reisdorph, J. F. Simpson, W. C. Brannon, J. E. Spry, S. J. Insley, Ruth Bixler.

Passage of Character—J. E. Epry, Chairman; George Gore, Thomas Bailie, W. J. Leyh.

Statistical Committee—John Hunter, Paul Kindschi, Marion Kelsven, Grace Knapp.

Auditing Committee—Marvin Jones, Liberty Griffiths.

Railroad Expense Committee—Gordon Goodsell, Raymond Sousoman, John Winterberg.

Resolutions—W. D. Shelor, J. C. McGovern, George Thomas.

Conference Reporter—W. D. Shelor.

Courtesies—Paul Kindschi.

Report No. 2

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited the books of the Conference President, of the Treasurer of the Camp Meeting Board, of the Treasurer of the Ministerial Relief Fund and of the Conference Treasurer and have found them to be correct.

MARVIN E. JONES,
LIBERTY GRIFFITH.

Report No. 3

MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND

Receipts

Cash on hand at beginning of year	\$ 5.67
Received on first assessment	32.05
Received on second assessment	37.00
Received on third assessment	33.50
Received on fourth assessment	40.60
Received on fifth assessment	28.00
Total	\$176.82

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Disbursements

Mrs. Frank Traver	\$ 50.00
Rev. S. J. McIntyre	50.00
Rev. J. Winterberg	45.00
Rev. J. F. Simpson	10.00
Postage and exchange67
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Total disbursements	\$155.67
Balance on hand June 1, 1940	\$ 21.15

THOMAS BAILIE, Secretary-Treasurer.

Report No. 4

CAMP MEETING TREASURER

Amount on hand June 1st, 1939	\$ 110.66
Total receipts from all sources	1009.51
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Total	\$1120.17

Disbursements

Groceries and meat	\$ 235.31
Miscellaneous items	36.28
Bread	40.04
Milk	16.70
Evangelists and workers	290.40
Tuning pianos	5.00
Trees and seeds	6.75
Clay and cinders	9.00
Printing	29.92
Hardware	11.53
Shavings	10.58
Plowing	2.00
Ice	10.35
Lumber	170.85
Laundry	7.25
Interest	47.31
Lights	6.31
Lawn mower	9.48
Insurance	30.20
Song Books	18.15
Water	5.00
Exchange on checks etc.	3.45
Cash on hand	118.21
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Total	\$1120.17

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Report No. 5

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

I come to you at this time with my twelfth annual report. Since it is impossible for me to serve you further in an official capacity, I wish to express my appreciation for your kind consideration and coöperation during the last twelve years. I desire also to call your attention to some accomplishments which the Lord has wrought through your faithful efforts.

Upon review of the year's work we observe evidence of gradual progress. During this time several gracious revivals have been held in various churches. Activities of the year have brought three new organizations into the Conference. The record will also show a fair increase in church membership. For these things we are grateful.

Considering the work of the last twelve years, there is evidence of gradual progress. During this time eight churches have been constructed or purchased in as many cities or thriving communities. During the period seven parsonages have been secured; thus in twelve years, fifteen additional pieces of property have been added to the conference list.

This construction program, some of it having been carried on during the worst depression that our country has known, speaks to the praise of God and the faithfulness of the people.

Improvements on the Campground during the last twelve years have been considerable, as you may witness. This also speaks of the blessings of God and of a willingness on the part of the people to work; for it was your contributions which were made year after year which made these improvements possible.

I desire to express my appreciation in most sincere terms for the fellowship, coöperation, and gracious assistance that has been given while I labored for and with you in an official capacity. This session does not terminate my concern in the Dakota Conference; I shall continue to carry its interests on my heart and shall stand ready at all times to give any assistance possible, especially to those whom you may elect to positions of responsibility and leadership. By following the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we shall continue to see God's kingdom advanced and His glory revealed.

Financial Statement

Salary:

From Conference Treasurer (back salary	\$ 85.00	
From Conference Treasurer	120.00	
From churches	76.79	
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Total salary		\$281.79

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Expense:	
Received from Conference Treasurer	\$141.69
Total	\$423.48

Official Acts

- July 2—Granted Reverend Fred Hunt a letter of standing.
- November 19—Received into the Conference the Mission Wesleyan Methodist Church, which was organized by Reverend J. F. Simpson.
- December 3—Organized and received into the Conference the Huron Wesleyan Methodist Church.
- June 2—Organized and received into the Conference the Watertown Wesleyan Methodist Church.

RUFUS D. REISDORPH, President.

Report No. 6

PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

We, your Committee on Passage of Character, have examined the reports of the pastors, and have passed their character.

GEORGE H. GORE,
THOMAS BAILIE,
W. J. LEYH,
J. E. SPRY.

Report No. 7

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

See Standing Committees on page 9.

Report No. 8

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Cash on hand beginning of year	\$ 141.87
Received from Conf. W. H. & F. M. Society	239.26
Received from churches, individuals, etc.	1082.21
Total	\$1463.34

Disbursements

R. D. Reisdorph (back salary)	\$ 85.00
R. D. Reisdorph salary	110.00
R. D. Reisdorph expenses	141.69
L. D. Harris, preparing minutes for General Conf. ..	10.00
Ruth Cloud, typing	5.00
Ministers carfare	50.06

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Transportation, delegates to General Conference	45.00	
Raymond Sousoman	25.00	
J. F. Simpson, expenses	9.79	
Watertown meeting	25.00	
Ipswich Church	100.00	
Charles Schreibeis, interest on loan	30.00	
Charles Schreibeis, payment on loan	100.00	
F. R. Eddy, General Conference President salary ...	2.50	
W. M. Publishing House, printing minutes	80.64	
J. F. Simpson expenses, deed at Mission, S. D.....	19.19	
Baker Church, help in moving church	50.00	
Huron Church, payment toward building	25.00	
George Thomas, rent at Huron	150.00	
W. D. Shelor, printing Conference programs	1.50	
Interest on loans from Superannuated Fund	44.66	
R. D. Reisdorph, expenses Watertown Meeting	25.00	
W. M. Publishing House, report blanks	1.00	
Buffalo Church gift	50.00	
Bank exchange charges	3.98	
Total		\$1190.01
Cash on hand to balance June 5, 1940		\$ 273.33
Home Mission Fund 1939-1940		
Received from church offerings		\$ 74.53
Disbursements		
Paid Roy S. Nicholson, Home Missionary Secretary		\$ 74.53
Superannuated Ministers' Fund, 1939-1940		
Cash on hand at beginning of year	\$ 333.35	
Received from church offering	34.12	
Interest on loans to Conference	44.66	
Total		\$ 412.13
Disbursements		
Loan to Buffalo Church, Oct. 2, 1939	\$ 100.00	
Cash on hand to balance June 5, 1940	312.13	
Total cash and disbursements		\$412.13
Statement of Assets		
Loan No. 1 to Conference	\$ 289.49	
Loan No. 2 to Conference	349.39	

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Loan No. 3 to Conference	105.48	
Loan to Billings Church	200.00	
Loan to Buffalo Church	100.00	
Cash on hand June 5, 1940	312.13	
Total		\$1356.49

FRANK MARTIN, Treasurer.

Report No. 9
ITINERACY AND ORDERS

We, the Committee on Itineracy and Orders, submit the following recommendations:

That Theos Mittan, having been duly recommended by the quarterly conference of Bushnell, be placed in the studies of the first year of the Course of Study.

That Romeo Baronia, L. L. Knapp, and Isla Knight be continued in the studies of the first year and their licenses be renewed.

That Frank J. Traver, having been duly recommended by the quarterly conference of Bushnell, be placed in the studies of the second year and be received to travel under Conference direction.

That A. C. Buell, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Calhoon, and Leslie D. Smith be continued in the studies of the second year and their licenses be renewed.

That Raymond J. Sousoman be placed in the studies of the third year and his license be renewed.

That Ben Finley be advanced to studies of the fourth year and his license be renewed.

That Mrs. Elizabeth Traver, Hazel Carter, and Chester Reed be continued in the studies of the fourth year and their licenses be renewed.

That Miss Kathleen Kelsven, having been duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Almont, and having completed the Course of Study at Marion, be received to travel under Conference direction and be granted a license.

That the licenses of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Goodsell, Wesley Knapp, and Donald Gerriets be renewed.

That Rev. W. W. Jefferies, an Elder in the Methodist Church be granted membership in this Conference.

MRS. ALBERT JOHNSON,
MRS. LYLE B. OVERBY,
A. M. WILEY,
RUFUS REISDORPH,
J. C. MCGOVERN,
W. D. SHELOR,
S. J. MCINTYRE.

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Report No. 10

RAILROAD EXPENSE

We, the Railroad Expense Committee, have found the income for this item to be \$44.00, and the expense of eligible ministers to be \$66.11, leaving a deficit of \$22.11. The deficit added to the expense divided by 19 charges makes an apportionment of \$4.65 for the ensuing year.

GORDON W. GOODSELL,
RAYMOND SOUSOMAN,
JOHN WINTERBERG.

Report No. 11

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, under the providence and blessing of God, we have been permitted to meet in annual session upon these beautiful grounds therefore be it resolved:

1. That we give hearty praise to our bountiful Father for His presence and guidance throughout another Conference year, and in the deliberations of this Conference session.

2. That we express our appreciation to our retiring Conference President, Rev. Rufus Reisdorph, for his untiring and self-sacrificing labors among us the past twelve years, and that we give praise to God for all the splendid achievements within the Conference during his tenure of office. Also, that we assure our newly elected president, Rev. J. F. Simpson, of our sincere prayers and faithful cooperation in the office to which we have elected him.

3. That we hereby thank all who have helped in any way to improve and beautify the campgrounds and buildings, also those that have worked in the kitchen and dining room for our physical wellbeing.

4. That we express to Miss Anna McGhie, Mr. and Mrs. Ashcraft and son Paul, Rev. W. D. Correll, Mrs. Paul Kindschi, Rev. W. S. Freeborn and President F. C. Hester our appreciation of their presence and services among us.

5. That we register our firm convictions against the many forms of evil that seek our encirclement and destruction, and especially of our youth, in these last days. Let us "cry aloud and spare not" from both pulpit and pew. Let Wesleyans "give no place to the devil," neither to any of his deceptive snares and allurements.

6. That we thank the local newspaper and the Hoffman Typewriter Co., for the courtesies shown the Conference.

7. That we will give ourselves, as Wesleyan Methodists, to more prayer, greater zeal, deeper passion for souls, and a more faithful loyalty to all the interests of our General Church. That we will, God helping us, better support the cause of Missions, Education, Publishing Interests, and

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all other branches of our beloved Zion, and send all monies for the seven and one half per cent plan each month to the Conference Treasurer.

8. That this report of your Committee on Resolutions be adopted by a rising vote and the singing of the Doxology.

9. That the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church which comprises the states North and South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming, express its appreciation to the Chicago-Milwaukee, Great Northern, and Northern Pacific railway companies for their courtesy in granting passes to our Conference officials for their work.

W. D. SHELOR,
J. C. McGOVERN,
GEORGE THOMAS.

Report No. 12

MISSIONARY BOARD

We recommend that the Conference President travel the Conference. That the schedule of travel for Conference be left to him to arrange for and that he be paid \$100.00 per month salary and traveling expenses while employed within the bounds of Conference.

That we assist the Watertown Church to the extent of \$10.00 per month.

That we place \$100.00 at the disposal of Conference President to begin a work in Butte, Mont.

That we pay \$50.00 or more if possible to Mr. Schriebies.

R. D. REISDORPH,
J. F. SIMPSON,
J. E. SPRY,
FRANK MARTIN,
MRS. LAURA RAYMER,
L. D. HARRIS, Secretary;
J. C. McGOVERN.

Report No. 13

PASTORAL RELATIONS

Aberdeen—W. D. Shelor.
Almont—Thomas Bailie and wife.
Artesian—J. C. McGovern.
Avon—John Winterburg.
Baker—A. C. Buell.
Billings—W. C. Brannon and wife.
Bradley—Mrs. Laura Raymer.
Brentford—To be supplied.
Buffalo—John J. Hunter.

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Bushnell—Mrs. Elizabeth Traver.
High Prairie—To be supplied.
Houghton—Marvin Jones.
Huron—George Thomas.
Ipswich—L. D. Harris.
McIntosh—In hands of President.
Medicine Rocks, Knobs, Mill Iron—To be supplied.
Mitchell—Paul Kindschi.
Mission—In hands of President.
Mobridge—In hands of President.
Northville—J. E. Spry.
Pollock—In hands of President.
Redfield, Calvary—S. J. McIntyre.
Richland—W. J. Leyh and wife.
Watertown—Gordon Goodsell and wife.
Watford City—Raymond Sousoman.
Webster—In hands of President.
Conference President—J. F. Simpson.
Conference Evangelist—Ruby Reisdorph.
Unstationed Elder—C. K. Thompson.
Missionary Work in India—Arthur Calhoon, Isla Knight.
Missionaries on Furlough—Charles Carter, Hazel Carter.
Mountain Mission Work—Minnie Knecht.
Missionary Work—C. W. Calhoon, Ben Findley, Donald Gerriets,
Wesley Knapp.
Missionary Evangelist—W. W. Jefferies, Arthur Reisdorph, Wayne
Cretsinger.
Teaching—George Robbins.
Song Evangelist and Children's Worker—Kathleen Kelsven.
Supply Methodist Episcopal Church—Allen Regan, A. M. Wiley, Fred
O. Hunt.
American S. S. Union—L. L. Knapp, Chester Reed, Rev. and Mrs.
Otto Jensen.
General Sunday-school Secretary—Rufus Reisdorph.
General Evangelist—W. O. Howard.

RUFUS REISDORPH,
W. C. BRANNON,
J. E. SPRY,
J. F. SIMPSON,
AUGUST WAGNER,
S. J. INSLEY,
RUTH BIXLER.

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE STANDING RULES AND RESOLUTIONS

Financial Plan for Conference Fund

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

This money is to be sent to Conference Treasurer monthly.

Railroad Expense

The amount for Railroad Expense is \$4.65 per charge, this money, to be raised and sent to Conference Treasurer as soon as possible.

Ministerial Relief Fund By-Laws

Purpose: To provide financial assistance for Elders and Conference Preachers in times of serious illness or death in their families.

All Ministers and Licentiatees of the Conference shall become members on payment of first assessment. Those who desire to become members later, may do so by paying up all assessments made previous, of the Conference year.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall make four assessments each year, or more if emergency arises, in the following manner: Each Minister on the Conference Roll shall be assessed one dollar on due notice from the Secretary, excepting both husband and wife are preachers. In such case, only one is assessed. Each pastor shall collect one dollar from his church or charge each time an assessment is made, except ministers not serving as pastors in the Conference. These are to pay \$1.50 for each assessment.

Disbursements: The Secretary shall, on receipt of the worthiness of a case, pay out of said fund forty per cent of the amount of the expense incurred, provided the expense is more than twenty dollars, and furthermore providing that no payment shall exceed fifty dollars. (Normal maternity cases excepted). In case of death the maximum of \$75 will be paid to the beneficiaries. That assessments be raised fifty cents in this particular case.

Members who are delinquent in the payment of the last two or more assessments prior to claims for help, shall be ineligible. In case one is delinquent two or more payments, no benefits will be paid in emergencies, by paying of delinquent assessments.

If assessments are paid by check, please add service fee.

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

Postage and necessary expense shall be deducted from said funds.

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

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

See Resolutions under Report No. 11.

Budget Apportionment

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

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Information

W. D. Shelor	Term expires in 1941
Rufus Reisdorph	Term expires in 1942
S. J. McIntyre	Term expires in 1943
A. M. Wiley	Term expires in 1944

List of books and examiners as follows:

Rufus Reisdorph—

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

Second Year, Bible and Homeletics, by Kearns.

Third Year, Bible and Christian Evidences.

Fourth Year, Bible and Bible Geography.

S. J. McIntyre—

First Year, Robert's Rules of Order.

Second Year, How to Prepare an Expository Sermon.

Third Year, System of General Ethics.

Fourth Year, Psychology.

A. M. Wiley—

First Year, Theological Compend; and Perfect Love.

Second Year, Teacher Training and Theology.

Third Year, Theology.

Fourth Year, Theology.

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

W. D. Shelor—

First Year, Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.

Second Year, Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.

Third Year, Church History and All About the Bible.

Fourth Year, Church History and System of Christian Evidence.

Any of the books can be had by sending to Secretary, L. D. Harris, sending also a fee of ten cents and paying postage.

Other books may be had from examiners of same on same terms.

L. D. HARRIS, Secretary.

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

STATISTICAL REPORT

Item I. Pastor's Labors. Item II. Periodicals

Charges	Item I. Pastor's Labors			Item II. Periodicals															
	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Teachers' Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart				
Aberdeen	12	1	1	20	40	18	5	40	15	20	5	15	40						
Almont	12	1	1	11	35	14	8	32	32	13	17	12	6	16	1				
Artesian	12	1	1	1	20	10	3	30	12	6									
Avon	12	3	1	1	15	8	10	5	5	30	12	8		12	1				
Baker	12	1	1	4	11	9	5	14	6	8			2	7					
Billings	12	1	1	1	22	45	20	11	45	10	18	10	16	12	2				
Bradley	12	1	1	1	2	7	4	3		4			4	4					
Brentford	12	1	1	1	6							3	5						
Buffalo	12	1	1	10	25	18		25	5	10	5	10	10	20	1				
Bushnell	12	1	1	1	18	10		20		10		6	4	14					
Calvary	12	1	1	2	9	3		5		5		2	2	4					
High Prairie	12	1	1	2	8	8		8	10			2	10	10					
Houghton	12	1	1	7	15	8	5	12	8			6	5	6					
Huron	12	1	1	1	15	10		12	15	10		1	4	12					
Johnson Corners	12	1	1	2	20	20	8	45	15	15		15	12	12	1				
Ipswich	12	2	1	9	15	5	2	20		10		5	5	10					
Kinning																			
Knobs	12	1	1	1															
McIntosh																			
Medicine Rocks	12	1	1	3	10	5	3	10	10	7		3							
Mission	6	2	1	5			6	10	6			4	5	10					
Mitchell	12	1	1	5	30	25		45	15	25		20	5	12					
Mill Iron	12	1	1																
Mobridge																			
Northville	12	1	1	5	15	6	4	25	7	5		4	4	5	1				
Pollock																			
Redfield	12	1	1	3	25	15	5	30		10		10	10	20	1				
Richland	12	1	1	4	40	12	4	45	10	8		14	20	20	1				
Watertown																			
Watford City	12	1	1	2	25	25	12	25	12	15		10	15	1					
Webster																			
Totals	294	29	26	124	449	253	112	512	149	237	49	146	189	220	10				

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item III. Membership

Charges	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	No. Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss	Gain	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Local Preachers	Membership Tithing
Aberdeen	8		15	2		132	123	9		2			2	34
Almont	4					36	39		3				2	17
Artesian			3	3		55	21	6						10
Avon	4			1	1	23	69	2						7
Baker						44	48							5
Billings	6					72	78		4					5
Bradley				1		17	16	1		3			1	30
Brentford	1		4			29	26	3		5			1	5
Buffalo			2		1	30	27	3		1	1			4
Bushnell	5			1		16	20		4				2	20
Calvary						17	17		1	2				8
High Prairie						9	2	7						10
Houghton	1					32	33		1	1				
Huron	19						19		19		1			12
Johnson Corners			9			80	71	9						4
Ipswich	4			1		48	51		3	4				36
Kinring														22
Knobs						13	13							5
McIntosh						10	10							
Medicine Rocks						14	14							2
Mission	6					11	17		6				1	7
Mitchell	2		1		2	86	85	1					2	20
Mill Iron						9	9							
Mobridge						9	9							
Northville	6			1		53	58		5	2	2	1		6
Pollock						27	27							
Redfield	10					35	45		10				2	12
Richland	4			2	1	77	78		1		6			20
Watertown							12		12					
Watford City	4		2			28	30		2	1				19
Webster						7	7							
Totals	84	36	12	6	1039	1074	41	76	19	13	1	14	315	

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Item IV. Sunday School

Charges	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers		Whole No. of Teachers		No. Officers, Teachers and Scholars in Main School		No. Schol. in Home Dept.	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. Scholars Converted	No. Schol. Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts.	Teacher's Training Course	No. of Organized Classes	No. Books in Library
		No. of Officers	No. of Teachers	No. Officers	No. Teachers	No. Officers	No. Teachers										
Aberdeen	1	8	10	160	5	14	179	95	20	5	1					160	
Almont	1	8	9	64	5	12	128	34	1	5	1					26	
Artesian	1	6	6	80			89	57									
Avon	1	9	9	68		6	60	40									
Baker	1	4	4	38			44	24									
Billings	1	8	11	151	8	28	187	122		4	1						
Bradley	1	4	3	17			20	15									
Brentford	1	3	3	18			18	10			3	1				40	
Buffalo	1	8	7	70	5	24	99	52		6	2				1	1	
Bushnell	1	5	4	65			65	32			3						
Calvary	1	3	3	23			23	10								3	
High Prairie	1	3	3	21			21	22		3						3	
Houghton	1	3	5	34			34	30					2			5	
Huron	1	3	4	57			57	44		9	4					1	
Johnson Corners	1	13	7	76		16	76	49			1					7	
Ipswich	1	3	4	37			37	26									
Kinning																	
Knobs																	
McIntosh																	
Medicine Rocks	1	4	3	27			27	22		2						81	
Mission	2	13	5	34			38	27		7						5	
Mitchell	1	8	6	105		25	130	75								30	
Mill Iron																	
Mobridge																	
Northville	1	5	5	35			35	20		3	3						
Pollock																	
Redfield	1	2	5	77		8	85	53		10	7					5	22
Richland	1	3	6	80			80	61			3				1		
Watertown																	
Watford City	1	12	5	57		11	57	40					1			5	
Webster																	
Totals	24	136	122	1394	70	150	1590	960	74	38	13	1	35	360			

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item V. Church Property

Charges	No. Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Aberdeen	1	\$12000		1	\$4000		
Almont	1	4600					
Artesian							\$159
Avon	1	5000		1	1000		
Baker	1	2000	\$600				12
Billings	1	12000	3536	1	5000		2000
Bradley							
Brentford	1	750					
Buffalo	1	3500	260	1	2500	\$1787	
Bushnell	1	800		1	500		
Calvary							
High Prairie							
Houghton	1	4000		1	1250		
Huron							135
Johnson Corners	1	3000	40				8
Ipswich	1	4000		1	1000	800	
Kinning							
Knobs							
McIntosh							
Medicine Rocks	1	1500		1	1000		25
Mission	1	800	200				
Mitchell	1	5000	300	1	2500	1400	
Mill Iron							
Mobridge							
Northville	1	2500		1	1000		700
Pollock							
Redfield	1	1750		1	500		
Richland	1	2000		1	2000		
Watertown							
Watford City	1	2000	179	1	1500		18
Webster							
Totals	18	\$67200	\$4845	13	\$23750	\$3987	\$3057

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Item VI. Amount Contributed for Pastor

Charges	Pastor's Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Aberdeen	\$1119	\$300	\$10	\$83	\$1512
Almont	792	198	28	50	1068
Artesian	326			37	363
Avon	355	108		126	596
Baker	130		13	40	183
Billings	1200	300	40	190	1730
Bradley	52		5	4	61
Brentford	167		5	13	185
Buffalo	574		26	268	868
Bushnell	928	60	8	75	1071
Calvary	196			90	286
High Prairie	69			68	137
Houghton	417	96	5	75	593
Huron	327			50	377
Johnson Corners	679			123	802
Ipswich	802	50	8	40	900
Kinning					
Knobs	145			70	215
McIntosh					
Medicine Rocks	70			25	95
Mission	33				33
Mitchell	1040		50	40	1130
Mill Iron					
Mobridge					
Northville	276	60	6	56	398
Pollock					
Redfield	600	96		131	827
Richland	600	100	7	90	797
Watertown					
Watford City	300			107	407
Webster					
Totals	\$11197	\$1368	\$218	\$1851	\$14634

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item VII. Amount Contributed for Church

Charges	Conference President's Salary	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday-school Expense	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Total for Church
Aberdeen		\$271	\$177	\$106	\$363	\$917
Almont		72	95	11	28	206
Artesian		6	41	40	46	133
Avon	\$7	35	32	1	60	135
Baker	10	86	30	524	65	715
Billings	16	187	146	978	213	1540
Bradley			18			18
Brentford		31	13		5	49
Buffalo	4	65	59	238	72	438
Bushnell		50	30	20	89	189
Calvary	5		15			20
High Prairie		19	13		3	40
Houghton	3	53	32	121	71	280
Huron		43	59		40	142
Johnson Corners		54	54	3	26	137
Ipswich	5	100	40	200	78	423
Kinning						
Knobs						
McIntosh						
Medicine Rocks	1		12			13
Mission		17	2		23	42
Mitchell	14	44	101	360	170	689
Mill Iron						
Mobridge						
Northville	4	56	45	68	15	188
Pollock						
Redfield	5	95	66	267	104	537
Richland	14	150	65	89	38	356
Watertown						
Watford City		78	49	108	69	304
Webster						
Totals	\$93	\$1512	\$1194	\$3134	\$1578	\$7523

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Item VIII. Amount Contributed for Benevolences

Charges	Undivided Budget	Home Missions	Education	Conference Work	Foreign Missions	Superannuated Ministers' Fund	Connecional Sunday-school Work	Other Benevolent Objects	W. Y. P. S.	Orphanage	Total for Benevolences
Aberdeen		\$6	\$34	\$137	\$117	\$4	\$6	\$97	\$42	\$7	\$450
Almont		25	7	55	29	2	3	7	3	5	176
Artesian		6	34	1	65			10		5	120
Avon		1	10	6	10						26
Baker		18	6	5	5			36		3	76
Billings		6	26	200	53	5	7	72	34	35	438
Bradley	\$7		4		10	2		21		3	47
Brentford		11	6	5	7					5	34
Buffalo		76	27	98	66	2	4	54		8	335
Bushnell		26	32	47	51	2	2	4		3	167
Calvary		12	17	28	36		1	23		5	123
High Prairie				7	5						12
Houghton	4	21	36	45	69	4		3	2	5	189
Huron		9	8		8	1		18	5	4	53
Johnson Corners		59	5	71	25			18		21	198
Ipswich		14	44	60	46	5	2	5			176
Kinning											
Knobs											
McIntosh											
Medicine Rocks	10	6	6	5	41			2		5	75
Mission		3			3						6
Mitchell	38	13	16	102	26	2			38	30	265
Mill Iron											
Mobridge											
Northville	6	13	12	18	24	8		2		5	88
Pollock											
Redfield		14	15	57	29	3	3	4	19	5	149
Richland		28	17	139	108	2	4	43	12	10	363
Watertown											
Watford City		11	2	45	15			17	4	5	98
Webster											
Totals	\$65	\$370	\$367	\$1135	\$838	\$52	\$34	\$436	\$159	\$169	\$3664

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Item IX. Totals

Charges	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Benevolences	Total For All Purposes
Aberdeen	\$1512	\$917	\$450	\$2879
Almont	1068	206	176	1450
Artesian	363	133	120	616
Avon	596	135	26	757
Baker	183	715	76	974
Billings	1730	1540	438	3708
Bradley	61	18	47	126
Brentford	185	49	34	268
Buffalo	868	438	335	1641
Bushnell	1071	189	167	1427
Calvary	286	20	123	429
High Prairie	137	40	12	189
Houghton	593	280	189	1062
Huron	377	142	53	572
Johnson Corners	802	137	198	1137
Ipswich	900	423	176	1499
Kinning				
Knobs	215			215
McIntosh	95	13	75	183
Medicine Rocks	33	42	6	81
Mission	1130	689	265	2084
Mitchell				
Mill Iron				
Mobridge	398	188	88	674
Northville				
Pollock	827	537	149	1513
Redfield	797	356	363	1516
Richland				
Watertown	407	304	98	809
Watford City				
Webster				
Totals	\$14634	\$7511	\$3664	\$25809

**Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth Annual Session
of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary
Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of
the Dakota Conference, June 4—8, 1940**

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President—Mrs. Viola Leyh, Mina, S. D.
Vice-President—Mrs. Erma Brannon, 306 So. 32nd St., Billings, Mont.
Secretary—Mrs. Lillian Bailie, Almont, N. D.
Treasurer—Mrs. Blanche Larson, Athol, S. D.
Y. M. W. B. Superintendent—Mrs. Louise Goodsell, Watertown, S. D.

**LOCAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES AND
ADDRESSES**

Aberdeen—President, Mrs. R. T. Hollingsworth, 901 Eighth Ave., N. E., Aberdeen, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. A. E. Hatten, 212 North Kline St., Aberdeen, S. D.

Almont—President, Mrs. F. L. Trovik, Almont, N. D.; Secretary, Miss Marjorie Olin, Almont, N. D.

Artesian—President, Miss Mabel McCarthy, Artesian, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. J. R. Turner, Artesian, S. D.

Avon—President, Mrs. Lydia McNeely, Avon, S. D.; Secretary, Miss Alice Nellis.

Baker—President, Mrs. Loius Blaser, Baker, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. Blanche Cate, Baker, Mont.

Billings—President, Mrs. Erma Brannon, 306 South 32nd St., Billings, Mont.; Secretary, Miss Pauline Eisenbeisz, 306 So. 32nd St., Billings, Mont.

Bradley—President, Mrs. Laura Raymer, Bradley, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Kate St. Helen, Bradley, S. D.

Brentford—President, Mrs. Harry Hopkins, Mellette, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Lyle B. Overby, Conde, S. D.

Buffalo—President, Mrs. John Mitten, Buffalo, Wyo.; Secretary, Mrs. John Hunter, Box 921, Buffalo, Wyo.

Bushnell—President, Mrs. Elizabeth Traver, Bushnell,, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Fred Mittan, Bushnell, S. D.

Calvary—President, Mrs. Marie Kegler, Athol, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Ada Kissner, Athol, S. D.

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

Houghton—President, Mrs. Effie Reisdorph, Houghton, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. LaVerne Jones, Houghton, S. D.

Huron—President, Mrs. Geo. Thomas, Huron, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Angus Saunders, 47 4th St., N. E., Huron, S. D.

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Ipswich—President, Mrs. L. D. Harris, Ipswich, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. L. L. Knapp, Ipswich, S. D.

Johnson Corners—President, Mrs. Bennie Veeder, Watford City, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Herbert Veeder, Schafer, N. D.

Medicine Rocks—President, Mrs. A. C. Buell, Baker, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. A. E. Clocksene, Plevina, Mont.

Mitchell—President, Mrs. Martha DeJong, Gen. Del., Mitchell, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Holshire, Mitchell, S. D.

Northville—President, Mrs. Myrtle Spry, Northville, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. H. B. Blake, Northville, S. D.

Redfield—President, Mrs. S. J. McIntyre, 102 Sixth St., West, Redfield, S. D., Secretary, Mrs. Erwin Bailey, Redfield, S. D.

Richland—President, Mrs. Lucy Wolters, Ipswich, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Doris Wolters, Cresbard, S. D.

Sandstone—President, Mrs. B. G. Bucklin, Keene, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Frank Jones, Berg, N. D.

Watford City—President, Mrs. Henry Hystad, Arnegard, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Leslie Smith, Watford City, N. D.

DELEGATES

Aberdeen—Mrs. Susie Shelor.
Almont—Miss Marjorie Olin.
Artesian—Mrs. W. H. Bryant.
Avon—Mrs. John Winterberg.
Baker—Mrs. Ella Young.
Billings—Mrs. Loren Betz.
Bradley—Mrs. Kate St. Helen.
Brentford—Miss Alice Hopkins.
Buffalo—Mrs. Chris Johnson.
Bushnell—Mrs. Louise Goodsell.
Calvary—Mrs. Blanche Larson.
Cresbard—Mrs. Hattie Langford.
Houghton—Mrs. LaVerne Jones.
Ipswich—Mrs. Pearl Cloud.
Huron—Mrs. Anna Waldner
Johnson Corners—Mrs. E. E. Kooser.
Medicine Rocks—
Mitchell—Mrs. Vena Simpson.
Northville—Mrs. H. B. Blake.
Redfield—Mrs. S. J. McIntyre.
Richland—Mrs. Lorraine Palmer.
Sandstone—Mrs. R. J. Sousoman.
Watford City—Mrs. R. J. Sousoman.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

Daily Proceedings

Wednesday, 10:00 a. m.

Call to Order—President called the session to order.

Devotionals—After a song service, Mrs. Nina Ashcraft spoke to us on the subject of "Heart Faith," based on 1 Kings 17. Mrs. Laverne Jones closed the devotion period with prayer.

Credentials—Mrs. Ruth McIntyre was appointed Committee on Credentials.

Welcome—Chairman gave cordial welcome to all, and introduced new members.

Election of Committee—A Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Erma Brannon, Mrs. Lyle Overby, Mrs. Myrtle Spry, Mrs. Harriet Harris, Mrs. Loren Betz.

Conference Body and Bar—Motion prevailed that delegates, Presidents, pastor's wives, Y. M. W. B. Superintendents constitute the Conference body.

Adjournment—On motion the Conference adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Wednesday, 2:00 p. m.

Devotionals—Devotionals were conducted by Mrs. Ruth McIntyre reading and commenting from first chapter of James. Prayer by Mrs. Myrtle Spry.

Minutes—Minutes were read and approved.

Roll Call—Roll was called to which all societies had a delegate but five.

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

Elections—Mrs. Susie Shelor was elected as Missionary Conference Reporter; Mrs. Harriet Harris, Wesleyan Missionary Solicitor; Mrs. Louise Goodsell, Pianist; and Mrs. Ray Sousoman, Chorister.

Local Reports—Delegates from Houghton, Aberdeen, Redfield, Aberdeen, Baker, Buffalo, Brentford, Johnson Corners, Almont, Cresbard, Bushnell, read their reports.

Courtesies—Mrs. Paul Kindschi, Mrs. Curtis Shreves, Mrs. Warren Shreves, Mrs. Ray Sousoman, Mrs. Lefler and Mrs. Louise Goodsell were introduced and spoke a few words of greeting.

Adjournment—By motion adjourned to call of the Chair.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING

Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

The Public Missionary Meeting was held in the Main Tabernacle, June 4th, and opened with a good song service under the leadership of Rev.

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Gordon Goodsell, after which Rev. Paul Kindschi led in prayer. We were favored with a song entitled, "I Can Tell it All to Jesus," by the Ashcraft Trio. The address of the evening was given by Rev. Miss Anna McGhie. Her message, "Watchman, What of the Night," was soul-stirring, and greatly enjoyed by a large congregation. An offering of cash and pledges was taken, which amounted to \$209.79, said amount to be equally divided between Conference and Foreign Missions unless otherwise stated. The service closed with a blessed consecration scene which was sealed by the Spirit's presence.

Thursday Morning

Devotionals—Under the direction of Mrs. Sousoman, we magnified the Lord in songs of praise, and then, Mrs. Lorraine Palmer led in prayer.

Minutes—Minutes for preceding meeting were read and approved. Minutes for the Public Missionary Meeting were read and approved.

Courtesies—Mrs. Anna Waldner from Huron was introduced and responded with greetings.

Report—Partial report on Orders of the Day was read, action deferred.

Local Reports—Reports from the following societies were read, Northville, Calvary.

Adjournment—By motion adjourned to meet at 1:30. Prayer by Mrs. Harris.

Thursday, 1:30 p. m.

Devotionals—After singing "A Missionary's Prayer," Mrs. Louise Goodsell led the devotions by reading and commenting upon a phrase found in Matt. 3:1, "In those days came John the Baptist preaching the gospel." This hour was closed by notes of praise in song and testimony.

Minutes—Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Roll Call—Roll was called and received a majority response by delegates.

Election of Officers—Special Order of the Day called for election of officers which was as follows: President, Mrs. Viola Leyh; Vice-President, Mrs. Erma Brannon; Secretary, Mrs. Lillian Bailie; Treasurer, Mrs. Blanche Larson; Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, Mrs. Louise Goodsell.

Appointments—The President appointed the following chairmen for Conference Districts, who were to meet and nominate their Organizers: Southern District, Mrs. Vena Simpson; Aberdeen District, Mrs. Ruth McIntyre; Northwest District, Mrs. Erma Brannon.

Order of the Day—Under the supervision of Mrs. Louise Goodsell the Y. M. W. B. children gave several good numbers which show the interest and ability of even the small children in this work. A very profitable discussion took up the remaining period of time, and all received helpful ideas which will prove an aid in carrying out the work of the coming year.

Adjournment—Adjourned by motion. Dismissed with word of prayer.

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Friday, 2:30 p. m.

Call to Order—The new President called the meeting to order, by leading us in the precious hymn, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," and concluding the devotions with prayer by Mrs. Harris.

Change of Chair—Motion prevailed that the retiring President be recalled to Chair for the completion of the Conference session.

Minutes and Roll Call—Deferred until the next meeting.

Local Reports—Delegates from the following societies read their reports: Richland, Medicine Rocks, Billings, Mitchell, Sandstone, Watford City.

Courtesies—Mrs. Adolph Olander, and Mrs. Shelrudt, were introduced and responded with greetings.

Orders of the Day—Rev. Rufus Reisdorph, Connectional Representative, was introduced and spoke to us on the subject, "Conference Missions."

Local Reports—Reports from the following societies were read: Avon, Bradley, Huron, Ipswich, Artesian.

Report—Auditing Report read and adopted. (See Report No. 2.)

Report—Report on Orders of the Day read and adopted. (See Report No. 3.)

Order of the Day—By majority vote the General Conference Delegate's Report was deferred until Saturday.

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

Finance—Motion carried that with each quarterly remittance to the Conference Treasurer, the local Treasurer compute and remit the 7½% of money submitted.

Adjournment—Upon motion for adjournment Mrs. Olander dismissed us with prayer.

Saturday Morning

Devotionals—In unison the Society sang, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Scripture portions were quoted by the members, and Mrs. Sousoman directed our hearts in prayer to the Throne of Grace.

Minutes—Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Roll Call—Response was made to the roll call.

Reading—Mrs. Lyle Overby gave a reading entitled "The Great Guest Comes."

Finance—Motion carried that we retain sufficient money in the Treasury to pay for our portion of the Minutes.

Finance—Motion prevailed that we pay for bed springs purchased for the campground.

Report—Nominations made for District Organizers, by the Districts were presented and accepted.

Election—The following District Organizers were elected: Southern

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District, Miss Mabel McCarthy; Northwest District, Mrs. Erma Brannon; Aberdeen District, Mrs. Myrtle Spry.

Report—Mrs. Harris, Y. M. W. B. delegate to General Conference gave report on Y. M. W. B. day.

Adjournment—Adjourned to attend Sunday-school Rally.

Saturday Afternoon

Call to Order—The Chair called us to order by singing "In the Cross," which was followed with prayer by Mrs. LaVerne Jones.

Minutes—Minutes of a previous meeting were read and approved. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Roll Call—A full response was made to roll call.

Presentation—Presentations of Sacred Art Gifts were made to our much loved retiring President, and to the new brides, Mrs. Paul Kindschi, and Mrs. Gordon Goodsell.

Courtesies—Evangelist Rev. W. D. Correll was presented and he extended to us greetings and a brief message, urging us to a deeper sacrificial spirit in our service for the Master.

Report—Statistical Report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

Courtesies—Professor Hester, of Miltonvale, was presented, and spoke to the Society, commending and encouraging them in their work in the various departments of the Church.

Instruction to Society—Motion prevailed that the Treasurer close her books on May 20th, and that all monies be in her hand at that date.

Report—Report on Resolutions read and adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

Report—Report on Plan of Work read and adopted. (See Report No. 6.)

Instruction to Secretary—Motion carried that the Secretary be instructed to convey by letter words of greeting from the Society to Sisters Cretsinger, Buell, Hunter, and McGovern.

Missionary Visitation—Motion prevailed that the President be delegated to make provision for a missionary to travel the Conference, this to be done in conjunction with Annual Conference President.

Report—Delegate to General Conference gave a report on the activities of General Conference. This report was received with a standing vote of thanks.

Adjournment—By motion we were adjourned and Mrs. Edith Taken, from Watertown, dismissed us with a final benediction.

MRS. LILLIAN BAILIE, Secretary.

Reports of Committees

NO. 1—NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following report:

Statistical—Mrs. Ray Sousóman, Mrs. Harriet Harris.

Auditing—Mrs. Chris Johnson, Mrs. Marie Kéglér.

Orders of the Day—Mrs. Viola Leyh, Mrs. Loren Betz, Mrs. Louise Goodsell, Mrs. Vena Simpson, Miss Alice Hopkins.

Resolutions—Mrs. Ruth McIntyre, Mrs. Myrtle Spry, Mrs. Effie Reisdorph.

Courtesies—Mrs. Ruth McIntyre.

Plan of Work—Mrs. Blanche Larson, Mrs. Erma Brannon, Mrs. Edith Taken.

Signed: MRS. ERMA BRANNON,
MRS. HARRIET HARRIS,
MRS. LOREN BETZ,
MRS. MYRTLE SPRY,
MRS. HAZEL OVERBY.

NO. 2—AUDITING COMMITTEE

The Auditing Committee has examined the books of the Treasurer and found them to be correct.

Signed: MRS. CHRIS JOHNSON,
MRS. MARIE KEGLER.

NO. 3—ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Wednesday evening at eight o'clock the Public Missionary Meeting, with Rev. Anna E. McGhie as speaker. The election of officers will be at one-thirty Thursday afternoon and immediately following a brief Y. M. W. B. Rally. Friday afternoon Rev. Rufus Reisdorph will address the Society on the subject, "Conference Missions"; and, at four o'clock we will have the report of the General Conference Delegate.

Signed: MRS. VIOLA LEYH,
MRS. LOREN BETZ,
MRS. LOUISE GOODSSELL,
MRS. VENA SIMPSON,
MISS ALICE HOPKINS.

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NO. 4—TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary Report for the Year 1939-'40

On hand at the beginning of the year	\$ 25.40
Received from all sources	1231.70
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Total	\$1257.10
Disbursed	\$1162.87
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Balance on hand	\$ 94.23

Signed, MRS. BLANCHE LARSON.

NO. 5—COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Be it Resolved, Whereas we as a Missionary Society have been able to meet in another session of Conference in peace and security, while many are deprived of these blessings and are suffering amidst the horrors of war, that we render thanks and gratitude to God for His mercies and that we pray earnestly for those who have "rule over us" that wisdom may be given to them in these times of peril and distress.

Resolved, That we express our heart-felt appreciation to Rev. Anna E. McGhie for her soul-stirring missionary address and other helpful ministries among us. Likewise, we are deeply grateful to Mrs. Ashcraft, Professor Hester, Rev. W. D. Correll, and Rev. Rufus Reisdorph, our Connectional Representative, for their heart-warming greetings, and their timely, profitable, and inspirational messages.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to every one who diligently worked, wisely planned, and freely gave for our comfort and entertainment during Conference and camp.

We further Resolve, That our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society adopt for it's motto for the coming year, "Pray less for blessings, Pray more for burdens." May we linger at His feet until we are able to go forth and accomplish His plan and purpose for us in our Conference this coming year.

Signed: MRS. RUTH McINTYRE,
MRS. MYRTLE SPRY,
MRS. EFFIE REISDORPH.

May 20.
Sister Larson
closes Books.
missionary
prayer meeting
3rd.

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NO. 6—PLAN OF WORK

We, the Committee on the Plan of Work, heartily endorse the following plan as outlined by the General Conference and urge that the local societies familiarize themselves with same.

1. Arrange with the pastor for one missionary service each month.
2. A minimum of ten meetings during the year in which prayer service is held and business transacted.
3. Red Letter Days:
 - (a) Harvest Day for Educational work.
 - (b) Easter—program, gifts and offering for Home Mission work.
 - (c) World Day of Prayer—that we cooperate in observing the World Day of Prayer.
 - (d) May Day—to be known as gift day, bandages and such gifts as can be sent out with outgoing missionaries or used on our Home field.
 - (e) Wesleyan Missionary Day—with program to secure subscriptions for our official organ.
4. One public meeting.
5. Correspond with missionaries.
6. The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 50 per cent of membership to be subscriber to the Wesleyan Missionary.
7. A solicitor elected for the Wesleyan Missionary gaining not less than two new subscribers a year.
8. A delegate elected to the Annual Conference of the W. H. & F. M. Society.
9. Report blanks properly filled out on time.
10. At annual meeting instruct delegate the amount to pledge at Conference session for the Society.
11. Officers elected at last meeting of Conference year.
12. All monies received as dues be sent to the Conference Treasurer, designating where 50% of same shall be applied on missions. (See par. 293 of Discipline.)
13. A Superintendent and fully organized Y. M. W. B.
14. Every woman of the church a member of the Society, or a twenty per cent gain in membership.
15. Money sent to Conference Treasurer on time.

Ten points on each. In conclusion:

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

Signed: MRS. BLANCHE LARSON,
MRS. ERMA S. BRANNON,
MRS. EDITH TAKEN.

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NO. 7—W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Receipts

Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Members Gained	Members Loss	Regular Meetings Held	Special Meetings Held	Do You Use Missionary Programs?	No. Wesleyan Missionaries	Cash on Hand From Last Year	Membership Dues	Offerings
Aberdeen	15	1	1	...	21	1	Yes	9	\$1.09	\$16.00	\$61.97
Almont	8	...	1	...	18	2	Yes	5	84	8.00	21.93
Artesian	13	2	...	...	11	2	No	3	...	15.00	60.19
Avon	10	1	1	...	11	...	No	3	...	10.00	33.15
Billings	15	...	3	...	15	9	Yes	15	2.67	15.00	82.19
Bradley	6	1	...	6	5	...	No	2	1.44	7.00	7.16
Brentford	4	2	...	...	8	...	No	3	.25	6.00	33.24
Buffalo	11	5	1	...	12	2	Yes	9	.11	14.00	44.68
Bushnell	6	...	...	...	11	1	No	1	.33	6.00	51.42
Calvary	8	3	2	...	12	...	Yes	7	.40	11.00	16.82
Cresbard	13	1	...	...	20	2	Yes	7	...	14.00	23.05
Ipswich	7	...	1	...	8	1	Yes	5	2.11	7.00	24.48
Houghton	9	2	5	...	11	1	Yes	10	3.54	11.00	23.01
Johnson Corners	18	...	...	...	13	1	Yes	5	.80	11.00	33.62
Medicine Rocks	12	...	2	...	9	1	No	4	...	12.00	26.35
Baker	12	...	...	...	...	...	Yes	...	...	...	51.26
Mitchell	12	...	...	2	12	2	No	8	.77	13.20	49.84
Redfield	8	1	...	...	11	2	Yes	2	.34	9.00	22.91
Northville	10	...	...	...	8	2	Yes	4	...	10.00	19.66
Richland	16	3	...	2	16	2	Yes	6	5.91	19.00	86.41
Sandstone	7	1	...	...	11	...	No	2	...	7.00	17.28
Watford City	9	3	...	1	11	...	Yes	3	.10	9.00	28.50
Huron	12	...	1	...	8	1	No	1	...	7.00	10.87
Totals	241	25	18	11	262	32	...	114	\$20.68	\$237.20	\$829.99

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Receipts

Societies	Labor	Clothing and Other Gifts to Home Work	Handicrafts and Other Gifts to Foreign Work	Other Objects	Other Objects	Delegates' Fee to General Conference	Total
Aberdeen	\$22.76		\$10.50	\$3.02	\$23.00		\$138.34
Almont		\$5.50		6.55	10.50		53.32
Artesian	7.81						87.19
Avon							43.15
Billings							117.86
Bradley	2.00						17.60
Brentford	5.00	10.00					54.47
Buffalo		55.92		10.00	19.50		144.21
Bushnell	2.00	11.20					70.95
Calvary		11.65		37.00	15.00		91.87
Cresbard		5.95		7.63			50.63
Ipswich							33.59
Houghton		5.25		22.00	9.03	\$.30	74.13
Johnson Corners		5.00					50.42
Medicine Rocks			26.91	2.80	11.92		79.98
Baker		16.00					79.26
Mitchell							62.81
Redfield		11.95					43.86
Northville				1.00		1.00	31.66
Richland				9.00			120.32
Sandstone		5.00		2.50		.70	32.48
Watford City							37.60
Huron		5.00					22.87
Totals	\$39.57	\$148.42	\$37.41	\$101.50	\$88.95	\$2.00	\$1538.57

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Societies	Disbursements									
	Undivided	Home, Cash	Home, Clothing and Other Gifts	Hephzibah, Cash	Hephzibah, Provisions	Bethshan, Cash	Bethshan, Provisions	Foreign, Cash	Foreign, Bandages and Other Gifts	Medical Students
Aberdeen		\$6.00	\$9.50	\$7.00				\$19.75	\$10.50	
Almont		6.00	5.50	5.00		\$2.50		15.50		
Artesian		6.00					\$7.00	40.00		
Avon		5.00	2.50					5.00		
Billings		6.00	18.00	11.50				13.00		
Bradley				3.00						
Brentford		6.00	10.00	5.00				7.45		
Buffalo		3.00	60.50					36.32		
Bushnell		1.50	11.20	3.35				13.00		
Calvary		6.00	6.65	5.00	\$5.00	2.68		30.50	5.00	
Cresbard		7.35	5.95	5.00				4.35		
Ipswich		2.50		5.00				8.50		
Houghton	\$4.30	6.00	5.25	5.00		2.66		16.00		\$2.68
Johnson Corners		9.93		5.20	5.00	2.00		3.92		
Medicine Rocks	6.00	7.35		5.00		2.00		13.00	26.91	
Baker		6.00	16.00	5.00		3.75				
Mitchell		6.00		5.00				7.00		
Redfield		9.50	4.50	5.00				4.00		
Northville		9.10		5.00						
Richland		6.00		5.00				58.36		
Sandstone		6.00		6.12	5.00	2.25		3.50		
Watford City		6.00		5.25		5.00		4.50		
Huron	3.50			4.00			5.00	4.50		
Totals	\$13.80	\$127.23	\$155.55	\$105.42	\$15.00	\$22.84	\$12.00	\$308.15	\$42.41	\$2.68

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Disbursements

Societies	Education, Cash	Education, Provisions	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	7½% Plan	Delegates' Fee to General Conference	Cash on Hand	Total	Rank Under Efficiency Standard, in Per Cent	Quilt
Aberdeen	\$18.74	\$3.76	\$12.24	\$8.00	\$36.77	\$4.44	\$1.60	\$.04	\$138.34	110	1
Almont	2.50	.....	3.00	4.00	3.89	4.00	.....	.63	53.32	110	1
Artesian	4.66	5.00	2.00	15.00	6.90	.....	.....	.63	87.19	120	.....
Avon	.....	.....	13.06	10.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	43.15	.....	.....
Billings	9.90	.....	.....	15.00	36.88	6.15	.....	1.43	117.86	110	.....
Bradley	4.00	.....	.....	7.00	3.11	.....	.....	.50	17.60	52	.....
Brentford	6.00	.....	.....	3.00	14.05	2.49	.....	.48	54.47	110	1
Buffalo	10.86	.....	.....	.....	20.35	6.15	.....	.03	144.21	110	.....
Bushnell	26.83	.....	.....	3.00	6.29	5.32	.....	.46	70.95	85	.....
Calvary	14.00	.....	.....	5.50	4.73	5.70	1.10	.01	91.87	100	.....
Cresbard	.63	.....	.....	7.00	13.54	3.10	1.40	2.31	50.63	100	.....
Ipswich	5.00	.....	3.00	7.00	1.77	2.61	.....	2.71	33.59	92	.....
Houghton	1.00	.....	5.00	11.00	10.63	3.89	.....	.30	74.13	130	.....
Johnson Corners	3.52	.....	3.00	11.00	3.24	2.06	.....	.90	50.42	132	.....
Medicine Rocks	5.00	.....	.....	.....	11.92	2.80	.....	.....	79.98	.....	.....
Baker	4.58	.....	22.00	6.00	12.12	3.81	.....	5.10	79.26	.....	.....
Mitchell	1.00	.....	.....	12.00	28.72	.70	1.20	1.39	62.81	125	.....
Redfield	1.50	.....	12.70	4.50	.....	.....	.....	2.26	43.86	100	.....
Northville	1.00	.....	.60	10.00	3.41	1.55	.....	1.00	31.66	82	.....
Richland	10.00	.....	8.00	9.50	12.00	9.06	1.90	.....	120.32	90	.....
Sandstone	1.00	.....	1.00	3.50	.38	1.54	.....	.70	32.48	110	.....
Watford City	2.00	.....	6.74	4.50	.84	2.77	.....	.....	37.60	100	.....
Huron	3.50	1.03	1.34	22.87
Totals	\$133.72	\$8.76	\$92.34	\$160.00	\$233.04	\$69.48	\$11.90	\$18.57	\$1538.57	3

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Bands	No. of Members		No. of Meetings Held	Dues	Offerings	Education	Total
Aberdeen	2	12		\$.92			\$.92
Almont	15	36		8.36	\$1.00	\$2.25	11.61
Artesian							
Avon					8.71		8.71
Billings	25	25		13.00	10.82	4.64	28.46
Bradley							
Brentford	1	1			.42		.42
Buffalo	9	16		5.74	5.50	1.00	12.24
Bushnell	10	12		5.20	24.70	3.00	32.90
Calvary							
Cresbard	9	16		4.68	8.96	2.00	15.64
Ipswich	10	28		5.37	29.00		34.37
Houghton	6	7		3.12	24.57		27.69
Johnson Corners	14	10		7.28	6.42		13.70
Medicine Rocks	12	7		6.24	5.51	1.00	12.75
Baker	8			9.00	1.00	4.00	14.00
Mitchell	14	17		7.28	1.72		9.00
Redfield	13	10		6.76	19.28	2.00	28.04
Northville	11	12		5.72	12.64	2.00	20.36
Richland	23	12		11.96	44.49	1.00	57.45
Sandstone							
Watford City							
Huron							
Totals	182	221		\$100.63	\$204.74	\$22.89	\$328.26

Signed: MRS. RAYMOND SOUSOMAN,
MRS. HARRIET HARRIS.