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DAKOTA CONFERENCE THE

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President-Rufus D. Reisderph. - Ele Test Vice-President-J. F. Simpson. Elected . Secretary-L. D. Harris. Elected , Treasurer-Frank Martin. Elected Sunday School Secretary-W. J. Leyh. Tithing Secretary-W. D. Sheler. Transportation Secretary-J. F. Simpson. Educational Secretary-William Fessenden. Trustees-Frank Thompson 1939; W. C. Brannon 1939; Frank Martin, 1949; J. E. Spry, 1941; J. C. McGovern, 1941.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Advisory Board-J. C. McGovern, Frank Martin.

Camp Meeting Board-Rufus Reisdorph, W. D. Shelor, J. E. Spry, L. D. Harris, Dan Palmer, J. C. McGovern, Frank Martin.

Conference Program Committee-Rufus Reisdorph, L. D. Harris, W. D. Shelor.

Judiciary Committee-L. D. Harris, J. C. McGovern, A. M. Wiley, J. F. Simpson.

Missionary Board-R. D. Reisdorph, J. C. McGovern, J. F. Simpson, J. E. Spry, Mrs. Laura Raymer ,L. D. Harris, August Wegner, R. E. Jaquith, Frank Martin, Charles Reisdorph, H. B. Engel. N. M. Fessenden

Vacancies Committee-W. C. Brannon, J. E. Spry, Charles Reisdorph, Frank Martin.

Representative to Miltonvale-A. M. Wiley, Secretary-Treasurer of Ministerial Relief Fund-Thomas Bailie. Sunday School Board-W. D. Shelor, N. K.Leyh, Rufus Reisdorph. Examining Board-Rufus Reisdorph, J. C. McGovern, A. M. Wiley, W. D. Shelor. mcentyo

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CONFERENCE ROLL

ELDERS

Thomas Bailie	
Mrs. Thomas Bailie	Almont, N. D.
W. C. Brannon	Billings, Mont.
Mrs. W. C. Brannon	a Billings, Mont.
Arthur Calhoon	
Charles Carter	Canton, Ohio
R. J. Eling	Kansas City, Mo.
L. D. Harris	Ipswich, S. D.
Fred Hunt	Po p tland, Ore.
John Hunter	Buffalo, Wyo.
Otto Jensen	Yankton, S. D.
Mrs. Otto Jensen	Yankton, S. D.
Marvin Jones	Houghton, S. D.
Minnie Knecht	St. Helens, Ky.
W. J. Leyh	
Mrs. W. J. Leyh	
J. C. McGovern	Mitchell, S. D.
S. J. McIntyre	Redfield, S. D.
Mrs. Laura Raymer	Bradley, S. D.
Allen Regan	
Arthur Reisdorph	Watford City, N. D.
Rufus Reisdorph	Aberdeen, S. D.
Ruby Reisdorph	Aberdeen, S. D.
George Robbins	
W. D. Shelor	Aberdeen, S. D.
Harry Shreve	Willard, Mont.
J. F. Simpson	
J. E. Spry	Northville, S. D.
George Thomas	
G. K. Thompson	Northville, S. D.
A. M. Wilev	

LICENTIATES

Romeo Baronia		Cincinnati, Ohio
👞 Archie Buell	1.	Willard, Mont.
E. W. Calhoon	2 ml Renna	Willard, Mont. Mill Iron, Mont.
Mrs. C. W. Calhoon	2nd Real	Mill Iron. Mont.
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CONFERENCE ROLL—Continued

LICENTIATES—Continued Hazel Carter Olean, N. Y. Z-Wayne Cretsinger Q. Buffalo, Wyo. Ben Findley -Gordon GoodsellRimeMitchell, S. D. * * . . . ð Aberdeen, S. D. -L. L. Knapp ... / at. In ... remensed Ipswich, S. D. Ipswich, S. D. Wesley Knapp Isla Knight 5-Loretta Raymer Wilson . IcenBradley, S. D. enaRemSt. Paul, Nebr. L...Bushnell, S. D. 🐨. J. Traver Z. N.A. Nener <u>~a</u> ine man. Bushneil, S. D. John Winterberg Q. A. Avon, S. D. is zonice Iraner . Land DELEGATES nd Lestie Ipswich, S. D. Ruth Cloud Pauline EisenbeisAberdeen, S. D. Kathryn FessendenAberdeen, S. D. William FessendenAberdeen, S. D. Mrs. Walter HinzPollock, S. D. Harry HopkinsBrentford, S. D. Paul JamesBuffalo, Wyo. Marian KelsvenAlmont, N. D. Mrs. Tom PatrickBushnell, S. D. Thelma PetersonAlmont, N. D. Mrs. Ed Sime Cresbard, S. D. Bennie Veeder Watford City, N. D. Harold YetterBillings, Mont. Mrs. Eliza YoungBaker. Mont. 5

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

OPENING OF CONFERENCE

The Fifty-seventh Annual Session of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America, convened on the campground at Aberdeen, S. D., on the evening of May 31, 1938, at δ o'clock p. m. The session was opened with a good, live song service in which most of the preachers and delegates participated. A gracious season of prayer followed and then Bröther J. C. McGovern delivered the Conference sermon, preaching from Matt. 16:13. A very gracious message was given in which he exalted the Christ as God's Son and our Savior. This message formed the keynote of the entire Conference and a wonderful campmeeting winch followed.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

Wednesday Morning

Devotionals—Devotions were conducted by J. F. Simpson, using Acts 15: 28.

Call to Order—The President called the Conference to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call—The roll was called by the Secretary to which 20 preachers and 17 delegates responded.

Report—The report of the Program Committee was read, amended, and adopted as amended. (See Report No. 1.)

Election of Committee—The Nominating Committee was elected, composed of the following members: J. F. Simpson, J. E. Spry, Dan Palmer, J. C. McGovern, Mrs. Fred Johnson.

Bar of Conference—The first ten seats in center section were to seat the Conference.

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

Call to Order—The meeting was called to order by the President.

Report—The report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted as read. (See Report No. 2.)

Election—The Committees were elected as nominated.

Courtesies—Rev. F. R. Eddy, Connectional Representative, was introduced to the Conference and spoke briefly. Also, Paul Kindschi.

Appointments—The President appointed Miss Kathryn Fessenden and Mrs. Fred Johnson to Itineracy and Orders Committee.

Archie Buel was appointed to serve as page.

Adjournment—Conference adjourned for Committee work.

Thursday Morning

Devotionals—Devotions were led by Mrs. Laura Raymer, reading and commenting on Matt. 5: 13-16.

Roll Call—Roll called by the Secretary.

Minutes-Secretary read the minutes which were approved.

Election-W. D. Shelor was elected to fill the vacancy on the Itineracy and Orders Committee.

Election-Thomas Bailie was elected to Committee on Auditing.

Report—A part of the report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 3.)

Report—The report of the Ministerial Relief Fund was read and adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

Report—The report of the Treasurer of the Camp Meeting Board was read and adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

Report—The report of the Conference President was read and adopted. (See Report No. 6.)

Courtesies—John Winterberg was presented to the Conference and addressed the Conference briefly.

Finance—Motion prevailed to elect a committee of three to present items relative to finance and church extension.

Amendment—Motion prevailed to include the storehouse plan in this report.

Election—The Conference President, W. D. Shelor, and J. C. McGovern were elected to serve on this committee.

Adjournment—The Conference adjourned for Committee work.

Friday Morning

Devotionals—Devotions were led by Paul Kindschi, reading from John 4.

Roll Call—The roll was called by the Secretary.

Minutes-The Minutes were read and approved.

Report—The Committee on Resolutions report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

Report—The Committee on Passage of Character report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

Election—The following officers were elected for the next year: President, Rufus Reisdorph; Vice-President, J. F. Simpson; Secretary, L. D. Harris; Treasurer, Frank Martin, Trustees: J. E. Spry, 1941; J. C. McGovern, 1941; W. C. Brannon, 1939.

Transfer Granted—The request of H. H. Turner for a transfer to the Kansas Conference was granted by the Conference.

Election—The following delegates were elected to attend the General Conference held at Fairmount, Indiana next year: Elders—Rufus Reisdorph, L. D. Harris. Alternate, W. D. Shelor. Laymen—Frank Martin, William Fessenden. Alternate, Mrs. W. H. Tullis. *Palmeet*

Election-The following officers were elected: Sunday School Secre-

tary, W. J. Leyh; Tithing Secretary, W. D. Shelor; Transportation Secretary, J. F. Simpson; Educational Secretary, William Fessenden.

Report—The report of the Nominating Committee on Standing Committees was read and adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

Election Motion—The motion prevailed that the Conference grant to the W. Y. P. S. and the W. H. & F. M. S. the privilege of electing one member each to the Camp Meeting Board.

Motion—The motion prevailed that the office of F. O. Hunt as a member of the Examining Board be declared vacant.

Election—W. D. Shelor was elected to fill the vacancy. (Secretary is to convey the information to F. O. Hunt.)

Report Referred Back—Report of the Itineracy and Orders Committee was referred back to the Committee.

Report-Auditing Committee read their report and it was adopted.

Report—The Treasurer read his report and it was accepted. (See Report No. 10.)

Report-Statistical Committee read its report and was accepted.

Motion—The motion prevailed that Brother Eddy speak to us at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Nomination—The President nominated J. C. McGovern and Frank Martin to the Advisory Board.

Date-The date of our next Conference was set to be June 6, 1939.

Minutes—300 copies were ordered of the Minutes which were to be published by our Publishing House.

Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned.

Saturday Evening, 6:30 p. m.

Devotionals-Devotions were led by John Winterberg.

Roll Call-Roll was called by the Secretary.

Minutes—The minutes were read and approved.

Report—The report of the Itineracy and Orders Committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 11.)

Finance—The Committee on Finance read their report and recommendations and they were adopted. (See Report No. 12.)

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

Courtesy—The Conference extended a vote of thanks to Vander Laan's of Mobridge for the bell.

Courtesy—A letter from R. J. Eling was read.

Report—The Pastoral Relations Committee read their report and it was adopted.

Recommendation—The recommendations of the Missionary Board were heard.

Adjournment—The Conference adjourned.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report No. 1 CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 31

Conference Sermon, 8:00 p. m., J. C. McGovern.

Wednesday, June 1

Devotions, 8:00 a. m., J. F. Simpson. Business Session, 8:30 a. m. Organization of Business. Miscellaneous Business. Committee Work. Business Meeting of W. H. & F. M. S., 9:30 a. m. Missionary Program, 3:00 p. m.

Thursday, June 2

Devotions, 8:00 a. m., Laura Raymer. Business Session, 8:30 a. m. Report of the Auditing Committee, Allen Regan. Report of Treasurer of Ministerial Relief, Thomas Bailie. Report of Treasurer of Camp Meeting, J. E. Spry. Report of Conference President, Rufus Reisdorph. Report of Railroad Expense Committee, F. J. Traver. Business Session of W. H. & F. M. S., 9:30 a. m. Miscellaneous Business. Connectional Address, 11:00 a. m., F. R. Eddy. Report of the Resolutions Committee, John Hunter. Report of Passage of Character Committee, A. T. Reisdorph. Miscellaneous Business and Committee Work. Report of the Ministers. Evangelistic Service, 8:00 p. m., W. D. Correll.

Friday, June 3

Devotions 8: 00 a. m., John Winterberg. Business Session, 8: 30 a. m. Election of Officers. Report of the Conference Treasurer, Frank Martin. Report of the Itineracy and Orders Committee, A. M. Wiley. Business Session of the W. H. & F. M. S., 9: 30 a. m. Preachers Forum, 1: 30 p. m. —The Minister and Pastoral Calling, J. F. Simpson; The Minister and the Church Publications, J. C. McGovern; The Minister and Business Methods, W. D. Shelor. Miscellaneous Business. Evangelistic Sermon, 8: 00 p. m., W. D. Correll.

Saturday, June 4

Devotions, 8:00 a. m., R. J. Eling. Business Session, 8:30 a. m. Report of Pastoral Relations Committee. Miscellaneous Business. Education Address, 11:00 a. m., President Hester. Bible Study, 2:30 p. m. Evangelistic sermon, 8:00 p. m., W. D. Correll.

Report No. 2

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pastoral Relations Committee—Rufus Reisdorph, J. C. McGovern, J. F. Simpson, Mrs. C. E. Griffiths, W. J. Leyh, Mrs.. W. H. Tullis, Dan Palmer.

Passage of Character Committee—A. T. Reisdorph, Thomas Bailie, Pauline Eisenbeis.

Statistical Committee-Marvin Jones, William Fessenden, Marian Kelsven, Ruth Cloud.

Auditing Committee-Allen Regan, Mr. Jenssen.

Railroad Expense Committee—F. J. Traver, George Thomas, John Winterberg.

Resolutions Committee—John Hunter, Mrs. L. Raymer, W. D. Shelor. Conference Reporter—W. C. Brannon, W. D. Shelor.

Committee on Courtesies—J. E. Spry.

J. F. SIMPSON, J. C. McGOVERN, MRS. FRED JOHNSON, DAN PALMER, J. E. SPRY.

Report No. 3

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the books and reports of the Treasurers of the various departments and have found them to be correct.

> THOMAS BAILIE, J. JENSSEN.

Report No. 4

TREASURER OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Receipts

On hand at beginning of year	\$ 4.73
Received on first assessment	26.50
Received on second assessment	29.50
Received on third assessment	26.00

Disbursements

Paid	to	Rev. R. J. Eling	\$27.20
		Rev. W. D. Shelor	
Paid	to	Rev. F. O. Hunt	10.00

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Postage and service charges	1.11	
Total disbursements Balance on hand June 1, 1938		\$80.31 \$ 6.42
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THOMAS BAILIE, Secretary-Treasurer.

Report No. 5

CAMP MEETING TREASURER

Amount on hand, June 1st, 1937	\$ 210.02
Total receipts from all sources	1437.55

Total

\$1647.57

Disbursements

Building material and coal	\$ 336.73
Printing	30.93
Meat and groceries	416.95
Milk and eggs	35.90
Shavings	7.44
Electrical goods	25.89
Soft water	2.25
Evangelists	280.00
Ice	13.62
Song books	38.53
Pianos	80.00
Labor	14.44
Interest on loan	51.47
Cook's salary	50.00
Lights	13.19
Tuning piano	3.50
Insurance	35.34
Beds and miscellaneous items	38.25
Meals and exchanges on checks	2.40
Cash on hand	170.74
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Total

\$1647.57

J. E. SPRY, Treasurer.

Report No. 6 CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Another year of service has become history, and we come to report to our co-workers. The passing months have called for further adjustments on the part of ministers and laymen. This necessitated changing of appointments.

On August 20 we granted Howard Johnson a letter of transfer.

On August 16 we accepted Rev. George Thomas' resignation as pastor of the Artesian Church and appointed him pastor of the church at Pollock.

On September 1, we accepted Rev. H. W. Cretsinger's resignation as pastor of the church at Buffalo, Wyoming.

On September 10, we appointed Rev. John Hunter as pastor of the church at Buffalo.

On September 12 we appointed Rev. J. C. McGovern as pastor of the church at Artesian.

On December 19, we accepted Rev. R. J. Eling's resignation as pastor of the Avon Church.

On January 10, we appointed Rev. John Winterberg as pastor of the Avon Church.

On March 10, we granted Rev. R. J. Eling a letter of standing.

As the Conference looks into the future there are many items to consider. But it is obvious that we must make the definite plans for church extension and expansion or suffer a loss in the future.

It appears that a definite plan should be formulated at this session to finance various projects in church extension. This means that various organizations of the Church will have to give more consideration and finance to this important work.

It is imperative that the home base be strengthened; unless we can strengthen the home base we cannot meet our obligations to our communities, the Connection, and to our God.

I would suggest prompt action on a church extension program, that the same may be properly incorporated into the year's program.

Financial Statement

Salary:

From Conference Treasurer From churches for evangelistic services From churches for Conference visitation	77.11
Total salary	\$742.97
Expenses: Received from Conference Treasurer	\$ 92.52
Total received RUFUS REISDORPH, Pre	

Report No. 7

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Be it Resolved, That we, the members of the Dakota Conference, express our deep gratitude to God for the abundance of moisture which He has given us, and the promising prospects of a bounteous harvest, and that we give Him praise for the spiritual blessings which He has bestowed upon us and the visitations of His Spirit throughout the Connection. And that we in turn pledge ourselves to be true to the fundamental principles and high ideals of the Bible and our Church, guarding carefully against the present trend of compromise.

Resolved, That we as ministers and people give ourselves more wholly to God and that we labor more earnestly through fasting and prayer for the salvation of lost souls and the sanctification of believers.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to our Connectional Representative, Brother F. R. Eddy, for his faithful and efficient service among us and for his kindly fellowship.

Resolved, That we express our sincere gratitude to our Conference President, Rev. Rufus Reisdorph, for his sympathy and encouragement and his sacrificial labor throughout the year.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to the Camp Meeting Board and to all who assisted in the improvement and beautification of our Camp grounds, and to Brother and Sister McIntyre and their helpers for their efficient work in the kitchen and dining hall.

Resolved, That this Conference go on record in protest to the State Fair Board against the opening of the State Fair on the Sabbath Day.

In view of the fact that our Conference Treasurer is in constant need of funds, be it Resolved, That each pastor give diligent attention to raising and paying to the Conference Treasurer the $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of all funds which constitute the Conference Fund, and that as far as possible the same be sent in MONTHLY.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be incorporated in the Conference Minutes. IOHN I. HUNTER.

W. D. SHELOR, LAURA RAYMER.

Report No. 8

COMMITTEE ON PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

We, your Committee on Passage of Character, have examined the reports of the pastors and preachers, and have passed their characters. ARTHUR REISDORPH.

THOMAS BAILIE, PAULINE EISENBEIS.

Report No. 9

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ON STANDING COMMITTEES

Camp Meeting Board-Rufus Reisdorph, W. D. Shelor, J. E. Spry, L. D. Harris, Dan Palmer, J. C. McGovern, Frank Martin.

Conference Program Committee—Rufus Reisdorph, L. D. Harris, W. D. Shelor.

Judiciary Committee—L. D. Harris, J. C. McGovern, A. M. Wiley, J. F. Simpson.

Missionary Board-Rufus Reisdorph, J. C. McGovern, J. F. Simpson, J. E. Spry, Mrs. Laura Raymer, L. D. Harris, August Wegner, R. E. Jaquith, Frank Martin, Charles Reisdorph, H. B. Engel.

Vacancies Committee-W. C. Brannon, J. E. Spry, Charles Reisdorph, Frank Martin.

Representative to Miltonvale-A. M. Wiley.

Secretary and Treasurer of Ministerial Relief Fund—Thomas Bailie. Sunday School Board—W. D. Shelor, W. J. Leyh, Rufus Reisdorph. Examining Board—Rufus Reisdorph, J. C. McGovern, A. M. Wiley, W. D. Shelor.

J. F. SIMPSON,

J. C. McGOVERN, MRS. FRED JOHNSON, DAN PALMER, J. E. SPRY.

Report No. 10		
CONFERENCE TREASURER		
Home Missions Fund		
Receipts		
Received from churches and Sunday Schools		\$ 32.61
Disbursements		
Paid to W. L. Thompson, Home Missionary Secretary		\$ 32.61
Superannuated Ministers' Fund		
Receipts		
Cash on hand at beginning of year	•	
Total receipts from church offerings	45.45	
– Total receipts		\$ 299.43
Disbursements		
Paid to R. J. Eling	\$ 50.00	
Cash on hand to balance, June 2, 1938	249.43	
– Total disbursements		\$ 299.43

Statement of Assets

Loan No. 1, to Conference	\$ 289.49
Loan No. 2, to Conference	349.39
Loan No. 3, to Conference	105.48
Loan to Billings, Montana church	200.00
Cash on hand, June 2, 1938	249.43

Conference Fund

Receipts

Balance on hand at beginning of year	\$ 22.50
Receipts from churches, individuals, etc	1051.69

Total receipts

Disbursements

Minister's carfare	\$	66.34	
William Dethlef's flowers		5.15	
Wesleyan Meth. Pub. Association, Conf. Minutes		73.00	
Wesleyan Meth. Pub. Association, statistical blanks		4.00	
Charles Schreibeis, interest on loan to Billings church		30.00	
L. D. Harris, Parsonage rent, deficit, 1937		30.00	
John Winterberg, toward moving expenses		25.00	
Huron meeting expenses		75.62	
Payment General Conference President's salary		5.00	
Fred Hunt, tithing literature		2.10	
J. F. Simpson, expenses as Transportation Secretary		8.00	
R. D. Reisdorph, salary		495.60	
R D. Reisdorph, expenses		92.52	
– Total disbursements	_		\$ 912.33

Cash on hand to balance, June 2, 1938 \$ 161.86

FRANK MARTIN, Treasurer.

Report No. 11

ITINERACY AND ORDERS COMMITTEE

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

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

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That A. C. Buell, C. W. Calhoon, Mrs. C. W. Calhoon and Frank Traver be continued in the second year and their licenses be renewed.

That H. W. Cretsinger and Chester Reed be continued in the studies of the third year and that their licenses be renewed.

That Ben Findley be continued in the third year.

That Hazel Carter and Mrs. Frank Traver be continued in the fourth year, and that John Winterberg be conditioned on specified books in the fourth year and that each of their licenses be renewed.

That John J. Hunter and George Robbins be elected to Elders Orders, both of them having completed the Course of Study.

That the license of Wesley Knapp be renewed.

That Loretta Raymer he received to travel under Conference direction and that she be granted a minister's license as she has completed the Theological Course at Miltonvale College.

That Gordon Goodsell be granted a minister's license.

That Paul Kindschi be graduated from the Course of Study and his license be renewed.

That Rev. F. R. Eddy preach the Ordination sermon on Sunday morning, June 5, 1938.

We urgently request the Conference to purchase the Examiner's books, also books of the reading course, which are so much needed and which have been ordered purchased for a number of years.

> A. M. WILEY, W. D. SHELOR, KATHRYN FESSENDEN, MRS. FRED JOHNSON.

Report No. 12 COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Your Special Committee on Finance submit the following report:

We recommend that each charge send to the Conference Treasurer each month, $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of all funds contributed by all departments of each local church; one-third of which shall be used for church extension within the Dakota Conference, the balance, two-thirds, to constitute the regular Conference fund.

We also recommend that all ministers pay their tithe into their local church.

RUFUS REISDORPH, J. C. McGOVERN, W. D. SHELOR.

Report No. 13

RAILROAD EXPENSE COMMITTEE

We, the Railroad Expense Committee, have found the amount to be paid for Railroad expense this year to be 66.15, leaving a deficit of 1.64 from last year, making a total of 67.79. This was apportioned among the 17 charges and amounts to be 4.00, this amount to be raised and sent to the Conference Treasurer as soon as possible.

> J. F. TRAVER, JOHN WINTERBERG, GEORGE THOMAS.

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Report No. 14

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Pastoral Relations Committee, recommend the following relations:

Aberdeen-W. D. Shelor.

Almont-Thomas Bailie and wife.

Artesian-J. C. McGovern.

Avon-John Winterberg.

Billings-W. C. Brannon and wife.

Bradley-Mrs. Laura Raymer.

Buffalo-John J. Hunter.

Bushnell-Frank Traver and wife.

Houghton-Marvin Jones.

Ipswich-L. D. Harris.

McIntosh-In hands of President.

Medicine Rocks, Minnesota Valley and Knobbs-Archie Buell.

Mitchell—J. F. Simpson.

Mobridge-In the hands of President.

Northville and Brentford-J. E. Spry.

Pollock-In the hands of President.

Redfield and Calvary-S. J. McIntyre.

Richland-W. J. Leyh.

Watford City-Arthur Reisdorph.

Webster-In hands of President.

Conference President-Rufus Reisdorph.

Conference Evangelist-Ruby Reisdorph.

Unstationed—C. K. Thompson.

Missionary Work in India-Arthur Calhoon, Isla Knight.

Missionaries on Furlough-Harry Shreve, Charles Carter.

Missionary Work in Africa-Hazel Carter.

Mountain Missionary Work-Minnie Knecht.

Attending School-Romeo Baronia, Wesley Knapp, Gordon Goodsell.

Missionary Work—C. W. Calhoon, Ben Findley, Wayne Cretsinger. Song Evangelist and Children's Worker—Loretta Raymer.

Missionary Evangelist-Paul Kindschi.

Supply in Wesleyan Methodist Conference in Oregon—Fred Hunt. Supply in Methodist Episcopal Church—Allen Regan, A. M. Wiley. Teaching—George Robbins.

Missionary Pastor, Huron-George Thomas.

J. F. SIMPSON, RUFUS REISDORPH, J. C. McGOVERN, MRS. C. E. GRIFFITHS, GEORGENIA V. TULLIS, W. J. LEYH.

Report No. 15

MISSIONARY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that the Conference President be paid \$100 per month and expenses for time spent within the bounds of the Conference.

We recommend that the Conference assist the work at Huron not to exceed \$40.00 per month.

We further recommend that the Conference President, where possible, hold two quarterly meetings on each charge and that contributions be made on each visitation.

> J. F. SIMPSON, J. E. SPRY, LAURA RAYMER, RUFUS REISDORPH, J. C. McGOVERN, L. D. HARRIS.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Information

J. C. McGovern......Term expires in 1939 A. M. Wiley.....Term expires in 1940 W. D. Shelor.....Term expires in 1941 Rufus Reisdorph.....Term expires in 1942

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.

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Third Year, Bible and Christian Evidences. Fourth Year, Bible and Bible Geography.

J. C. McGovern— 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, Registrar— 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.

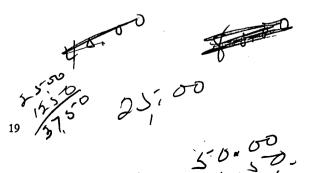
Any of the books can be had by sending to Secretary, L. D. Harris, sending also a fee of ten cents and paying postage.

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

BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

The Apportionments for Connectional Budgets are as follows:

Foreign Missions	\$2,00	per member
Home Missions	.50	per member
Orphanage	, 25	per member
Education	1.50	per member



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Charges	Time Employed	Appointments	Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists	Wesleyan Missionaries	Sunday School Banners	Junior Class Papers	Children's Friends	Teacher's Quarterlies	Senior Quarterlies	Intermediate Quarterlies	Junior Quarterlies	Primary Quarterlies	Home Dept. Quarterlies	Lesson Leafiets	Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Charts
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Report No. 16 STATISTICAL REPORT

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Totals	40	16	8	32	1105	1089	31	15	27	13	6	1	8	222

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Charges	No. of Sunday Schools	No. of Officers	No. of Teachers	No. of Scholars	Total No. in Main School.	Average Attendance	No. in Home Department	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	No. Scholars Converted	No. Joining Church	No. Department Supts.	No. Organized Classes	No. Books in the Library	No. in W. Y. P. S.	Total Membership in Soc.
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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Charges ,	No. of Churches	Value of Churches	Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Indebtedness	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Billings Bradley Brentford Bushnell Calvary Houghton Johnson Corners Ipswich Kinning Knobs McIntosh McIntosh Medicine Rocks Minnesota Valley Mission Mitchell Mill Iron Mobridge Nothville Pollock Redfield Richland Watford City		4600.00 5000.00 12000.00 750.00 3200.00 4000.00 2500.00 1500.00 2500.00 5000.00 5000.00 2200.00 2000.00 2000.00 2000.00	\$4300.00 172.00 350.00 895.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1000.00 5000.00 1400.00 1400.00 1000.00 1000.00 500.00 500.00	\$125.00	\$12.00 133.00 2000.00 8.00 4.00 8.00 700.00
Totals	16	\$73350.00	\$5717.00	9	\$16400.00	\$125.00	\$2937.00

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Fees Receipts Funeral Rent Salary Pastor's and : Parsonage Marriage Charges Pastor's Total Gifts \$1040.00 725.00 206.00 104.00 807.00 103.00 238.00 592.00 724.00 \$45.00 60.00 23.00 63.00 `41.00 13.00 28.00 173.00 25.00 \$1356.00 1045.00 229.00 194.00 Aberdeen \$250.00 240.00 \$21.00 20.00 Artesian 27.00 300.00 Avon ... Billings 194.00 1168.00 116.00 271.00 777.00 831.00 20.00 Bradley Brentford • • • • • • 5.00 i2.00 Buffalo Bushnell 60.00 724.00 22.00 Calvary Houghton 40.00 59.00 46.00 18.00 12.00 30.00 531.00 $\begin{array}{c} 395.00\\ 562.00\\ 500.00\\ 126.00\\ 115.00\\ 74.00\\ 936.00\\ 63.00\\ 331.00\\ 356.00\\ 356.00\\ 344.00\\ 600.00\\ \end{array}$ 96.00 531.00 621.00 560.00 144.00 127.00 981.00 63.00 427.00 534.00 344.00 800.00 Johnson Corners 14.00 Ipswich Knobs Knobs Medicine Rocks Minnesota Valley Mitchell Mill Iron Northville Pollock 45.00 60.00 75.00 36.00 86.00 17.00 Redfield Richland 21.00 12.00 79.00 65.00 100.00 Watford City 154.00 231.00 Totals \$9095.00 \$1213.00 \$159.00 \$987.00 \$11454.00

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

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STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued

Charges	Conference President's Salary	Conference Evangelist's Salary	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expense	Total for Church
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Billings Bradley Brentford Bushnell Calvary Houghton Johnson Corners Ipswich Minnesota Valley Minnesota Valley Mitchell Mill Iron Northville Pollock Redfield Richland Watford City	10.00 55.00 12.00 2.00 22.00 2.00		\$167.00 163.00 	95.00 30.00 43.00 255.00 10.00 165.00 29.00 46.00 29.00 46.00 27.00 6.00 15.00 15.00 15.00 21.00 21.00 21.00 21.00 70.00	4.00 115.00 342.00 100.00 24.00 110.00 75.00	72.00 76.00 76.00 1.00 6.00 238.00 238.00 152.00 73.00 38.00	\$913.00 305.00 203.00 87.00 2.00 28.00 613.00 89.00 229.00 482.00 482.00 49.00 431.00 227.00 227.00 255.00 243.00 611.00
Totals	\$180.00	\$10.00	\$956.00	\$1109.00	\$2743.00	\$1425.00	\$6423.00

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Charges	Undivided Budget	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Conference Work	Superannuated Ministers' Fund	Connectional Sunday School Work	Other Benevolent Objects	Orphanage	Total for Benevolences
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Totals	\$35	\$262	\$1014	\$430	\$699	\$53	\$37	\$1018	\$128	\$3676

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Charges	Total For Pastor	Total For Churches	Total For Benevolences	Total For All Purposes
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Billings Bradley Brentford Buffalo Calvary Houghton Johnson Corners Knobs Minnesota Valley Mitchell Mill Iron Northville Pollock Redfield Richland Watford City	\$1356.00 1045.00 229.00 116.00 271.00 777.00 831.00 621.00 144.00 104.00 981.00 63.00 427.00 344.00 3344.00 344.00	305.00 203.00 87.00 2.000 28.00 28.00 28.00 29.00 229.00 7.00 222.00 49.00 431.00 153.00 227.00 227.00 227.00 227.00 225.00 2243.00	151.00 85.00 390.00 26.00 69.00 92.00 153.00 12.00 67.00 113.00 85.00 130.00 130.00 130.00 32.00	1501.00 517.00 331.00 2905.00 144.00 368.00 1635.00 1012.00
Totals	\$11454.00	\$6423.00	\$3676.00	\$21553.00

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Minutes of the Annual Session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of the Dakota Conference,

June 1-4, 1938

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President—Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, 212 Eighth Ave., N. E., Aberdeen, S. D. Vice-President—Mrs. Erma Brannon, 16 Third Ave., N. E., Aberdeen, S. D. Secretary—Mrs. Lillian Bailie, Almont, N. D. Treasurer—Mrs. Blanche Larson, Athol, S. D. Y. M. W. B. Superintendent—Mrs. Harriet Harris, Ipswich, S. D.

LOCAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES AND ADDRESSES

Aberdeen—President, Mrs. W. D. Shelor (?), 16 Third Ave., N. E., Aberdeen S. D.; Secretary—Mrs. A. E. Hatton, 212 N. Kline St., Aberdeen, S. D.

Artesian-President, Mrs. Arthur Nelson, Artesian, S. D., R. R.; Secretary, Mrs. Ray A. Witzel, Artesian, S. D., Box 126.

Avon-President, Mrs. J. E. Winterberg, Avon, S. D.; Secretary, Miss Alice Nellis, Avon, S. D.

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

Bradley—President, Mrs. B. W. Goodell, Garden City, S. D., (last year's President); Secretary, Bernice Goodell, Garden City, S. D., (last year's Secretary).

Brentford—President, Mrs. Myrtle Spry, Northville, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Hazel Overby, Mellette, S. D.

Buffalo-President, Mrs. Marion Cretsinger, Box 1084, 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. Blanche Larson, Athol, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Emma Riser, Athol, S. D.

Hilltop-President, Mrs. Clyde Hill, Cresbard, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Doris Wolters, Cresbard, S. D.

Houghton-President, Mrs. Charles Reisdorph, Houghton, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Catherine Lord, Houghton, S. D.

Ipswich-President, Mrs. Harriet Harris, Ipswich, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Pearl Cloud, Ipswich, S. D.

Johnson Corners-President, Mrs. C. T. Koeser, Schafer, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Ben Veeder, Schafer, N. D.

Medicine Rocks—President, Mrs. A. C. Buell, Willard, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. Winifred Clocksene, Willard, Mont.

Minnesota Valley-President, Mrs. Louis Blaser, Baker, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. Ervin Nofsker, Baker, Mont.

Mitchell-President, Mrs. Lola Johnson, 1209 S. Duff St., Mitchell, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Martha DeJong, General Delivery, Mitchell, S. D.

Northville—President, Mrs. Myrtle Spry, Northville, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Pearl Martin, Northville, S. D.

Pollock—(No name to report for President); Secretary, Miss Lucia Rose, Pollock, S. D.

Redfield—President, Mrs. Ruth McIntyre, Redfield, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Erwin Bailey, Redfield, S. D.

Richland—President, Mrs. Alva Wolters, Ipswich, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Wolters, Cresbard, S. D.

Sandstone (formerly Pleasant Valley) — President, Mrs. Howard Mosholder, Berg, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Fronk Jones, Berg, N. D.

Watford City (formerly Riverside)—President, Mrs. Lillian Reisdorph, Watford City, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Leslie Smith, Watford City, N. D.

DELEGATES

Aberdeen-Mrs. Caroline Houchins. Artesian-Mrs. J. Jenssen. Avon-Mrs. John Winterberg. Billings-Mrs. W. D. Shelor. Bradley-Mrs. Laura Raymer. Brentford-Mrs. Myrtle Spry. Buffalo-Mrs. John Hunter. Bushnell-Mrs. Elizabeth Traver. Calvary-Mrs. Marie Kegler. Hilltop-Miss Beatrice Bowers. Houghton-Mrs. Catherine Lord. Ipswich-Mrs. Harriet Harris. Johnson Corners-Mrs. C. T. Koeser. Knobs-Medicine Rocks-Miss Thelma Buell. Minnesota Valley-Mrs. Edith Buell, Mitchell-Mrs. Con DeJong. Northville-Mrs. Frank Martin. Pollock-Mrs. Myrtle Thomas. Redfield-Mrs. Charles Schmidt. Richland-Mrs. Loraine Palmer. Sandstone-Mrs. Frank Myers. Watford City-Mrs. Ben Veeder.

Daily Proceedings

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

The opening session of the W. H. & F. M. S. of the Dakota Conference was called to order by the President, Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph. Prayerfully, we sang, "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior."

Mrs. Laura Raymer led the initial devotional service. Reading from Malachi, the third chapter, she exhorted us thereupon to endeavor during the Conference and camp, to keep the trend of our conversations above the common level of every day talk, and thus by seasoned speech make ourselves examples of true holiness.

Mrs. Tullis and Mrs. Brannon closed this profitable hour with prayer. Miss Loretta Raymer sang a solo entitled, "Yielded to Thee."

Credentials were handed to the Secretary.

The motion prevailed that the Delegates, Presidents, pastors' wives, and Y. M. W. B. Superintendents constitute the Conference body.

Secretary read a partial roll call.

Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Erma Brannon, Mrs. Harriet Harris, Mrs. Eliza Young, Mrs. Lillian Reisdorph, Mrs. Elizabeth Traver.

Motion carried that we meet again at 1:30 p. m. Adjourned by motion, and dismissed by prayer.

Wednesday, 1:30 p. m.

Opened the session by singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Mrs. Lucy Wolters led us in prayer.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted. (Report No. 1.)

Moved and seconded that the Committee on Orders of the Day designate the time that the local reports be read. Motion carried.

Motion carried that the first three rows of seats in the W. Y. P. S. Tabernacle constitute the bar of Conference.

Upon motion the Secretary was authorized to act as reporter for the Conference.

Mrs. Lucy Wolters was elected to act as solicitor for the Wesleyan Missionary and was given the privilege to get some one to help her.

The Committee on Courtesy was appointed to act as ushers.

Miss Lucia Rose was appointed to serve as bell girl.

Mrs. Harriet Harris was elected as pianist.

Mrs. Reisdorph presented some books on the subject of Prayer, which she felt would be helpful to the ladies, and could be purchased through her.

Upon motion for adjournment, Mrs. DeJong dismissed us with prayer.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING

Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

Miss Louise Traver led the congregation in singing, "He Keeps Me Singing," and "Dwelling in Beulah Land." Rev. W. D. Correll, our camp meeting Evangelist, led in prayer. Miss Catherine Fessenden gave a very touching, truth presenting reading, entitled, "The Man Who Died For Me," after which Mrs. Reisdorph led us in prayerfully singing the chorus, "Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart." The Ladies' Quartet from Miltchvale sang, "Wonderful Rest."

Rev. F. R. Eddy, Connectional Representative, gave the evening address, using as his subject, "The Practical Side of Missions."

Mrs. Reisdorph stated before the offering of cash and pledges was taken, that the money would be equally divided between Conference and Foreign Missions, unless otherwise specified.

Offering of pledges and cash was collected by the Miltonvale Ladies' Quartet.

Rev. Paul Kindschi pronounced the benediction.

Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

In praise we voiced the hymn, "Precious Name."

The devotions of the morning were under the leadership of Mrs. Harriet Harris.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Orders of the Day was read and adopted. (Report No. 2.)

Rev. Eddy was introduced to the Society and gave a brief response.

Orders of the Day called for the reading of the local reports. These were read in alphabetical order down to the Ipswich report.

We adjourned by motion. Mrs. Myrtle Spry dismissed us with prayer.

Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Brannon, the Vice-President. We were led in prayer by Mrs. Blanche Larson and Mrs. Ella Buell.

A few moments were given to personal testimony, and these are always such a means of blessing, encouragement and strengthening of the bond of fellowship which exists among our women.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

Deloris Thomas sang in accompaniment with her harp, "God Leads His Dear Children Along."

The reading of the local reports was resumed, and these were finished, except the Bradley and Brentford reports.

Mrs. A. M. Wiley was presented to the Conference and gave a very blessed response.

Orders of the Day called for an address from Rev. Eddy. This address took the form of a question and answer forum. We were made to appreciate in a new way the work which Rev. Eddy is doing in the Publishing House, and as we read our publications in the future, we will value them more highly because we have come to know the labors of love and keen interest that go to give us such a high grade of spiritual and educational literature.

The Treasurer gave the official announcement of the offering which was taken in the Public Missionary Meeting. The cash offering amounted to \$18.49, and the pledges to \$217.00, making a total of \$235.49.

The dining room supervisor, Mrs. Leyh, presented an item of immediate need in the dining room, namely silverware and glasses. In a few moments the ladies raised \$2.50 toward this item. A similar response was made when Mrs. Brannon, Dormitory Superintendent, expressed the need of mirrors for the workers' rooms.

The Secretary read a letter from N. Mae Clark and was instructed by motion to answer said correspondence and convey greetings from the Conference to Mrs. Clark.

Record of the Public Missionary Meeting was read.

Orders of the Day were reread for the remaining Conference sessions. Motion to adjourn carried.

Friday, 10:00 a. m.

Mrs. Reisdorph led us in singing, "Lord, Lift Me Up."

Mrs. Frank Martin read the scripture portion from 1 Cor. 3: 6-23.

Mrs. A. M. Wiley led us in united prayer.

Miss Loretta Raymer gave a reading, "Unguarded Gaps."

Roll call. Minutes were read and approved.

Courtesies were tenderly rendered to Mrs. Jenkins, our former dormitory superintendent, also to Mrs. John Winterberg. Upon motion, Mrs. Wiley, Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Winterberg were tendered seats within the har of the Conference.

Motion prevailed that the Secretary be instructed to write Miss Stella Wood a word of appreciation for her efficient and untiring service as Editor of the Wesleyan Missionary.

Orders of the Day called for the election of officers which was as follows:

President, Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph.

Vice-President, Mrs. Erma Brannon.

Secretary, Mrs. Lillian Bailie.

Treasurer, Mrs. Blanche Larson.

Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, Mrs. Harriet Harris.

Motion prevailed that we defer the election of Delegate to General Conference to a later hour. Orders of the Day called for a demonstration by the Y. M. W. B. under the leadership of Mrs. Harriet Harris. This included singing by the entire group, a trio by some boys, and a reading by one of the girls. We were made to feel that the future is bright for those children who come under the influence of the Y. M. W. B.

A word of brief greeting was given to us by Mrs. F. Thompson, another one of our elderly ladies who in days gone by was able to render service for the cause of missions in our Conference.

The Brentford report was read.

Motion carried that we adjourn to the call of the Chair. Prayer by Mrs. Blake.

Friday, 4:15 p. m.

Unitedly we sang, "Blessed Be the Name."

Prayer was made by Mrs. Thomas.

By motion, the Orders of the Day on "Prayer Meditation" was deferred until the morning session.

Auditing report read and adopted. (Report No. 3.)

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

Mrs. Leyh gave an interesting account of two Missionary Meetings held during the past year, the one at Cresbard, and the other at the Richland charge.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn to meet at 7:30 a. m. Saturday morning.

Motion carried.

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

Upon the early wings of the morning session, the voices of the women were heard singing with full meaning, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and at the close of this beautiful song, Mrs. Traver led us in prayer.

The roll call was responded to with missionary quotations. The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. W. D. Correll, our camp Evangelist, was introduced to the Conference. He gave response by expressing his appreciation of our interest in the prayer phaze of the Church.

Miss Dorothy Dunbar, W. Y. P. S. worker, was introduced and made brief response.

The belated Orders of the Day, "Meditation on Prayer" was conducted by Mrs. Myrtle Thomas. Mrs. Thomas introduced the subject in a very forceful way. Mrs. Raymer spoke to us about praying in faith, and we felt this message was borne from experience on her part, and submitted to us with the intent that it help us in the hour of prolonged delay in answer to the deep cry of our burdened hearts. Mrs Spry also spoke to us from her heart on the part of prayer in our lives, and her remarks were founded upon a wealth of scripture, which will be our profit in the days to come. Rev. Correll gave a few closing remarks which fitted so aptly with all that had been conveyed to our minds by the previous speakers.

Report of Committee on Plan of Work was read and adopted. (Report No. 5.)

Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph was elected to serve on Camp Meeting Board. Report of Dormitory Superintendent was read and accepted with thanks.

Report of a District Convention held on the Calvary charge was given by Mrs. Spry.

It was brought to the attention of the Conference that Mrs. Birch, outgoing missionary, would rather have the means to purchase furnishings for the missionary home, than the furnishings, for she can buy them cheaper over there.

Motion prevailed that we accept the Annual Conference Financial Plan of seven and a half per cent.

By motion we adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

We sang together, "Close To Thee."

The ladies quoted promises taken from the Scriptures.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read and adopted. (Report No. 6.)

Miss Dorothy Dunbar spoke to the ladies, stressing the importance of putting our best into the missionary work.

Election of Delegates to General Conference as follows:

Mrs. Lillian Bailie, Delegate.

Mrs. Viola Leyh, Alternate Delegate.

Mrs. Harriet Harris, Y. M. W. B. Delegate

Mrs. Brannon and Mrs. Bailie gave reports of the District Missionary Convention which was held in Wisconsin during August, 1937.

Societies interested in sending supplies for the dormitory, will find the following list suggestive according to the Dormitory Superintendent's record; sheets, holders for kitchen, quilts, protectors for the upper ends of quilts, wash cloths, etc.

Motion prevailed that the Treasurer draw from the treasury for her recording books.

Motion carried that items bought for the dormitory be cared for from the treasury.

Adjourned by motion.

Saturday, 7:00 p.m.

The Statistical report was read and adopted. (Report No. 8.)

Motion prevailed that the President appoint the District Organizers.

In closing this session we sang together, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph closed with a final benediction upon all that we had undertaken and asked for special anointing upon the efforts that would be put forth by our societies in the coming year.

MRS. LILLIAN BAILIE, Secretary,

Reports of Committees

NO. 1—NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following report:

Statistical-Mrs. Ella Buell, Mrs. Lillian Reisdorph, Mrs. Harriet Harris.

Auditing-Mrs. Elizabeth Traver, Mrs. C. T. Koeser.

Orders of the Day-Mrs. Myrtle Thomas, Mrs. Blanche Larson, Mrs. Viola Leyh, Mrs. John Hunter, Mrs. Pearl Martin.

Resolutions-Mrs. Myrtle Spry, Mrs. Ruth McIntyre, Mrs. Ragna Veeder.

Courtesies-Mrs. Viola Leyh, Mrs. Susan Shelor.

Plan of Work-Mrs. Elizabeth Traver, Mrs. Con DeJong, Mrs. Eliza Young.

> Signed: ERMA BRANNON.

> > ELIZABETH TRAVER. MRS. HARRIET HARRIS, MRS. ELIZA YOUNG,

MRS. LILLIAN REISDORPH.

NO. 2-ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Wednesday evening, the Public Missionary Meeting, with Rev. Eddy as speaker.

Thursday morning, reports of Delegates shall be given. Thursday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. Eddy will address the Society; followed by the Treasurer's Report. Friday morning at 9:30 the election of Officers, and immediately following a Y. M. W. B. program. Friday afternoon there shall be a discussion on the subject of prayer, after which Miss Buell, Miltonvale representative, shall address the Society. Saturday morning Miss Dorothy Dunbar, W. Y. P. S. worker, will address the Society.

Signed: MRS. MYRTLE THOMAS, MRS. BLANCHE LARSON, MRS. VIOLA LEYH, MRS. JOHN HUNTER. MRS. PEARL MARTIN.

NO. 3—AUDITING COMMITTEE

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

MRS. ELIZABETH TRAVER, MRS. C. T. KOESER.

NO. 4-TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer of the Annual Conference W. H. & F. M. S. of the Dakota Conference submits the following report:

On hand at the beginning of the year Received from all sources	\$ 17.35 1268.39
Total Disbursed to all sources	
Balance on hand	

NO. 5-PLAN OF WORK

We, the Committee on Plan of Work, have reviewed the plan submitted last year, and submit the same with only a few changes:

-1—Arrange with the Pastor for one missionary prayer service each month, such service to be preceded by stated times of fasting, as can be arranged.

2--Ten meetings to be held during the year in which prayer is held and business transacted.

3-Red Letter days (a) Harvest Home Day for Educational work; (b) World Day of Prayer, wherein we coöperate in observing the World Day of Prayer; (c) May Day, to be known as gift day, bandages and such gifts as can be used by and sent with out-going missionaries, or be used on our home fields; (d) Wesleyan Missionary Day, wherein an effort to secure subscriptions to the Wesleyan Missionary be included in the public meeting held during the year for this purpose.

4-The President, Secretary, Treasurer and 50 per cent of the membership to be subscribers to the Wesleyan Missionary.

5—A Solicitor elected for the Wesleyan Missionary gaining not less than two new subscribers a year.

6-One public missionary meeting.

7-Keeping in touch with our missionaries by writing them letters of greetings and encouragement.

8-A Delegate elected to the Annual Conference of the W. H. & F. M. S., bearing proper credentials.

9-Report blanks properly filled out on time.

10—At annual business meeting instruct Delegate the amount to pledge for the society at the Conference Session.

11-Officers elected at last meeting of the Conference year.

12—All money received as dues to be sent to Conference Treasurer designating where fifty cents of the same be applied. (See Discipline, paragraph 293, article 7.)

13-A Y. M. W. B. Superintendent and a fully organized band on every charge.

14—Every woman of the church a member of the society or a twenty per cent gain in membership.

15—Send all money to the Conference Treasurer promptly. By sending all money through the hands of the Treasurer it saves her the inconvenience of handling receipts.

Though these last three items are not included in the efficiency standard, we recommend them to the local societies.

16—One regular or special meeting to be given for the purpose of interesting the men in the missionary program of the Church, inviting them to take an active part in the meetings. Each society to work out their own program which is best suited to their local society.

17—A committee of two or more to be elected by the society to assist in calling. This to be under the supervision of the President and a definite plan worked out.

18—We recommend the reading of the Efficiency Standard quarterly. All societies making a grade of one hundred points to be placed on the honor roll.

> Signed: MRS. ELIZABETH TRAVER, MRS. CON DEJONG, MRS. ELIZA YOUNG.

NO. 6—COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee, submit the following:

1-Be it Resolved, That we express our deep gratitude to God for His manifold blessings to us as a missionary society. Though sorrow and bereavement have been our portion, yet we can look up through our tears and say, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

2—Be it Resolved, That we as a Missionary Society endeavor to be an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity and in modesty of apparel.

3—Be it Resolved, That this body show its thanks and appreciation to Rev. F. R. Eddy for the inspiring messages, and wealth of information he has brought to us during this session of Conference, by pledging our loyal support to our Wesleyan Missionary, and Church literature, and every interest of our own Church and Conference.

4—Resolved, That we express our appreciation to our efficient and faithful workers, Rev. W. D. Correll, and Miss Dorothy Dunbar for their warm greetings and pray that their ministry among us will be rich in fruitage.

5—We also Resolve to give thanks to the Conference and every one who, in any way, has made a contribution toward our comfort and entertainment during Conference and Camp, especially to our dear Sisters Reisdorph and Brannon.

6—We likewise Resolve, That the slogan, "Work Hard For Missions" suggested by Miss Wood, be made the Motto of our W. H. & F. M. S., and that we give heed to the exhortation, "Be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

Signed: MRS. MYRTLE SPRY, MRS. RUTH McINTYRE, MRS. RAGNA VEEDER.

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NO. 7-HONOR ROLL

Mitchell-Aberdeen-Hilltop-Houghton-Johnson Corners.

R	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
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Billings Bradley Bradley Brentford Bufhalo Bushnell Calvary Hilltöp Ipswich Houghton Johnson Corners Knobs Medicine Rocks Minnesota Valley Mitchell Northville Pollock Redfield Richland Sandstone (Pleasant Valley) Watford City (Riverside)	19 14 8 12 15 66 12 5 8 10 12 5 8 10 29 6 16 10 9 6 16 10 9 4 15 7 9		7		10 12 12	3 8 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Yes Yes No Yes No No Yes Yes No No No No No No Yes	10 99 55 55 44 77 21 1 33 4 6 23 37 21	1.88 .25 2.42 6.09 .47 3.36	3.00 8.00 8.00
Totals	198	23	10	23	257	37		92	\$23.52	\$220.50

NO. 8-W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

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Societies	Offerings	Labor	Clothing and Other Gifts to Home Work	Bandages and Other Gifts to Foreign Work	Other Objects	Total
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avtesian Avon Billings Bradley Brentford Buffalo. Bushnell Calvary Hilltop Ipswich Houghton Johnson Corners Knobs Medicine Rocks Minnesota Valley Mitchell Northville Pollock Redfield Richland City (Riverside)	\$90.72 	\$14.65 91.85 20.00 	3.94 10.10 4.00 10.00 28.00 2.00 6.00	5.00 2.00 6.00	4.00 .90 36.80	\$193.62 346.53 146.78 112.16 116.87 52.60 142.71 90.59 36.08 18.10 45.97 44.58 40.99 54.92 146.12 22.52 29.29
Totals	\$838.24	\$137.27	\$89.64	\$34.90	\$344.53	\$1682.24

Disbursements									
Societies	Undivided	Home, Cash	Home, Clothing and Other Gifts	Hephzibah, Cash	Hephzibah, Provisions	Bethshan, Cash	Foreign, Cash	Foreign, Bandages and Other Gifts	
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Billings Bradley Brentford Bufhalo Calvary Hilltop Ipswich Houghton Houghton Houghton Houghton Knobs Minnesota Valley Mintchell Northville Pollock Redfield Reichland Sandstone (Pleasant Valley). Watford City (Riverside)	\$20.25 15.40 4.56	\$6.00 	3.95	\$10.00 5.00 1.79 5.00 3.00 8.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5	3.00 6.00	\$2.00 2.00	\$54.61 	\$17.00 .25 1.75 2.50 5.00 6.00	
Totals	\$40.21	\$128.28	\$114.80	\$102.45	\$20.75	\$6.00	\$504.29	\$34.90	

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Disbursements										
Societies	Medical Students	Education, Cash	Education, Provisions	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Del. to General Conference	Cash on Hand	Total	Rank Under Efficiency Standard, in Per Cent
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Billings Bradley Brentford Buffalo Bushnell Calvary Hilltop Ipswich Houghton Johnson Corners Knobs Medicine Rocks Minnesota Valley Mitchell Northville Pollock Redfield Richland Sandstone (Pleas, Val.) Watford City (Riverside)	\$2.00	10.00 10.00 5.00 2.00 16.82 1.00 5.00 2.00 1.00 2.26 2.00 2.00 1.00 2.00 1.00	\$1.98	15.76 10.00 3.00 12.75 3.91 1.10	3.00 17.50	2)83 1.23 57.01 18.46 37.86 6.00 17.00 4.79 5.89 11.00 5.70 7.08 10.02 13.62 11.09 18.23 3.4.62	1.40 .80 1.20 3.00 1.30 .50 1.00 	10.77 	34.80 46.53 146.78 116.87 50.00 88.75 52.60 142.71 90.59 36.08 142.71 90.59 36.08 142.71 90.59 36.08 144.98 40.99 54.92 146.12 22.52	90 90 100 94 100 100 100 120
Totals	\$9.00	\$113.83	\$6.82	\$69.23	\$137.50	\$306.64	\$23.30	\$24.52	\$1682.24	

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Y. M. W. B. STATISTICAL REPORT

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Bands	No. of Members	No. of Meetings Held	Dues	Offerings	Education	Total
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Billings Bradley Brentford Bushnell Calvary Hilltop Ipswich Houghton Johnson Corners Knobs Medicine Rocks	15 17 10 14 18 14 14 9 8 9 	24	8.84 7.28	1.00 2.12	\$2.00 4.00	16.25 7.90 47.24 13.27 26.50
Minnesota Valley ditchell Vorthville Collock Redfield Lichland Sandstone (Pleasant Valley) Vatford City (Riverside)	8 15 10 18	9 42 10 12	4.16 8.13 5.20 8.44 5.72	9.32 21.07 <u>16.51</u> <u>30.00</u> 19.66 \$196.27		13.32 13.48 30.20 21.71 38.44 25.38

Signed: MRS. ELLA BUELL, MRS. LILLIAN REISDORPH, MRS. HARRIET HARRIS.

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of the Dakota W. Y. P. S.

Call to Order—The meeting was called to order by the President, Marvin E. Jones, in the Conference Tabernacle, June 10, 1938, at 1: 30 p. m.

Devotions-An opening song was led by Miss Loretta Raymer. Prayer was offered by Earl Fessenden.

Minutes-Minutes of the last meeting were adopted as read.

Report—The Report of the Nominating Committee was read and accepted, the following officers being elected:

President-Rev. Marvin E. Jones.

Vice-President-Rev. L. D. Harris.

Executive Committee: Marvin Jones, Rufus Reisdorph, Ruth Bixler. Marian Kelsven, Loretta Raymer.

Motion—Motion prevailed that Marvin E. Jones be elected as W. Y. P. S. Representative to the Camp Meeting Board.

Motion—Motion prevailed that Marvin E. Jones be elected as W. Y. P. S. Delegate to the General Conference held June, 1939, at Fairmount, Indiana.

Election—John Hunter was elected as Alternate Delegate to General Conference.

Fast and Prayer League Presentation—Miss Dorothy Dunbar presented to the business meeting the matter of the W. Y. P. S. Fast and Prayer League. Blanks were signed to be sent in to the District W. Y. P. S. President.

Election—William Fessenden was elected as Solicitor for the Young People's Journal.

Election—Loretta Raymer was elected as Conference Reporter to the Young People's Journal.

Report—A report of the status of the Young People's Journal subscriptions was given by William Fessenden.

Motion—A motion prevailed to elect two solicitors from each district to secure subscriptions to the Young People's Journal.

Election—These were elected as follows: Northwest District—Rev. Archie Buel and Harold Yetter. Southern District—Dorothy Lutz and Frank Traver. Aberdeen District—Robert McIntyre and James Harris.

Motion—Motion prevailed that \$10.00 from the W. Y. P. S. treasury be used in carrying on the work at Huron.

Motion—Motion prevailed to place the Annual W. Y. P. S. Minutes in the Annual Conference Minutes.

Meeting of the Executive Committee, June 12, 1938.

Election-Miss Loretta Raymer of Bradley, S. D. was elected as Secretary-Treasurer.