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CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President	-	-	-	J. F. Simpson
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STANDING COMMITTEES

- Camp Meeting Board — J. F. Simpson, Pastor Aberdeen Church, President W. H. and F. M. S., President W. Y. P. S., Treasurer Camp Meeting Board, L. D. Harris, David Robertson.
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- President's Advisory Board — W. J. Leyh, H. B. Engel.

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Conference Roll

ELDERS

Thomas Bailie	-	-	-	Forsyth, Montana
Mrs. Thomas Bailie	-	-	-	Forsyth, Montana
W. C. Brannon	-	-	-	Enid, Oklahoma
Mrs. W. C. Brannon	-	-	-	Enid, Oklahoma
Charles Carter	-	-	-	Sierra Leone, West Africa
H. W. Cretsinger	-	-	-	Redfield, South Dakota
Mrs. Wilbur Drown	-	-	-	Redfield, South Dakota
Gordon Goodsell	-	501 E. Kemp Ave.,	-	Watertown, South Dakota
Mrs. Louise Goodsell	-	501 E. Kemp Ave.,	-	Watertown, South Dakota
Donald Gerriets	-	-	-	Norbeck, South Dakota
L. D. Harris	-	-	-	Watford City, North Dakota
Ralph Helle	-	1201 W. 4th Ave.	-	Mitchell, South Dakota
W. O. Howard	-	-	-	Flandreau, South Dakota
John Hunter	-	-	-	Conner, Montana
Otto Jensen	-	-	-	Yankton, South Dakota
W. W. Jeffers	-	-	-	Cincinnati, Ohio
Marvin E. Jones	-	623 No. Sanborn St.,	-	Mitchell, South Dakota
Kenneth Knapp	-	-	-	514 W. 9th St., Topeka, Kansas
L. L. Knapp	-	-	-	Ipswich, South Dakota
Wesley Knapp	-	-	-	Miltonvale, Kansas
Minnie Knecht	-	-	-	Mission, South Dakota
Marion Koth	-	-	-	Jamestown, North Dakota
W. J. Leyh	-	308 N. Lincoln St.	-	Aberdeen, South Dakota
Mrs. W. J. Leyh	-	308 N. Lincoln St.	-	Aberdeen, South Dakota
S. J. McIntyre	-	-	-	306 S. 32nd St., Billings, Montana
Lester Meyers	-	-	-	Northville, South Dakota
Mrs. Grace S. Miller	-	-	-	Brentford, South Dakota
A. L. Mudgett	-	-	-	Avon, South Dakota
Mrs. Laura R��ymer	-	-	-	Bushnell, South Dakota
Chester Reed	-	-	-	St. Paul, Nebraska
Arthur Reisdorph	-	616 1st St.,	-	Rapid City, South Dakota
R. D. Reisdorph	-	-	-	Paris, France
Mrs. Ruby R	-	212 8th Ave.,	-	N. E. Aberdeen, South Dakota
George Robb.	-	-	-	Tabor, Iowa
W. D. Shelor	-	-	-	Billings, Montana
J. F. Simpson	-	-	-	Ipswich, South Dakota
J. E. Spry	-	701 W. 2nd. Ave.,	-	Mitchell, South Dakota

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Kenneth Shelley	-	-	Mobridge, South Dakota
Raymond Sausoman	-	654 7th St.,	Huron, South Dakota
C. K. Thompson	-	-	Northville, South Dakota
Mrs. Elizabeth Traver	-	-	Vale, South Dakota
William Ward	-	-	Mina, South Dakota
A. M. Wiley	-	617 4th St. S. E.,	Jamestown, North Dakota
John Winterberg	-	-	Artesian, South Dakota
S. M. Yonally	-	-	Buffalo, Wyoming

LICENTIATES

Romeo Baronia	-	-	Cincinnati, Ohio
Robert Bateman	-	-	Cavour, South Dakota
Ruth Bixler	-	-	Sierra Leone, West Africa
Archie Buell	-	-	Marion, Indiana
Wilbur Drown	-	-	-Redfield, South Dakota
Pauline Eisenbeis	-	-	Aberdeen, South Dakota
George Gore	-	-	Billings, Montana
Emil Hansen	-	-	Pasadena, California
Thomas Hersey	-	-	Marion, Indiana
Ralph Howard	-	-	Mt. Vernon, South Dakota
Duane Janssen	-	-	Britton, South Dakota
Markus Johnson	-	-	-
Isla Knight	-	-	-
T. S. Lee	-	-	Almont, North Dakota
W. H. Nieuwenhuis	-	-	Kilgore, Nebraska
Richard O'Connor	-	-	Baker, Montana
Audrey Olson	-	-	Watford City, North Dakota
Leslie Smith	-	-	Mina, South Dakota
Walter Simpson	-	-	-Marion College, Marion, Indiana
Ellis Sollie	-	-	Rollins, Wyoming
Elvie Turner	-	-	Artesian, South Dakota
Bennie Veeder	-	-	Watford City, North Dakota
Mrs. Rena Veeder	-	-	Watford City, North Dakota
Mrs. William Ward	-	-	Mina, South Dakota
Mrs. S. M. Yonally	-	-	Buffalo, Wyoming
Lester Bennett	-	-	Loyalton, South Dakota

DELEGATES

Mrs. Florence Arms	-	-	Flandreau, South Dakota
Mrs. J. J. Albrecht	-	-	Billings, Montana
Robert Bateman	-	-	Cavour, South Dakota
Ruth Cloud	-	-	Ipswich, South Dakota

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Harold Dufloth	-	Mitchell, South Dakota
Thomas Edwards	-	Houghton, South Dakota
H. B. Engel	-	Ipswich, South Dakota
Wilbert Engel	-	Northville, South Dakota
Barton Enos	-	Willard, Montana
Mrs. George Gore	-	Billings, Montana
Ed. Hildebrandt	-	Rapid City, South Dakota
Mrs. Inez Hinds	-	Ipswich, South Dakota
Della Hodson	-	Ipswich, South Dakota
Mrs. Mathilda Hogland	-	Watford City, North Dakota
Mrs. E. W. Hyde	-	Almont, North Dakota
Shirley Johnson	-	Letcher, South Dakota
Melvin Kingslien	-	Watertown, South Dakota
Mrs. C. G. Larson	-	Mitchell, South Dakota
Mrs. Ruth McIntyre	-	Redfield, South Dakota
Mrs. Dora McJunkin	-	Forsyth, Montana
Mrs. Vie Montgomery	-	Buffalo, Wyoming
Alice Nellis	-	-Avon, South Dakota
Marjorie Paige	-	Brentford, South Dakota
Dan Palmer	-	Mina, South Dakota
Mrs. Mabel Patrick	-	Bushnell, South Dakota
Charles Reisdorph	-	Houghton, South Dakota
Mildred Rist	-	Artesian, South Dakota
Mrs. Anna Rose	-	Mobridge, South Dakota
David Robertson	-	Aberdeen, South Dakota
Walter Shook	-	Connor, Montana
Curtis Shreve	-	Baker, Montana
Betty Stoner	-	Ipswich, South Dakota
Lee Wagner	-	Ipswich, South Dakota
Gerald Wolter	-	Redfield, South Dakota

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Daily Proceedings

OPENING OF CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Sixty-Fourth Annual Conference of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or church) of America, held at Aberdeen, South Dakota, June 5th through 11th, 1945.

The opening service of the Sixty-Fourth Annual Conference was held the evening of June 5th, with Rev. L. D. Harris delivering the Conference Sermon. A fine representation of ministers and delegates was present for this initial service.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 6, 1945

Rev. S. J. McIntyre conducted the devotional service for this first session of Conference.

The Conference was called to order by the President, the Rev. J. F. Simpson, of Ipswich, South Dakota.

A motion prevailed that Ed. Hildebrandt be seated as the delegate from the Rapid City Church.

The report of the Conference Program Committee was submitted and on motion was accepted.

The motion passed that the first ten rows from the front of the tabernacle in the center section constitute the Bar of Conference.

The following were elected as a Nominating Committee: H. W. Cretsinger, Chairman, S. J. McIntyre, L. D. Harris, C. W. Reisdorph and David Robertson.

A brief recess was declared by the Chair to allow the Nominating Committee to bring a report to the floor. We were then called together again to receive said report.

The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted with the following changes being made: The Rev. Marvin Jones resigned from position of Chairman of Auditing Committee and the Rev. H. W. Cretsinger was elected to that position.

Because of Disciplinary requirement Rev. W. O. Howard was elected Chairman of Passage of Character Committee. See report number 1 for complete report.

The Secretary voiced verbal greetings from the following Elders and Conference Preachers: J. E. Spry, Ralph Helle, Ralph Howard, Walter Simpson.

Motion prevailed that we elect a Fraternal Delegate to the South

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Dakota Conference of the Free Methodist Church. W. D. Shelor was elected as our Fraternal Delegate.

The President appointed the following lay-members to the Committee on Itinerary and orders: Mrs. Florence Arms, Thomas Edwards, Mrs. George Gore.

A motion prevailed that we not include any item in Benevolences in the Connectional Budget on Statistical Blanks and that all Statistical Reports be changed to agree.

Brother Arthur Calhoun, Brother and Sister Yonally, Robert Bateman, Sister Meyer and Sister Eldinger were introduced to the Conference and each testified to God's glory.

W. C. Brannon brought greetings to the Conference from the Rev. Claire Harris of Billings, Montana.

Mrs. W. J. Leyh brought greetings from R. J. Eling and James Harris. The last two brethren had sent greeting by Mrs. R. J. Eling to the Enid, Oklahoma Area Missionary Rally.

Adjourned for committee work.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 6, 1945

The devotionals were conducted by the Rev. W. O. Howard reading and commenting on the first chapter of book of Job.

The President called the meeting to order. The Minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Courtesies introduced the Rev. F. R. Birch, Foreign Missionary Secretary, and Connectional Representative, to the Conference. Brother Birch spoke briefly to the Conference.

The Rev. Kelly was introduced and spoke briefly.

The motion prevailed that the next Conference begin the evening of the second Tuesday of June, 1946.

A motion prevailed to reconsider above motion in regard to time of next year's Conference.

Motion carried that a committee be elected to consider time of Conference. Committee elected as follows: J. F. Simpson, H. W. Cret-singer, W. O. Howard, A. L. Mudgett, R. J. Sausoman.

Motion prevailed that a Committee of three members be elected to look into the matter of printing of Conference Minutes.

The following were elected to look into the matter of Conference Minutes: Marvin E. Jones, J. F. Simpson, S. J. McIntyre.

The Conference President introduced the idea of a Church Library containing books that would be acceptable for our Young People to use for book reports in High Schools.

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Motion prevailed that a committee of three members be elected as a Conference Library Committee.

The following were elected to above mentioned committee: A. M. Wiley, Gordon Goodsell, J. F. Simpson.

Adjourned for committee work.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 7, 1945

The Rev. Arthur Reisdorph led the devotions reading from and commenting on I Cor. 15:1-10.

The roll call was made after which the Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

A partial report was made by the Auditing Committee. See report number 2 for complete report.

The President gave his report, including his Financial Statement, and said report was accepted. See report number 3.

The Rev. S. J. McIntyre was asked to lead in a prayer of Thanksgiving for God's blessing on the Conference over the past year, then the Doxology was sung.

The report of the Conference Treasurer was read and adopted. See report number 4.

The Committee on Railroad Expense read their report. Motion was made and passed that the report be referred back to the Committee on Railroad Expense.

A motion prevailed that Kenneth Shelly be added to the Statistical Committee.

Adjourned subject to call of the chair.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 7, 1945

The Connectional Address was delivered by the Rev. F. R. Birch, Foreign Missionary Secretary.

The Auditing Committee read its completed report and it was accepted. See Report Number 2.

The Committee on Passage of Character read its report and it was accepted. See report number 5.

The Committee on Church and Parsonage Building and location gave its report and it was accepted. See report number 6.

The Committee on Railroad Expense read its report and it was accepted. See Report Number 7.

Adjourned for committee work, subject to call of the chair.

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 8, 1945

The devotional period was conducted by the Rev. William Ward.

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The session was called to order by the President. The roll was called, after which the Minutes were read and approved.

The motion prevailed that the Orders of the Day be temporarily set aside to allow the Committee on Itineracy and Orders to make a partial report.

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders gave a partial report and it was accepted. See Report Number 8.

The Orders of the Day called for the election of officers. The election resulted as follows:

President	-	J. F. Simpson
Vice President	-	L. D. Harris
Secretary	-	Marvin E. Jones
Treasurer	-	S. J. McIntyre
Trustee (to fill unexpired term of J. C. McGovern)	Term to end	
1947	-	Arthur Reisdorph
Trustee (Term to end 1948)	-	W. D. Shelor
Trustee (Term to end 1948)	-	Harold D. Dufloth
Sunday School Secretary	-	Gordon Goodsell
Tithing Secretary	-	William Ward
Transportation Secretary	-	J. F. Simpson
Educational Secretary	-	A. M. Wiley
Representative to Miltonvale	-	W. D. Shelor
Secretary-Treasurer of Ministerial Relief Fund	-	Thomas Bailie

Motion prevailed that it be made a Standing Rule that the following officers be members of the Camp Meeting Board by virtue of office: The Conference President, Conference W. H. & F. M. S. President, Conference W. Y. P. S. President, Camp Meeting Treasurer, and Pastor of the Aberdeen Church.

The Nominating Committee read its report on Standing Committees and the report was accepted as amended. See report Number 9.

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders read its completed report and the report was accepted. See report Number 8.

The motion prevailed that the Conference Program Committee consist of The Conference President, Pastor of the Aberdeen Church, and the Conference President of the W. H. & F. M. S.

The motion prevailed that the Young People be given a service during Conference similar to that of Sunday School service.

The motion prevailed that the W. Y. P. S. President be a member of the Conference Program Committee by virtue of office.

The Committee on Resolutions gave its report and it was accepted. See report number 10.

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The special Committee to set dates of next Conference read its report and the report was not accepted.

A motion to reconsider the action taken on the above report was made and carried.

The report of the Special Committee to set dates of next Conference was then reread and on motion was adopted. See report number 11.

The President read a letter of greeting to the Conference from A. C. Buell.

The motion passed that a special Blank be formulated by the Book Committee for a report by the Unstationed Elders and Conference Preachers to their Annual Conference, and that in the event such a blank is not ready by our next Annual Conference that the Conference President and the Conference Secretary formulate such a blank for the next Conference gathering.

The motion prevailed that all books in the Course of Study be ordered by the Conference Secretary. (Books for examiners and books in the Reading Course.)

The Treasurer of the Ministerial Relief Fund read his report and it was accepted. See report number 12.

A motion prevailed that we elect a Committee of three elders and two laymen to bring in a recommendation regarding some plan to help support the ministers on Pioneer Fields.

The following were elected to this committee: H. W. Cretsinger, L. D. Harris, S. M. Yonally, M. Kingslien, Walter Shook.

Adjourned by limitation of time.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 9, 1945

The devotional period was conducted by the Rev. Thomas Bailie reading and commenting on the third Chapter of Exodus.

The President called the session to order, and the roll was called.

The Camp Meeting Treasurer read his report and it was accepted. See report Number 13.

The report of the Statistical Committee was given and adopted. See report number 14.

Adjourned for orders of the day.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 9, 1945

The President called the meeting to order, after which the Minutes for the two preceding sessions were read and accepted.

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders gave a partial report

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and it was adopted. See complete report number 8.

A motion prevailed that the Conference Minutes Committee be empowered to act in regard to the printing of the Annual Minutes.

The President read a letter of greeting from W. W. Jeffers to the Conference.

A motion prevailed that letters of greeting be sent to all ministers who have sent greetings to the Conference, and that a cablegram of greeting be sent to Chaplain Reisdorph in Paris, France. Also that greetings be sent to Sister Martha Jenkins and Brother Adolph Olander, pioneer layman of the Dakota Conference.

The following persons were introduced to the Conference and spoke briefly: Duane Janssen, Chester Reed, Rev. and Mrs. Kline of Wessington Springs Junior College, Rev. C. D. Oderman, Fraternal delegate from the Free Methodist Church, South Dakota District.

A motion prevailed that the Secretary and the President draw up a telegram voicing our appreciation to the President of the United States for his stand on moral issues and on prayer.

The special Committee to recommend measures to support men on new fields brought a report. Motion prevailed that action on said report be postponed to another session of this conference.

The Conference Library Committee read its report and it was adopted. See report number 15.

A motion prevailed that a Committee of two members be elected to constitute a Conference Library Committee, they to select a list of recommended books for local Church use.

The following were elected to Library Committee: J. F. Simpson, Marvin E. Jones.

A motion prevailed that the above committee represent this Conference in this matter with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction of the various states comprising the Conference, (This book list is to contain books of high moral value that will be acceptable to school authorities for the purpose of book reports in High Schools.)

Adjourned by motion.

MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 11, 1945

The Rev. Gordon Goodsell conducted the Devotional service by reading from II Peter 1:1-11 and commenting on the same.

The President called the session to order. The Minutes were read, corrected and then approved.

The special committee on support of pastors on Pioneer fields read their report and it was adopted. See report number 16.

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A motion prevailed that at any time the Missionary Board feels that the local Church, receiving help from the fund above mentioned, fails in its obligations the contract shall be terminated by the Missionary Board.

A motion prevailed that the Conference Treasurer receive ten dollars as an honorarium for his services, and this be made a Standing Rule.

The General Conference President of the W. H. & F. M. S., Sister Ruby Reisdorph, brought greetings from this Connectional organization. Sister Reisdorph also read a letter of greeting from Chaplain Rufus Reisdorph.

Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 11, 1945

A motion prevailed that the New Fund to help pastors in New Fields be called "The Pioneer Pastor's Fund."

The Committee on Pastoral Relations read their report and it was adopted. See report number 17.

The Missionary Board read their report and it was adopted. See report number 18.

The President nominated W. J. Leyh and H. B. Engle to his Advisory Board. They were elected.

The Minutes of this session were read and approved.

Adjourned by motion.

The Rev. W. C. Brannon led us in a closing prayer.

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Reports of Committees

REPORT NO. 1, NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pastoral Relations Committee:

William Ward, John Hunter, W. J. Leyh, Harold Dufloth, Chas. Reisdorph, Mrs. J. J. Albrecht, J. F. Simpson, Chairman.

Committee on Passage of Character: W. O. Howard, Robert Bateman.

Auditing Committee: H. W. Cretsinger, Raymond Sausoman, Gerald Wolter.

Railroad Expense Committee: Lester Meyers, Lester Bennett, Mildred Rist.

Committee on Resolutions: W. D. Shelor, Kenneth Shelley, Mrs. E. W. Hyde.

Committee on Courtesies: W. C. Brannon.

Conference Reporter: W. D. Shelor.

Statistical Committee: Gordon Goodsell, Mrs. John Hogland, Ruth Cloud, T. S. Lee, Kenneth Shelley.

H. W. CRETSINGER
CHAS. REISDORPH
S. J. MCINTYRE
DAVID ROBERTSON
L. D. HARRIS, COMMITTEE.

REPORT NO. 2, AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the Conference Treasurer, The Church Extension Treasurer, the Conference President, The Ministerial Relief Treasurer, and the Camp Meeting Treasurer, and found the first three books correct, the last two incorrect.

H. W. CRETSINGER
R. J. SAUSOMAN
GERALD WOLTER

REPORT NO. 3. PRESIDENT

It is a pleasure to be able to come to you at the close

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of another Conference year, which has passed so rapidly. This year has been a historic time in the nations of the earth and we trust that some constructive history has been made in our Conference.

Many gracious revivals have been conducted in our midst during this year which speaks to us the fact that it is possible to have revivals of religion in these times of chaos. Larger plans are being made by our churches for evangelistic campaigns the coming year. It is our desire that all of our pastors will stress the importance of evangelism until fires of revival will break out in all our churches. It is the hope of the growth and establishment of the work which God has committed to us. Other denominations are dying and closing their doors in many places because of the loss of faith and emphasis on the importance of revivals.

If we are to enter open doors God has placed before us it will be necessary to stay by the pattern given to the early Church.

We wish to congratulate our pastors and churches for the splendid way in which they have sought to reduce their indebtedness. We are hoping that the time will soon come in which all the indebtedness on our properties will be liquidated, and then more attention can be given to a better supported ministry. This will give our pastors more time to devote to the building up of the work. We appreciate the fact that our pastors have a consecration deep enough to serve a church when the support is not sufficient to maintain their family, even though it seems necessary for them to work some at manual labor.

This is a noble spirit, but we are praying that the time will come when all of our churches will be self-supporting and our pastors will be able to devote all their time to the work of the Ministry.

We acknowledge the help of the Lord in providing ways and means to purchase six church buildings and three parsonages this year.

There is much land ahead to possess. There are gracious opportunities open to us of entering centers of population with the message of life. Church properties have been listed to us at a fraction of their original cost. It seems that now is the time for the Wesleyan Methodist Church to arise and claim her inheritance, even though there are many barriers in our path. History proves that there have always been many barriers in the way of God's people coming into possession of that which was provided for them. God is wanting men and women in the Dakota Conference who will laugh at seeming impossibilities and cry it shall be done.

The hand of death has taken one of our senior Ministers, Rev. J. C. McGovern. He was a pioneer in every sense of the word. Our prayer is that God will raise up others to take his place and carry on the work which was so near to his heart. —J. F. Simpson

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OFFICIAL ACTS. (TRANSFERS)

June 17, 1944 Granted letters to Rev. and Mrs. Paul Kindschi to the Iowa Conference.

August 8, 1944 Granted a letter of transfer to Robert McIntyre to the Ohio Conference.

August 19, 1944 Granted a letter of transfer to Miss Edith Jones to the Ohio Conference.

August 26, 1944 Accepted the resignation of A. C. Buell, pastor of the Baker, Montana Church.

August 26, 1944 Accepted the credentials of Rev. S. M. Yonally from the Kansas Conference.

September 22, 1944 Accepted the resignation of the Rev. R. J. Sausoman, pastor of the Aberdeen Church.

September 23, 1944 Appointed Rev. W. D. Shelor pastor of the Aberdeen Church.

October 22, 1944 Appointed Rev. Harry Shreve supply pastor of the Baker Church.

March 2, 1945 Accepted the resignation of Rev. George Thomas pastor of the Huron church.

March 12, 1945 Granted a letter of transfer to Rev. George Thomas.

PRESIDENT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Received from Churches (Quarterly Meetings)	-	\$811.00
Received from Conference Treasurer (Salary)	- -	922.00
TOTAL		<hr/> \$1733.00

Expense:

Received on expense from Conference Treasurer for meals, hotel, telegraph, bus fare, postage and some railroad fare.	-	\$353.00
Rent. Received from Conference Treasurer on house rent		180.00

TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY

Received from Conference Treasurer	-	9.00
J. F. Simpson		

REPORT NUMBER 4, CONFERENCE TREASURER

RECEIPTS:

Balance Cash in Bank beginning of year	-	\$1456.48
Received from Conference 7½% Fund	-	3113.52

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Received for railroad carfare	-	-	141.59
Conference Minutes	-	-	148.18
M. W. C. Quartet	-	-	15.05
Specified for Rapid City Church	-	-	409.81
W. H. & F. M. S. Pledges for Conference work, etc.	-	-	465.32
Britton Church sale of Frankfort property	-	-	625.00
Conference Missions undesignated	-	-	173.97
Six New Churches	-	-	307.61
Foreign Missions	-	-	465.10
Home Missions	-	-	226.76
Orphanage	-	-	75.50
Education, Miltonvale and Marion Colleges	-	-	539.07
Mission Church	-	-	25.00
Mt. Vernon Church	-	-	154.81
Mobridge Church	-	-	20.00
Connor Church	-	-	142.80
Great Falls, Montana	-	-	10.00
Flandreau Church	-	-	50.00
TOTAL			\$8565.57

DISBURSEMENTS:

Superannuated Minister's Fund	-	-	\$310.00
Minister's Carfare	-	-	190.85
Conference Minutes	-	-	180.00
M. W. C. Quartet	-	-	15.05
F. R. Eddy, President General Conference	-	-	10.83
Specified for Rapid City Church	-	-	449.81
J. F. Simpson, Expense	-	-	373.68
J. F. Simpson, House Rent	-	-	180.00
J. F. Simpson, Salary	-	-	923.70
Rapid City Church, Material	-	-	545.00
Charles Schreiber, Note and Interest	-	-	208.00
Forsyth, Rent and Revival	-	-	138.96
Watertown Rent	-	-	130.00
Rapid City Note	-	-	300.00
Butte Rent	-	-	220.00
Mission, Connor, Flandreau properties	-	-	215.00
Bank, Incidentals, etc.	-	-	102.69
Britton Church	-	-	625.00
Conference Missions	-	-	150.97
Six New Works	-	-	307.11
Foreign Missions	-	-	465.10
Home Missions	-	-	226.76

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Orphanage	-	-	-	75.00
Education, Miltonvale and Marion Colleges	-			539.07
Mission Church		-	-	25.00
Mt. Vernon Church	-	-	-	154.81
Mobridge Church	-	-	-	50.00
Connor Church	-	-	-	144.80
Flandreau Church	-	-	-	50.00

TOTAL	-	\$7307.69
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Receipts	-	-	-	\$8,565.57
Disbursements	-	-	-	7,307.69
Balance in Conference Fund	-	-	-	1,257.88

SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND

Balance on hand beginning of year	-	-	\$521.48
Loan number Four	-	-	210.00
On Principal	-	-	100.00
From Conference Churches	-	-	469.25

TOTAL	-	\$1,300.73
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DISBURSEMENTS:

W. D. Shelor	-	-	-	180.00
C. K. Thompson	-	-	-	120.00
Mrs. J. C. McGovern	-	-	-	100.00

TOTAL	-	\$400.00
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Balance on Hand	-	-	900.73
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Statement of Assets of Superannuated Minister's Fund.

Loan No. One to Conference	-	-	\$289.49
Loan No. Two to Conference	-	-	349.39
Loan No. Three to Conference	-	-	5.48
Loan to Buffalo Church	-	-	50.00
Series F War Bonds	-	-	259.00
Series F War Bonds	-	-	259.00
Cash on hand, June 1, 1945	-	-	900.73

TOTAL ASSETS	-	\$2,113.09
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CONFERENCE EMERGENCY FUND

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand at beginning of year	-	-	\$380.14
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Cash received from Ministers	-	-	598.90
		TOTAL	\$979.04
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Flandreau, Parsonage rent	-	-	202.50
John J. Hunter	-	-	225.00
Kenneth Shelley	-	-	25.00
Ellis Sollie	-	-	15.00
		TOTAL	467.50
Balance on hand June 1, 1945	-	-	511.54
Balance in Conference Fund	-	-	1,257.88
Balance in Superannuated Minister's Fund	-	-	900.73
Balance in Emergency Fund	-	-	511.54
		TOTAL CASH ON HAND	\$2,670.15
Total Receipts for the Three Funds	-	-	\$10,845.34
Total Paid Out	-	-	8,175.19
Balance in Three Funds	-	-	2,670.15

REPORT NO. 5, PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

We, your Committee on Passage of Character, have examined the the reports of the Annual Conference Pastors and their characters have been passed.

We recommend that those who made no effort to place the WESLEYAN METHODIST in the homes of their people do so the coming year, and that a greater effort be made on the part of some to comply with paragraph No. 378 in the Discipline.

J. F. SIMPSON
W. O. HOWARD
R. L. BATEMAN

REPORT NO. 6, COMMITTEE ON CHURCH AND PARSONAGE BUILDING AND LOCATION

We, your Committee on Church and Parsonage Building and Location, submit the following report:

June 15, Approved the purchase of the Loyaltan Church.

June 16, Approved the sale of the Frankfort Church.

August 20, Approved the purchase of a building at Mount Vernon for a Church.

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August, Approved the purchase of a parsonage at Mission, South Dakota.

February, Approved the Parsonage and Church program at Conner, Montana.

March 1, Approved the Church and Parsonage program at Flandreau, South Dakota.

March 1, Approved the purchase of a Church at Britton, South Dakota.

Committee: J. F. Simpson, William Ward, Pastor of the Aberdeen Church, Dan Palmer, H. B. Engel.

REPORT NO. 7, RAILROAD EXPENSE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Railroad Expense, find the amount sent in by the various charges to be - \$141.59

Amount collected from Newcomers to Conference - 16.95

Total Received - 158.54

Amount to be paid out - - 218.41

Unbalanced Deficit - 59.87

Total to be paid, including deficit 278.28

This amount divided equally between the 31 charges makes the amount to be paid by each charge - \$9.00

We recommend that this amount be sent to the Conference Treasurer by August 1, 1945.

LESTER A. MYERS

MILDRED RIST

LESTER BENNETT

REPORT NO. 8, ITINERACY AND ORDERS

We, your Committee on Itineracy and Orders, recommend the following:

We recommend that Duane Janssen's license be renewed.

We recommend that Isla Knight, Ralph Howard, T. S. Lee, W. H. Nieuenhuis, George Gore, and Emil Hansen be continued in the first year of Study and their licenses renewed.

We recommend that Archie Buell, Pauline Eisenbeis, and Lester Bennett be continued in the First Year studies and their licenses renewed.

We recommend that Mrs. William Ward be continued in the

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Third year of study and her license renewed.

We recommend that Elvie Turner, Wilbur Drown, and Audrey Olson be continued in the studies of the fourth year and their license renewed.

We recommend that Leslie Smith be continued in the third year studies and his license be renewed.

We recommend that Robert Bateman, Markus Johnson, Bennie and Rena Veeder be continued and their licenses renewed.

We recommend that Walter Simpson, Thomas Hersey, and Ellis Sollie have their licenses renewed.

That Ruth Bixler be received to travel under the direction of the Conference and granted a license to preach.

We recommend that Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Calhoun, be returned to their local church.

We recommend that Frank Traver and Beulah Hughes be dropped from our list.

We recommend that Mrs. Wilbur Drown, A. L. Mudgett and Chester Reed be elected to Elders Orders and ordained at this session of Conference. We recommend that the Ordination service be held Sunday morning, June 10, 1945, and that Rev. H. R. French deliver the Ordination Sermon.

We recommend that S. M. Yonally's credentials from the Kansas Conference be accepted and that he be received as an Elder of our Conference.

Resolved that the following be made one of the Standing Rules and Regulations of the Conference:

No person shall receive Ordination, in the future, in the Dakota Conference who does not intend to engage in definite Christian work.

A. M. WILEY
W. D. SHELOR
S. J. McINTYRE
GORDON GOODSSELL
THOMAS EDWARDS
MRS. GEORGE GORE
MRS. FLORENCE C. ARMS

REPORT NO. 9, NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Camp Meeting Board — J. F. Simpson, Pastor of Aberdeen Church,
Conference President W. H. & F. M. S., President of W. Y. P. S.

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(Conf.), Treasurer of Camp Meeting Board, L. D. Harris, David Robertson.

Conference Program Committee — Conference President, Pastor of Aberdeen Church, President of W. H. & F. M. S., President of W. Y. P. S.

Missionary Board — J. F. Simpson, S. J. McIntyre, Mrs. W. J. Leyh, R. J. Sausoman, Chas. W. Reisdorph.

Judiciary Committee — L. D. Harris, Gordon Goodsell, H. W. Cretsinger.

Vacancies Committee — Arthur Reisdorph, Kenneth Shelley, John Winterberg, Harold Duffloth, Thomas Edwards.

Sunday School Board — Gordon Goodsell, Wilbur Drown, William Ward.

Committee on Church and Parsonage Building and Location — J. F. Simpson, Wm. Ward, Pastor of Aberdeen Church, Dan Palmer, H. B. Engel.

Committee on Itineracy and Orders — S. M. Yonally, term expires 1949; A. M. Wiley, term expires 1948; S. J. McIntyre, term expires 1947; Gordon Goodsell, term expires 1946.

Advisory Board (President's) Committee — W. J. Leyh, H. B. Engel.

H. W. CRETSINGER
S. J. MCINTYRE
CHAS. REISDORPH
L. D. HARRIS
DAVID ROBERTSON

REPORT NO. 10, RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

Resolved, That we praise God, our Creator and Redeemer for His abundant mercy and grace throughout the past Conference year, and for His manifest blessing on this session of our Annual meeting, and that we earnestly seek His continued guidance as we face another year.

Resolved, that we express our appreciation to our Conference President, Rev. J. F. Simpson, for his faithful and energetic labors within the bounds of the Conference, and, who being obedient to the heavenly vision, has appreciably enlarged our borders, and that we pledge him our wholehearted support as we face another year.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to our Conference Secretary,

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Rev. Marvin E. Jones, and to our Conference Treasurer, Rev. S. J. McIntyre, for their untiring efforts in the faithful discharge of their respective offices.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to our Connectional representative, the Rev. F. R. Birch, for his presence and for the splendid Connectional address, and for the inspiring Missionary addresses he has given us.

Resolved, That we extend our gratitude to those who have obligingly ministered to our physical comforts while on the grounds, and to those who brought in splendid supplies of provisions for the dining hall. We wish to especially thank Brothers Ben Larson and Dan Palmer for the gift of a beef by each of them.

Resolved, That we communicate with the young men of our churches who have been called into active military service, and that we continue in earnest prayer for their divine protection, and that a speedy end may come to the terrible conflict in the Pacific.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to the "Aberdeen American News" for the space they have so obligingly given to the news of this Conference, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to that publication.

Resolved, That we pray much for those of our constituency who labor on new fields under trying, and often extreme, circumstances. "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Resolved, That the Dakota Conference send, through its Secretary to the following Railroads our thanks and appreciation of their kindly gifts of passes to our Conference President and other officials: The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Company, The Northern Pacific Railway Company.

W. D. SHELOR
KENNETH SHELLEY
MRS. E. W. HYDE

REPORT NO. 11, COMMITTEE TO SET DATE OF CONFERENCE

We, your Committee on Date of Conference, elected to study the possibilities of a change in the date of Conference, make the following recommendation:

1. That the Camp Meeting Board take steps to install proper heating equipment in the tabernacles so that ministers and delegates

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may be able to attend Conference sessions without imperilling their health.

2. That in view of the dangers of making drastic changes in the date of our Conference we recommend that the next Annual Conference convene on the first Tuesday of June, 1946.

J. F. SIMPSON
W. O. HOWARD
H. W. CRETSINGER
R. J. SAUSOMAN
A. L. MUDGETT

REPORT NO. 12, MINISTERIAL RELIEF TREASURER

RECEIPTS:

Cash on hand at beginning of year	-	-	\$4.14
Received on first assessment	-	-	60.00
Received on Second assessment	-	-	59.50
Received on Mortuary Assessment	-	-	48.00
Received on Third Assessment	-	-	51.00
Received on Fourth Assessment	-	-	57.10
Total Receipts	-	-	<u>\$279.74</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

W. D. Shelor	-	-	-	\$16.00
William Ward	-	-	-	50.00
Mrs. J. C. McGovern	-	-	-	100.00
S. M. Yonally	-	-	-	20.00
Cards, postage, etc.	-	-	-	1.00
Total Disbursements	-	-	-	<u>187.00</u>

Balance on hand June 1, 1945	-	-	92.74
Total Receipts to June 1, 1945	-	-	<u>\$279.74</u>

THOS. BAILIE, Sec'y-Treasurer

REPORT NO. 13, CAMP MEETING TREASURER

RECEIPTS:

Balance brought forward June 5, 1944	-	-	\$293.42
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Pledges paid, and personal gifts	-	-	860.00
Dining Room and Registration office	-	-	351.89
Offerings at Tabernacle services	-	-	715.74
Sale of left-over groceries, etc.	-	-	30.70
Received from payment on telephone calls	-	-	7.42
Received through Bookstand	-	-	126.62
W. H. & F. M. S. on Tabernacle floor	-	-	50.00
W. Y. P. S. on Tabernacle floor (Y. P. Tab.)	-	-	133.82
W. H. & F. M. S. Cleaning Grounds Fund	-	-	45.10
Sale of old song books	-	-	2.40
Northwestern Public Service deposit refund	-	-	5.28
Total Receipts	-	-	<u>\$2622.39</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Repairs and Improvements	-	-	\$143.88
Kitchen Utensils	-	-	5.85
Piano Tuning	-	-	7.00
Refund to Ted Beckman	-	-	6.66
Interest to Northville Church on mortgage	-	-	21.00
Insurance premiums	-	-	43.60
Electric and Telephone service	-	-	92.62
Cleaning Camp buildings and grounds	-	-	68.00
Laundry bill	-	-	30.97
Wesleyan Methodist Pub. Ass'n. (Bookstand)	-	-	126.62
Cabin Rent	-	-	36.00
Cook salary, Mrs. DeHaviland, Brother Robbins	-	-	110.00
Groceries, Milk, Water, etc. for Kitchen	-	-	447.07
Hauling, buying, etc.	-	-	14.00
Camp Meeting ad. in "Sunflower"	-	-	6.00
Mrs. A. T. Reisdorph for service as Matron	-	-	10.00
Mrs. A. L. Mudgett, Ass't Children's Worker	-	-	10.00
Arlene Sheets, Pianist for Camp	-	-	5.00
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Knapp (Camp Workers)	-	-	125.00
Rev. H. K. Sheets (Youth Evangelist)	-	-	150.00
Rev. E. W. Tokley (Camp Evangelist)	-	-	150.00
Rev. E. W. Tokley, for carfare	-	-	25.00
Rev. A. T. Reisdorph Assistance on Salary	-	-	300.00
Rapid City Church, Hall Rent	-	-	96.00
Check exchanges	-	-	1.85

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS - \$2030.27

Total Receipts	-	-	\$2622.39
Total Disbursements	-	-	<u>2030.27</u>

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Book Balance of June 1	-	-	598.78
Book Balance of June 1, 1945	-	-	646.34
Difference	-	-	47.56

REPORT NO. 14, SEE STATISTICAL REPORT

REPORT NO. 15 LIBRARY COMMITTEE

We recommend that our churches take steps to secure a good Church Library, suitable for children and young people.

1. That each Church elect a committee who shall select books of a high moral and spiritual tone.

2. That each Church elect a representative to meet with the local School Board, or officials, to see if credit can be given to our youth on books read from the Church Library.

3. That a good selection of Biography and high class Christian fiction books of a spiritual background be purchased.

A. M. Wiley
J. F. Simpson
Gordon Goodsell

REPORT NO. 16, COMMITTEE ON PIONEER PASTOR'S FUND

Be it resolved:

That we raise a fund by budget assessment of \$1.00 per member of the Church, to be raised to supplement the salaries on new charges of Pastors who will give full time to the charges.

That this money be disbursed to no more charges than can be adequately cared for by the money which comes in.

That the pastor receiving aid from this fund send a monthly statement of salary received on the charge to the Conference Treasurer, who, upon receipt of same shall, by check, make up from this fund any deficit in salary as previously agreed upon by the Missionary Board and the Pastor.

That at any time the Missionary Board feels that the Local

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Church, receiving help from the Fund, fails in its obligations the contract shall be terminated by the Missionary Board.

H. W. Cretsinger
Walter Shook
S. M. Yonally
L. D. Harris
M. L. Kingslien

REPORT NO. 17, PASTORAL RELATIONS

We, your Committee on Pastoral Relations, submit the following relations:

Aberdeen	-	-	-	-	W. J. Leyh and Wife
Almont	-	-	-	-	T. S. Lee
Artesian	-	-	-	-	John Winterburg
Avon	-	-	-	-	A. L. Mudgett
Baker	-	-	-	-	Don Kline
Billings	-	-	-	-	S. J. McIntyre
Bradley	-	-	-	-	In hands of President
Brentford	-	-	-	-	Grace S. Miller
Buffalo and Story	-	-	-	-	S. M. Yonally
Butte	-	-	-	-	William Judkins
Bushnell	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Laura Raymer
Conner	-	-	-	-	John J. Hunter
Flandreau	-	-	-	-	W. O. Howard
Forsyth	-	-	-	-	Thos. Bailie and Wife
Houghton and Britton	-	-	-	-	Duane Janssen
Huron	-	-	-	-	R. J. Sausoman
Ipswich	-	-	-	-	William Ward, Supply
Knobs and Mill Iron	-	-	-	-	In hands of President
Loyalton	-	-	-	-	Lester Bennett
McIntosh	-	-	-	-	In hands of President
Medicine Rocks	-	-	-	-	In hands of President
Mission	-	-	-	-	Minnie Knecht
Mitchell	-	-	-	-	Marvin E. Jones
Mount Vernon	-	-	-	-	Ralph Howard
Mobridge	-	-	-	-	Kenneth Shelley
Northville	-	-	-	-	Lester Myers
Pollock	-	-	-	-	In hands of President
Redfield and Calvary	-	-	-	-	H. W. Cretsinger
Richland	-	-	-	-	William Ward and Wife
Rapid City	-	-	-	-	Arthur Reisdorph
Rollins	-	-	-	-	Ellis Sollie

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Strool	-	Earl Fessenden
Sturgis and Vale	-	Mrs. Elizabeth Traver
Watertown	-	Gordon Goodsell and Wife
Webster	-	In hands of President
Watford City and Johnson Corners	-	L. D. Harris
Supply Baptist Church, Norbeck	-	Don Gerriets
Supply Wesleyan Church, Enid, Oklahoma	-	W. C. Brannon and Wife
Supply Methodist Church, Cleveland, N. D.	-	A. M. Wiley
Chaplain, U. S. Army	-	Rufus Reisdorph
Conference President	-	J. F. Simpson
General W. H. & F. M. S. President	-	Ruby Reisdorph
Missionary Work: J. E. Spry, Elvie Turner, Isla Knight, Leslie Smith, Ralph Helle, Romeo Baronia, Pauline Eisenbeis, W. H. Nieuwenhuis Emil Hansen, Audrey Olson, Bennie Veeder and wife, Robert Bateman, Markus Johnson, Archie Buell, Richard O'Connor, Walter Simpson, George Gore, Wilbur Drown and wife, Marion Koth.		
American Sunday School Union: L. L. Knapp, Chester Reed, Otto Jensen.		
Theological School, Marion	-	Thomas Hersey
Teaching at Miltonvale Wesleyan College	-	Wesley Knapp
Teaching at Tabor, Iowa	-	George Robbins
Unstationed Elder	-	C. K. Thompson
Missionary Evangelist	-	W. W. Jeffers
General Evangelists	-	W. D. Shelor, Kenneth Knapp

REPORT NO. 18, MISSIONARY BOARD

The Missionary Board was called to order by the Conference President, Rev. J. F. Simpson.

We recommend the following appropriations:

That \$10.00 per month be continued to Rev. C. K. Thompson from the Superannuated Minister's Fund.

That \$250.00 be paid by Conference Treasurer on Rapid City Church lumber bill.

That the payment of \$10.33 monthly be continued to the Forsyth, Montana, Church.

That the Conference Treasurer send \$10.00 monthly to the Watertown Church to apply on a note.

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That the Conference President's salary be \$35.00 per week, with \$15.00 per month toward house rent, and travelling expenses.

That the payment of \$25.00 monthly on Rapid City note be continued.

That the balance of \$5.48 on Loan number Three from Super-annuated Minister's Fund to Conference be paid, and that \$100.00 on Loan number Two be paid to the above-mentioned Fund.

That the Conference Treasurer pay \$15.00 monthly to the Flaudreau Church on parsonage rent.

That we recommend that the Camp Meeting Board take steps to secure funds for Church Extension, and that the pastors who are devoting their time to a building program be given consideration, as well as evangelistic campaigns in home Mission territory.

COMMITTEE: J. F. Simpson, S. J. McIntyre, Mrs. W. J. Leyh, R. J. Sausoman, Chas. W. Reisdorph.

CONFERENCE STANDING RULES AND RESOLUTIONS

FINANCIAL PLAN FOR CONFERENCE WORK

Money for Conference Fund shall be obtained by each Church (local) paying 7½% of all money raised for all purposes, this to include local treasury, Sunday School, W. H. & F. M. S., W. Y. P. S., and Y. M. W. B., with the exception of finance for building and repairs. One-third of this Fund shall be used for Church extension within the boundaries of the Dakota Conference, and the balance, two-thirds, shall constitute the regular Conference Fund.

This amount is to be sent to the Conference Treasurer once a month.

The amount for Railroad Expense is \$9.00 per charge, and it is requested that this amount be sent to the Conference Treasurer by August 1, 1945.

BY-LAWS

The Conference President, the Presidents of Conference W. H. & F. M. S., W. Y. P. S., The Camp Meeting Treasurer, and the Pastor of the Aberdeen Church are members of the Camp Meeting Board by virtue of office.

The Local Church File, presented by Wilbur Drown, is to be left with the local church by the out-going pastor so that the incoming pastor will have the data contained there-in provided immediately

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upon his arriving on the new field. This file is to be open to the inspection of the members of the local church.

The Emergency Extension Fund is sanctioned by the Conference, but it is understood that the plan is not obligatory. This Fund is secured by the pastors sending one-half their tithe each month to the Conference Treasurer, indicating that the amount sent in is for the Emergency Extension Fund.

Characters of pastors will NOT be passed unless the Superannuated Minister's Fund has been raised on their Charge.

All churches will be instructed at the beginning, and again at the close of the Conference year regarding their obligations to the Conference, relative to the Budget askings and amount due on Budget.

All officers hold office until the close of the Conference sessions in which they are retired.

All treasurers of the separate Funds are instructed to close their books seven days before the date of the opening of Conference.

The Conference Secretary is to be paid \$10.00, and allowed \$5.00 for stenographic help, each year. The Conference Treasurer is to receive \$10.00 each year for his labors.

No person shall receive Ordination, in the future in the Dakota Conference who does not intend to engage in definite Christian work.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND

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

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

The Secretary-Treasurer shall make four assessments each year, or more if emergencies arise, in the following manner: Each Minister on the Conference Roll shall be assessed one dollar on due notice from the Secretary, except when 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, upon the receipt of the worthiness of the case, pay out of the Treasury forty percent of the amount of the actual expense incurred, provided the expense is more than twenty dollars, and further provided that no payment

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shall exceed fifty dollars to any one family during the Conference year, possible exceptions being made in extreme cases with the approval of the Conference President, his advisory Board, and the Treasurer of the Ministerial Relief Fund. (Normal maternity cases excepted.)

In case of death the maximum of \$100.00 will be paid the beneficiaries. The assessment in such an instance shall be one dollar.

Members who are delinquent in the payment of the last two assessments prior to claims for help, shall be ineligible. In case one is delinquent in 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 charge.

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 the fund.

BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

Foreign Missions	\$2.00 per member
Home Missions	1.00 per member
Education	.25 per member
Orphanage	.25 per member
Superannuated Ministers Fund	.52 per member

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS

A. M. Wiley	Term expires 1948
S. J. McIntyre	Term expires 1947
Gordon Goodsell	Term expires 1946
S. M. Yonally	Term expires 1949

List of books and examiners:

Gordon Goodsell:

First year — Study of Bible by Books, Sell; and applied Business English.

Second Year — Bible and Homiletics, Kearns.

Third Year — Bible and Christian Evidences.

Fourth Year — Bible and Bible Geography.

S. J. McIntyre:

First year — Roberts Rules of Order.

Second Year — How to prepare Expository Sermon, Knott.

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Third Year — System of General Ethics.

Fourth Year — Psychology.

A. M. Wiley:

First Year — Theological Compend, Perfect Love.

Second Year — Teacher Training, Theology.

Third Year — Theology.

Fourth Year — Theology.

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

S. M. Yonally:

First Year — Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.

Second Year — Philosophy of Plan of Salvation.

Third Year — Church History, System of Christian Evidence.

Fourth Year — Church History, and All About the Bible.

(Books in the course on which examination is to be taken may be secured from the Examiner. The books in the Reading Course may be secured by writing to the Conference Secretary, Rev. Marvin E. Jones, 623 North Sanborn St., Mitchell, S. D. A fee of ten cents for postage will be charged on any of these books.)

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1914-1915

Charges	Item I Pastor's Labors										Item II Periodicals									
	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Wesleyan Missionaries Taken	Wesleyan Youths taken	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Charts	Pupil's Lesson Stories with Hand Work	Bible Lesson Stories With Hand Work
Aberdeen	12	1	1	25	19	12	50	25	30	12	40	17	35	25	11	40	7	1	13	13
Almont	12	1	1	9	7	10	15	4	4	5	20	3	3	5	11	5	7	1	13	13
Artesian	12	1	1	11	11	4	18	8	14	5	40	6	2	14	6	5	10	1	13	13
Avon	12	2	1	5	6	3	18	18	7	4	13	6	2	14	6	5	14	1	13	13
Baker	12	1	1	4	12	3	18	10	12	12	12	17	42	6	6	15	5	1	24	20
Billings	12	1	1	20	19	14	45	45	20	13	45	6	17	5	6	15	5	1	24	20
Brentford	12	1	1	7	7	1	8	8	4	2	6	6	17	5	6	6	5	1	24	20
Britton	12	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Buffalo	12	1	1	6	11	7	15	8	12	6	16	10	10	6	6	8	12	6	6	6
Bushnell	12	1	1	3	3	3	8	10	12	2	2	10	10	6	6	6	12	1	1	1
Calvary	12	2	2	3	4	1	4	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	9	9	1	1	1
Butte	12	1	1	4	8	1	20	22	26	3	12	18	18	5	5	10	3	1	12	12
Conner	12	1	1	4	5	3	12	10	10	2	15	18	18	5	5	10	3	1	12	12
Flandreau	11	1	1	7	2	8	8	8	3	4	7	7	7	2	2	10	3	1	1	1
Forsyth	12	1	1	4	6	1	51	40	12	6	10	29	33	15	18	10	1	1	1	1
Houghton	12	1	1	5	9	1	10	3	2	2	10	10	10	3	3	10	1	1	1	1
Huron	9	3	1	3	3	3	18	12	14	4	14	10	12	14	14	14	5	1	12	12
Ipswich	12	1	1	5	5	12	36	10	5	5	50	10	8	5	5	10	5	1	5	5
Johnson Corners	12	1	1	15	18	14	24	25	20	10	40	3	10	5	5	15	6	1	5	5
Knobs & Mill Iron	12	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Loyalton	12	1	1	2	9	1	25	15	10	4	35	10	10	6	1	25	8	1	1	1
McIntosh	12	1	1	6	6	3	15	3	3	4	18	6	6	6	6	10	4	1	4	4
Medicine Rocks	12	1	1	6	6	3	12	7	7	5	7	6	6	6	6	10	10	1	1	1
Mission	12	1	1	12	17	14	45	25	12	12	50	18	18	8	8	8	8	1	15	10
Mitchell	12	1	1	4	11	1	18	12	15	3	10	8	12	6	6	6	6	1	15	10
Mobridge	12	2	1	2	4	1	9	8	5	5	22	4	4	5	5	5	5	1	4	4
Mount Vernon	12	1	1	7	8	1	15	5	5	5	20	5	5	3	5	5	5	1	3	3
Northville	12	1	1	7	8	1	15	5	5	5	20	5	5	3	5	5	5	1	3	3
Pollock	12	1	1	1	7	1	25	15	25	7	30	8	18	15	15	10	15	1	15	15
Rapid City	12	1	1	10	15	7	29	17	8	7	35	8	11	12	12	8	8	1	1	1
Redfield	12	1	1	12	20	13	40	18	12	12	45	10	12	12	12	20	15	1	1	1
Richland	12	1	1	8	4	6	20	12	20	5	5	9	12	12	12	10	12	1	12	12
Watertown	12	1	1	13	19	6	25	25	20	5	30	12	15	15	15	15	20	1	1	1
Watford City	12	1	1	13	19	6	25	25	20	5	30	12	15	15	15	15	20	1	1	1
Webster	12	1	1	13	19	6	25	25	20	5	30	12	15	15	15	15	20	1	1	1
TOTALS	364	36	34	221	279	141	656	401	349	160	681	207	303	202	44	287	165	11	140	58

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Item III Membership

Charges	Received	Expelled, Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Total Number Lost	No. Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss	Gain	No. Under 14 Yrs. of Age	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Local Preachers	Family Altars	Membership	Tithing
Aberdeen	6	12	1	4	17	102	91	11	2	8	19	34					
Almont			1	1	2	27	25	2									
Artesian	2		1		1	46	47		1	3	3						
Avon	2	4		3	7	23	18	5									
Baker	1				1	33	32	1									
Billings	12	3	2	2	7	97	102		5	8	20						
Bradley						16	16										
Brentford		1		1	2	22	20	2		1							
Britton						21	18	3		2							
Buffalo	4	1		6	7	11	11										
Bushnell						11	11		3	1							
Butte	3					11	14			5							
Calvary						15	15		3								
Conner						11	11			3							
Flandreau						8	8										
Forsyth						13	13			3							
Houghton						26	26										
Huron						32	32										
Ipswich	5		1		1	55	59		4			3					
Johnson Corners			1	2	3	67	64	3									
Knobs & Mill Iron						14	14										
McIntosh						10	10										
Medicine Rocks		4				21	17	4									
Mission				1	1	10	9	1				1					
Mitchell	3		3	4	7	80	76	4		2			1				
Mobridge	6		1		1	13	18		5	2							
Mount Vernon	3			1	1	13	15		2	2							
Northville				1	1	50	49	1			5		1				
Pollock						5	5										
Rapid City			1			16	15	1									
Redfield	8			3	3	52	57		5	6	6	1					
Richland	12	26	1	1	27	68	53	15		3		2					
Watertown						21	21					10					
Watford City	4					45	49		4	11		2					
Webster						7	7										
TOTALS	70	51	14	30	95	1061	1036	54	29	36	35	46	2	16	117	413	

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Item IV Sunday Schools

Charges	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers	Whole No. of Teachers	Whole No. of Scholars	Total No. in Main School	Average Attendance	No. Scholars in Home Dept.	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	No. Scholars Converted	No. of Scholars Joining Church	No. of Departmental Supts.	No. in Teacher Training Classes	No. of Organized Classes	No. of Books in Library	Enrollment of D. V. B. S.	Average Attendance at D. V. B. S.	No. of W. Y. P. Societies	Total Membership of Societies
Aberdeen ..	1	8	10	141	159	106		26	185	6	2	2			255			1	15
Almont ..	1	1	4	22	35	16	20	15	70						40	13	13	1	11
Artesian ..	1	1	4	45	56	40			56	4	4							1	11
Avon ..	1	1	4	36	47	27		5	52			1		4				1	18
Baker ..	1	5	5	43	48	31			48	1								1	8
Billings ..	1	13	13	146	166	101	6	29	201		3	2			60			1	14
Brentford ..	1	3	3	19	25	16			25	1					30			1	
Britton ..	1	1	5	32	40	26		8	48										
Buffalo ..	1	1	2	26	30	20			30									1	10
Bushnell ..	1	1	7	67	77	50		20	97	3	2	1							
Butte ..	1	1	2	7	11	9			11										
Calvary ..	1	1	5	39	48	23	5	11	64	2		2			55				
Conner ..	1	1	5	10	15	12			15										
Flandreau ..	1	1	7	51	63	48	67	15	145			3							
Forsyth ..	1	1	7	30	37	25		5	30			3		4	18	18	18		
Houghton ..	1	1	5	34	46	27			46					5					
Huron ..	1	2	6	50	58	42	3	10	71		1	2			20	16	14	1	14
Ipswich ..	1	4	10	56	70	44												1	26
Johnson Cor.	1	8	4	55	67	45			67							26	22		
Kn'bs, M'lln	1	1	1																
Loyalton ..	1	5	4	26	35	20			35			1		4	100			1	9
Med. Rocks.	1	2	4	26	32	18			34							11	10		
Mission ..	1	11	9	86	106	82			114			3			32			1	20
Mitchell ..	2	4	4	53	59	34		22	81			1							
Mobridge ..	1	4	3	22	29	17			29	3	3				29				
Mt. Vernon ..	1	5	6			28						2							
Northville ..	1	1						14	70										
Pollock ..	1	6	5	56	67	37		14	70										
Rapid City ..	1	3	5	57	65	46		8	73	15	8				40	20	15	1	23
Redfield ..	1	3	6	69	78	51			78	10	12	1			6	25	19	1	18
Richland ..	1	3	5	62	70	43		9	79						35	30		1	7
Watertown ..	1	4	5	67	76	53			76										
Watford C'ty	1																		
Webster ..	1																		
TOTALS	31	144	158	1406	1696	1127	101	215	1930	56	37	24	...	23	679	164	141	14	204

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Item V Church Property

Charges	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash, or Other Values on hand
Aberdeen	1	\$12000		\$6000	1	\$5000		\$3000	
Almont	1	4600							
Artesian	1	1200			1	1000	278	1500	
Avon	1	5000		2500	1	1000		1000	
Baker	1	2500	400		1	2500	1350		
Billings	1	12000		8000	1	5000		3000	2098
Brentford	1	750							
Britton	1	500	400	1000					1187
Buffalo	1	3500		1500	1	2500	1326	1800	
Bushnell	1	1300			1	500			
Butte	1	10000		1000					
Calvary	2	850			1	1800	750	1500	535
Conner	1	4000			1	2500			
Flandreau	1	4500	278	2500					
Forsyth	1	3950		2500	1	1200		500	182
Houghton	1	3000							26
Huron	1	3200		2000					1450
Ipswich	1	2750							895
Johnson Corners	1								
Knobs & Mill Iron	1	3000		3000	1				
Loyalton	1	2000			1	1500			
Medicine Rocks	1	1200			1	1000	500		
Mission	1	5000		1500	1	4000	1295	3000	177
Mitchell	3	1200			1	1800	1850		371
Mobridge	1	1000	700						92
Mount Vernon	1	2500		4000	1	1000		1000	700
Northville	1	2500							
Pollock	1	9000	3500	4000	1	1200	250	1000	
Rapid City	1	4000		2500	1	750		750	66
Redfield	1	3500			1	2500			
Richland	1	8000	800	3000	1				200
Watertown	1	2500			1	1000			247
Watford City									
Webster									
TOTALS	34	\$121000	\$6078	\$45000	22	\$39750	\$7599	\$18050	\$8226

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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	\$1665	\$400	\$45	\$95	\$2205
Almont	850	200	18	90	1158
Artesian	1089	120	30	54	1293
Avon	863	108	20	410	1401
Baker	834	200	15	150	1199
Billings	1895	300	108	198	2501
Brentford	731	96	.....	101	928
Britton	325	.....	.....	69	394
Buffalo	670	108	18	260	1056
Bushnell	376	96	.....	69	541
Butte	979	200	.....	68	1247
Calvary	284	.....	30	87	401
Conner	720	90	.....	246	1056
Flandreau	800	185	.....	354	1339
Forsyth	478	180	135	50	843
Houghton	705	53	10	167	935
Huron	1264	.....	.....	.....	1264
Ipswich	1200	.....	177	75	1452
Johnson Corners	1040	90	10	50	1190
Knobs & Mill Iron	278	.....	.....	5	283
Loyalton	575	.....	45	75	695
McIntosh .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medicine Rocks	662	50	12	135	859
Mission	427	120	.....	61	608
Mitchell	1560	300	40	176	2076
Mobridge	382	180	55	289	906
Mount Vernon	625	.....	.....	268	993
Northville	735	180	.....	167	1082
Pollock .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rapid City	544	400	.....	40	984
Redfield	1235	96	15	389	1735
Richland	1796	100	.....	313	2210
Watertown	543	300	157	1000
Watford City	1040	90	55	50	1235
Webster
TOTALS	\$27170	\$4242	\$838	\$4818	\$37068

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Item VII Amount Contributed for Church

Charges	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Incidental Expenses	Total for Church
Aberdeen	453	365		575		782	2175
Almont	100	57				70	227
Artesian	184	45		83	122	95	529
Avon	431	81	172			78	762
Baker	22						22
Billings	625	165		1026		406	2222
Brentford	68	15				8	91
Britton	5		150			78	233
Buffalo	69	40		16	188	67	380
Butte	97	111	160	14		276	658
Bushnell	68	36				66	170
Calvary		14				14	28
Conner	120	77	100			43	340
Flandreau	102	22	875			17	1016
Forsyth		218		194	180	173	765
Houghton	57	25		33	53		168
Huron		34	260			41	335
Inswich	211	74	146			98	529
Johnson Corners	185	79		292		207	763
Knobs & Mill Iron							
Loyalton	50	70	812	13		100	1045
McIntosh							
Medicine Rocks	473	37	270	173		32	985
Mission	70	32		135	300	32	569
Mitchell	365	254		274	180	418	1491
Mohrbridge		117	239	207			563
Mount Vernon	57	41			430	12	540
Northville		151		242		186	579
Pollock							
Rapid City		90	1438			277	1805
Redfield	120	295		310		110	835
Richland	175	137		72		217	601
Watertown	30	50	665		400	100	1245
Watford City	245	68		197		139	649
Webster							
TOTALS	\$4382	\$2800	\$5287	\$3856	\$1753	\$4142	\$22320

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Item VIII The Budgets

Connectional Budget

Conference Budget

Charges	Undivided Budget	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Connectional Sunday School Work	Other Objects	Total Connectional Budget	President's Salary	Conference Work	Conference Missions	Superannuated Minister's Fund	Total Conference Budget	Total Budget
Aberdeen	256	207	49	35	5	5	...	557	20	324	81	32	457	1014
Almont		218	129	74	40	2	...	463	45	174	50	14	283	746
Artesian		165	34	43	5	2	...	249	22	135	7	24	188	437
Avon		55	23	35	10	2	...	125	34	137	...	12	183	308
Baker		172					...	172						172
Billings		360	152	153	28	7	...	700	42	316	274	47	679	1379
Brentford		128	37	35	10	3	...	220	29	178	...	14	221	441
Britton	3	1	10		5		5	24	5	41	...		46	70
Buffalo		89	25	36	14	2	...	166	20	57	...	11	88	254
Bushnell		35	15	5	5	1	...	61	7	52	...	6	65	126
Butte	6	65	57	7	5		...	140	10	66	12	8	96	236
Calvary		11	15	13	5	1	...	45	4	29	...	5	38	83
Conner		20	30	8	5		...	63	35	39	3	6	83	146
Flandreau						5	...	5	9	96	...	2	107	112
Forsyth		66	13	8	5	3	...	95	21	65	...	7	93	188
Houghton	7	206	53	157	8	2	...	433	25	139	...	17	181	614
Huron	10	21	51				...	82	8	81	...	14	103	185
Ipwich	73	137	100	79	5		...	394	10	302	...	5	317	711
Johnson Corners		327	180	101	25	4	...	637	75	482	...	36	593	1230
Knobs & Mill Iron	26	79		12	19		...	136		18	...		18	154
Loyalton		98					...	98	23	10	...		33	131
McIntosh							...				...
Mission		30	28	21	4	2	...	85	10	19	...	9	38	123
Medicine Rocks	10	716	134	40	26	1	...	927	25	137	...	9	171	1098
Mitchell	21	150	129	131	19	5	...	455	51	464	...	39	554	1009
Mobridge		96	88	30	20	4	...	238		79	12	10	101	339
Mount Vernon		36	18	27	5		...	86	12		...	9	21	107
Northville	15	33	120	10		3	...	181	37	134	...	7	178	359
Pollock							...				...
Rapid City		15	27	5	5		...	52		30	...		30	82
Redfield		100	50	75	13	3	...	241	20	133	...	26	179	420
Richland	225	211	189	35	26	27	...	713	12	237	...	28	277	990
Watertown		50	29	31	5	3	...	118	15	66	20	11	112	230
Watford City		256	135	69	25	4	...	489	75	202	140	23	440	929
Webster									
TOTALS	\$652	\$4153	\$1920	\$1275	\$347	\$91	\$12	\$8450	\$701	\$4242	\$599	\$431	\$5973	\$14423

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Item IX Totals

Charges	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for all Purposes
Aberdeen	\$2205	\$2175	\$1014	\$416	\$5810
Almont	1158	227	746	551	2682
Artesian	1293	529	437	148	2407
Avon	1401	762	308	55	2526
Baker	1199	22	172	.....	1393
Billings	2501	2222	1379	505	6607
Brentford	928	91	441	.....	1460
Britton	394	233	70	.....	697
Buffalo	1056	380	254	228	1918
Bushnell	541	170	126	18	855
Butte	1247	658	236	152	2293
Calvary	401	28	83	.....	512
Conner	1056	340	146	52	1594
Flandreau	1339	1016	112	19	2486
Forsyth	843	765	188	64	1860
Houghton	935	168	614	66	1783
Huron	1264	335	185	30	1814
Ipswich	1452	529	711	154	2847
Johnson Corners	1190	763	1230	200	3383
Knobs & Mill Iron	283	.....	154	.....	437
Loyalton	695	1045	131	.....	1871
McIntosh .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medicine Rocks	859	985	1098	85	3027
Mission	608	569	123	13	1313
Mitchell	2076	1311	1009	156	4552
Mobridge	906	563	339	8	1816
Mount Vernon	993	540	107	6	1646
Northville	1082	579	359	51	2071
Pollock .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rapid City	584	1805	82	89	2560
Redfield	1735	835	420	.....	2990
Richland	2210	601	990	189	3990
Watertown	1000	1245	230	23	2497
Watford City	1235	649	929	213	3026
Webster
TOTALS	\$36669	\$22140	\$14423	\$3491	\$76723

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Sandstone — President, Mrs. Howard Mosholder, Keene, N. D.; Secretary, Miss Edna M. Wheeler, Keene, N. D.

Watertown — President, Mrs. J. Alexander, 1211 West Kemp, Watertown, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. N. Goodsell, 10th St. S. W., Watertown, S. D.

Watford City — President, Mrs. L. D. Harris, Watford City, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Olaf Muri, Watford City, N. D.

DELEGATES

Aberdeen — Mrs. Margaret Hollingsworth.

Almont — Mrs. Martin Peterson.

Artesian — Elvie Turner.

Avon — Mrs. Katie Hayward.

Baker — Ethel Enos.

Billings — Mrs. Frank Kilzer.

Brentford — Mrs. Ben Fey.

Britton — Mrs. Nellie Sausoman.

Buffalo — Mrs. Mabel Yonally.

Bushnell — Mrs. Laura Raymer.

Butte — Mrs. Marion Cretsinger.

Calvary — Mrs. Larew.

Conner — None.

Cresbard — Beatrice Bowers.

Flandreau — Pauline Howard.

Forsyth — Mrs. Fern Squire.

Houghton — Mrs. L. Griffith.

Huron — Mrs. Sausoman.

Ipswich — Mrs. Della Hodson.

Johnson Corners — Ruth Klamm.

Knobs — Mrs. Blaser.

Medicine Rocks — Janet Clocksene.

Mission — Miss Minnie Knecht.

Mitchell — Mrs. Frances McGovern.

Mobridge — Mrs. Clara Goins.

Northville — Mrs. Dorothy Nultemeier.

Rapid City — Mrs. Ed. Hildebrandt.

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Redfield — Mrs. John Noot.
Richland — Clara Anderson.
Sandstone — Alice Jones.
Watertown — Mrs. Louise Goodsell.
Watford City — Mrs. L. L. Smith.
Mrs. Ellis.
Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph.
Mrs. Ellis Sollie.
Mrs. Katherine Drown.
Mrs. E. Traver.
Mrs. Elsie Ward.
Mrs. L. Reisdorph.
Mrs. T. S. Lee.
Mrs. H. Harris.
Mrs. Lillian Bailie.
Mrs. S. J. McIntyre.
Mrs. Grace Miller.
Mrs. Erma Brannon.
Mrs. Joyce Mudgett.
Mrs. W. D. Shelor.
Mrs. Viola Leyh.
Mrs. Marvin Jones.

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Daily Proceedings

Wednesday 9:15 a. m.

Opening — Following united singing by the group, we were led in the opening devotions by Mrs. Miller of Brentford, speaking from the words, "Come", "Tarry" and "Go", based on New Testament passages. Words of greetings were then extended to the group by our General President, Mrs. Reisdorph. The fortieth session of the W. H. and F. M. S. of the Dakota Conference was called to order by the presiding officer, Mrs. Viola Leyh.

Credentials — Miss Ruth Klamm appointed Committee on Credentials.

Roll Call — Roll was called to which 36 responded.

Conference Body — Motion prevailed that Delegates, Presidents, Pastors' Wives, Y. M. W. B. Superintendents and Lady Ministers constitute the Conference Body.

Bar of Conference — Motion prevailed the first five rows on either side of tabernacle be called the Bar of Conference.

Election — A Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Sausoman, Mrs. Traver, Mrs. Mudgett, Mrs. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Cretsinger.

Adjournment — Adjourned by motion to give time for Nominating Committee to compile their report.

Wednesday, 11:00 a. m.

Call to Order — Called to order by President.

Report — Report of Nominating Committee read and accepted (See Report No. 1).

Election — Election of Committees was made as reported by Nominating Committee.

Courtesies — Mrs. Yonally of Buffalo introduced to body by Courtesy Committee and spoke a few words of greeting and testimony.

By Motion — Mrs. Sausoman was elected to act as delegate from Huron.

Adjournment — Adjourned to meet again at one o'clock.

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Wednesday, 1:00 p. m.

Opening — Following opening songs, devotions were led by Mrs. Elsie Ward.

By Motion — Beatrice Bowers was elected to act as delegate from Cresbard.

Report — Orders of the Day gave partial report and it was accepted as read.

Orders of the Day — Orders of Day called for reading of local reports, the following reports being given: Aberdeen, Artesian, Avon, Baker, Billings, Britton, Buffalo, Butte, Calvary, Conner, Cresbard, Houghton, Huron, Ipswich, Johnson Corners, Medicine Rocks, Mission, Mitchell, Mobridge, Northville, Redfield, Richland, Sandstone, Watertown, Watford City, Forsyth.

Correspondence — A letter and report of the travels in the Dakota Conference by Miss Hazel Jones read by Secretary.

Appointment — By common consent, Mrs. Harris was appointed by chair as Wesleyan Missionary Solicitor.

By Motion — Mrs. Mudgett was elected to take the place of Miss Howard, resigned, as second member of the Statistical Committee.

Adjournment — Adjourned to meet at call of chair.

Public Missionary Meeting — Wednesday, 8:00 P. M.

With Ronald Brannon officiating at the piano, Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph led the group in congregational singing. Following prayer by Rev. Simpson, Rev. and Mrs. Sausoman brought a special number in song, "Tell the Sweet Story Today". Mrs. Leyh introduced the speakers of the evening, the first being Rev. Arthur Calhoun of Ohio who brought a stirring message from Acts 1:4-11, emphasizing four subjects — The Missionary and his Call; The Missionary and his Divine Equipment; The Missionary and his Message and the Missionary and the Impelling Urge. Mrs. Reisdorph, General President, introduced Miss Ruth Bixler from Mitchell who in September will sail for Africa to be engaged in our educational work there. Miss Bixler spoke a few words. Following, Rev. Birch, our Connectional Representative, gave a missionary address, covering our three fields, basing his thoughts on 2nd Samuel 5:23-24. An offering and pledges were taken in the amount of \$1047.63, to be divided equally between conference, Home and Foreign Missions, unless otherwise specified. Mrs. Hyde of Almont dismissed us in prayer.

Thursday, 9:30 a. m.

Opening — Led in singing by Mrs. Drown. Following some in-

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spiring testimonies of healing, a period of intercession was spent in behalf of Mrs. Bennet and Mrs. Myers who were ill. Roll was called to which 33 responded. Minutes read and approved.

Report — Partial report of Orders of the Day read and accepted as read.

Orders of the Day — Orders of the Day called for a report by Mrs. Leyh of the Quadrennial District Convention held at Enid, Oklahoma, May 31 — June 3.

Courtesies — Mrs. Reisdorph, General President, presented by Courtesy Committee and spoke briefly to the body concerning missionary work, both general and local. Rev. Birch presented to body and addressed the same, after which time was given for any questions desiring to be answered.

Adjournment — Adjourned with prayer.

Thursday, 2:45 p. m.

Opening — Following a group song, prayer was offered by Mrs. Raymer. A mixed quartet composed of Ronald Brannon, Frances Drown, Oleta Leyh and Gerald Walters, rendered a special number in song entitled, "Seeking the Lost".

Equipping our Missionary — A shower was given to Ruth Bixler, our out-going missionary this fall, to aid in equipping her for her work on the field. Every society responded with a generous gift for her.

Report — Auditing Committee report read and accepted. (See Report No. 3).

Report — Resolutions Committee report read and accepted. (See Report No. 5).

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

Report — Treasurer's Report read and accepted with grateful thanks. (See Report No. 4).

Report — President's Report read and accepted. (See Report No. 7).

Card Call Plan — A discussion of the card call plan followed, with the President urging the societies to cooperate in this worthy project.

Local Reports — The remaining local reports were read: Flaudreau, Brentford and Rapid City.

Adjournment — Adjourned by prayer.

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Friday, 10:15 a. m.

Opening — Led in song by Mrs. Cretsinger. A prayer of intercession was offered in behalf of Sisters Bennet, Myers and Ralph Howard who were ill. Mrs. Brannon of Billings led the devotions of the morning. Roll was called to which 34 responded. Minutes read and approved.

Report — Orders of the Day Committee read complete report and it was accepted. (See Report No. 2).

Report — Statistical Committee read their report and it was accepted with thanks. (See Report No. 9).

Orders of the Day — Orders of the Day called for a program in the interests of the Y. M. W. B., led by the Conference Superintendent, Mrs. Louise Goodsell.

Instructions to Secretary — Motion prevailed that letters of greetings be sent from the body by the Secretary to Mrs. Spry, Shelley, Myers, Winterberg, Helle, Simpson, A. Buell, Hunter.

Remembrances — After some discussion, by common consent, the President appointed Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. Sausoman as a Committee to purchase and send remembrances to the two ill in the hospital, Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Bennet.

Greetings to Body — Greetings were extended to the body from Mrs. Spry through Sister Larson. Also from Mrs. Bennie Veeder through Sister Harris, and by Mrs. Young through Sister Blaser.

Adjourned — By Motion.

Friday, 3:00 p. m.

Opening — Following a song, Mrs. Bailie led us in prayer. Minutes were read and approved.

Appointment — By common consent, Mrs. Bailie and Alice Jones were appointed tellers for the election.

Orders of the Day — Orders of the Day called for election of officers which resulted in the following officers being elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Viola Leyh; Vice-President, Mrs. S. J. McIntyre; Secretary, Mrs. LaVerne Jones; Treasurer, Mrs. Blanche Larson; Y. M. W. B. Superintendent; Mrs. Louise Goodsell.

Presentation — The presentation of a farewell gift was made to Mrs. Brannon by Mrs. McIntyre, following which "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" was sung in unison.

Motion — Motion made and seconded that the W. H. & F. M. S. assume two-thirds of the support of Ruth Bixler, out-going missionary.

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Motion — Motion prevailed that the above matter be referred to the Executive Board who will confer with the Young People's Executive Board; the Society willing to abide by the final decision reached. (See Report No. 8).

Election — The following District Organizers were elected: Southern District, Mrs. Joyce Mudgett; Aberdeen District, Mrs. Elsie Ward; Northwest District, Mrs. Yonally.

Assessment — Motion prevailed that the payment of ten cents per member for the cleaning of the camp buildings for the coming year be continued.

Home Mission Information — The Artesian Society presented a scrap book from their Society which held pictures of Zion's Hill Mission and its workers, which they desired to share with the other societies; anyone desiring to look it through could secure it for that purpose.

Election — Following a brief discussion of the possibilities of a permanent conference year-around magazine solicitor, Mrs. M. Jones was elected to this office, to push the magazine subscriptions throughout the year.

Adjournment — Adjourned at the call of the chair.

Special Meeting, Saturday, June 16, 1:00 p. m.

Uniform Programs — Uniform programs which have been prepared for the societies throughout the connection, were introduced, and discussed. It was believed they would be ready for ordering by the latter part of July. The Societies were urged to give them a trial.

Dormitory — The new dormitory which will be raised upon the camp-grounds this year will call for many beds. Also curtains, sheets, pillowcases, quilts, pillows etc. The societies were urged to contribute generously.

Appointment — Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Ward appointed a Committee to take care of curtains for the new building.

Adjourned.

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Reports of Committees

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, wish to submit, the following report:

Statistical — Mrs. Harriet Harris, Mrs. Pauline Howard.

Auditing — Miss Alice Jones, Miss Clara Anderson.

Orders of the Day — Mrs. Viola Leyh, Mrs. Blanche Larson, Mrs. Grace Miller, Mrs. Frank Kilzer, Mrs. Louise Goodsell.

Resolutions — Mrs. Mabel Yonally, Mrs. Katherine Drown, Mrs. Elsie Ward.

Courtesies — Mrs. Joyce Mudgett.

Plan of Work — Mrs. Erma Brannon, Mrs. Aurel Lee, Mrs. Lillian Griffith.

News Reporter — Miss Elvie Turner.

Signed: Mrs. Nellie Sausoman

Mrs. Elizabeth Traver

Mrs. Joyce Mudgett

Mrs. Margaret Hollingsworth

Mrs. Marion Cretsinger

Report No. 2

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Wednesday afternoon, local reports. Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, Public meeting, speakers, the Rev Arthur Calhoun and the Rev. F. R. Birch. Thursday morning, Rev. Mrs. Viola Leyh, our President, will report on the District Missionary Convention, followed by an address to the group by Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, General President of the W. H. & F. M. S., and the Rev. F. R. Birch, Foreign Missionary Secretary. Thursday afternoon, the presentation of gifts to Ruth Bixler, out-going missionary and Reports of Committees. Friday morning, the interests of the Y. M. W. B. presented by the Superin-

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tendent, Rev. Mrs. Louise Goodsell. Friday afternoon, Election of officers at 2:30 o'clock. Friday also to be observed as "Tag Day".

Signed: (Rev.) Mrs. Viola Leyh
Mrs. Blanche Larson
(Rev.) Mrs. Grace S. Miller
Mrs. Dora Kilzer
(Rev.) Mrs. Louise Goodsell

Report No. 3

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the Treasurer's book, and it is correct.

Signed: Alice Jones
Clara Anderson

Report No. 4

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary Report for the Year 1944-1945

Cash on hand at beginning of year	-	-	\$ 64.48
Received from all sources	-	-	6822.46
Total	-	-	\$6886.94
Disbursed	-	-	6751.64
Balance on Hand	-	-	\$ 135.30

Signed: Blanche A. Larson, Treas.

Report No. 5

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Part of a great war has drawn to a close, while the bloody battle of the Pacific still rages and a great conflict of minds still continues at the Parley of Nations over World Peace. Believing that no true peace is possible apart from Christ, we issue to our faithful women a call to prayer:

Firstly: That as Christians, we humble ourselves before God

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and intercede for our Nation, that as a people we shall confess our sins and call upon God for forgiveness and help.

Secondly: That we surround the men and women of the armed forces with a wall of prayer and that we urge upon our legislators the great need for their protection from vicious and immoral conditions surrounding the Camps.

Thirdly: That tender consideration be extended to the loved ones of those who have made the supreme sacrifice that we might continue to enjoy the blessings of freedom.

Fourthly: That we enter into the "fellowship of His sufferings" with those of like precious faith, throughout the world.

Be it resolved also, that daily intercession be made for our missionaries, native workers and Christians of every land and that the word of God be given free course.

Resolved, that we express our appreciation to our beloved Conference President and Executive Committee, local officers, pastors and wives, whose faithful efforts have made possible the achievements of the past year.

Be it resolved, that we express our deep appreciation to Rev. F. R. Birch, our Foreign Missionary Secretary, for his inspiring and informative messages; also to Rev. Arthur Calhoun for his stirring message in our public service.

Resolved, that we express our thanks to the Triune God for His manifest presence in our midst; To the Camp Meeting Committee and their helpers for the fine hospitality, and excellent meals furnished under present restrictions.

Be it resolved, that we, as women, of the Dakota Conference, purpose in our hearts to be examples of modesty in dress, discreteness in conduct, and Holiness of heart and life; that we seek by precept and example to inspire our children and young people to choose companions, books, radio programs and means of recreation, with Eternal values in view.

Signed: Mrs. Mabel Yonally
Mrs. Elsie Ward
Mrs. Katherine Drown

Report No. 6

PLAN OF WORK

We, the Committee on the Plan of Work, urge each Society to observe at least one night of prayer each month in the Conference

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Prayer Program, also that each local society cooperate with the Connectional Prayer Program, in addition to the following plan of work outlined by the General Conference:

1. Arrange with the pastor for one missionary prayer 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 offerings 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 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% of membership to be subscribers 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. S.
9. Report blanks properly filled out on time.
10. At annual meeting instruct delegate the amount to pledge at Annual 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 20% gain in membership.
15. Money sent to Conference Treasurer on time.
Ten points each.
16. (a) The continued use of "Parliamentary Law at a glance"

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by Utter, as a textbook in parliamentary usage. (5%).

(b) We also recommend that parliamentary drills have a place in the Plan of Work for the local society and be credited in the Standard of Efficiency. (5%).

In conclusion:

1. We would urge that each local society make much of the Prayer Clock and attempt to keep the circle of prayer as complete as possible each month.

2. We recommend that each local society especially remember our service men in prayer and the need of distributing Bibles among them.

3. Likewise, we recommend the reading of the Efficiency Standard quarterly. All societies making a grade of 100 points be placed on the Honor Roll. How will your Society be rated at the Annual Conference Session?

Signed: Mrs. Erma Brannon

Mrs. Aurel Lee

Mrs. Lillian Griffith

Report No. 7

President's Message

Dear Sisters and Friends of the W. H. & F. M. S.:

Greetings!

As I ride along on this fast moving train, I am reminded of the rapid rate of speed at which we are traveling toward the close of life's little race, our earthly labors. Sayeth our Master, "Labor, while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work". Two comrades were on the battlefield together. When the smoke of the battle had cleared away, the one lad found that his buddy had fallen. He said to his commanding officer, "I must find him". He answered, "You are foolish. You likely would be killed". He insisted and went. Stooping over the dying lad, he heard him say, "I knew you would come". Another outburst of shot and shell and he, too, was dragged back within allied lines. As the officer bent over him, he heard him say, "It paid". We are "laborers together with Christ". Can He depend upon us to be faithful? Our task may be small. Faithful attendance at Missionary Meetings; faithfully enlisting others; faithful in prayer. Even a cup of cold water given in the name of a disciple shall not lose its reward.

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FAITHFUL PROMISES

"Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven."
Psalm 119:89

Standing at the portal
Of the opening year
Words of comfort meet us,
Hushing every fear;
Spoken through the silence
By our Father's voice,
Tender, Strong, and faithful
Making us rejoice.

I, the Lord, am with thee,
Be thou not afraid!
I will help and strengthen,
Be thou not dismayed!
Yea, I will uphold thee
With My own right hand;
Thou art called and chosen
In My sight to stand.

For the year before us,
Oh, what rich supplies!
For the poor and needy
Living streams shall rise;
For the sad and sinful
Shall His grace abound;
For the faint and feeble,
Perfect strength be found.

He will never fail us,
He will not forsake;
His eternal covenant
He will never break!
Resting on His promise,
What have we to fear?
God is all sufficient
For the coming year.

Onward then, and fear not,
Children of the day!
For His word shall never,
Never pass away!

Official Business

Engaged Mary Greene Seekins to travel the Conference. When,

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because of illness she cancelled her appointment, we conferred with the Executive Board and extended a call to Miss Hazel Jones.

Accepted an invitation to attend the Missionary Convention of the Southern District at Artesian.

Accepted an invitation to the Home Missions program in Aberdeen.

Organized a Missionary Society at Loyaltan.

Organized a Missionary Society at Flandreau.

Societies visited: Cresbard and Almont.

Other duties and correspondence have been cared for.

Respectfully Submitted,
Viola C. Leyh

Report No. 8

Report of Joint Meeting of Executive Boards

W. Y. P. S. — W. H. & F. M. S.

Called to order. The following action was taken:

Motion prevailed that W. H. & F. M. S. and W. Y. P. S. assume jointly the support of Miss Ruth Bixler for one year, the money to be subscribed on the basis of the membership of the two societies — \$1.08 per member, and that all surplus money be retained in the separate treasuries for specified purposes.

Signed: Mrs. Viola C. Leyh
Mrs. S. J. McIntyre
Mrs. Blanche A. Larson
Mrs. Louise Goodsell
Mrs. LaVerne Jones
Elvie Turner
Rev. Sausoman

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W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Receipts

Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Members Gained	Members Lost	Regular Meetings Held	Special Meetings Held	Do you use Missionary Programs?	No. of "Wesleyan Missionary" Taken	Rank under Efficiency Standard %	Cash on Hand from Last Year	Membership Dues
Aberdeen	29	6		5	24	2	Yes	19	130	\$ 3.12	\$ 35.00
Almont	7	1			12	2	Yes	7			18.00
Artesian	12	12			11	4		13	130	.53	24.00
Avon	10	3			10	2	Yes	6	108	16.80	13.00
Baker	15	1			12	4	Yes	9	110	.57	16.00
Billings	30	14		23	22	8	Yes	19	100	19.37	44.00
Brentford	9	3			12	1	Yes	7		61.13	12.00
Britton	4	2	3		10		Yes	4	70		6.00
Buffalo	13	3	7		10	6	Yes	11	120		16.00
Bushnell	10	2	5		11	3	No	3		16.44	12.00
Butte	9	2		1	10	3	No	8	110	11.06	11.00
Calvary	6	2			12		Yes	6		1.61	8.00
Conner	5	3		3	8	5	No	5	100	.68	8.00
Cresbard	12	1		2	20	1	Yes	6	100		13.00
Flandreau	7	2	9		3		No	2			9.00
Forsyth	6	3			11	1	Yes	6	100		9.00
Houghton	9	4	1		12	1	Yes	9	110	1.51	13.00
Huron	13	7	7		12	2	No	3		3.00	20.00
Ipswich	22	7		6	20	3	No	17	130	8.33	29.00
Johnson Corners	15	5		2	10	2	Yes	10	126	11.52	20.00
Knobs	9	7	9		12	1	Yes	3		8.60	16.00
Medicine Rocks	14	6	3		10	2	Yes	6	120		20.00
Mission								5			
Mitchell	26	16	23		21		Yes	18	150	13.00	42.00
Moabridge	21	5	3		12		No	11		1.22	26.00
Northville	13		2		12	1	Yes	8	100		13.00
Rapid City	37		6		21		Yes	8	93		37.00
Redfield	20	5	2		21	2	Yes	15	130	1.04	25.00
Richland	15	5		1	11	3	Yes	15	114	8.37	20.00
Sandstone	10	3		1	7	1	Yes	8	117	8.79	13.00
Watertown	16	4	15		4	3	Yes	5	65		20.00
Watford City	16	4	4		12	1	Yes	15	145	13.41	20.00
Total	129	140	99	45	395	64		287		\$210.10	\$581.00

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Receipts

Societies	Offerings	Labor	Clothing and Other Gifts To Home Work	Bandages and Other Gifts To Foreign Work	General Conference Delegate Fund	Other Sources	Total
Aberdeen	\$176.50	\$42.20	\$120.00	\$50.40	\$3.50	\$90.76	\$521.48
Almont	127.70		65.00		.80		201.50
Artesian	203.07	10.00	90.00		2.40	20.00	349.00
Avon	155.95				1.30	13.75	200.80
Baker	71.09		50.00				137.66
Billings	277.97				4.40	38.90	387.14
Brentford	295.58						368.71
Britton	15.55					5.00	26.55
Buffalo	114.80		100.00	12.08		23.61	266.49
Bushnell	13.91					24.56	64.91
Butte	116.79		49.85	16.10			204.80
Calvary	116.32						125.93
Conner	26.92		16.00	15.40		10.00	77.00
Cresbard	90.53		50.00			15.00	168.53
Flandreau	12.35			4.50			25.85
Forsyth	61.59		35.00			5.00	110.59
Houghton	73.69		10.00			140.00	238.20
Huron	49.15		23.10				95.25
Ipswich	308.40		50.00				387.40
Johnson Corners	197.81		35.00	115.00	2.00		381.83
Knobs	54.44	1.00	8.50		1.60	40.27	130.41
Medicine Rocks	589.89		41.50	190.00		105.00	946.39
Mission	83.00						83.00
Mitchell	202.74	16.47	50.00			81.00	405.21
Mobridge	80.99	151.10	15.00				274.31
Northville	144.28		10.00	27.51	1.30		196.09
Rapid City	69.86		50.00	5.00		80.00	241.86
Redfield	160.01	11.25	141.75				339.05
Richland	356.68		130.65				511.70
Sandstone	75.93				1.30		99.02
Watertown	98.92				25.00		143.92
Watford City	267.54		37.00				337.95
Total	\$4689.95	\$232.02	\$1178.35	\$471.99	\$43.60	\$692.85	\$8048.53

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Disbursements									
Societies	Undivided	Home — Cash	Home — Clothing and Other Gifts	Hephzibah — Cash	Hephzibah — Provisions	Foreign — Cash	Foreign — Bandages and Other Gifts	Medical Students	Education — Cash
Aberdeen		\$43.45	\$133.60	\$5.00		\$148.25	\$50.40		\$23.00
Almont		17.27	45.00	5.00	20.00	48.45			16.10
Artesian		25.95	90.00	5.00		117.65			25.00
Avon		23.00		10.00		55.07			34.50
Baker		17.00	50.00	5.00		10.00		2.00	5.00
Billings		11.00	75.00	5.00		92.84	40.15		15.00
Brentford	9.04	9.00		10.00		128.00			35.00
Britton		9.83		5.00		.84			
Buffalo		20.00	115.00	13.97		32.47	23.24		25.26
Bushnell		10.00		5.00		30.00			
Butte	6.00	56.53	49.85	5.00		14.44	16.10		7.36
Calvary		26.50		5.00		51.21			13.50
Conner		3.33	16.00	5.00		15.39	15.40		
Cresbard	6.00	12.33	50.00	6.50		18.78		5.00	2.00
Flandreau	10.45					1.35	4.50		
Forsyth	5.00	11.30	35.00	5.00		35.74			2.50
Houghton		13.03	10.00	5.00		183.03			
Huron		20.07	23.20			21.34			
Ipswich	30.00	47.52	50.00	5.00		112.09			35.30
Johnson Corners		40.50	29.00	15.00		140.50	2.50		20.00
Knobs				8.71	10.86	38.23			12.00
Medicine Rocks	10.00	110.30	24.00	8.00	17.50	232.50	6.98		30.00
Mission		28.00		4.00		30.00			21.00
Mitchell		119.23	50.00	18.75		78.18			25.00
Mobridge		101.00		5.00	15.00	95.72		5.00	8.75
Northville		85.14	10.00			27.51			10.00
Rapid City		38.50	50.00	5.00		7.37	5.00		5.50
Redfield		60.95	141.75	10.00		59.78	8.00		5.00
Richland	224.87		130.65	26.00		80.00			15.00
Sandstone		22.39		5.00		24.28	1.85		
Watertown		29.33		5.00		29.33			18.92
Watford City		35.95	37.00	25.00		115.00		20.00	15.00
Total	\$301.36	\$1048.30	\$1215.00	\$240.91	\$63.36	\$2075.34	\$174.12	\$32.00	\$425.69

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Disbursements

Societies	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Conference Fund Including 7% %	General Conference Fund	Cash on Hand	Total
Aberdeen	\$ 2.01	\$ 17.50	\$ 37.34	\$ 51.59	\$ 3.50	\$ 5.84	\$ 521.48
Almont	17.50	4.00	2.80	24.18	.80		201.50
Artesian	20.00	24.00	10.50	27.97	2.40	.53	349.00
Avon	3.50	6.50	16.15	11.92	1.30	38.86	200.80
Baker	22.70	8.00	1.60	13.53	1.60	1.23	137.66
Brentford		44.00	47.43	48.98	4.40	3.34	387.14
Billings	110.55	6.00	10.00	41.00	1.20	8.92	368.71
Britton		3.00	2.27	5.61			26.55
Buffalo	9.61	6.50	8.43	10.17	1.30		266.49
Bushnell		12.00	1.00	5.73		3.18	64.91
Butte	2.75	5.50	14.24	25.69		1.34	204.80
Calvary	1.30	2.50	7.00	16.91		2.02	125.93
Conner	1.25	4.00	9.79	5.87	.80	.17	77.00
Cresbard	9.00	6.50		50.00	1.59		168.53
Flandreau		9.00	.55				25.85
Forsyth	2.17	4.50	1.10	3.12	.90	4.26	110.59
Houghton		6.50	9.08	10.06	.90	.60	238.20
Huron		10.00	13.47	5.17	2.00		95.25
Ipswich	10.85	29.00	5.04	56.48	2.60	3.52	387.40
Johnson Corners	25.00	10.00	24.37	64.08	2.00	10.88	381.83
Knobs		16.00	40.27		1.60	2.82	130.41
Medicine Rocks	13.75		436.40	55.34		1.72	946.39
Misslon							83.00
Mitchell		21.00	53.71	35.03	4.20	.11	405.21
Mobridge		13.00	8.16	19.05	2.60	1.03	274.31
Northville	16.85	6.50	26.99	12.00	1.30		196.09
Rapid City	86.40	18.50	12.51	5.80		7.28	241.86
Redfield	9.75	2.00		33.32	2.50	6.50	339.05
Richland		10.00	5.00			20.18	511.70
Sandstone		6.50	6.11	31.59	1.30		99.02
Watertown	15.00	10.00		34.34	2.00		143.92
Watford City	2.50	10.00	28.44	43.14	2.00	3.92	337.95
Total	\$382.44	\$322.50	\$839.65	\$747.67	\$44.79	\$128.24	\$8048.53

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Y. M. W. B. STATISTICAL REPORT

Societies	Bands					Total
	No. of Members	No. of Meetings Held	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	
Aberdeen	36	20	\$ 43.35	\$ 8.74	\$ 12.09	\$ 64.18
Almont	23	24	71.87	8.09	7.20	87.16
Artesian						
Avon						
Baker						
Billings	25	24	79.88	16.32	15.00	111.20
Britton			3.90			
Brentford						
Buffalo	18	21	56.11	5.00	10.50	71.61
Bushnell	10	17	5.00	5.00		10.00
Butte			45.70			45.70
Calvary						
Conner	23	9	4.53			4.53
Cresbard						
Flandreau						
Forsyth	21	18	27.58			27.58
Houghton	9	12	27.60	2.21	6.65	36.46
Huron						
Ipswich	25	12	48.00	3.00	2.05	53.05
Johnson Corners	19	23	74.22	18.69	37.60	130.51
Knobs						
Medicine Rocks	10		12.00		5.00	17.00
Mission						
Mitchell	45	12	21.96	5.00	5.50	32.46
Mobridge						
Northville	6	7	28.50			28.50
Rapid City			8.00			8.00
Redfield	18	14	86.29			86.29
Richland	20	12	101.32	10.00	10.00	121.32
Sandstone						
Watertown	20		26.00	6.00	12.58	44.58
Watford City	43	44	47.89	10.00	8.50	66.39
Total	371	269	\$819.70	\$98.05	\$132.67	\$1038.52

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Minutes of the Dakota Conference W. Y. P. S.

Tuesday June 12 was observed as Young Peoples Day. Activities of the day began with a 6:30 prayer service. At 9:00 o'clock Rev. George Hilson of Jersey City, N. J. spoke to a capacity crowd in the young people's tabernacle. At the close of this meeting the following nomination committee was elected: Chairman, Rev. John Hunter, Rev. Marvin Jones, Miss Mildred Rist, Miss Olive McGovern, Rev. Dwayne Janssen. Rev. Jones resigned and Miss Ruth Cloud was elected to fill the vacancy.

The annual business session was called to order at 1:30 by the President, Rev. R. J. Sausoman.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Minutes of the Executive Committee were read and adopted.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

A partial report by Southern District Journal Solicitor was given by Rev. Mudgett. The report was adopted.

The nomination committee read its report and it was adopted.

The following were elected:

President — Rev. R. J. Sausoman

Vice-President — Rev. Archie Mudgett

Executive Committee:

Southern District — Elvie Turner

Aberdeen District — Gertrude Holz

Northwest District — Virginia Lee

Wesleyan Youth Solicitor — Rev. Dwayne Janssen

Assistant Solicitors:

Southern District — Rev. Marvin Jones

Aberdeen District — Gerald Wolters

Northwest District — Ruth Klamm

Reporter to Wesleyan Youth — Oleta Leyh

The executive committee read its report and it was adopted.

It was moved and carried to take pledges in this service for Miss Ruth Bixler's support for the coming year.

It was moved to ask Rev. Simpson for a page in the Forward Movement for the W. Y. P. S.

It was moved to amend the motion and ask that the Forward Movement be published quarterly.

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Due to shortness of time it was moved and carried to place these motions in the hand of the executive committee for a decision.

Motion made and carried to adjourn.

Secretary — Elvie Turner

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Joint Executive Committees of W. H. & F. M. S. and W. Y. P. S.

The Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Leyh in the dining hall June 9.

It was moved and carried that the W. H. & F. M. S. assume jointly the support of Miss Ruth Bixler for one year and that all surplus money be retained in the separate treasuries for specified purposes.

Executive Committee W. Y. P. S.

The executive committee of the W. Y. P. S. met in the tabernacle June 11, called to order by the chairman Rev. R. J. Sausoman.

Moved and carried we propose to the W. H. & F. M. S. that the W. Y. P. S. contribute \$250.00 to the joint support of Miss Ruth Bixler.

We recommend to the group that the W. Y. P. S. President and Rev. Jones serve on a committee to formulate a workable plan for a Wesleyan Youth Book Club.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

Meeting was called to order on June 14, by the President, Rev. R. J. Sausoman.

It was moved and carried that Elvie Turner be Secretary and Treasurer for the coming year, her address will be Artesian, South Dakota.

Moved and carried to designate \$25.00 for the sidewalk to the church in Flandreau with the understanding that if this is not enough to pay for materials we will make up the deficit.

Moved and carried that we take a page in the Forward Movement and the Executive Committee decide on a workable plan for financing the project.

Moved and carried that we recommend that each society take an offering for the page in the Forward Movement and send it to the Secretary and Treasurer. Should a deficit occur it will be made up from the W. Y. P. S. treasury.

Said offering to be sent in by September first.

Moved and carried that Rev. R. J. Sausoman be director of the W. Y. P. S. page in the Forward Movement.

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Moved and carried that Young People's Day be the Tuesday of Camp Meeting week.

Moved and carried to send the \$28.66 for Foreign Missions to Rev. F. R. Birch.

Moved and carried to send the \$14.34 for Home Missions to Rev. J. R. Swauger.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

Secretary — Elvie Turner.

TREASURER'S REPORT — 1944-1945

Receipts

Balance carried forward	-	-	-	\$ 43.22
Church Extension	-	-	-	\$201.08
Connectional Dues	-	-	-	95.00
Conference Dues	-	-	-	48.05
General Conference Delegate Fund	-	-	-	14.50
Concrete Floor	-	-	-	55.00
Education	-	-	-	27.60
Foreign Missions	-	-	-	113.66
Home Missions	-	-	-	14.34
Total	-	-	-	\$612.45

Disbursements

Connectional Dues to Rev. Eddy	-	-	\$88.00
Church Extension	-	-	183.93
Education	-	-	27.60
Concrete floor in tabernacle	-	-	55.00
Foreign Missions	-	-	70.00
Stencil letters	-	-	10.76
Postage, check exchange, etc.	-	-	3.48
Total	-	-	438.77
Money on hand	-	-	173.68
Balance	-	-	\$612.45