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of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America

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The Woman's Missionary Society,
Wesleyan Youth

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Held at Belvidere, Illinois,
August 1 through 3, 1957.

Rev. Arthur L. Bray, President.

Rev. Daren C. Durey, Secretary.

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General Information.

Conference Fiscal Year closes July 15, 1958; Local Church Fiscal Year closes June 30; All budgets should be paid monthly or in advance. Final remittances to the conference treasurers must be postmarked not later than July 5.

Where to send funds:

- (a) For General and Conference Budgets, including Sunday School budgets and Camp Meeting pledges --
Rev. Roy E. Crawford, 303 S. Pleasant St., Princeton, Illinois.
- (b) For Pension Fund Budget --
Rev. Stanley A. Hill, Box 62, Wyandot, Illinois
- (c) For special Denominational Sunday School offerings --
Rev. R. D. Reisdorph, Houghton, New York
- (d) For W.M.S. --
Mrs. Irene Olander, 875 N. Farnham, Galesburg, Illinois
- (e) For Y.M.W.B. --
Mrs. Mildred Wallace, Box 128, Wyandot, Illinois
- (f) For Wesleyan Youth --
Mrs. Ida Craker, 722 N. Parkside Ave., Chicago 44, Illinois
- (g) For Card Call --
Rev. Harold K. Sheets, 124 W. 39th St., Marion, Indiana

Camp Meeting and Conference Dates:

Conference convenes 1:30 p.m., Thursday, July 31, 1958; closes Saturday, August 2. Camp Meeting begins Sunday, August 3, 1958, continues through Sunday, August 10.

1957 -- 1958 Organization
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OFFICERS

President	-- Rev. A. L. Bray, 5231 W. Ferdinand St., Chicago 44, Ill.
Vice President	-- Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, 1406 School St., Rockford, Ill.
Secretary	-- Rev. D. C. Durey, 351 Robert St., Creve Coeur, Ill.
Treasurer	-- Rev. Roy Crawford, 303 S. Pleasant St., Princeton, Ill.
Treasurer, Pension Plan Fund	-- Rev. S. A. Hill, Box 62, Wyanet, Illinois.
Illinois Trustee, Marion College	-- Rev. A. L. Bray, Chicago, Illinois.
Alternate Trustee	-- Rev. C. E. Olander, Galesburg, Illinois.
Educational Secretary	-- Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Sunday School Secretary	-- Rev. W. D. Craker, Chicago, Illinois.
Director of Child Evangelism	-- Mrs. Wm. H. Dyer, Rockford, Illinois.
Tithing Secretary	-- Rev. C. C. McCarty, Sheffield, Illinois.
Wesleyan Men's Fellowship Secy.	-- Rev. J. T. Ledwell, Oak Park, Illinois.
Statistical Secretary	-- Rev. D. D. Crail, Maywood, Illinois.
Boys and Girls Clubs Secretary	-- Rev. D. D. Crail, Maywood, Illinois.
Editor, The Illinois Tidings	-- Rev. A. L. Bray, Chicago, Illinois.
Conference Parliamentarian	-- Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Rockford, Illinois.

COMMITTEES

Conference Missionary Board.

Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President; Mrs. Rachel Bray, Conference W. M. S. President;
 Mr. W. F. Tice, Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Rev. C. E. Olander, Trustees;
 Rev. Harry Moeller; Mr. H. Ray Dyer; Rev. D. C. Durey.

Conference Trustees.

Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman (Term expires 1960) Rev. Wm. H. Dyer (Term expires 1958)
 Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Secretary (Term expires 1958) Mr. Wm. F. Tice (Term expires 1960)
 Rev. C. E. Olander (Term expires 1959)

Committee on Church and Parsonage Building Location

The Conference Missionary Board

Committee on Itinerary and Orders

Rev. A. L. Bray (Term expires 1961) Rev. W. D. Craker (Term expires 1959)
 Rev. S. A. Hill (Term expires 1960) Rev. C. E. Olander (Term expires 1958)

Judiciary Committee

Rev. Wm. H. Dyer Rev. Harry Moeller Rev. O. E. Price Rev. D. C. Durey

Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid

Rev. L. G. Anderson (Term expires 1958) Rev. W. D. Craker (Term expires 1959)
 Rev. C. E. Olander (Term expires 1960)

Conference Educational Committee

Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Educational Secretary and President of Illinois Wesleyan Youth; Rev. A. L. Bray, Illinois Conference President and Trustee of Marion College; Mrs. A. L. Bray, President, Illinois W. M. S.; Mrs. Lloyd Wallace, Superintendent of Illinois Y. M. W. B.

Sunday School Board

Rev. W. D. Craker, Conference S. S. Secretary Rev. J. T. Ledwell (Term expires 1958)
 Rev. R. L. Zuhl (Term expires 1959)

Committee on Vacancies.

Rev. Wm. H. Dyer; Rev. Stanley A. Hill; Rev. C. C. McCarty
Mr. L. W. Wallace; Mr. S. H. Paine, Jr.

Camp Meeting Committee.

Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President; Mrs. A. L. Bray, Conference W. M. S. President;
Rev. R. L. Zuhl, President, Conference Wesleyan Youth; Rev. R. E. Crawford; Rev. Wm. H.
Dyer; Rev. D. C. Durey; Mr. Lloyd W. Wallace.

Committee on Orders of the Day.

Rev. A. L. Bray, President; Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, V. Pres.; Rev. D. C. Durey, Sec'y.

Statistical Committee.

Rev. D. D. Crail, Statistical Secretary; Rev. R. E. Crawford, Treasurer; Rev. W. D. Craker
Rev. J. T. Ledwell; Mr. S. Hugh Paine.

President's Advisory Board.

Rev. Harry Moeller; Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

Staff of Conference Paper.

Editor-in-Chief, Rev. A. L. Bray; Contributing Editors, Mrs. A. L. Bray, Rev. R. L. Zuhl

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Rev. Daren C. Durey, 351 Robert Street, Creve Coeur, Illinois.	Phone Peoria 4-2661.
Rev. William H. Dyer, 1406 School Street, Rockford, Illinois.	Phone Rockford 3-0616.
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Rev. Orville E. Price, 3212 N. Prospect Rd., Peoria, Illinois.	Phone Peoria 5-7441.
Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, 9101 S. Menard St., Oak Lawn, Illinois.	Phone GARDen 4-0995.

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Rev. George R. Durey, 1036 N. Farnham St., Galesburg, Illinois. Phone Galesburg 6261-3.
Rev. Glen Klasna, 4405 Howe Road, Wayne, Michigan.
Rev. Cletus D. Kramer, 2108 W. Iowa Street, Chicago 22, Illinois. Phone Brunswick 8-4232.
Rev. Clarence C. McCarty, Box 475, Sheffield, Illinois. Phone Sheffield 3731.
Rev. Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty, Box 475, Sheffield, Illinois. Phone Sheffield 3731.
Rev. Ronald E. Mullen, 1603 S. 15th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois. Phone Fullmore 3-3748.

Unstationed Elders.

Rev. Francis A. Davis, 391 3 Chome, Kashawagi Cho, Shinjuku Ku, Tokyo, Japan.
Rev. Ralph Patterson, 1630 N. Central Ave., Chicago 39, Illinois. Phone Berkshire 7-5432.
Rev. Pearl Poe, Eddyville, Iowa.

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STANDING RULES

- I. Conference President.** Resolved. 1) That the Conference President be required, authorized and appointed to travel the Conference as President, having general supervision of the spiritual interests and benevolences thereof, holding at least one service at each church during the year under such date as he may announce in advance;
- 2) That he shall raise funds to meet the demands of the Conference work, assisted by the pastors, and he shall receive contributions for Missions, Education and Superannuated Ministers, where there are no pastors;
- 3) That he shall have general supervision of the church property, and shall inquire into the titles of the same to see that no property is loosely held, and shall look after the rental of Conference property, and see that the rent is turned into the treasury, and he shall investigate the possibility and feasibility of the sale of property not in use, and report his findings to the Board of Trustees and to the next annual conference;
- 4) That he shall be authorized to grant letters to disbanded classes;
- 5) That he shall be required to write non-resident members of Conference asking them, in case they cannot attend, to write the conference a letter of greeting and state the condition of their religious experience;
- 6) That he shall devote as much time as possible and as occasion may afford in evangelistic and other meetings in the Conference;
- 7) That he may engage such help from time to time as may be available, and as he may consider properly qualified to assist in holding evangelistic and quarterly meetings, such help to be remunerated from the Conference Missions Fund.
- 8) That he shall represent the Conference at the annual conventions of the National Holiness Association and the National Association of Evangelicals or appoint an alternate.

II. Trustees. 1) Authorization. Resolved, that the duly-elected and qualified Trustees of the Illinois Conference are hereby authorized and directed to sign for the purchase, sale, mortgaging and conveyance of real estate recommended by the annual conference or, during the interim between the sessions of annual conference, by the Missionary Board as the board of managers. (See Paragraph 278, Book of Discipline.) All such action or actions of the Trustees in compliance with the recommendations of the Missionary Board shall be deemed to be legal and binding upon the Illinois Conference, and of as full force and effect as they would have been if such actions on the part of the Trustees had been specially authorized by the annual conference.

2) Annual Report. Resolved, that the Trustees present to Conference an annual report of official acts and of assets and liabilities of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, an Illinois corporation.

III. Missionary Board. 1) Membership. Resolved, that the Illinois Conference Missionary Board be composed of nine members, five of which shall be ministers and four laymen; that in said number the Conference Trustees shall be included as members ex-officio, as well as the ex-officio members declared in the Discipline.

2) Duties. Resolved, (a) That the Missionary Board is hereby authorized to pay out all monies from the Conference Missions Fund, and during the interim between Conference sessions to act as a Committee on Finance; (b) That the Missionary Board act as the Conference Committee on Church and Parsonage Location.

IV. Annual Conference. 1) Date. Resolved, that the annual conference begin on the first Thursday after July 27th, at 1:30 p. m., and close the following Saturday night; that Camp Meeting begin on the following Sunday and continue for eight days, including two Sundays.

2) Fiscal Year. Resolved, that the Conference Fiscal Year close July 15th; that each local church fiscal year close June 30th.

3) Budget Items. Resolved, that all Treasurers shall mark receipts "Budget" or "Not Budget".

4) Committee on Statistics. Resolved, that a Standing Committee on Statistics be elected, consisting of a Conference Statistical Secretary, the Conference Treasurer, two other ministerial and one lay member; that two lay members be elected at the opening of annual conference.

5) Statistical Report. Resolved, that no remittances postmarked later than July 5th shall apply on the church statistical report; that by July 15th each pastor shall submit to the chairman of the Statistical Committee his budget check sheet with receipts covering same, and his statistical blank completed except for the budget section; that the Statistical Committee fill in on the statistical blanks the budget items, both assigned and raised; that other items which are obviously incorrect be checked with the pastor.

6) Audit. Resolved, that a competent auditor shall be appointed each year by the Committee on Finance to audit the books of the Conference.

7) Sunday Schools. Resolved, that each additional Sunday School under the pastoral oversight of a Wesleyan Methodist pastor shall be reported on a separate annual statistical report blank, provided each Sunday School has been recognized by the Conference Missionary Board.

8) Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid. Resolved, that the Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid be composed of three members, each elected by the conference for a three year term of office, the terms to expire in successive years.

9) Orders of the Day Committee. Resolved, that the President, Vice President and Secretary of Conference shall constitute the Orders of the Day Committee.

10) Leave. Resolved, that no member shall leave Conference session without permission of the president; that no ministerial member shall without special permission leave camp after the annual meetings until all responsibilities of the Conference are discharged, including camp clean-up.

11) Conference Officers. Resolved, that the officers be installed during annual conference at a public service announced in advance; office to take effect at the rise of conference.

12) Minutes. Resolved, (a) That the Conference President and Secretary constitute a committee to edit and publish the annual conference minutes; (b) That the cost of printing the annual conference minutes be paid out of the Conference Fund; (c) That the total number of minutes to be printed be ascertained on the basis of family units among the membership and active constituency, who shall each be mailed a copy.

13) N. H. A. and N. A. E. Resolved, that the Illinois Conference maintain a membership in the National Holiness Association and the National Association of Evangelicals.

V. Camp Meeting. 1) Authorization. Resolved, that there be held an annual Camp Meeting and that it be under the direction of a Camp Meeting Committee elected by the Illinois Conference, and that the Conference President, as chairman, the Conference W. Y. President, and the Conference W. M. S. President be members ex-officio of said Camp Meeting Committee.

2) Committee Duties. Resolved, (a) That camp grounds and buildings be under the care of the Camp Meeting Committee; (b) That the Camp Meeting Committee have charge of the Camp Meeting Fund and appoint a treasurer to receive all monies and make all authorized disbursements from the same; (c) That the Camp Meeting Committee shall have power to engage workers beyond the present year.

3) Camp Meeting Fund. Resolved, (a) That all pledges and cash received during the sessions of Conference and Camp Meeting be placed in the Camp Meeting Fund unless otherwise designated; (b) That the incidental expenses of the annual conference while in session be paid from the Camp Meeting Fund.

VI. Ministers. 1) Pastoral Service Report. Resolved, that each pastor of the Illinois Conference shall report to his quarterly conference each quarter the total of his home calls, hospital calls, pastoral conferences and church business calls, and that the total of these items be reported to annual conference and be included in the annual statistics.

2) Pastors' Support During Conference. Resolved, that it be our plan that all pastors remain on their charges for one Sunday after annual conference and camp meeting and that the church's financial obligation to the pastor, whether he be leaving the field or not, be extended through that Sunday.

3) Moving Pastors. Resolved, that each charge make provisions for the moving expense of the incoming pastor immediately after the annual conference adjourns.

4) Illness or Death. Resolved, that the Conference President be notified by the local church secretary in case of critical illness or death in a minister's home, and that he shall send cards at once to the other ministers.

5) Minister's Vacation. Resolved, that the Conference President and all pastors be given a two-weeks' vacation with pay, including two Sundays.

6) Ministerial Convention. Resolved, that there be held a Ministerial Convention from the third Tuesday evening to the following Thursday noon of February each year. Resolved further that the place of meeting and the program presented be left in the hands of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

VII. Miscellaneous. 1) Conference Paper. Resolved, that the Conference publish a monthly paper called "The Illinois Tidings"; that the Conference President shall be designated Editor-in-Chief, and that the heads of the Conference auxiliary organizations be designated contributing editors.

2) Conference Prayer Interests. Resolved, that the information concerning coming revival meetings and other special prayer needs be published in the conference paper.

3) Expense of Conference Officers. Resolved, that all incidental expenses of all Conference Officers, Committees, Official Boards and helpers shall be paid by the Conference Treasurer when approved by the President.

Eighth Annual Session
of the ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

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RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Voting Members Seated:

<u>Austin (Chicago):</u>		<u>Oak Park (continued)</u>	
Rev. A. L. Bray	(8)	Rev. C. E. Olander (Galesburg)	(8)
Mr. A. N. Carstensen	(8)	Rev. Francis A. Davis (Tokyo)	
<u>Creve Coeur</u>		<u>Peoria</u>	
Rev. D. C. Durey	(8)	Rev. O. E. Price	(8)
Mr. Marion S. Shepard	(S)	Mr. Cully Parsons	(6:FS)
<u>Hoopeston</u>		<u>Princeton</u>	
Rev. L. G. Anderson	(7:145S)	Rev. R. E. Crawford	(8)
		Miss Velma Moore	(8)
<u>Hoyne Avenue (Chicago)</u>		<u>Rockford</u>	
Rev. Harry Moeller	(8)	Rev. Wm. H. Dyer	(8)
Mr. Frank Geniuk	(7:2FS)	Mr. Wm. F. Tice	(7:2FS)
<u>Maywood</u>		<u>Roseland (Chicago)</u>	
Rev. D. D. Crail	(8)	Rev. Wendel D. Craker	(8)
Mrs. Beulah Burnell	(8)	Mr. S. Hugh Paine	(7:2FS)
<u>Oak Lawn</u>		<u>Sheffield</u>	
Rev. R. L. Zuhl	(8)	Rev. C. C. McCarty	(8)
Mrs. Aleene Blaine	(8)		
<u>Oak Park</u>		<u>Wyanet</u>	
Rev. J. T. Ledwell	(8)	Rev. Stanley A. Hill	(8)
Orville Senger	(6:FS)	Mr. L. W. Wallace	(8)
Carl Sarlo	(6:FS)		

Meetings attended are indicated between parentheses. Total precedes colon; digits and capitals following colon refer to individual meetings and full days of attendance (Thursday, Friday, Saturday), respectively.

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JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

First Meeting -- 1:30 p. m., Thursday, August 1, 1957.

Opening -- The eighth annual session of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America was convened in the main tabernacle at Epworth Park Camp Ground, near Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30 p. m., CDT, August 1, 1957, by the Conference President, Rev. A. L. Bray. Members of Conference sang the hymn, "All For Jesus," and were led in prayer by the Rev. C. E. Olander.

Communion Service -- Rev. William H. Dyer, Vice President, brought a communion meditation based on I Cor. 11:23, emphasizing the words of Jesus, "In Remembrance of Me." The ministration of the Lord's Supper was a gracious ministry of the Holy Spirit as the pastors and then others of the conference congregation knelt before the Lord. (The ladies of the Illinois W. M. S. joined with us in celebrating holy communion.)

Conference Sermon -- Since Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, President of Illinois Wesleyan Youth, had been selected to bring the conference sermon, he proceeded to preach on John 12:21-24. He presented a challenging message entitled, "To Serve the Present Age." The divisions of his sermon were: 1. The Cry of Desperation. 2. The Course of Destiny. 3. The Covenant With Duty.

Opening of Business Session -- The president called the meeting to order for the business session.

Roll Call -- Eleven elders were present to answer the first roll call. (See Record of Attendance.)

Bar of Conference -- The first six rows of seats in the center section of the tabernacle were declared bar of conference, and the elders were seated within the bar.

Report of Committee on Itinerary and Orders -- A partial report of conference preachers eligible to vote was given. After approval of this report by vote, the preachers present were seated within the bar. (See Report No. 1.)

Credentials Committee -- Rev. Wendel D. Craker and Rev. Roy E. Crawford were elected the Credentials Committee.

Courtesy Committee -- Rev. William H. Dyer and Rev. Stanley A. Hill were elected the Courtesy Committee.

Delegates -- Delegates credentials were collected by the Credentials Committee and presented to the conference. The lay delegates were seated within the bar by conference vote. (See Record of Attendance.)

Report of Courtesy Committee -- The Courtesy Committee made a partial report introducing Mrs. Beulah Burnell, delegate from the Maywood church, to the conference.

Report of the Orders of the Day Committee -- Copies of the agenda recommended by the Orders of the Day Committee were distributed for study. Report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 2.)

Conference Postmaster -- Rev. Carl E. Olander was elected postmaster for the conference session.

Conference Reporter -- Rev. D. C. Durey, Conference Secretary, was elected reporter.

Nominating Committee -- Conference elected the following Nominating Committee by vote: Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman, Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Rev. Stanley A. Hill, Mr. Lloyd W. Wallace and Mrs. Aleene Blaine.

Adjournment -- Orders of the Day were called by the Chair and conference adjourned for committee work. Rev. C. C. McCarty offered the closing prayer.

Second Meeting -- 7:00 p. m., Thursday, August 1, 1957.

Opening -- The President called the meeting to order and led the conference in singing the hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Rev. Harry Moeller led in the opening prayer.

Attendance -- Fourteen ministerial and eight lay members of conference attended the second meeting. (See Record of Attendance.)

Report of Nominating Committee -- Rev. Wm. H. Dyer presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 3.)

Courtesy Committee -- The Courtesy Committee made a partial report introducing Dr. Harold K. Sheets, Denominational Secretary of Home Missions and Church Extension. Dr. Sheets spoke words of greeting and presented the problem of a conflict in his schedule with the schedule of the Orders of the Day.

Change in Schedule -- In harmony with Dr. Sheets' request, a motion prevailed that we change the Orders of the Day to accommodate his schedule. The change provided that Dr. Sheets address the joint sessions of the Annual Conference and the W. M. S. at 3 p. m., Friday, August 2, following the election of officers and the installation of Conference and W. M. S. officers. The Denominational Address was originally scheduled for Saturday evening.

Delegates -- The Credentials Committee presented the names of newly arrived delegates. By vote of conference these were seated within the bar. (See Record of Attendance.)

Honorary Members -- By vote Dr. Harold K. Sheets and Rev. George R. Durey, assistant pastor at Chicago-Hoyne Avenue church, were invited to sit within the bar of Conference.

Courtesy Committee -- The Courtesy Committee made a partial report and introduced Mr. Frank Geniuk from the Chicago-Hoyne Avenue church. He gave words of greeting and testimony.

Report of Missionary Board -- Dr. Harold K. Sheets, Denominational Representative, was requested to take the Chair while the President read the Missionary Board report. The report was adopted by proper conference action. (See Report No. 4.)

Report of Conference Trustees -- Dr. Sheets continued in the chair as Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., read a partial report consisting of the official acts during the interim of Conference of the Illinois Conference Board of Trustees. He stated that a statement of assets and liabilities and net worth would be added later. Report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 5.)

Report of Camp Meeting Committee -- Dr. Sheets continued in the chair as the President, as chairman of the Camp Meeting Committee, gave a detailed report of the activities of the Committee during the past year. Report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 6.)

Report of the Sunday School Board -- The President resumed the chair and Rev. W. D. Craker read the report of the Conference Sunday School Board. It was adopted by vote. (Report No. 7.)

Report of the Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid -- Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, chairman, read the report of the Board. It was adopted by vote of conference. (See Report No. 8.)

Report of Treasurer of Superannuate Ministers' Aid Fund -- Rev. Wendel D. Craker read the S. M. A. Fund treasurer's report. By motion it was referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Report No. 9.)

Report of Educational Committee -- Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, chairman, read the report of the Educational Committee, which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 10.)

Report of Statistical Committee -- Rev. David D. Crail, chairman, read the report of the Statistical Committee. (See Report No. 11 at center pages.) Report approved by vote.

Pastor's Insurance -- Motion prevailed that the report of the Statistical Committee concerning the placement of statistics of pastor's insurance premiums in the statistical report be referred to the Finance Committee. (See Report No. 28.)

Report of Conference Assistant Treasurer -- Assistant Conference Treasurer, Rev. Roy E. Crawford, read his report for the Conference Treasurer, Rev. Glen Klasna, who had moved to the Detroit area to work for Christian Enterprises, Inc. A statement of audit made by Rev. A. L. Bray and Rev. Roy E. Crawford was read and adopted by vote of conference. (See Report No. 12.)

Adjournment -- The Chair declared the meeting adjourned for committee work. Mr. S. Hugh Paine offered the closing prayer.

Third Meeting -- 9:30 a. m., Friday, August 2, 1957.

Opening -- The President called the meeting to order after which Rev. D. C. Durey led in singing, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus." Dr. Harold K. Sheets gave the meditation, basing his thoughts on Acts 5:23, "We Are His Witnesses." The speaker admonished that we be willing to extend the influence of our witness to all about us. He stated that true witnessing points up the principles and practices of holy living. He observed that our failure to witness confronts us with four dangers: 1. Retirement to Organization. 2. Retirement to Conformity. 3. Retirement to Isolation. 4. Retirement to a Scapegoat Mechanism.

Delegates -- The Credentials Committee presented the credentials of new delegates who by vote were seated within the bar.

Roll Call -- Thirteen ministerial and eleven lay delegates answered the second roll call. (See Record of Attendance.)

Courtesy Committee -- Mr. Cully Parsons, delegate from the Peoria church, was introduced. He gave brief words of testimony.

Reading of Minutes -- Minutes of the first and second meetings were read and by vote were approved as corrected.

Report of the Conference President -- By request of conference, Dr. Harold K. Sheets assumed the chair for the balance of the third meeting. The Conference President, Rev. A. L. Bray, gave his report. His statement of progress in Illinois, his personal labors and his official acts were approved by a rising vote of thanks for his labors. (See Report No. 13.)

Report of Editor of Conference Paper -- President Bray, Editor of The Illinois Tidings, read his report which was adopted by proper conference action. (See Report No. 14.)

Report of Illinois Trustees of Marion College -- Rev. Carl E. Clander in completing two terms as a member of the Local Board of Trustees of Marion College gave a report concerning the activities of the college in conjunction with his official acts. Motion prevailed that the report be amended to include recommendation of an additional assessment of \$1.00 per member to aid in the payment of the seventeen acres purchased in Marion, Indiana, for the college campus expansion program, and that it be referred to the Finance Committee. The full report was then adopted by conference vote. (See Report No. 15.)

Report of Educational Secretary -- Rev. F. L. Zuhl gave the secretary's report concerning the educational interests of the conference. It was approved by vote. (See Report No. 16.)

Report of Sunday School Secretary -- Rev. W. D. Craker read his report as Conference Sunday School Secretary. It was approved by vote. (See Report No. 17.)

Report of Director of Child Evangelism -- Rev. D. C. Durey, Conference Secretary, read the report of the Director of Child Evangelism, Mrs. Wm. E. Dyer, in her absence. It was approved by vote. (See Report No. 18.)

Report of Wesleyan Men's Fellowship Secretary -- Rev. J. T. Ledwell reported his activities as Secretary of Wesleyan Men, with recommendations for carrying on the interest of this organization in the Illinois Conference. Report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 19.)

Report of Boys' and Girls' Clubs Secretary -- Rev. David D. Crail read his report as Secretary of the Boys' and Girls' Club work of the Conference. It was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 20.)

Report of Tithing Secretary -- Rev. C. C. McCarty gave his report as Tithing Secretary. It was adopted by proper conference action. (See Report No. 21.)

Election Procedure -- Rev. A. L. Bray read the recommendation of the President and his Advisory Board concerning election procedure as ordered by the 1956 annual conference session. The recommendation called for the election by ballot of those members of the Missionary Board not ex-officio members, in addition to the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, trustees of the Conference and Marion College, customarily elected by ballot. The recommendation was approved by vote.

Courtesy Committee -- The Courtesy Committee introduced Rev. and Mrs. Forrest Gearhart, pastors of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Sturgis, Michigan. Each spoke brief words of greeting and testimony and expressed an interest in the pioneer work of the Conference.

Recommendation to Study -- Rev. D. D. Crail read the recommendation from the Maywood church presenting the name of George Hood as a suitable person to study under the direction of the conference. This was referred to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

Adjournment -- Conference was adjourned by limitation of time. Mr. Wm. F. Tice offered the closing prayer.

Fourth Meeting -- 1:30 p.m., Friday, August 2, 1957.

Opening -- Dr. Harold K. Sheets called the meeting to order. Rev. S. A. Hill led the conference in singing, "In the Service of the King," and brought a meditation based on III John 1-14. Mr. L. W. Wallace led in prayer.

Attendance -- Thirteen ministerial and eleven lay delegates attended the fourth meeting. (See Record of Attendance).

Report of Passage of Character Committee -- Miss Velma Moore read the report of the Passage of Character Committee which stated that the character of all ministers was passed by the committee. Report was approved by vote of conference. (See Report No. 22).

Election of Officers -- With Dr. Harold K. Sheets in the chair, President Bray appointed the following tellers: Mr. Orville Senger and Mr. Carl Sarlo, distributing tellers; Mr. Wm. F. Tice and Rev. W. D. Craker, collecting tellers. The result of the balloting is as follows: President, Rev. A. L. Bray; Vice-President, Rev. Wm. H. Dyer; Secretary, Rev. D. C. Durey; Treasurer, Rev. Roy M. Crawford; Illinois Trustee of Marion College, Rev. A. L. Bray; Alternate Trustee, Rev. C. M. Olander; Conference Ministerial Trustee, Rev. A. L. Bray, (term expires 1960); Conference Lay Trustee, Mr. Wm. F. Tice, (term expires 1960); Missionary Board Ministerial members, Rev. Harry Moeller and Rev. D. C. Durey; Lay member, Mr. H. Ray Dyer. Vacancy in the Itinerary and Orders Committee was filled by voice vote. Rev. A. L. Bray was elected to succeed himself (term expires 1961). President's Advisory Board, Rev. Harry Moeller and Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., were nominated by President Bray as the President's Advisory Board. The nomination was ratified by vote of conference.

Recess -- The President called for a ten-minute recess to prepare for the revised Orders of the Day which call for the installation of Conference and Woman's Missionary Society officers and the Denominational Address by Dr. Harold K. Sheets at 3:00 p.m.

Installation Service -- President Bray called the recessed meeting to order and led the conference in singing a hymn.

Installation of W.M.S. Officers -- The following officers and leaders-elect of the Woman's Missionary Society were present on the tabernacle platform: Mrs. Rachel Bray, President; Mrs. Edna Moeller, Vice-President; Mrs. Marjorie Zuhl, Secretary; Mrs. Irene Olander, Treasurer; Mrs. Mildred Wallace, Y.M.W.B. Superintendent; Mrs. Kathleen Dyer, Prayer Partner Secretary; Mrs. Edna Hill, Magazine Solicitor; Mrs. Lenore Durey, Literature Secretary. Dr. Harold K. Sheets, Denominational Secretary of Home Missions and Church Extension, installed these ladies in office for the new year and gave recognition to the work they are doing in furthering the cause of Christ throughout the world.

Installation of Conference Officers -- The officers-elect of the Illinois Conference, Rev. A. L. Bray, President; Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Vice President; Rev. D. C. Durey, Secretary; and Rev. Roy M. Crawford, Treasurer, were formally installed into office by Dr. Sheets, who also offered the prayer of dedication.

Denominational Address -- Dr. Sheets then brought a challenging message on the values of Wesleyan Methodism. He stated that "We are Holiness people--we cannot possibly live a life of true holiness and be inoffensive to the World." "We are Church people--and we must have a disciplined sense of responsibility to our brethren." "We are a loyal people--but we need to re-evaluate our privileges in the church." Dr. Sheets concluded with remarks concerning some of the great problems that face our church in its many departments, and some of the victories which have come from the hand of God.

Adjournment -- The meeting was adjourned by vote of conference. Rev. D. C. Durey offered the closing prayer.

Fifth Meeting -- 7:00 p.m., Friday, August 2, 1957.

Opening -- President Bray called the meeting to order and led the conference in singing "The Solid Rock." Rev. Forrest Gearhart of Sturgis, Michigan, brought a meditation and exhortation based on Acts 6. "And the disciples multiplied." He stated that "Spiritual growth tends to reproduce itself." He urged that we rejoice in problems that come as a result of growth.

Honorary Member -- By vote of conference, Rev. Forrest Gearhart was invited to sit within the bar as an honorary member of conference.

Election Resumed -- The conference then proceeded to complete the work of electing Officers, Boards and Committees with results as follows: Education Secretary, Rev. R. L. Zuhl; Sunday School Secretary, Rev. W. D. Craker; Director of Child Evangelism: The Sunday School Board presented the name of Mrs. Wm. H. Dyer as the Director of Child Evangelism, which was ratified by conference vote. Tithing Secretary, Rev. C. C. McCarty; Wesleyan Men's Secretary, Rev. J. T. Ledwell; Statistical Secretary, Rev. D. D. Crail; Boys and Girls Club Secretary, Rev. D. D. Crail; Editor, The Illinois Tidings, Rev. A. L. Bray; Conference Parliamentarian, Rev. Wm. H. Dyer. Judiciary Committee -- Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Rev. Harry Moeller, Rev. O. E. Price, Rev. D. C. Durey. Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid: Rev. D. D. Crail moved that the Conference Treasurer be elected to the Superannuate Ministers' Aid Board and that the conference direct that he be Secretary-Treasurer of the Superannuate Board. Motion prevailed that this motion be referred to the Finance Committee. Rev. C. E. Olander was elected to the Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid.

Conference Educational Committee — Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Educational Secretary and President, Conference Wesleyan Youth, Chairman; Rev. A. L. Bray, Illinois Trustee of Marion College and Illinois Conference President; Mrs. A. L. Bray, President, Conference W.M.S.; Mrs. Lloyd Wallace, Conference Superintendent of the Y.M.W.B.

Sunday School Board, in addition to Rev. W. D. Craker, ex-officio member, Rev. R. L. Zuhl was elected. (Term expires 1959).

Committee on Vacancies — Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Rev. Stanley A. Hill, Rev. C. C. McCarty, Mr. L. W. Wallace, Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

Camp Meeting Committee — in addition to ex-officio members, Rev. Roy E. Crawford, Rev. L. G. Anderson, Rev. D. C. Durey, Mr. L. W. Wallace. Motion prevailed that those elected compose the Camp Committee.

Statistical Committee — in addition to ex-officio members, Rev. W. D. Craker was elected. Motion prevailed that the Standing Rules be amended to include two ministerial members in addition to ex-officio members. Rev. J. T. Ledwell was elected second ministerial member. Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr. was elected lay member of the statistical committee.

Report of Pastors — Motion prevailed that pastors report statistics and labors according to abbreviated forms.

Dr. Harold K. Sheets assumed the chair as President Bray gave his report as pastor of the Chicago-Anstin Church.

Report of Committee on Itinerary and Elders Orders — Rev. C. E. Olander read a partial report of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders. Rev. Roy E. Crawford and Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell were presented as ready for election to Elders Orders. They were elected unanimously by proper conference action. (See Report No. 1).

Adjournment — Conference was adjourned by limitation of time. Mr. A. N. Carstensen offered the closing prayer.

Sixth Meeting — 8:30 a.m., Saturday, August 3, 1957

Opening — The President called the meeting to order. Rev. D. C. Durey led the conference in singing, "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love." Rev. C. C. McCarty led in the meditation, reading the Scriptures from II Peter 3, and made helpful remarks. He then offered the opening prayer.

Roll Call — Fourteen ministerial and eleven lay delegates answered the third roll call.

Delegates — The Credentials Committee presented the credentials of Mr. Marion Shepard, and he was seated as delegate from the Creve Coeur Church by conference vote. (See Record of Attendance).

Reading of Minutes — The minutes of the Third, Fourth, and Fifth meetings were read and approved by vote of conference.

Information — Rev. C. E. Olander presented information concerning the possibility of getting good used Dictaphone machines available to churches without charge, upon application to the Dictaphone Company. Requests will be honored as units are available.

Honorary Member — Rev. Forrest Gearhart, Pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Sturgis, Michigan, stated his appreciation for the fellowship of our conference folk and wished God's blessings upon the work of the conference. The Gearharts then left to return to Michigan.

Report of Pastors — Pastors of the churches at Creve Coeur, Galesburg, Hoopeston, Chicago-Hoyne Ave., Waywood and Oak Lawn reported a summary of statistics and general condition of their respective charges. Each gave testimonies of present victories. These were followed with a statement and testimony from the respective delegates.

Orders of the Day — Motion prevailed that the Orders of the Day be changed to have a joint service at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, August 3, for the installation of pastors and the public Y.M.W.B. service; after which conference will re-convene for final business and adjournment.

Report of Pastors — Pastors of the churches at Oak Park and Peoria reported a summary of statistics and general condition of the respective charges. These with the testimony of delegates indicate the blessing of God.

Report of Auditing Committee — Rev. D. D. Crail gave a partial report of the Auditing Committee which was adopted by conference vote. (See Report No. 23).

Report of Moral Reform Committee — Rev. J. T. Ledwell read the report of the Moral Reform Committee. Motion that report be referred back to the committee for re-wording prevailed. (See Report No. 24).

Report of Thanks Committee — Rev. C. C. McCarty read the report of the Thanks Committee which was adopted by conference vote. (See Report No. 25).

Report of Sunday School Committee — Rev. W. D. Craker gave the report of the Sunday School Committee which was adopted by vote with the item on Sunday School funds referred to the Finance Committee. (See Report No. 26).

Adjournment — President Bray declared the meeting adjourned for committee work. Mr. Marion Shepard offered the closing prayer.

Seventh Meeting -- 1:30 p.m., Saturday, August 3, 1957.

Opening -- The President called the meeting to order and the conference joined in singing, "Jesus is All the World to Me." Rev. Wm. H. Dyer offered the opening prayer.

Attendance -- Fourteen ministerial and twelve lay members attended the seventh meeting.

Miscellaneous Business -- Changes in the Moral Reform report were read and report was adopted by vote of conference. (See Report No. 24).

Statistical Reports -- A resolution was offered that each pastor who does not have his budget check sheet in balance shall be obligated to buy each member of the Statistical Committee a milkshake! The resolution was heartily adopted by all with correct budget check sheets!

Hospitalization Insurance -- The Vice-President assumed the chair as President Bray read a report concerning the Ministers' Life & Casualty Union Hospitalization Insurance Plan now covering the ministerial members of the conference. (See Report No. 27).

Monthly Report Blanks -- The Vice-President continued the chair as President Bray made recommendation that we report to the Conference President monthly in the same manner and with the same blanks as heretofore for the balance of 1957; and that the President prepare a new blank which upon approval by the Missionary Board in November shall be used for further reporting unless later modified by conference action. Recommendation approved by vote of conference.

Budget Deficits -- The problem of possible General budget deficits was presented by President Bray, with recommendation that deficits be paid out of conference funds. Motion prevailed that recommendation be referred to the Missionary Board with power to act.

Superannuate Ministers Aid -- Motion prevailed that the Superannuated Ministers' Aid Committee bring before this conference recommendations concerning mandatory membership in the Superannuate Pension plan.

Communications -- President Bray read communications from Rev. Frank Davis, an elder in the conference serving with the Oriental Missionary Society in Japan, and Rev. R. S. Nicholson, Jr., missionary of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Japan. He also made report of absent members of conference.

Passage of Character -- The President reported concerning a communication from Rev. Ralph Patterson, who is teaching piano at Moody Bible Institute. His character was passed by vote of conference.

Report of Committee on Finance -- President Bray resumed the chair and Mr. S. H. Paine, Jr., read the report of the Committee on Finance which was adopted item by item by conference vote. (See Report No. 28).

Standing Rule -- The question of amending the Standing Rule, Section IV, Item 8, to harmonize with conference action in electing the Secretary-Treasurer of the Pension Plan on Missionary Board nomination, was resolved by deleting by proper conference action the last clause - "That this board be authorized to appoint the Secretary-Treasurer of the Pension Fund."

Statistics -- Motion prevailed that a mimeograph copy of instructions for filling out statistical blanks accompany the blanks when mailed to the pastors each June.

Amendment -- Motion prevailed that Sunday School Committee report be approved as amended. (See Report No. 26).

Report of Camp Meeting Fund -- Rev. L. G. Anderson, Treasurer of the Camp Meeting Fund, read the report of Camp Meeting Funds, which was referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Report No. 6).

Resignation -- Rev. L. G. Anderson tendered his resignation as a member of the Camp Meeting Committee and requested permission to place a name in nomination. Resignation was accepted by vote.

Member of Camp Meeting Committee -- Rev. Wm. H. Dyer was nominated by Rev. L. G. Anderson and was elected by conference vote.

Committee on Standing Rules -- Mr. S. H. Paine, Jr., presented a report of recommended changes in Standing Rules which were adopted by proper conference action.

Motion that Section VI, Item 5, of the Standing Rules be amended to read that the President and all pastors be given a two week vacation with pay, including two Sundays, prevailed by unanimous vote. (See Report No. 29).

Conference Sermon -- By prevailing motion, Rev. Roy E. Crawford was elected to preach the conference sermon in 1958. Rev. D. D. Crail was elected alternate to preach the conference sermon.

Unfinished Business -- Motion prevailed that any unfinished business be left in the hands of the Missionary Board with power to act.

Place of 1958 Conference -- Motion prevailed that the place of the 1958 conference be left in the hands of the Camp Meeting Committee.

Change in Conference Date -- The Vice-President took the chair as President Bray presented the possibility of holding conference separate from camp meeting and earlier in the year. It was moved that conference convene the Thursday after the second Monday of June. Motion prevailed that this question of change in conference dates be referred to the President and Advisory Board for further study during the year and a report made to a joint meeting of the Missionary Board and Camp Meeting Committee.

Adjournment -- The meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the chair. Mr. Cully Parsons offered the closing prayer.

Eighth Meeting -- 6:30 p.m., Saturday, August 3, 1957.

Opening -- The President opened the meeting with singing the chorus, "Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know." Rev. R. L. Zuhl offered the opening prayer.

Attendance -- Fourteen ministerial and twelve lay members of conference attended the eighth meeting.

Honorary Member -- Rev. Ronald E. Mullen, supply-pastor of Yorkfield Bible Church, was voted an honorary member and invited to sit within the bar.

Report of Pastoral Relations Committee -- Mr. S. H. Paine, Jr., read the report of the Pastoral Relations Committee which was adopted by vote of the conference. (See Report No. 30).

Report of Auditing Committee -- Rev. D. D. Crail gave the final report of the Auditing Committee which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 23).

Pastors Report -- Pastors of the churches at Princeton, Rockford, Chicago-Roseland, Sheffield, and Wyanet reported a summary of church statistics and general condition of the work. Each gave testimonies of present victories. The words of the delegates indicated a spirit of encouragement.

Courtesy Committee -- Mr. George Hood, local preacher from the Maywood Church, was introduced to the conference. He testified to good spiritual victory.

Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid -- Rev. W. H. Dyer read the report of the committee concerning work assigned to it, and made recommendation for further study. Report adopted by conference vote. (See Report No. 8).

Reporting Statistics -- Motion prevailed that a method of reporting statistics relating to D.V.B.S. attendance and other such records shall be prepared by the Statistical Committee and presented to the ministerial group meeting in February.

Installation of Pastors and Y.M.W.B. Service -- After the singing of a hymn, in a joint service with the Y.M.W.B., the Secretary read the list of pastoral appointments and the President called the conference ministers to the altar. President Bray then installed the ministers in their respective charges and introduced them individually to the congregation and gave them new 1957-58 pocket credentials.

Adjournment -- After remarks by the President concerning the spirit of fellowship and co-operation which prevailed in this session, Rev. Harry Moeller moved that we adjourn sine die. The session was adjourned sine die by vote. The congregation entered immediately into the Y.M.W.B. service.

Conference Sunday School Service
9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 4, 1957.

The first service of the Illinois Camp Meeting was designated as the Conference Sunday School Service. Rev. R. L. Zuhl, member of the Conference Sunday School Board, led the service. The Sunday School opened with a songtime in which there was participation by individual children and youth. A goodly number were in attendance each Sunday of camp and good offerings were received.

Conference Ordination Service
6:30 p.m., Sunday, August 4, 1957.

An ordination service was called for by previous vote of conference.

Opening -- Rev. A. L. Bray, the Conference President, opened the service. An appropriate hymn was sung.

Candidate -- Rev. D. C. Durey, Secretary of the Illinois Conference, announced that Rev. Roy E. Crawford and Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell had been elected to be ordained elders in the Illinois Conference.

Ordination Sermon -- Rev. Charles Carter, Camp Evangelist, was invited to bring the ordination sermon. He brought a very appropriate message entitled, "The Divine Vocation," basing his thoughts on St. John 15:16, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." He pointed out that to the minister, his is a vocation unto Divine service, a vocation to Divine fruition, a vocation to Divine provision. The message was a great challenge to all present.

Ordination Ceremony -- The candidates presented themselves at the altar of the tabernacle. Rev. A. L. Bray officiated during the ordination ritual, and the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel were read by Rev. Stanley A. Hill, Rev. Harry Moeller, and Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, respectively. All conference elders sharing in the service participated in the laying on of the hands as the President offered prayers of dedication for each, after which he introduced Elders Crawford and Ledwell to the congregation. Rev. Charles Carter offered the closing prayer of dedication and blessing for each candidate and his helpmate. The meeting closed in a time of congratulations to the candidates.

Conference Educational Service
1:30 p.m., Monday, August 5, 1957.

Opening -- An inspirational educational service was held during the regular Wesleyan Youth afternoon Camp meeting service on Monday. Conference Educational Secretary, Rev. R. L. Zuhl, presided.

Educational Address -- Rev. Howard Noggle, Field Representative of Marion College, convincingly stirred our hearts with the need of a whole-hearted support of our area college. The financial needs are very pressing, but the outlook is bright because our God is still on the throne. An offering for the college was received at the close of the service.

Conference Church Extension Service
1:30 p.m., Friday, August 9, 1957.

The afternoon youth service was devoted to an emphasis on Conference Church Extension. The service opened with hymn singing.

Church Extension Challenge -- Rev. C. E. Olander brought a challenging discourse on the merits of Church Extension in Illinois. The progress of the work at Galesburg was presented, and the congregation was made to rejoice over the positive evidences of advance. The service was closed with prayer.

Rev. Arthur L. Bray, President

Rev. Daren C. Durey, Secretary

R E P O R T S

Report No. 1.

Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

- A. Conference preachers eligible to vote in this session: Rev. C. C. McCarty, Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell and Rev. Roy E. Crawford.
- B. Examinations given this year to:
 1. Clarence McCarty - "Christian Theology, Vol I," "Robert's Rules of Order."
 2. Ivanelle McCarty - "Christian Theology, Vol I," "Robert's Rules of Order."
 3. Roy Crawford - "Wesleyan Discipline."
- C. After due examination, we recommend that Joseph T. Ledwell and Roy E. Crawford be elected to elder's orders.
- D. Report of status of the following in the course of study:
 1. George R. Durey -- Graduated from Marion College theological department.
 2. Cletus Kramer -- Graduated from Marion College theological department. Plans to attend Trinity Seminary in Chicago, Illinois, this year.
 3. Clarence C. McCarty -- Third year in the course of study. Continue in the course of study.
 4. Ivanelle McCarty -- Third year in the course of study. Continue in the course of study.
 5. George Thompson -- Recommend that he be returned to his quarterly conference.
 6. Vernon Swanson -- Transferred to Iowa Conference.
 7. Glen Klasna -- Graduated from Chicago Evangelistic Institute. Continue in the course of study.
 8. George Hood -- To study under the direction of the conference. Attending Marion College.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Carl E. Olander, Chairman
 Rev. A. L. Bray
 Rev. W. D. Craker
 Rev. Stanley A. Hill

Report No. 2.Orders of the Day Committee.

Summarised as follows:

Thursday, August 1, 1957 — Conference convenes, 1:30 p.m.; Communion Service; Conference Sermon; Organisation of Conference; 7:00 p.m., Report of Nominating Committee; Reports of Standing Committees and Financial Reports.

Friday, August 2, 1957 — 9:45 a.m., Reports of Conference Committees; 3:00 p.m., Installation of Conference and W.M.S. officers, and Denominational Address; 7:00 p.m., Completion of Election; Reports of Pastors; Reports of Conference Committees.

Saturday, August 3, 1957 — 8:15 a.m., Reports of Conference Committees; Reports of Pastors; Miscellaneous Business; 1:45 p.m., Miscellaneous Business; 6:30 p.m., Report of Pastoral Relations Committee; Reading of the Minutes; Installation of Pastors by the Conference President; Adjournment Sine Die; Y.M.W.B. Service.

Sunday, August 4, 1957 — Conference Sunday School Service; 6:00 p.m., Ordination Service.

Monday, August 5, 1957 — 1:30 p.m., Educational Service.

Friday, August 9, 1957 — 1:30 p.m., Church Extension Service.

Saturday, August 10, 1957 — 1:30 p.m., Wesleyan Youth Service.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman
Rev. Wm. H. Dyer
Rev. D. C. Durey

Report No. 3.Nominating Committee.

We recommend the following committee appointments:

Pastoral Relations — Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman; Rev. W. H. Dyer, Rev. C. E. Olander, Rev.

Harry Mogler, Mr. A. H. Carstensen, Mr. Wm. F. Tice, Mr. S. Hugh Paine.

Passage of Character — Rev. A. L. Bray, Rev. E. L. Zuhl, Miss Velma Moore.

Statistical Committee — Standing Committee (Rev. D. D. Crail, Chairman; Rev. E. E. Crawford, Rev. W. D. Craker, Mr. S. H. Paine, Jr.) and Mr. Frank Geniuk and Mr. L. W. Wallace.

Moral Reform — Rev. J. T. Ledwell, Chairman; Mrs. Aleene Blaine, Mr. Carl Sarlo, Rev. S. A. Hill, Mrs. Beulah Burnell.

Thanks — Rev. O. E. Price, Chairman; Rev. C. C. McCarty.

Sunday School — Rev. W. D. Craker, Chairman; Rev. L. G. Anderson, Mr. Orville Sanger, Rev. E. L. Zuhl, Rev. D. C. Durey, Mr. Cully Parsons.

Auditing Committee — Statistical Committee.

Devotional — Rev. Wm. H. Dyer.

Finance — Missionary Board and Statistical Committee.

Standing Rules — Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman
Rev. W. H. Dyer, Secretary
Rev. S. A. Hill
Mr. L. W. Wallace
Mrs. Aleene Blaine

Report No. 4.Missionary Board.

We, the members of your Missionary Board, report as follows:

As the Board of Managers of the Illinois Conference in the interim of Conference sessions (Discipline, Para. 278), we have held five meetings this past year on August 4, November 10, 1955, and on January 19, March 25, and May 4, 1957. At these meetings the state of the churches and the needs of the pioneer efforts were considered.

Out of the full record of the decisions made and the churches aided we report the following:

Our pioneer project is still GALESBURG where Rev. and Mrs. Carl E. Olander have labored nobly this year. On November 11, 1956, the chapel room in the parsonage was dedicated. The work is moving steadily ahead with more people getting interested all the time. Pastor Olander has worked hard on the improvement and completion of the building program. He hopes to be able to organize this coming year.

We have continued to make the \$30 per month payments on the CREVE COEUR parsonage mortgage. It is hoped that when their Card Call money comes in that they will be able to assume this obligation. They have had an excellent year under the leadership of our Conference Secretary, Rev. D. C. Durey.

New Building — CHICAGO-HOYNE AVENUE, under the tireless leadership of Pastor Harry Moeller, has moved steadily ahead in a complete transformation of their first floor area. They have done about \$7,000 worth of work with less than \$2,600 added indebtedness.

WYANET has completely remodelled the downstairs of their church building. They have also replaced some of the permanent partitions with Bemis-wall doors which provide for open space and classrooms too. Pastor Stanley Hill and his people are to be congratulated on the splendid improvement.

New Parsonage — CHICAGO-ROSELAND is now in the process of acquiring a two-flat building to use as a parsonage with rental income to make payments on the property. Pastor Wendel Craker is working hard to get this accomplished.

New Prospects — This year your Board voted to launch a new church in Wheaton provided finances could be secured and a proven pastor could be interested in taking over the work. Your President has spent considerable time on this project and it is slowly taking shape. We hope to purchase land sometime this fall on which to build later. A gifted pastor has expressed interest in coming to launch the project.

The ROCKFORD Church, under the leadership of Conference Vice-President, Pastor Wm. H. Dyer, has adopted the "Mother Church Plan," and is working on the launching of a Second Church in south-east Rockford. Prospects look good for advance there.

(Analysis of Fund - see page 35)

Respectfully submitted,
The Missionary Board,
Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman

Report No. 5.

Conference Trustees.

A. Official Acts --

The Conference Board of Trustees reports the following official actions during the fiscal year 1956-1957:

1. August 11, 1956. The Board was organized with Rev. A. L. Bray as President and Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., as Secretary.
2. November 10, 1956. Authorized increasing the principal value of a \$5,000 mortgage on the Galesburg property to \$7,000, to secure to Harry E. Haynes and Grace E. Haynes, his wife, an additional sum of \$2,000 loaned for construction purposes.
3. April 1, 1957. Authorized execution of a quit claim deed to Paul D. Chase and Trella J. Chase, his wife, transferring to them full title to the north half of the lot lying between their property and the Galesburg Church property. This lot was acquired by the conference by tax sale, and was divided in accordance with an agreement whereby the Chases agreed to pay one-half the costs.
4. May 4, 1957. Authorized purchase from the Austin Wesleyan Methodist Church, for use as a conference parsonage, the three-apartment property at 5231 Ferdinand Street, Chicago 44, for the sum of \$20,000; said property to be acquired by a combination \$1,000 down payment, assumption of a present mortgage and installment note commitment with the Bell Savings and Loan Association of Chicago, and an installment contract for deed with the Austin Church.

B. Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Illinois Conference --

Assets

Value of Local Church Buildings		\$377,700.00
Value of Local Church Parsonages		147,500.00
Equity in Conference Parsonage		1,050.00
Loans Receivable		
Conference Parsonage Fund	1,000.00	
Ill. Superannuated Fund	500.00	
Escrow Fund	1,000.00	2,500.00
Cash Balances in Conference Funds		3,075.40
Total Assets		\$531,825.40

Liabilities

Loans Payable		
Local Church Buildings		\$ 50,664.13
Local Church Parsonages		49,920.27
Total Liabilities		\$100,584.40

Net Worth \$431,241.00

Report No. 6.Camp Meeting Committee.

Camp Arrangements — We, your Camp Meeting Committee operated the 1956 Camp Meeting with finances as reported by the treasurer and with spiritual blessings too numerous to mention. Rev. B. O. Grove was mightily used of God to minister to many needy hearts.

During the 1956 Camp Meeting period we held two committee meetings for the management of the Camp and the allocation of the finances. At first meeting Rev. D. C. Durey was elected Secretary and Rev. L. S. Anderson, Treasurer.

On February 21, 1957, we met in the Conference Office to complete the arrangements for the 1957 Camp. The chairman reported that Rev. Charles W. Carter was coming as evangelist and that the Kuhn sisters were engaged as musicians. Rev. Carl B. Olander was appointed Camp Buyer and Rev. Stanley Hill, Dining Hall manager. Other workers were to be engaged by the chairman. Mrs. Verna Martin is returning as Camp cook, having served us in 1955.

Your chairman has visited the Epworth Park Camp Grounds several times this past year to seek the rental of cottages from the owners and to check into the condition of facilities available. We are grateful to God and to our Free Methodist brethren for the use of Epworth Park. Let us trust God for a time of unusual spiritual blessing this Camp season.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Camp Meeting Committee,
Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman.

Camp Meeting Fund: —Receipts:

1956 Camp Registration	\$1206.00
1956 Camp Offerings	620.30
Pledges Paid	1133.00
Dining Hall (individual meals)	60.27
Telephone (toll calls paid)	24.82
Insurance	45.48
Rosale of Groceries	88.53
Miscellaneous	35.13
Total Receipts	\$3213.53
On Hand July 15, 1956	661.65
Total Credits	\$3875.18
Total Credits	\$3875.18
Less Total Disbursements	3099.92
On Hand August 2, 1957	\$ 775.26

Disbursements:

1956 Camp Groceries	\$1196.10
1956 Camp Workers	575.00
1956 Camp Rentals:	
Camp Grounds	500.00
Cottages	253.07
P. A. System	55.00
Equipment and Repairs	35.53
Utilities:	
Telephone	33.83
Electricity	85.00
L. P. Gas	54.00
Mileage for Supervisors	141.56
Insurance	45.58
Loan to Youth Treasury	100.00
Miscellaneous	27.25
Total Disbursements	\$3099.92

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. L. G. Anderson, Treasurer

Report No. 7.Sunday School Board.

The Sunday School Board met in called session and conducted the following business for the year:

1. Authorized a donation in the name of the conference to the National Sunday School Convention in Chicago in the amount of \$100.00 from special gifts and conference monies.
2. Authorized an honorarium of \$15.00 to Dr. A. S. London for the combined Chicagoland Sunday School Youth Rally at the Austin Church.
3. Set up the pattern for the conference-wide Blue Ribbon Contest held from Easter to Pentecost, and authorized the payment for expenses of the contest.
4. Laid plans for the Northern and Southern District Sunday School Ballies with Dr. Clarence Fast as speaker.
5. Authorized application for membership by the conference in the Greater Chicago Sunday School Association with payment of \$25.00 as membership fee.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. W. D. Craker, Chairman
Rev. J. T. Ledwell
Mr. Irvin Halverson

Report No. 8.Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid

We the Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid submit the following report:

1. Ministerial members of the Pension Plan in the Illinois Conference are as follows: A. L. Bray, R. E. Crawford, W. D. Craker, W. H. Dyer, Harry Moeller, Carl Olander, O. E. Price, D. D. Crail, D. C. Durey, R. L. Zuhl. Only three of these men have paid their 1% in full to date. Two will have to be re-instated by a vote of the General Board to continue. The rest are either behind in payments or need to make some adjustments.
2. All churches have paid budgets in full except the Peoria Church, but a check is forthcoming to take care of it.
3. The full budget of the conference has been sent to the General Treasurer.
4. Six of the churches have voted to pay the 1% for their pastor. We urge each church to include this item in their local budget.
5. In considering the question of making it mandatory for all ministerial members of the conference to unite with the plan if work is to be taken in the conference, the following is recommended:
In view of the fact that the committee has not properly reviewed the question, we recommend that the committee contact the conferences which have made it mandatory and find the result of such action and that a recommendation be made to the next annual conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Chairman
Rev. W. D. Craker
Rev. L. G. Anderson

Report No. 9.Report of the Superannuate Pension Fund.

Balance on Hand July 25, 1956

\$ 44.05

<u>Receipts: 1956-'57</u>	<u>Budgets Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Paid</u>	
	Austin	81.00	81.00	
	Creve Coeur	15.00	15.00	
	Hoopeston	22.50	22.50	
	Hoyle Avenue	63.00	63.00	
	Maywood	49.50	49.50	
	Oak Lawn	46.50	46.50	
	Oak Park	43.50	43.80	
	Peoria	34.50	4.50 *	
	Princeton	45.00	45.00	
	Rockford	57.00	57.00	
	Roseland	34.50	34.50	
	Sheffield	6.00	6.00	
	Wyanet	75.00	75.00	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>573.00</u>	<u>543.30</u>	543.30

New Memberships

R. E. Crawford	25.00	
R. L. Zuhl	5.00	
<u>Total</u>	<u>30.00</u>	30.00

Ministerial Assessments

A. L. Bray	74.51	
W. D. Craker	38.39	
W. H. Dyer	221.63	
W. H. Dyer (direct--\$17.64)		
Harry Moeller	40.52	
C. E. Olander	79.86	
R. E. Crawford	31.94	
<u>Total</u>	<u>486.85</u>	486.85
<u>Total Receipts</u>		\$1104.20

<u>Disbursements</u>	Budgets	\$573.00	
	Memberships	30.00	
	Assessments	486.85	
	Total Disbursements	1089.85	\$1089.85

Balance on Hand, July 15, 1957

14.35

- * Balance assigned received after the close of the Conference Year and will appear in next year's report.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. W. D. Craker, Treasurer

Report No. 10.

Educational Committee.

The Educational Committee met once this year to determine the possibility of contributing the price of one room of furniture in William's Hall, the new dormitory for men at Marion College, and thereby designate it as the Illinois Room. This project amounted to \$400.00. It was decided that each church would be assessed \$1.00 for each full member. The local Wesleyan Youth, the local Woman's Missionary Society the Sunday School and Church treasuries were to contribute proportionately to their local assessment. It was also felt that any deficit would be taken proportionately from the Conference Treasury, the Conference Wesleyan Youth and the Conference Woman's Missionary Society. This action was referred to the ministers at our Annual Ministerial and it was unanimously passed. The Conference Missionary Board forwarded the \$400.00 because of the immediate need.

To date, \$328.00 has been received from the churches. The total assessment was \$388.00, and thus there is a \$60.00 deficit, plus the \$12.00 not assessed, making a total of \$72.00 to be met from Conference Treasuries.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, Chairman
Rev. C. E. Olander
Rev. A. L. Bray
Mrs. Rachel Bray
Mrs. Lloyd Wallace

Report No. 11.

Statistical Committee.

(Local church statistics and conference totals are tabulated on the center pages).

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. D. D. Crail, Chairman
Rev. R. E. Crawford
Rev. W. D. Craker
Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.
Mr. Frank Geniuk
Mr. L. W. Wallace

Report No. 12.

Conference Treasurer.

Cash receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year which ended July 15, 1957:

<u>FUND</u>	Balance <u>7-25-56*</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	Total <u>Credits</u>	<u>Disburse-</u> <u>ments</u>	Balance <u>7-15-57</u>
General Conference Budget:					
Home Missions	\$ -0-	\$ 293.79	\$ 293.79	\$ 293.79	\$ -0-
Foreign Missions	-0-	275.01	275.01	275.01	-0-
Education	-0-	925.19	925.19	925.19	-0-
Orphanage	-0-	55.07	55.07	55.07	-0-
Administrative Expense	-0-	189.00	189.00	189.00	-0-
Travel and Entertainment	-0-	61.84	61.84	61.84	-0-
Australia	-0-	62.61	62.61	62.61	-0-
Total General Conf. Budget	-0-	1,862.51	1,862.51	1,862.51	-0-

<u>FUND</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>7-25-56*</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Credits</u>	<u>Disburse-</u> <u>ments</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>7-15-57</u>
Illinois Conference Budget:					
President's Salary	\$ 1,267.83	\$ 4,273.84	\$ 5,541.67	\$ 3,707.45	\$ 1,834.22
Conference Fund	277.10	1,177.47	1,454.57	1,129.63	324.94
Conference Missions	(-93.63)	3,407.06	3,313.43	2,913.89	399.54
Conference Paper	101.45	193.70	295.15	162.92	132.23
Pastor's Insurance	-0-	1,806.05	1,806.05	1,672.00	134.05
Total Illinois Budget	<u>1,552.75</u>	<u>10,858.12</u>	<u>12,410.87</u>	<u>9,585.89</u>	<u>2,824.98</u>
Illinois Non-Budget:					
Conference Parsonage	315.39	973.85	1,289.24	1,050.00	239.24
Miscellaneous	-0-	403.20	403.20	392.00	11.20
(Includes Ministerial Convention receipts of \$197.00 and disbursements of \$185.80 - balance \$11.20)					
Illinois Pension Fund	-0-	33.00	33.00	33.00	-0-
Escrow Fund	-0-	7,702.33	7,702.33	5,352.33	2,350.00
Total Illinois Non-Budget	<u>315.39</u>	<u>9,112.38</u>	<u>9,427.77</u>	<u>6,827.33</u>	<u>2,600.44</u>
Total All Funds:	<u>1,868.14</u>	<u>19,970.50</u>	<u>21,838.64</u>	<u>16,413.22</u>	<u>5,425.42</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. R. E. Crawford, Asst. Treasurer

(Note: Because the Conference Treasurer, Rev. Glen Klasna, moved to Detroit to take up his duties there as Business Manager for Christian Enterprises, Inc., so shortly before the fiscal year closed, not enough time remained after checking the records for the Statistical Committee and making out the reports, to submit the books to an outside auditor. However, Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President, and Rev. Roy E. Crawford, newly-appointed Assistant Treasurer, have audited the books and find them in order for the fiscal year ended July 15, 1957.)

*Date of final bank statement for the year 1956.

Report No. 13.

Conference President.

Another year is history. How quickly it has passed, irrevocably, and indelibly marked! God's grace has been sufficient as we have moved forward in the work of spreading Scriptural holiness at the cross-roads of America. While we are but a small cog in the great machinery of the Christian Church, we feel we have a vital work to do for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

State of the Conference. An analysis of the comparison of statistics listed below will show gains ranging from nominal to excellent along every line except the Youth work, which is reflecting the exodus of our young folk to Marion College—in itself a matter for rejoicing. Our churches reported receiving 41 new members during the year, but the revising of the rolls trimmed our gains to a net of 4 over last year. (Two died, 20 moved away and 15 ceased to fellowship with us - a total loss of 37.) The dramatic gains of former years were caused by the organization of new churches. In 1955 we reported 398 members. Two years of toil and tears since then find us with only 386 full members. Our total membership is 458, including full, associate and junior - a gain of 14 for the year. We shall trust God for new heights scaled this coming year after a plateau experience in which we have caught our breath lost in earlier strenuous days.

Our Wesleyan subscriptions of 354, which crowd our membership is truly encouraging. Over 100 more scholars are enrolled in our Sunday Schools and the average attendance has inched ahead in spite of severe losses suffered by two of our schools.

Property values of more than half a million have gained \$16,000 without an increase in indebtedness. This is caused by the more than \$14,000 paid on indebtedness.

We paid about \$3,342.00 more in budget this year than last, largely because of providing hospital and medical insurance for our pastors' families, and increased pastoral support by more than \$2,700. Our total giving for all purposes was \$148,623, or \$8,000 more than last year. This comes to a per capita giving of \$385.00, an all-time high and speaks of the vision and loyalty of our people.

However, as valuable as statistics are in giving an estimate of what is being done, they do not tell the story of the heartery of our pastors for a moving of God's Spirit among us. My brethren, we work hard enough to see much more accomplished in the salvation of souls!

We will readily admit that city evangelism is hard because of moving population and worldly attractions all around. We will admit that we are in the last days before the coming of the Lord when spiritual indolence hinders the advance of the Church of Jesus Christ. But the power of the Holy Ghost remains the same, and it is our firm conviction that by earnest prayer we must have a renewing of the Holy Ghost if we are to see New Testament accomplishment. Let us plead with God to that end.

Following is a listing of statistics which will be of interest:

Statistics Reported to Conference in:

	1949	1956	1957	Gain or Loss Last Year	Gain in Eight Years
Churches	7	13	13	-	6
Full Members	157	382	386	4	229
Total Members, F. A. J.		444	458	14	
W. M. S. Members	78	274	251	(-23)	173
W. Y. Members	43	188	146	(-42)	103
Wesleyan subs.	71	328	354	26	283
Missionary subs.	89	233	211	(-22)	122
Youth subs.	51	162	130	(-32)	79
Sunday School roll	753	1563	1666	103	913
Main School	642	1428	1489	61	847
Average Attendance	416	1022	1059	37	643
Property Value	\$144,100	\$607,700	\$623,200	\$15,500	\$479,100
Debt	15,723	129,082	128,107	(-975)	112,384
Paid on Debt	2,910	14,659	14,236		
Budget Assigned	1,542	10,665	12,604	1,939	11,062
Budget Raised	1,841	10,930	14,272	3,342	12,431
Pastors' Support	14,055	47,771	50,487	2,716	36,432
Total Raised	\$41,458	\$140,316	\$148,623	\$ 8,307	\$107,165

Report of Personal Service: In addition to serving as Conference President, I have also served another year as pastor of the Chicago-Austin Church with the aid of Rev. Glen Klaasa, my assistant. On May 5 I resigned the Austin pastorate effective when another pastor can be found. Physically, I find it impossible to carry the double load any longer and request that Conference appoint a pastor to the Austin charge if it continues to place the conference leadership on my shoulders.

In conference work I have travelled 15,467 miles, making 454 calls in conference interest including counsel with our pastors 133 times. These ministrations added to the 903 pastoral ministrations on the Austin charge total 1357 for the year. I sent out 557 letters, held 32 Quarterly Meetings, 4 meetings of the Missionary Board, 3 meetings of the Camp Meeting Committee, serving as chairman and renting cottages from Free Methodist owners and directing the annual Camp Meeting, have attended 5 meetings of the Illinois Conference Youth Council and have written and published our conference bulletin, The Illinois Tidings.

In addition I was elected President of the Evangelical Ministers' Association of Greater Chicago in February and have worked diligently, endeavoring to bring Dr. Billy Graham to Chicago for a united evangelistic campaign. I also served as a member of the board of the Chicago Bible Society, attended the national conventions of the N.A.E. and N.H.A. as your representative, attended meetings of the Chicago chapter of the Marion College Alumni Association and spoke in the interests of church extension at the Ministers' Retreat of the Iowa Conference last fall.

Although this has been a year of multiplied duties and pressures, it has been a year of a personal spiritual victory and added blessing which has made work easier. It is a high privilege to have a part in the work of God. The gains which we have made are your gains, under God, and I rejoice with you for every victory and weep over every loss. Let us be of good courage as we face another year.

Official Acts: 1) As Chairman of the Missionary Board and as President of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, an Illinois corporation, I helped to promote pioneer and other building projects, sought loans, executed legal documents and signed the same together with Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary of the Board of Trustees. (See Trustees' report.)

2) As President of the Illinois Conference and also a member of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders I certified our theological students and young ministers to their several draft boards as legally qualifying for proper draft exemption.

3) On August 8, 1956, I signed the contract with the Ministers' Life and Casualty Union of Minneapolis, Minn., formally committing our conference to their insurance coverage for our ministers. This was done at the direction of Annual Conference and the committee elected for that purpose.

4) Ordered payment of all bills owed by the conference, using a requisition form in each instance.

- 5) September 16, 1956, dedicated the Rockford church pulpit furniture and rugs.
 - 6) October 11, 1956, officially entertained the Wesleyan delegates to the National Sunday School Convention in Chicago at Lawson Y.M.C.A. on behalf of the Conference.
 - 7) November 11, 1956, dedicated the pioneer Galesburg Church chapel.
 - 8) February 13, 1957, filed annual corporation report with the Secretary of State.
 - 9) April 2-4, 1957, represented the conference at the N.A.E. in Buffalo, New York.
 - 10) April 23-25, 1957, represented the conference at the N.H.A. in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
 - 11) July 1, 1957, appointed Rev. Roy E. Crawford as Assistant Treasurer to carry on the work of the conference treasurer until conference, because the treasurer, Rev. Glen Klasna, had moved to Detroit. This was with Missionary Board approval.
- (Note: See page 36 for the Analysis of President's Salary Fund and the Analysis of the Conference Fund.)

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President

Report No. 14.

Editor and Publisher of Conference Paper.

As Editor and Publisher of your Conference paper, The Illinois Tidings, I submit the following report:

There have been nine issues of our two to six page mimeographed monthly bulletin containing promotional information and news of the churches of the Illinois Conference. The October-November, January-February and May-June issues were combined because of the pressures on the editor incidental to serving as a pastor and Conference President.

The Tidings has averaged about 350 copies each issue. Each copy is composed of several pages which must be written, largely from recollection, then mimeographed from typed stencils, then assembled, stapled, folded, addressed, stamped, sorted by destination, tied with cord in bundles and finally taken to the post office. It is a large chore, but is undertaken in order to keep our promotional costs down within reach of the budget of a mission conference.

In respect to the financing of publishing the Tidings, I refer you to the Conference Treasurer's report, inasmuch as the disbursements are all for publishing supplies. We trust that the Tidings has served to bind us closer in Christian fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. A. L. Bray, Editor

Report No. 15.

Member Local Board of Trustees of Marion College.

At this time I wish to present to you the report of the member of the Local Board of Trustees of Marion College.

I have attended all of the regular scheduled meetings of the board and also one special meeting of the board that met in conjunction with the Presidents and members of their conference advisory committees for the express purpose of hearing the presentation of the plans for launching a fund-raising campaign in the city of Marion.

It is good to report that Williams Hall is in operation and the occupants have readily accepted the ultra-modern quarters of one of the finest dormitories in the midwest.

God has seen fit to give the college a good year in spiritual things, with Spirit-visited revival meetings and a stirring missionary conference. I regret to report that in the area of material things it has been somewhat of a different story. I speak specifically of finances, for Marion College finished the year in the red. The spectre of financial difficulties has been with us over an extended time, and this year the inevitable happened in that it finally caught up with us. Urgent prayer is needed for our college, plus the paying of budgets, and the recruiting of new students. These are very vital to the continuation of Marion College. The question of the "future" of Marion College lies in the hands of the folks of the Marion area.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. C. E. Olander, Illinois Member
of the Local Board of Trustees of
Marion College

Report No. 16.Educational Secretary.

It has been my privilege as Educational Secretary to promote Marion College both privately and publicly throughout the conference. Folders and catalogs were displayed during the Conference Youth Week tour. I sent a letter to every pastor describing the personnel of every gospel team, trio and quartet available from the college. This letter also urged the faithful paying of the educational budget to express our support in the increase of salary and other steps of improvement. It is a pleasure to report that the educational budget of our conference was slightly overpaid. May we always do more than the law and enter into the spirit of the second mile.

We now have 14 students enrolled in Marion College and five more are making definite plans to attend this fall.

There were eight churches who enlisted the services of two gospel teams, one trio and the quartet three times. Other representatives from the school have also spoken on occasions.

There is one alumni chapter located in the Chicagoland area. The chapter held three meetings and sponsored an oral public Bible Reading Contest under the direction of the speech department with prizes for first, second and third place winners.

I am counting on your continued support and prayers for our area college. As Marion grows structurally and spiritually with her consecrated staff, we will have trained men and women who have also increased in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour...Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Educational Secretary

Report No. 17.Sunday School Secretary.

Activities for the year as conference Sunday School Secretary include the following items:

- 1) Arranged for the Sunday School services of the annual Camp meeting.
- 2) Presided over the activities of the Sunday School Board.
- 3) Administered the use of the "Know Your Child" and the "Successful Teaching" series of filmstrips. Austin, Oak Lawn, Hoyne Avenue, and Roseland used from the series this year.
- 4) Represented the conference on the Board of the Greater Chicago Sunday School Association.
- 5) Participated in the National Sunday School Convention in Chicago. Churches with the highest percentage of staff participating included Roseland with the largest percentage in Chicagoland and Rockford with the largest percentage among the other conference churches.
- 6) Made materials for a "Get Out the Vote Campaign" and a "Christian Convention Rally" during the election season.
- 7) Promoted the Blue Ribbon Contest. Creve Coeur won first place and the Blue Ribbon. Hoyne Avenue won second place with a red ribbon and Princeton, third place with a yellow ribbon.
- 8) Promoted the Southern District Rally at Wyanet on May 11, and the Northern District Rally at Maywood on June 11.

Financial Statement:Receipts:

1956 Camp Offering	\$ 27.09
General Budget	214.20
Conference Budget	142.88
Nat'l S.S. Conv. gift	25.00
Southern Dist. Rally	6.21
Northern Dist. Rally	14.34
Pension Fund Receipts	139.75
Conference Misc.	31.00
Total Receipts	600.47
Balance on Hand July 25, 1956	26.16
Total Credits	\$626.63

Balance on Hand July 15, 1957 \$ 10.44

Disbursements:

General Budget	\$214.20
Pension Plan	139.75
Nat'l S.S. Conv.	100.00
Dr. A. S. London	15.00
G.C.S.S.A. Membership	25.00
Sunday School Helps	30.62
Southern Dist. Rally	39.72
Northern Dist. Rally	18.00
Sec'y Travel Expense	12.00
Misc. Expense	21.92
Total Disbursements:	\$616.19

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. W. D. Craker, Secretary

Report No. 18.Child Evangelism Director.

Bible Clubs were held during the week this year at Rockford, Chicago-Austin, Princeton and Wyanet.

Junior Church was conducted at Princeton, Oak Lawn, Sheffield, Maywood, Chicago-Austin, Rockford and Creve Coeur.

We also have a report of Pioneer Girls and Christian Service Brigade being carried on successfully at Chicago-Austin. Christian Service Brigade also was in operation at Maywood. Jet Cadets, a Sunday evening Junior program, was carried on at Oak Lawn and Chicago-Roseland.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ethel Dyer,
Child Evangelism Secretary

Report No. 19.Wesleyan Men's Fellowship Secretary.

I have spent the greater part of my time in the interest of this organization trying to find what materials are available from our own denominational headquarters and also what some of the other denominations are doing.

I have contacted Dr. Hollis C. Stevenson, Mooers, New York, and asked for material to pass around to all the men. As of yet, I haven't received the material. I understand that his work has been hindered because of lack of finances.

In evaluating material from other denominations to see if there would be that which could be adapted to our own program, I have found that the men's fellowship in other denominations is set up with a much larger men's group than what we have available in our local churches. Some of the churches have the men's program divided into different groups--hobbies, recreation, other interests. This is an excellent idea and one we could well keep in mind as a goal for the future.

At present, here are my suggestions:

1. Have each local church include in its list of officers someone elected as sponsor of Wesleyan Men's Fellowship in the local church.
2. Begin with a Men's Prayer Fellowship. Some of our churches have already done this.
3. Then, if possible, plan at least one program during the year with the aim to reach men who are not directly connected with our church.
4. As the group enlarges, find out the interest of the men and divide the men into interest groups.

I feel that Wesleyan Men's Fellowship can be a strong arm of our church if it is promoted in each local church.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell, Secretary

Report No. 20.Boys' and Girls' Clubs Secretary.

The opportunity of reaching boys and girls is still great. But the competition in our complex society is also strong, and growing. It is increasingly difficult to draw and hold boys and girls in our churches with Sunday services alone. Midweek activities for these children sponsored by the church is one answer to this problem. Your boys' and girls' club secretary suggests the use of the Christian Service Brigade program for boys 8-18 and Pioneer Girls for girls 8-18. These club programs not only provide constructive activities such as crafts, athletics, and achievements of real interest to boys and girls and planned for the various age levels, but these programs also integrate a real challenge to Christian living and knowledge of the Scriptures into the achievement plan, and in the program of the weekly meetings.

At present, two churches are actively using the C.S.B. and Pioneer Girls' programs: the Chicago-Austin Church with a Stockade program reaching 14 boys, a Battalion reaching 11 boys, a Pilgrims group reaching 18 girls, and a Colonists group reaching 23 girls; and the Maywood Church with a Stockade reaching 10 boys, a Battalion reaching 20 boys, and a Pilgrims group reaching 15 girls. After meeting with the Advisory Board of the Oak Lawn Church, I have been informed by their pastor that they are planning to organize both a Stockade and a Battalion in the fall. Other churches are interested, but are waiting to find men and women willing to undertake the leadership. Some other churches are using athletics and other less organized recreational activities to maintain contact with the youth during the week. It is recommended that all of our churches consider the possibility of an organized midweek club program and pray and promote that leadership might be raised up. Your secretary has literature, sample

materials, and a willingness to help wherever he can any church considering such a program.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. D. D. Crail, Secretary

Report No. 21.

Tithing Secretary.

The tithing material which I secured and distributed this past year was chosen for the value it had to inspire one who covenants to tithe his income. It helped to keep record and showed the importance of this record when computing income tax deductions. The material used was published by Rev. Don Falkenburg, Stewardship Secretary of the N.A.E.

Approximately eight hundred pieces of literature were distributed this past year. Membership tithing - 274.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. G. C. McCarty, Tithing Secretary

Report No. 22.

Passage of Character Committee.

Your committee has examined the pastors' reports concerning fulfillment of ministerial obligations and finds them acceptable to our committee.

Thus we recommend the passage of the ministerial character of all of our pastors.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman
Miss Velma Moore
Rev. R. L. Zuhl

Report No. 23.

Auditing Committee.

We have examined the financial statements of the Conference Sunday School Treasurer, the Superannuate Pension Fund Treasurer and the Camp Meeting Fund Treasurer. We have adjusted these books where necessary and we are satisfied that they are now correct within the limits of receipts, deposit slips, bank statements, and other vouchers presented.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. D. D. Crail, Chairman
Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.
Rev. R. E. Crawford
Mr. Lloyd W. Wallace
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Report No. 24.

Moral Reform Committee.

In view of the challenge given to us by our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 9:36, 37 and Acts 1:9-11, presenting the urgency and need of the hour and the blessed hope of the imminent return of our Lord, we feel it imperative to emphasize the Bible teachings of regeneration, sanctification and separation.

1. Be it resolved that there be increased emphasis concerning the person and work of the Holy Spirit in the personal life of each member and in the program of the conference.

2. Be it resolved that we heed the exhortations of Jesus to His disciples, namely, "watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:41

3. Be it resolved that greater stress be laid upon the importance of the personal and united witness on the part of each pastor and layman for the salvation of men that we may become the person which Paul described in II Tim. 2:15—"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." And that this study might culminate in a more intensified effort of prayer and Bible study in our Christian life.

4. Be it also resolved that the church seek to take its place in the life and welfare of our community in the following areas:

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CHARGE		Item I. Pastor's Labors			Item II. Periodicals															
		Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	Organized Church Appointments	Wesleyan Method-ists Taken	Wesleyan Mission-aries Taken	Wesleyan Youths Taken	Sunday School Pupils	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Adult Teacher's Quarterly	Intermediate Teacher's Quarterly	Junior-Primary Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Scholar's Quarterly	Intermediate Scholar's Quarterly	Junior Scholar's Quarterly	Primary Scholar's Quarterly	Home Dep't. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Other Helps
Austin (Chicago)	Rev. A. L. Bray	12	1	1	69	23	13	35			5			45						
Creve Coeur	Rev. D. C. Durey	12	1	1	3	11	2	25				2	6	32	18				5	
Galesburg	Rev. C. E. Olander	12	1		16	1	1	48			3		1	32					18	
Hoopeston	Rev. L. G. Anderson	12	1	1	4	4	1	12		10		1	1	12	12				24	
Hoynes Avenue (Chicago)	Rev. Harry Moeller	12	1	1	36	8	21	30	12		3		2	25					10	
Maywood	Rev. D. D. Crail	12	1	1	29	19	4												10	
Oak Lawn	Rev. R. L. Zuhl	12	1	1	21	20	13	25			4			40					10	
Oak Park	Rev. J. T. Ledwell	12	1	1	33	12	4				3			35					20	
Peoria	Rev. O. E. Price	12	1	1	19	16	2													
Princeton	Rev. R. E. Crawford	10	1	1	32	17	3	40		14	6	2	4	40	12				8	43
Rockford	Rev. W. H. Dyer	12	1	1	39	24	47	40	14	30	5	1	5	45	16		14	3	12	4
Roseland (Chicago)	Rev. W. D. Craker	12	1	1	15	11	2	25	10	15						22	22		15	
Sheffield	Rev. C. C. McCarty	12	1	1	6	5	5	8	10	10			2	18		10	8			
Wyanet	Rev. S. A. Hill	12	1	1	32	40	12	35			7		2	50					15	2
TOTALS		166	14	13	354	211	130	323	46	91	38	7	21	342	58	74	71	41	137	49

CHARGE	Item III. Membership																				
	Full Membership Reported Last Yr.	Full Members Received This Year	Sub-Total	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Members Lost	Present Full Membership	Associate Members	Junior Members	Total Present Membership	Total Membership Reported Last Yr.	Gain in Members for the Year	Loss in Members for the Year	Baptized	Infants Dedicated	Local Preachers	Unstationed Elders	Family Altars	Membership Tithing	Number of Card Call Subscribers
Austin (Chicago)	54	6	60					60	22		82	76	6		8	2	1		44	58	20
Creve Coeur	10	2	12			2	2	10			10	13							7	9	5
Galesburg																			2	1	1
Hoopeston	15	5	20	4		4	4	16	3		19	19							4	8	8
Hoynes Avenue (Chicago)	42	4	46	3	1	4	3	38			38	42		4		3	4	1	16	31	50
Maywood	33	3	36	1		1	1	35	8		43	41							11	21	21
Oak Lawn	31	5	36			1	1	35	10	6	41	37	2		6		1		8	14	6
Oak Park	29	7	36			2	2	34		4	38	37	14		17		1		20	36	23
Peoria	23		23	5				18		2	20	23	9	6		3	1	1	15	20	20
Princeton	30	4	34	1				31	1		32	33		1		7			10	12	10
Rockford	38		42					41			41	33			3				10	32	22
Roseland (Chicago)	23	1	24			1	5	19		13	24	23	3	1	3	1	2		7	4	4
Sheffield	4		4					4			4	4							1	7	2
Wyanet	50		50	1	1		2	48			48	50		2	6	2	1		18	20	16
TOTALS	382	41	423	15	2	20	37	386	44	28	458	444	34	14	43	29	11	3	183	274	190

CHARGE	Item IV. Sunday Schools																Item V. Church Property					
	Number of Sunday Schools	Whole Number of Officers & Teachers	Whole No. of Schol- ars in Main School	Total Number in Main School	Number in Home Department	Number on Cradle Roll	Total Number in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. of Scholars Converted	No. of Scholars Joining Church	No. of Dep't. Superintendents	No. in Teacher Training Course	No. of Organized Classes	No. of Books in Library	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Average V. B. S. Attendance	No. Wesleyan Youth Societies	Total W. Y. Membership	Number of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance
Austin (Chicago)	1	15	128	143		3	146	98	7	4	3		3	100	120	65	1	22	1	\$ 60,000	\$ 725.00	\$ 40,000
Creve Coeur	1	9	119	128	3	24	155	89	3				1	107	83	75	1	3	3	10,700	2,441.19	4,000
Galesburg	1	5	38	43			43	37							41	36						
Hoopeston	1	7	72	80	10	20	110	63	6	4	1	6	57			1	8			10,000	9,066.49	10,000
Hoynes Avenue (Chicago)	1	11	70	81	1		91	62				9	9			1	20	1		65,000	10,198.51	35,000
Maywood	1	12	60	71		9	80	61					3	105	100	75	1	13	1	25,000	10,198.51	31,000
Oak Lawn	1	25	170	195		15	210	158	12	11	3	8	2			1	13	1		60,000	5,910.61	40,000
Oak Park	1	13	69	82			82	67	10				8	150	80	44	1	10	1	90,000		42,000
Peoria	1	12	52	64		22	86	52	3	4	1	20				1	7	1		12,000	2,415.35	12,000
Princeton	1	22	160	182	3	23	208	111	6	4	2		1		100	88	1	13	1	6,300.00	15,200.00	15,000
Rockford	1	15	157	172		15	187	109	5		4				95	69	1	25	1	40,000	6,227.00	32,000
Roseland	1	9	42	49		3	49	39		4				100		1	9	1		17,000	1,958.42	14,000
Sheffield	1	7	29	36		8	44	22					4		21	14	1	1	1	12,500		10,000
Wyanet	1	17	146	163		12	175	91	6		1		7	185	152	143	1	12	1	10,500	1,000.00	9,500
TOTALS	14	179	1,312	1,489	17	163	1,666	1,059	62	40	21	37	44	804	792	609	12	146	15	\$437,700	\$61,442.57	\$294,500

CHARGE	Item V. Church Property (Continued)					Item VI. Disbursed for Pastor					
	Number of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or Other Values on Hand	Salary	Secular Income	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Austin (Chicago)	2	\$ 38,000	\$16,844.00	\$ 25,000	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,600.00		\$ 900.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 484.00	\$ 3,389.00
Creve Coeur	1	11,500	8,432.00	9,000	155.00	2,347.00	\$ 400.00	900.00	10.00	200.00	3,457.00
Galesburg	1	20,000	9,500.00	15,000	404.10	2,400.00		480.00	55.00	50.00	2,985.00
Hoopeston	1	6,000	525.00	3,000	2,700.00	1,269.00		480.00	40.00	30.00	1,619.00
Hoynes Avenue (Chicago)	1	15,000		10,000		4,052.00		840.00	70.00	170.00	5,132.00
Maywood	1	20,000	10,000.00	20,000	1,900.00	2,171.00	525.70	900.00		580.15	3,651.15
Oak Lawn	1	13,000	4,664.49	8,000	560.00	3,280.00		900.00	45.00	140.00	4,365.00
Oak Park	1	30,000	4,961.77	20,000	750.00	3,016.00		1,200.00	20.00	90.00	4,326.00
Peoria	1	8,000				2,160.00		600.00	10.00	520.00	3,290.00
Princeton					403.18	2,690.00		480.00	18.00	450.67	3,598.67
Rockford	1	16,000	9,037.01	12,800	3,424.90	4,940.00		900.00	30.00	636.00	6,326.00
Roseland (Chicago)					75.00	3,245.00		660.00	10.00	75.00	3,990.00
Sheffield								229.00	2.00	48.00	279.00
Wyanet	1	8,000	2,800.00	4,500	1,000.00	2,600.00		480.00	50.00	150.00	3,280.00
CHARGE	12	\$185,500	\$66,764.27	\$127,300	\$11,572.08	\$36,730.00	\$	\$9,949.00	\$385.00	\$3,423.82	\$50,487.82

CHARGE	Item VII. Disbursed for Church								Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget							
	Other Evan- gelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Amount Paid on Expense of Indebtedness	Church Inciden- tal Expense	Total for Church	Australia Assigned	Australia Raised	Foreign Mission Assigned	Foreign Mission Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Home Missions Raised		
Austin (Chicago)	\$ 552.00	\$ 632.00	\$ 465.00	\$ 993.00	\$ 2,664.00	\$ 930.00	\$ 7,267.00	\$13,503.00	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$108.00	\$ 366.62	\$ 67.50	\$ 93.65		
Creve Coeur	236.00	379.00	146.00	230.00	175.00	485.00	535.00	2,186.00	2.50	2.50	20.00	81.87	12.50	16.21		
Galesburg	91.00	249.24	1,805.01				634.52	2,779.77								
Hoopeston	305.00	280.35		269.21	144.00		975.25	1,973.81	3.75	3.75	30.00	28.25	18.75	20.50		
Hoynes Avenue (Chicago)	192.80	549.39	7,519.80	366.56	1,293.85		756.38	10,678.78	10.50	10.50	84.00	177.98	52.50	54.31		
Maywood	357.81	262.82	782.60	148.72	2,033.00	1,125.00	1,877.40	6,587.35	8.25	8.25	66.00	102.51	41.25	82.35		
Oak Lawn	177.00	550.89	4,500.39	150.00	2,500.39		2,456.51	10,595.18	7.75	7.75	62.00	72.75	38.75	44.50		
Oak Park	336.00	425.00	976.00	773.00	601.00	265.00	2,750.00	6,126.00	7.25	7.80	58.00	61.20	36.15	49.60		
Peoria	70.68	111.49			623.00		511.87	1,317.04	5.75	5.75	46.00	57.91	28.75	31.75		
Princeton	135.00	516.99	580.93	16.13	300.00	298.00	1,006.59	2,853.84	7.50	7.50	60.00	121.19	37.50	38.00		
Rockford	315.00	647.80	1,925.86	548.42	2,693.00	850.00	2,062.60	9,042.68	9.50	9.50	76.00	239.61	47.50	96.05		
Roseland (Chicago)	170.00	73.16			788.76	296.01	578.34	1,906.27	5.75	5.75	46.00	46.04	28.75	28.75		
Sheffield		134.90		75.59			52.71	263.20	1.00	1.00	8.00	30.33	5.00	5.03		
Wyanet	210.00	523.99	1,710.00		400.00		925.00	3,768.99	12.50	12.50	100.00	138.71	62.50	55.15		
TOTALS	\$3,148.29	\$5,337.02	\$20,411.59	\$3,570.63	\$14,236.00	\$4,489.01	\$22,389.17	\$73,581.71	\$95.50	\$96.11	\$764.00	\$1,524.97	\$477.40	\$607.85		

CHARGE	Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget													
	Education Assigned	Education Raised	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Assigned	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Raised	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised	Administrative Budget Assigned	Administrative Budget Raised	General Conf. Travel Assigned	General Conf. Travel Raised	General S. S. Work Assigned	General S. S. Work Raised	Total General Budget Assigned	Total General Budget Raised
Austin (Chicago)	\$ 162.00	\$ 162.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 81.00	\$13.50	\$ 18.50	\$ 27.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 8.10	\$ 8.10	\$ 21.75	\$ 21.75	\$ 502.35	\$ 792.12
Creve Coeur	30.00	30.00	15.00	15.00	2.50	6.20	5.00	5.00	1.50	1.53	18.15	18.15	107.15	176.46
Galesburg											4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Hoopeston	45.00	45.00	22.50	22.50	3.75	3.75	7.50	7.50	2.25	2.25	15.90	15.90	149.40	149.40
Hoynes Avenue (Chicago)	126.00	126.00	63.00	63.00	10.50	15.56	21.00	21.00	6.30	6.36	11.10	11.10	384.90	485.87
Maywood	99.00	99.00	49.50	49.50	8.25	13.25	16.50	16.50	4.95	4.95	12.30	12.30	306.00	388.61
Oak Lawn	93.00	93.00	46.50	46.50	7.75	7.75	15.50	15.50	4.65	4.65	29.55	29.55	305.45	321.95
Oak Park	87.00	87.00	43.50	43.80	7.25	12.80	14.50	15.00	4.35	4.80	13.20	13.20	271.20	295.20
Peoria	69.00	69.00	34.50	4.50	5.75	5.75	11.50	11.50	3.45	3.45	12.00	12.00	216.70	193.61
Princeton	90.00	90.00	45.00	45.00	7.50	8.76	15.00	15.00	4.50	6.00	18.60	18.60	285.60	350.05
Rockford	114.00	114.13	57.00	57.00	9.50	9.50	19.00	19.00	5.70	5.70	24.30	24.30	362.50	574.79
Roseland (Chicago)	69.00	69.00	34.50	34.50	5.75	5.75	11.50	11.50	3.45	3.45	7.50	7.50	212.20	212.24
Sheffield	12.00	12.50	6.00	6.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	2.00	.60	.60	5.40	5.40	41.00	68.66
Wyanet	150.00	150.00	75.00	75.00	12.50	12.50	25.00	25.00	7.50	10.00	19.95	19.95	464.95	498.81
TOTALS	\$1,146.00	\$1,146.63	\$573.00	\$543.30	\$95.50	\$126.07	\$191.00	\$191.50	\$57.30	\$61.84	\$214.20	\$214.20	\$3,613.90	\$4,512.47

CHARGE	Item VIII. Disbursed for Conference Budget															
	President's Salary Assigned	President's Salary Raised	Conference Work Assigned	Conference Work Raised	Conference Missions Assigned	Conference Missions Raised	Conference Paper Assigned	Conference Paper Raised	Conference S. S. Assigned	Conference S. S. Raised	Pastor's Medical Insurance Due	Pastor's Medical Insurance Raised	Total Conference Budget Assigned	Total Conference Budget Raised	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Raised
Austin (Chicago)	\$ 527.50	\$ 527.54	\$108.00	\$108.00	\$ 324.00	\$ 324.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 14.50	\$ 14.50	\$ 110.00	\$ 220.00	\$1,111.00	\$1,221.04	\$ 1,613.35	\$ 2,013.16
Creve Coeur	234.70	238.00	20.00	20.00	60.00	60.00	5.00	5.00	12.10	12.10	110.00	110.00	441.80	445.10	548.95	621.56
Galesburg	360.00	350.00							3.00	3.00	110.00	110.00	473.00	463.00	477.50	467.50
Hoopeston	126.90	127.00	30.00	30.00	90.00	90.00	7.50	7.50	10.60	10.60	110.00	110.00	375.00	375.10	524.40	524.50
Hoynes Avenue (Chicago)	405.20	550.50	84.00	84.00	252.00	252.00	21.00	21.00	7.40	7.40	110.00	220.01	879.60	1,134.91	1,264.50	1,620.78
Maywood	217.10	221.40	66.00	66.00	198.00	198.00	16.50	16.50	8.20	8.20	110.00	137.90	615.20	648.00	921.80	1,036.61
Oak Lawn	328.00	328.80	62.00	62.00	186.00	186.00	15.50	15.50	19.70	19.70	110.00	137.53	721.20	749.53	1,026.65	1,071.48
Oak Park	301.60	301.60	58.00	58.00	174.00	174.00	14.50	15.00	8.80	8.80	110.00	119.20	666.90	686.80	938.10	982.00
Peoria	216.00	165.00	46.00	46.00	138.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	8.00	8.00	110.00	82.53	529.50	324.53	746.20	518.14
Princeton	265.00	265.00	60.00	60.00	180.00	226.49	15.00	15.10	12.40	12.40	110.00	110.00	642.40	689.07	928.00	1,039.12
Rockford	494.00	494.00	76.00	76.00	228.00	256.14	19.00	19.00	16.20	16.20	110.00	110.00	943.20	971.34	1,305.70	1,546.13
Roseland (Chicago)	324.50	330.00	46.00	46.00	138.00	600.00	11.50	11.50	5.00	5.00	110.00	108.00	635.00	1,102.50	847.20	1,314.74
Sheffield		5.00	8.00	8.00	24.00	24.00	2.00	2.10	3.60	3.60	110.00	108.00	147.60	150.70	188.60	219.56
Wyanet	260.00	260.00	100.00	108.00	300.00	300.00	25.00	25.00	13.30	13.30	110.00	91.61	808.30	797.91	1,273.25	1,296.72
TOTALS	\$4,060.50	\$4,163.84	\$764.00	\$772.20	\$2,292.00	\$2,712.13	\$191.00	\$191.70	\$142.80	\$142.88	\$1,540.00	\$1,776.78	\$8,990.30	\$9,759.53	\$12,604.20	\$14,272.00

CHARGE	Item IX. Disbursed for Benevolences								Item X. Disbursed Totals					
	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	Wesleyan Youth	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes	
Austin (Chicago)	\$3,303.00	\$180.00	\$128.00	\$	\$ 97.00	\$216.00	\$389.00	\$ 4,313.00	\$ 3,989.00	\$13,503.00	\$ 2,013.16	\$ 4,113.00	\$ 23,818.16	
Creve Coeur	25.00				15.00		95.00	135.00	3,457.00	2,186.00	621.56	135.00	6,399.56	
Galesburg	50.11						112.86	162.97	2,985.00	2,779.77	467.50	162.97	6,395.24	
Hoopeston	4.00		15.00	2.00			30.00	51.00	1,819.00	1,973.81	524.50	51.00	4,368.31	
Hoynes Avenue (Chicago)	52.53	279.64	91.01		57.00		225.96	706.14	5,132.00	10,678.78	1,620.78	706.14	18,137.70	
Maywood	261.46	88.71	86.10			78.00	300.84	815.11	3,651.15	6,587.35	1,036.61	815.11	12,090.22	
Oak Lawn	42.00	85.00	43.00	19.00			205.51	304.51	4,365.00	10,595.18	1,071.48	394.51	16,426.17	
Oak Park	325.68	8.00	34.00	25.00		144.00	301.72	838.40	4,326.00	6,126.00	982.00	838.40	12,272.40	
Peoria		34.00						34.00	3,290.00	1,317.04	518.14	34.00	5,159.18	
Princeton	35.80	24.69	16.00			37.00	126.74	240.23	3,598.67	2,853.64	1,039.12	240.23	7,731.66	
Rockford	61.70	155.00	235.06		100.00	67.50	529.74	1,149.00	6,326.00	9,042.68	1,546.13	1,140.00	18,063.81	
Roseland (Chicago)	246.35	32.00	200.00		355.00	23.62	166.40	1,023.37	3,990.00	1,906.27	1,314.74	1,023.37	8,234.38	
Sheffield	6.60	5.65					51.68	63.93	279.00	263.20	219.56	63.93	825.69	
Wyanet	232.98					48.00	74.10	355.08	3,280.00	3,768.99	1,296.72	355.08	8,700.79	
TOTALS	\$4,647.21	\$892.69	\$848.17	\$46.00	\$624.00	\$614.12	\$2,609.55	\$10,281.74	\$50,487.82	\$73,581.71	\$14,272.00	\$10,281.74	\$148,623.27	

- a. Segregation -- Recognising the involvements and potential danger of this vital issue, the church is hereby urged to maintain a Christian attitude toward those of other races and nationalities.
- b. Obscene Publications -- The Church also should take a stand against the availability and sale of obscene publications on our newsstands and in stores which threaten to corrupt the morals of our youth.
- c. Tobacco, liquor and narcotics -- The church must stand for those things which build the community and against that which is detrimental to the welfare of the community, especially in relation to the nefarious traffic in tobacco, liquor and narcotics.
5. Be it resolved that all Christian parents seek to establish and maintain the family altar, thus helping to create a spiritual atmosphere, which is very vital in counteracting the invasion of insidious influences into the home which confronts us daily through TV, radio, newspapers, magazines, billboards and other such mediums.
6. Be it resolved that we as a conference pray for and give the National Association of Evangelicals our full support in their effort to defeat the plans of the National Council of Churches in its efforts to eliminate evangelical programs from radio and TV.
7. Be it resolved that we write letters of commendation or objection to the editors of newspapers, periodicals, and to the managers of TV and radio stations in relation to content and programming, as the churches in the Chicago area did when the Martin Luther film was banned for a time.
8. Be it also resolved that we re-emphasize the urgency of maintaining separation of church and state.
9. Be it resolved that our people with the help of the Holy Spirit use the Discipline as the standard of Christian conduct and practice.
10. Finally, it is urged that this report be read at least once in a public service during the conference year.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. J. T. Ledwell, Chairman
 Rev. S. A. Hill
 Mr. Carl A. Sarlo
 Mrs. Beulah Burnell
 Mrs. Alceae Blaine

Report No. 25.

Thanks Committee.

We, the Thanks Committee of this conference, desire to express our thanks and appreciation to the following who have had a part in making this conference and camp meeting a time of blessing and inspiration:

1. Our Heavenly Father, our lovely Saviour and the Holy Spirit, our Leader, for the impartation of their blessing and peace throughout the year.
2. The Camp Committee and Youth Council who so graciously arranged for our camp workers, namely Rev. Charles Carter, Camp Evangelist, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Deters, song evangelists and Ann Paine, assisting with the music; also Mrs. Glada Jacobs and Mrs. Nettie Perkins, Children's workers. Our hearts are grateful to God for these consecrated workers.
3. Dr. Harold K. Sheets, Secretary of Home Missions, for financial support extended to the Illinois Conference this past year.
4. Our conference leaders, Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President, Mrs. A. L. Bray, W.M.S. President, Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Wesleyan Youth President, and the other officers of the conference who labored so faithfully and sacrificially in their various fields of endeavor throughout the year.
5. Rev. L. G. Anderson, camp registrar, treasurer and refreshment stand manager, Rev. Harry Moeller and Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell, who were so considerate and patient in assigning rooms.
6. Rev. Carl E. Olander, camp buyer, and postmaster, also Mrs. Clarence McCarty for supervision of work assignments and Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Hill for dining hall management.
7. The Camp cook, Mrs. Verna Martin and Mrs. Kay Dyer, her able assistant, also Mr. John Kodl as general helper.
8. All those who helped in the general work of the dining hall and kitchen and the young people who served in the dining hall.
9. Those who helped to prepare and make ready the camp for our use.
10. The Free Methodist brethren for renting the campgrounds to us.
11. The Chicago-Austin church for providing the organ for our use in the conference and camp meeting.
12. Those who served as accompanists during the camp meeting services.
13. Those who remain after camp to help clean up the grounds.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. O. E. Price, Chairman
 Rev. C. C. McCarty

Report No. 26.Sunday School Committee.

We, the members of your Sunday School Committee recommend:

1. That the conference be divided into two districts; that the Northern District be composed of churches in Chicagoland and Rockford; that the Southern District be composed of all other churches of the conference.
2. That our churches participate in Chicago, Rockford, or Peoria Sunday School Association Rallies in lieu of Conference District Rallies.
3. That the conference Sunday School Secretary arrange a tour of the conference with a Sunday School leader.
4. That the Sunday Schools send only special denominational offerings to General Headquarters and a report of such offerings to the Conference Sunday School Secretary.
5. That the Conference Sunday School budget be 10¢ per member, based on the members in the main school reported in the 1957 Annual Conference Minutes, and that said monies be sent to the Conference Treasurer.
6. That the General Conference apportionment be 15¢ per member, as above, and be sent to the Conference Treasurer.
7. That our Sunday schools be encouraged to hold monthly staff meetings.
8. That each pastor and Sunday school leader evaluate their present teaching materials in the light of doctrinal emphasis; and that the use of our own denominational materials again be urged.
9. That the conference-wide Blue Ribbon Contest again be held from Easter to Pentecost.
10. That the Sunday School Secretary promote an adapted standard for Illinois Wesleyan Sunday schools and award a Sunday School of the Year banner.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. W. D. Craker, Secretary
 Rev. L. G. Anderson
 Rev. D. C. Durey
 Rev. R. L. Zuhl
 Mr. Cully Parsons
 Mr. Orville Senger

Report No. 27.Hospitalization Plan.

The 1956 Annual Conference directed by unanimous vote that the Conference "President appoint a committee to assist him in selecting an adequate hospitalization plan for the ministers of the conference, with power to put a contract into effect and to assess the churches for its cost." (1956 Minutes)

The committee was selected and during the 1956 Camp Meeting, Mr. Carl Appelquist of the Ministers' Life and Casualty Company, Minneapolis, Minn., came out and explained their plan to us. This plan was adopted, and it is in effect now. It provides for a \$3,000.00 accidental death benefit, \$100.00 a month if a pastor is unable to work, with the following provisions for the entire family -- \$15.00 a day for hospital room, 80% of the cost of operating room and other hospital items, polio coverage, plus specified surgical benefits -- all for the cost of \$27.50 a quarter.

Several of our pastors have received benefit this year and the churches have all paid their premiums. Our laymen are pleased to help in this manner.

Respectfully submitted,
 The Hospitalization Plan Committee
 Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman
 Rev. W. H. Dyer
 Rev. C. E. Olander
 Rev. Harry Moeller
 Rev. D. C. Durey

Report No. 28.Finance Committee.

We recommend the following budgets and assessments for the fiscal year 1957-1958:

- I. The General Budget assessments shall be apportioned as follows, in accordance with the General Conference regulations: -

Australia	\$ 0.25 per member.
Church Extension and Home Missions	1.25 " "
Orphanage	0.25 " "
Foreign Missions	2.00 " "
Education	3.00 " "
Superannuate Pension Fund	1.50 " "
General Administrative Expense	0.50 " "
General Conference Travel and Entertainment	0.15 " "
Total General Budget	8.90 " "

II. The Illinois Conference Budget Assessments shall be:

A. On a per member basis:

Conference Fund (Including Conference Paper)	\$ 2.50 per member
Conference Missions	6.00 " "
Sub Total	8.50 " "

B. On a per church basis:

President's Salary Fund: -
 An amount equal to one tenth of pastor's salary
 Pastor's Group Insurance Plan
 \$27.50 per quarter (or \$9.17 per month)

III. Miscellaneous assessments shall be:

Marion College Campus Expansion Project	\$ 1.00 per member
General Sunday School Dues	0.15 " " *
Conference Sunday School Dues	0.10 " " *
Total miscellaneous assessments	1.25 " "

(* Membership is based on total number in Main School as recorded in the 1957 Minutes.)

IV. President's Support and Expense:

a. We recommend that each church be assessed an amount equal to one-tenth of the cash salary of its pastor (excluding assistant pastors), and that this sum be sent in at the end of each month by the church treasurer to the conference treasurer. All pastors will pay their tithes directly into the local church treasury.

b. We recommend that the president be paid \$225.00 per month, in advance, out of the president's support fund while he is serving the conference part-time; that he be paid \$400.00 per month plus housing when his service in this office is on a full-time basis.

c. We recommend that seven cents per mile travel allowance in addition to other incidental expenses be allowed the conference President. This expense shall be paid out of the conference fund.

d. We recommend that when the president serves full-time in this office he be paid \$20 per month for personage fuel expense, and that the conference pay his group insurance. This expense shall be paid out of the conference fund.

V. Miscellaneous Recommendations:

a. We recommend that the Conference Treasurer be appointed as treasurer of conference funds administered by the Sunday School Board and the Camp Meeting Committee.

b. We recommend that an Assistant Conference Treasurer be elected, and that he be appointed as Secretary-Treasurer of the Superannuate Pension Fund. We nominate Rev. S. H. Hill to this position.

c. We recommend that the church payments for the Pastor's Group Insurance Plan be listed as a Conference Budget item in the present and subsequent conference statistical reports.

d. We recommend that as long as the Conference President continues to supply the Chicago-Austin church, up to \$175.00 per month be authorized for use in obtaining secretarial help for the conference office.

Respectfully and prayerfully submitted
 by the Missionary Board and Statistical
 Committee, acting as Finance Committee,
 Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr. Secretary

Report No. 29.Standing Rules Committee.

We recommend that the following additions to the standing rules be made:

Standing Rule I. Add Item (8) "That he shall represent the Conference at the annual conventions of the National Holiness Association and the National Association of Evangelicals or appoint an alternate."

Standing Rule IV. Add Item (13) "NHA and NAE Membership. That the Illinois Conference seek and maintain a membership in the National Holiness Association and the National Association of Evangelicals."

Note is also made of the following emendations made by the Conference in its present session: Standing Rule IV, Item (4) Committee on Statistics. Provide for two ministerial members instead of only one.

Standing Rule IV, Item (8) Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid. Delete the last clause: "that this board be authorized to appoint the Secretary-Treasurer of the Pension Fund."

Standing Rule VI, Item (5) Minister's Vacation. Add a clause at end ", including two Sundays."

Respectfully submitted,
Conference Trustees, appointed as
Standing Rules Committee
Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary

Report No. 30.Pastoral Relations Committee.

Your committee recommends the following appointments for the coming year:

Conference President

Rev. Arthur L. Bray.

Pastoral Relations:

Austin (Chicago):

In hands of the President.

(Ed. Note: Rev. Ray A. Strawser was secured for this charge.)

Creve Coeur (Peoria suburb):

Rev. Daren C. Durey.

Galesburg (unorganized):

Rev. Carl E. Olander

Hoopeston:

Rev. LaVerne G. Anderson.

Hoyne Avenue (Chicago):

Rev. Harry Moeller.

Rev. Cletus D. Kramer, Assistant Pastor.

Maywood (Chicago suburb):

Rev. David D. Crail.

Oak Lawn (Chicago suburb):

Rev. Robert L. Zuhl.

Oak Park (Chicago suburb):

Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell.

Peoria:

Rev. Orville E. Price.

Princeton:

Rev. Roy E. Crawford.

Roseland (Chicago):

Rev. Wendel D. Craker.

Rockford:

Rev. William H. Dyer.

Sheffield:

Rev. Clarence C. McCarty.

Rev. Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty, Assistant.

Wyanet:

Rev. Stanley A. Hill.

Appointed to Occupational Evangelism:

Rev. George R. Durey.

To Pursue Graduate Study at Asbury Seminary:

Rev. James A. Blaine.

Supplying Outside Work:

Rev. Ronald E. Mullen, Taking graduate work at Maywood Theological Seminary; supplying Yorkfield Bible Church.

Rev. Glen Klasna, Serving with Christian Enterprises, Romulus, Michigan.

Unstationed Elders:

Rev. Francis A. Davis, O.M.S. missionary to Japan.

Rev. Ralph B. Patterson, Teaching music at Moody Bible Institute.

Rev. Pearl Poe.

Referred Back to Quarterly Conference:

Rev. George J. Thomson.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman
Rev. Harry Moeller Mr. A. N. Carstensen
Rev. W. H. Dyer Mr. W. F. Tice
Rev. C. E. Olander Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

Analysis of Conference Missions FundA. Receipts

1) Denominational Home Missions Department		
a) Monthly aid	\$ 600.00	
b) Card Call - see Escrow Fund		
following this analysis		
		\$ 600.00
2) Conference Budgets		2559.55
3) Loans - see Escrow Fund		
4) Miscellaneous Sources		
a) Refund	5.51	
b) G. Haslett gift	30.00	
c) Dr. Harris gifts	112.00	
d) Return of earnest money on		
Peoria Church	100.00	
		<u>247.51</u>
Total receipts		\$ 3407.06
Less deficit, July 16, 1956		(-93.63)
Net Credits		\$ 3313.43

B. Disbursements

1) Creve Coeur Church mortgage		\$ 360.00
2) Galesburg		
a) Pastoral support subsidy	\$1100.00	
b) Bal. of Thanksgiving offering	8.55	
c) Interest on Haynes mortgage	347.91	
d) Interest on Boyd loan	<u>220.00</u>	
		1676.46
3) Maywood - taxes		85.02
4) Peoria - earnest money paid		
(Later refunded) on proposed		
church purchase		100.00
5) Princeton - moving expense		50.00
6) Rockford - new pioneer project		28.00
(travel expense of pastoral candidate)		
7) Sheffield		
a) Church roof expense	311.57	
b) Interest on Ewing loan	75.00	
c) Payment on McCarty loan	<u>44.00</u>	
		430.57
8) Miscellaneous		
a) Travel expenses of Board		
members	110.94	
b) Travel expenses of assisting		
pastors	17.90	
c) Sample blueprint of Kimbel -		
church - parsonage plan	5.00	
d) Assistance granted to Rev.		
James J. Blaine in moving to		
Asbury Seminary	<u>50.00</u>	
		<u>183.84</u>
Total disbursements		\$ 2913.89

C. Balance on hand, July 15, 1957

\$ 399.54

Analysis of Escrow FundA. Receipts

1) Galesburg Card Call receipts	\$ 2,000.00
2) Hoopeston Card Call receipts	1,350.00
3) Additional Cline loan to Oak Lawn to	
complete Sunday School building	2,955.00
4) Payment by Hoopeston on \$1500 Boyd loan	1,350.00
5) Gift to Anderson loan	<u>47.33</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 7,702.33

(No balance on hand, July 16, 1956 - new fund. Monies received on loans or Card Call are placed in this fund in order that we may have a clearer conception of conference missions funds available.)

B. Disbursements

1) To Oak Lawn for S.S. building expenses	\$ 2,955.00	
2) 90 day loan to L. G. Anderson for house payment balance	1,047.33	
3) Card Call to Hoopeson	<u>1,350.00</u>	
Total disbursements		\$ 5,352.33

C. Balance on hand, July 15, 1957

\$ 2,350.00

Respectfully submitted,
The Missionary Board,
Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman

Analysis of President's Salary Fund

A. Receipts

1) Church budgets paid	\$ 4,171.91	
2) Francis A. Davis gift	10.00	
3) Home Missions Department	50.00	
4) Metropolitan Press for Syracuse trip	<u>41.93</u>	
Total receipts		\$ 4,273.84
Balance July 16, 1956		<u>1,267.83</u>
Total credits		\$ 5,541.67

B. Disbursements

1) President's Salary	\$ 2,700.00	
2) President's travel and phone	<u>1,007.45</u>	
Total disbursements		3,707.45

C. Balance July 15, 1957

\$ 1,834.22

Analysis of Conference Fund

A. Receipts

1) Budget from churches	\$ 818.89	
2) William's Hall appeal receipts	265.00	
3) Home Department reward	<u>93.58</u>	
Total Receipts		\$ 1,177.47
Balance July 16, 1956		<u>277.10</u>
Total credits		\$ 1,454.57

B. Disbursements

1) Conference Office expense		
a) Postage	\$ 37.00	
b) Supplies, equipment and printing	<u>57.90</u>	
		\$ 94.90
2) Legal expense		
a) Recording fees	3.10	
b) Gelesburg tax-deed lot expense	53.60	
c) Lock box rental	19.80	
d) Public relations	<u>21.91</u>	
		98.41
3) Camp Meeting items		
a) Laundering camp linens	8.43	
b) Camp Fund check (N.S.F.)	55.13	
c) Cottage rental paid	20.00	
d) Organ repair	<u>26.70</u>	
		110.26
4) Conference Officers' expense		
a) Treasurer	11.50	
b) Tithing Secretary	13.00	
c) Secretary's Disciplinary forms	<u>8.44</u>	
		32.94

5) Books and periodicals	\$	14.70	
6) Christian Service Brigade sample materials		7.00	
7) Furnishing the Illinois Room at William's Hall		400.00	
8) Gift to Rev. Pearl Poe		25.00	
9) Conference Minutes			
a) Typing minutes	\$	48.00	
b) Printing		256.37	
c) Mailing		<u>15.00</u>	
		319.37	
10) To cover last year's deficits in General Budget items		16.40	
11) Flowers for President's mother's funeral		<u>10.65</u>	
Total disbursements			\$ <u>1,129.63</u>
C. <u>Balance July 15, 1957</u>			\$ 324.94

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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Held at Belvidere, Illinois, August 1--August 3, 1957

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CONFERENCE OFFICERS 1957 - 1958

President --	Mrs. Rachel Bray,	5231 W. Ferdinand, Chicago 44, Illinois.
Vice President --	Mrs. Edna Moeller,	2108 W. Iowa St., Chicago 22, Illinois.
Secretary --	Mrs. Margery Zuhl,	9101 S. Menard St., Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Treasurer --	Mrs. Irene Olander,	875 N. Farnham St., Galesburg, Illinois.
Y.M.W.B. Superintendent --	Mrs. Mildred Wallace,	Box 128, Wyand, Illinois.
Prayer Partner Secretary --	Mrs. Kathleen Dyer,	R. R. #1, Princeton, Illinois.
Literature Secretary --	Mrs. Lenore Durey,	1036 N. Farnham St., Galesburg, Illinois.
Reading Course Secretary --	Mrs. Shirley Ledwell,	1040 Augusta Blvd., Oak Park, Illinois.
Magazine Solicitor --	Mrs. Edna Hill,	Box 62, Wyand, Illinois.
Statistical Chairman --	Mrs. Norma Jean Craker,	10615 S. Wabash, Chicago 28, Illinois.
Woman's World Fellowship Secretary --	Mrs. Mildred Haslett,	2118 S. Third Ave., Maywood, Illinois.

REGISTER OF SOCIETIES AND PRESIDENTS FOR 1957-'58

Austin (Chicago)	-- Mrs. Louise Dominguez,	5323 W. Ohio, Chicago 44, Illinois.
Creve Coeur	-- Mrs. Margaret Ogle,	209 Vicie Ave., East Peoria, Illinois.
Galesburg	No society	
Hoopeston	-- Mrs. Rebbe Anderson,	526 E. Thompson, Hoopeston, Illinois.
Hoyle Avenue (Chicago)	-- Mrs. Edna Moeller,	2108 W. Iowa St., Chicago 22, Illinois.
Maywood	-- Mrs. Marlene Eytcheson,	1737 N. 40th Ave., Stone Park, Illinois.
Oak Lawn	-- Mrs. Susan Grover,	6911 W. 96th St., Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Oak Park	-- Mrs. Bernice Senger,	1048 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, Illinois.
Peoria	-- Mrs. Alice Woodhouse,	1610 N. Madison, Peoria, Illinois.
Princeton	-- Mrs. Joaquin Crawford	211 N. Pleasant St., Princeton, Illinois.
Rockford	-- Mrs. Teina Winterberg,	2132 Reynolds Ave., Rockford, Illinois.
Roseland (Chicago)	-- Mrs. Marie Joseph,	9929 S. Lowe, Chicago, Illinois.
Sheffield	-- Mrs. Eileen Naave,	R. R. #2, Sheffield, Illinois.
Wyand	-- Mrs. Kathleen Dyer,	Route #1, Princeton, Illinois.

1957 CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Austin (Chicago)	-- Mrs. Ruth Panico	Oak Park	-- Mrs. Mildred Haslett
Creve Coeur	-- Mrs. Bertha Durey	Peoria	-- Mrs. Mary Parsons
Hoopeston		Princeton	-- Miss Vera Brainard
Hoyle Ave. (Chicago)	-- Mrs. Lenore Durey	Rockford	-- Mrs. Mary Blood
Maywood	-- Mrs. Barbara Crail	Roseland (Chicago)	-- Mrs. Betty Paine
Oak Lawn	-- Mrs. Rose Haid	Sheffield	-- Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty
	Wyand	-- Mrs. Lou Edlin	

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

First Meeting -- 3:30 p.m., Thursday, August 1, 1957

Opening -- The Woman's Missionary Society of the Illinois Conference held the first meeting of its eighth annual session in Redfield Chapel at Camp Epworth, near Belvidere, Illinois, with the President, Mrs. Rachel Bray, presiding. We were led in the singing of "I Love to Tell the Story" by Mrs. Joaquin Crawford.

Devotions — Mrs. Rachel Bray, President, brought devotional thoughts from John 20:1-18. She urged us to be obedient to the voice of the Lord. Mrs. Ethel Dyer and Mrs. Mildred Haslett led in prayer.

Committees — The report of the executive committee nominating the members of the various committees was adopted as read. The conference committees are as follows:

Credentials Committee: Mrs. Ruth Panico and Mrs. Margaret Ogile. Auditing Committee: Mrs. Mary Blood, Chairman, Mrs. Barbara Crail and Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty. Plan of Work Committee: Mrs. Edna Hill, Chairman, Mrs. Joaquin Crawford, Mrs. Irene Olander and Mrs. Teina Winterberg. Post Office Committee: Mrs. Lenore Durey and Mrs. Bernice Senger. Magazine Committee: Mrs. Marlene Rytcheson and Mrs. Marie Joseph. Courtesy Committee: Mrs. Kathleen Dyer and Mrs. Mildred Wallace. Reporter: Mrs. Mildred Haslett. Greetings Committee: Mrs. Rose Haid and Mrs. Bertha Durey. Poster Committee: Mrs. Lou Edlin and Mrs. Mary Parsons. Music Committee: Mrs. Joaquin Crawford. Nominating Committee: Mrs. Edna Moeller, Chairman, Mrs. Betty Paine and Miss Vera Brainard.

Credentials Committee — The report of the Credentials Committee was adopted and the roll taken. (See list of delegates).

Orders of the Day — The report of the Committee on Orders of the Day was read and adopted. (See Report No. 1).

President's Report — The President's report was read and approved with a rising vote of appreciation. (See Report No. 2).

Adjourned — by prevailing motion.

Second Meeting — 8:30 a.m., Friday, August 2, 1957

Opening — The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Rachel Bray. Mrs. Joaquin Crawford led in the singing of "Higher Ground."

Courtesy Committee — The Courtesy Committee presented Dr. Harold K. Sheets, Secretary of Home Missions and Church Extension, to the conference.

Devotions — Dr. Sheets presented devotions based on the fourth chapter of John and Acts 1:8. He gave us some interesting statistics concerning the people that are included in the home mission work and made us to see our obligation and responsibility to them. Mrs. Betty Paine led in prayer.

Roll Call — The roll call was answered by "Pick a Promise." Each lady read a promise from the promise box.

Minutes — The minutes of the first meeting were read and approved.

Mission Study Secretary — The report of the Mission Study Secretary, Mrs. Shirley Ledwell, was read and approved. (See Report No. 3).

Literature Secretary — The report of the Literature Secretary, Mrs. Marie Joseph, was read and approved. (See Report No. 4).

Prayer Partner Secretary — The report of the Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. Kathleen Dyer, was read and approved. (See Report No. 5).

Statistical Committee — A partial report of the Statistical Committee was given.

Adjourned — by prevailing motion.

Third Meeting — 1:30 p.m., Friday, August 2, 1957

Opening — The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Rachel Bray. Mrs. Joaquin Crawford led in the singing of "Draw Me Nearer."

Devotions — Miss Vera Brainard brought devotions from Genesis 18:20-33. The importance of continuous prayer for our loved ones and the missionaries was stressed.

Roll Call — The roll call was answered by naming some feature or contributor to the Woman's Missionary magazine.

Minutes — The minutes of the second meeting were read and approved.

Courtesy Committee — The Courtesy Committee presented Mrs. Ann Gearhart, wife of the pastor of our Sturgis Church in the Michigan Conference, to our conference.

Nominating Committee — The report of the Nominating Committee was read and received. (See Report No. 6).

Election of Officers — The following were elected by ballot as conference officers for 1957-1958: President, Mrs. Rachel Bray. Vice president, Mrs. Edna Moeller. Secretary, Mrs. Margery Zuhl. Treasurer, Mrs. Irene Olander. Y.N.W.B. Superintendent, Mrs. Mildred Wallace. Prayer Partner Secretary — Mrs. Kathleen Dyer. Literature Secretary, Mrs. Lenore Durey. Reading Course Secretary, Mrs. Shirley Ledwell. Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Edna Hill. Statistical Chairman, Mrs. Norma Jean Craker. Woman's World Fellowship Secretary, Mrs. Mildred Haslett.

Statistical Committee — A complete report of the Statistical Committee, Mrs. Aleene Blaine, Chairman, was read and approved. (See Report No. 7).

Adjourned — by prevailing motion.

Fourth Meeting -- 8:30 a.m., Saturday, August 3, 1957

Opening -- The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Rachel Bray. Mrs. Joaquin Crawford led in the singing of "Rescue the Perishing."

Devotions -- Mrs. Ann Gearhart, from the Michigan Conference, brought devotions from Ephesians 5:1-2. She urged us to take time to talk personally with the Lord and love those around us and win them to the Lord. She led in prayer.

Roll Call -- For roll call, each person answered the question, "Are you a Woman's Missionary Magazine subscriber?"

Minutes -- The minutes of the third meeting were read and approved.

Magazine Solicitor -- The report of the Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Edna Hill, was read and approved. (See Report No. 8).

Auditing Committee -- The report of the Auditing Committee was read and approved. (See Report No. 9).

Y.M.W.B. Superintendent's Report -- Mrs. Mildred Wallace gave the Y.M.W.B. Superintendent's report and the statistical report. A rising vote of appreciation was given her. (See Report No. 10).

Treasurer's Report -- The conference received Mrs. Irene Olander's treasurer's report with a rising vote of appreciation. (See Report No. 11).

Plan of Work -- The report of the Plan of Work Committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 12).

Adjourned -- by prevailing motion.

Fifth Meeting -- 1:30 p.m., Saturday, August 3, 1957

Opening -- The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Rachel Bray. Mrs. Joaquin Crawford led in the singing of "Jesus Saves."

Devotions -- Mrs. Ethel Dyer presented devotions from II Timothy 2:15. The importance of committing things to the Lord was stressed.

Roll Call -- Roll Call was answered by giving the name of a home missionary.

Minutes -- The minutes of the fourth meeting were read and approved.

Executive Committee -- The report of the Executive Committee was read and approved. (See Report No. 13).

Y.M.W.B. Plan of Work -- The Y.M.W.B. Plan of Work was read and approved. (See Report No. 14).

Post Office Committee -- The Post Office Committee's report was read and approved. (See Report No. 15).

Greetings Committee -- The report of the Greetings Committee was read and approved. (See Report No. 16).

Magazine Committee -- The Magazine Committee's report was read and approved. (See Report No. 17).

Poster Committee -- The posters from the Wyandot W.M.S. and Y.M.W.B. and from Galesburg were presented and displayed.

Miscellaneous Business -- The motion prevailed that the Wesleyan Missionary Magazine Day be the Friday of Camp meeting and be under the direction of the Conference Magazine Committee, with the Conference Magazine Solicitor as chairman, the report being included in the Conference Minutes.

Report -- Mrs. Irene Olander gave an interesting report from the Area Convention in Kentucky.

Adjourned -- By prevailing motion, the conference was adjourned sine die. Mrs. Rachel Bray led in the closing prayer.

W. M. S. R E P O R T SReport No. 1.Orders of the Day Committee.

Thursday, August 1, 1957 -- 1:30 p.m., Conference joins Annual Conference in Communion Service; 3:30 p.m., Business Session convenes; Devotions; Report of Committee on Conference Committees; Credentials Committee Report; Roll Call; Report of Orders of the Day Committee; Report of Conference W.M.S. President.. 7:30 p.m., Skit, "Diligent in Business"; Class in Child Evangelism.

Friday, August 2, 1957 -- 8:30 a.m., Devotions; Roll Call; Report of Mission Study Secretary; Report of Magazine Solicitor; Report of Literature Secretary; Report of Prayer Partner Secretary; Report of Statistical Committee. 1:30 p.m. Devotions; Roll Call; Report of Nominating Committee; Election of Officers; Report of Statistical Committee. 7:30 p.m., Missionary Program Planning; Children's Hour.

Saturday, August 3, 1957 -- 8:30 a.m., Devotions; Roll Call; Reports of Magazine Solicitor; Auditing Committee; Y.M.W.B. Superintendent; Treasurer; Plan of Work Committee. 1:30 p.m., Devotions; Roll Call; Reports of Executive Committee; Y.M.W.B. Plan of Work; Post Office Committee; Greetings Committee; Magazine Committee; Poster Committee; Miscellaneous Business.

6:30 p.m., Public Y.M.W.B. Service.

Sunday, August 4, 1957 -- 2:30 p.m., Public Missionary Service in main tabernacle, Rev. George Ruff, Missionary to Africa, speaker.

Respectfully submitted,
The Executive Committee.

Report No. 2.

President of the W.M.S.

To the members of the Eighth Annual Session of the Illinois Conference W.M.S.:
As the curtain falls on this conference year, we look back and praise the Lord for His direction and leadership.

Shortly after the rise of conference last year, your president attended the General Workshop at Charles City, Iowa. We had wonderful fellowship with God's people and our soul was enriched because of being there.

We planned the conference missionary tour schedule for the Rev. George Ruff, who visited each of the thirteen societies in the month of November.

We planned and presided over two Missionary Workshops which were held in November, one in Princeton and the other in Oak Park.

It was the privilege of your president to visit six of our societies last year, installing the officers in three of them. A meeting at Rockford was cancelled because of a sprained ankle which prevented us from traveling.

Each local president and pastor's wife received communications from our desk by letter or The Illinois Tidings eleven times during the past year.

More than two hundred pieces of mail have been sent from our office this year.

For the gains in the conference, we humbly thank God; for the losses we shall not be discouraged, but shall use them as a challenge to work harder next year.

Following is a report of my official receipts and disbursements:

Received		Disbursed	
From Peoria	\$ 2.00	Postage (two years)	\$18.00
From our Conference Treas.	<u>40.45</u>	Stationery and supplies	5.00
Total	<u>\$42.45</u>	Iowa Convention travel	10.00
		Telephone	<u>9.45</u>
		Total	<u>\$42.45</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Rachel Bray, President.

Report No. 3.

Mission Study Secretary.

Societies reporting on members who have read four or more books for 1956 are as follows:
Maywood: 1 member read 6 books; 1 read 5 books; 1 read 4 books; Oak Park: 1 read 5 books; 2 read 4 books; Oak Lawn: 1 read 5 books; Hoynes Avenue: 1 read 6 books; 1 read 4 books; Rockford: 2 read 6 books; 5 read 5 books; Sheffield: 2 read 6 books; Wyanet: 5 read 7 books; 2 read 5 books; 1 read 4 books.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Shirley Ledwell, Secretary.

Report No. 4.

Literature Secretary.

Following is a report on the sales at our W.M.S. Book-stand:

Wesleyan Literature	\$28.55
Scripture Press	28.28
Chicago Bible House	5.41
William H. Dietz	<u>51.71</u>
Total	<u>\$113.95</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Marie Joseph, Secretary

Report No. 5.Prayer Partner Secretary.

There are 182 prayer partners in the Illinois Conference, members of the 10 prayer partner circles which reported. The number of Y.M.W.B. prayer partners reported was 68. Eight societies have reported they are observing a monthly day of fasting and prayer. The prayer partners reported 51 assignments to pray for home missionaries and 195 assignments for foreign missionaries. Seven societies reported on time: Sheffield, Princeton, Chicago-Heyne Avenue, Chicago-Austin, Oak Lawn, Oak Park and Wyanet. Late reports were sent by Maywood, Creve Coeur and Rockford. No reports came from Peoria, Hoopeson or Chicago-Roseland.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Kathleen Dyer, Secretary.

Report No. 6.Nominating Committee.

Your Nominating Committee met and presents the following names for consideration: President, Mrs. Rachel Bray; Vice president, Mrs. Edna Moeller; Secretary, Mrs. Margery Zuhl; Treasurer, Mrs. Irene Olander; Y.M.W.B. Superintendent, Mrs. Mildred Wallace; Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. Kathleen Dyer; Literature Secretary, Mrs. Lenore Durey; Reading Course Secretary, Mrs. Shirley Ledwell; Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Edna Hill; Statistical Chairman, Mrs. Norma Jean Craker; and Woman's World Fellowship Secretary, Mrs. Mildred Haslett.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Betty Paine.
Mrs. Edna Moeller.
Miss Vera Brainerd.

Report No. 7.Statistical Committee.

(See table on page 48).

Report No. 8.Magazine Solicitor.

With deep gratitude in my heart for God's help this past conference year, I submit to you my report. At the close of the first, second, and third quarters of the year I sent letters to each local solicitor and pastor's wife. I also sent out expiration notices which I received from Miss Gracia Fero. The Illinois Conference has 211 subscribers to the Wesleyan Missionary Magazine.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Edna Hill.

Report No. 9.Auditing Committee.

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the W.M.S. and the Y.M.W.B. treasurers and have found them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Mary Blood.
Mrs. Barbara Crail.
Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty.

Report No. 10.Y.M.W.B. Superintendent.

To the women of the 8th annual conference of Illinois, I offer my thanks to you for your prayers and cooperation in the Y.M.W.B. work. Special thanks to the local superintendents. I feel the Lord has blessed us and to Him we give the praise for what has been accomplished.

Through the work of our local superintendents and the help of the Lord, our conference has made the Y.M.W.B. Honor Roll again.

I have kept in touch with each society by a letter each quarter. This year I have heard from 13 churches. Nine of these have reported members, meetings and offerings; the other four have reported just offerings. Four societies have a grade of 100% according to the Efficiency Standard, and two have a grade of 95%.

Our 1956 camp offering of \$7.70 was given to help purchase a station wagon at Puerto Rico. Individual letters with report blanks mailed - 48. Annual report blanks and annual letters mailed - 14. Desk fund received - \$5.02. Expenses for the year - \$4.49. Amount received for Karen Ortlip's support - \$213.94.

Following is the Y.M.W.B. Statistical Report:

BAND	Active Members -- 1956	Active Members -- 1957	Honorary Members	Meetings	Efficiency Standard	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Special Projects (Credit)	TOTAL (Band Credit)	Non-Credit Total	GRAND TOTAL
Austin	12	10		12	65%	15.30	5.73		18.97	40.00		40.00
Creve Cosar	18	38	2	12	100%	38.27	4.17	6.21	24.94	73.59	.50	74.09
Galesburg						10.48			10.00	20.48		20.48
Hoopeston	8					1.50		4.50		6.00		6.00
Hoyne Avenue	70	57	20	12	65%	87.70	9.79	32.11	25.00	154.60		154.60
Maywood		7	3	10	50%	15.75				20.75	.25	21.00
Oak Lawn	12	8	6	13	95%	10.08	12.91	5.00	56.26	84.25	.50	84.75
Oak Park	12					9.04			5.82	14.86		14.86
Peoria						9.82				9.82		9.82
Princeton	38	51	11	12	100%	43.25	1.20	4.00	20.00	68.45	.86	69.31
Rockford	66	70	36	12	100%	63.27	27.00	22.00	27.00	139.27	2.00	141.27
Sheffield	17	21		12	100%	8.26	1.03	1.00	7.87	18.16	.21	18.37
Wyanet	17	15	21	12	95%	62.67	12.56	6.45	18.08	99.76	.70	100.46
Camp Offering						7.70				7.70		7.70
TOTALS	270	277	99	107	85%	383.09	54.64	86.27	213.94	757.69	5.02	762.71

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Mildred Wallace, Superintendent

Report No. 11.

Treasurer of the W.M.S.

ITEM	On Hand August 1, 1956	Received	Disbursed	On Hand July 22, 1957	Vouchers
General Conference					
Home Missions	\$	\$ 311.67	\$ 311.67	\$	\$
Card Call		5.00	5.00		36.00
Australia		33.50	33.50		
Brainerd (Zions Hill)					170.00
Zimmers		40.00	40.00		144.60
Hayes					50.00
Hephzibah		71.00	71.00		45.63
Alaska		20.60	20.60		

ITEM	On Hand August 1, 1956	Received	Disbursed	On Hand July 22, 1957	Vouchers
Jewish Evangelism		15.75	15.75		
Headquarters Fund		165.22	165.22		
Foreign Mission (General)		557.06	557.06		
Miss. Equip. Fund		36.10	36.10		
Medical Miss.		30.00	30.00		
Haiti		5.00	5.00		
South America (White Gift)		43.00	43.00		
Africa		98.73	98.73		
Med. Student		31.00	31.00		
Ed. (General)		166.95	166.95		
Hon. Enrollment		86.00	86.00		
Williams Hall		29.00	29.00		30.00
For. Student Aid					105.00
Admin. Fund		54.50	54.50		
Membership		62.25	62.25		
Illinois Conference					
Conference Missions		257.26	257.26		
Admin. Fund	89.55	79.95	137.40	32.10	
Camp Necessities	198.23	84.00	22.24	259.99	
Miscellaneous					173.06
Total	\$ 287.78	\$ 2,283.54	\$ 2,279.23	\$ 292.09	\$ 754.29
Total Cash Receipts		\$ 2,571.32			
Total Voucher Receipts		754.29			
Total Receipts for Year 1956-1957		\$ 3,325.61			

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Irene Olander, Treasurer

Report No. 12.

Plan of Work Committee.

A. We recommend the following plan of work for the local societies:

I. Organizational Recommendations:

- Use of program calendars and helps.
- Reading of the designated Mission Study and Reading Course books; reporting of same to the Mission Study Secretary immediately following January first.
- Observance of a monthly fast and prayer day with each participant contributing the price of a meal for Conference Missions.
- Promoting Woman's World Fellowship.
 - Pray every Tuesday for and with Christian women around the world.
 - Scripture memorization. Obtain information from Conference Woman's World Fellowship Secretary, Mrs. Mildred Haslett, 2118 So. Third Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.
 - Personal witnessing.
 - Election of a local Woman's World Fellowship Secretary.
- Send Prayer Partner report; number of Prayer Partners, number of Home Missionaries, number of Foreign Missionaries chosen, to Conference Prayer Partner Secretary by October 3, 1957.

II. Foreign Mission Project:

- We suggest that no more boxes of supplies be sent for foreign missionary work until further notice.

III. Home Mission Project:

- Cooperate in raising \$150.00 or more for the tuition of Juanita Cassidy to attend the High School Department of Central College. Send this money to the Conference W.M.S. Treasurer.
- We recommend a gift of money to be given for the up-keep of the church in Means, Kentucky. This amount is to be sent to the Conference W.M.S. Treasurer.
- The Conference Prayer Partner Secretary will assign each society a Home Mission Station to which Christmas gifts may be sent.
- Sending of good used clothing to the Home Mission stations and Children's Home after inquiring into the needs before sending and that no monetary value be placed on these things, but that these be reported merely as to the number of boxes sent.

- e. Save all coupons regardless of date and send to Hephzibah Children's Home.

IV. Miscellaneous Recommendations:

- a. Promotion of the Penny-a-Neal funds which will be divided one-half for Foreign and one-half for Home Missions.
- b. Subscriptions by each Society to the Card Call Plan as a means of assisting in the extension program of the church.
- c. Use of "In Remembrance" folders. Money should be sent to the Conference W.M.S. Treasurer and the folders to the bereaved family.
- d. Cooperate in the promotion of the College Honorary Enrollment Plan. The registration card is to be sent to Marion College. Money is to be sent to the Conference W.M.S. Treasurer.
- e. Encourage the use of the Mile-of-Dime folders for Foreign Mission Equipment.
- f. Observance of a May Day conference project to be designated by the Conference Executive Committee.

V. Disbursement to Conference W.M.S. Treasurer:

- a. Budget:
 - 1. \$5.00 or more to Hephzibah Children's Home.
 - 2. Offering for Medical Missions.
 - 3. Penny-a-Neal offering divided one-half Foreign and one-half Home Missions.
 - 4. Offering from monthly "Prayer and Fast" day for Conference Missions.
- b. Non-budget:
 - 1. \$0.50 per active member for camp necessities.
 - 2. \$0.10 per active member for conference W.M.S. president's desk fund.
 - 3. Mile-of-Dime monies for foreign mission equipment.
 - 4. \$3.00 or more for Medical Student Fund.

VI. Conference President's Visitation:

- a. Extending an invitation to the Conference W.M.S. President to visit each society at least once a year and, if possible, pay her transportation.

VII. Preparation for Annual Conference:

- a. Two report blanks are to be sent to each society by the Conference Secretary in June, to be filled out carefully. One completed blank should be sent to the chairman of the Statistical Committee, Mrs. Norma Jean Craker, two weeks before conference.
- b. Throughout the conference year, contributions of cash and/or food for camp should be encouraged.
- c. That each society provide one-half dozen or more dish towels and the society that wishes to be reimbursed for them send the sales slip to the Conference W.M.S. Treasurer.

VIII. Conference Awards:

- a. Issuing of an award to the societies that qualify according to the following points:
 - 1. Making the Honor Roll in the Efficiency Standard.
 - 2. Securing magazine subscriptions equal to the active membership of the society, promptly report quarterly to Conference Magazine Solicitor.
 - 3. Pursuing the Mission Study and Reading Course, and reporting name of local secretary to the Conference Mission Study Secretary.
 - 4. Newly elected W.M.S. President attend the annual conference session.
- B. We report that the General W.M.S. Efficiency Standard for a Local Society is as follows:
 - 1. That the Efficiency Standard be read in the society the first monthly meeting after Conference (5% credit) and that arrangements be made with the pastor for one missionary prayer meeting each month (5% credit).
 - 2. That a minimum of ten meetings be held during the year at which time prayer requests are presented and remembered and business transacted (5% credit) and at least one public meeting (5% credit).
 - 3. We recommend the formation of one or more Prayer Partner Circles in each society with a Prayer Partner Secretary, who shall report the names of the same to Conference Prayer Partner Secretary within sixty days after the sitting of Annual Conference (October 3, 1957) (10% credit).
 - 4. That the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the equivalent of seventy-five percent of the active membership be subscribers to THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY (10% credit).
 - 5. That a solicitor be elected for THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY gaining not less than two subscriptions a year. (10% credit)
 - 6. That a delegate be elected to the Annual Conference Woman's Missionary Society and that she be instructed by local society regarding the amount to be pledged by that society at the Annual Conference session (5% credit) and that the President attend the Annual Conference session. (5% credit).
 - 7. That the dues of one dollar per member be sent directly to the Conference Treasurer, fifty cents of which shall be divided by her as specified and applied on budget, (5% credit), and that all monies and vouchers be sent to the Conference Treasurer at least quarterly (5% credit).

8. That we secure every woman in the church as a member of the society or achieve a ten percent gain in total membership (10% credit).
9. That each local society pay annually an amount equal to twenty-five cents per active member to be used as General Administrative Fund, not to apply on budget. (10% credit).
10. That the local Y.M.W.B. Superintendent be seated in the Annual session and be granted the privilege of speaking, and provision be made by her society for such representation. (10% credit). (All societies making a grade of eighty per cent shall be placed on the Honor Roll.)

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Edna Hill.
 Mrs. Joaquin Crawford.
 Mrs. Irene Olander.
 Mrs. Teina Winterberg.

Report No. 13.

Executive Committee.

We, the Executive Committee, recommend:

1. That the offering received in the public Y.M.W.B. service be given toward a project suggested by the Y.M.W.B. speaker.
2. That the cash offering taken at the public missionary rally be given to the general foreign missionary fund or to a project presented by the missionary speaker.
3. That the pledges made at the public missionary rally be divided as follows: 1/3 to Foreign Missions, 1/3 to Home Missions, and 1/3 to Conference Missions.
4. That the Conference W.M.S. Treasurer reimburse the Magazine Solicitor for her expenses.
5. That the following societies receive a subscription to the Missionary Magazine as their award for having met the requirements defined in the Plan of Work: Austin, Rockford and Wyandot.
6. That the following be made the Standing Rules: a. The Executive Committee shall constitute the Orders of the Day Committee. b. And shall be a Nominating Committee on committees to be nominated before each annual session.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Rachel Bray.
 Mrs. Edna Moeller.
 Mrs. Margery Zuhl.
 Mrs. Irene Olander.
 Mrs. Mildred Wallace.

Report No. 14.

Y.M.W.B. Plan of Work.

The Executive Committee met August 3, 1957, and recommended the following Plan of Work for the Y.M.W.B. for 1957-1958:

1. Each local W.M.S. shall elect the local Y.M.W.B. Superintendent in June. Her duties shall begin at the rise of annual conference.
2. Send all money raised by the Y.M.W.B. to your conference superintendent, Mrs. Mildred Wallace, Wyandot, Illinois, but make out the money orders or checks to "The Young Missionary Worker's Band," Houghton, New York.
3. Each band is assessed two cents per member based on numbers reported to the 1957 annual conference, for conference superintendent's desk expense. Send this amount to the conference superintendent.
4. Return quarterly reports on the following dates, along with dues and offerings received that quarter: 1st quarter (July - September), October 15, 1957; 2nd quarter (October - December), January 15, 1958; 3rd quarter (January - March), April 15, 1958; 4th quarter (April - June), postmarked by June 30, 1958.
5. The November offering is for Home Missions.
6. The May offering is for Education.
7. Our project is one-half of the support of Karen Ortlip, Haiti, which will be \$150.00 per year. Each band is to raise as much as they can. (Approximately \$20.00).
8. Each local superintendent should encourage the use of the reading course and promote a prayer partner circle.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Mildred Wallace.
 Mrs. Rachel Bray.
 Mrs. Edna Moeller.
 Mrs. Margery Zuhl.
 Mrs. Irene Olander.

Report No. 15.

Post Office Committee.

(See register of societies and presidents)

Report No. 16.

Greetings Committee.

Your committee on greetings submits the following report:
Greetings were sent to the following members who were absent: Mrs. Shirley Ledwell, Mrs. Margaret Ogle, Mrs. Milson Neave, Mrs. Alice Woodhouse, Mrs. Susan Grover and Mrs. Hazel Price.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Bertha Durey.
Mrs. Rose Haid

Report No. 17.

Magazine Committee.

We, the Magazine Committee received two renewal subscriptions to the WESLEYAN MISSIONARY Magazine during Camp Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Marlene Rytcheson

(See Statistical Report on following page)

NAME OF SOCIETY	Membership				RECEIPTS									
	Active	Honorary	Gain	Loss	Total No. Meetings	No. Wes. Miss. Taken	% Efficiency Standard	Membership Dues	Offerings	Memorials	Voucher Receipts	Total Receipts For Year	Old Balance From Last Year	GRAND TOTAL
Austin (Chicago)	23	5		6	23	23	80%	\$ 28.00	\$ 293.93	\$	\$ 20.00	\$ 341.93	\$ 3.83	\$ 345.76
Creve Coeur (Galesburg)	11	2		2	20	11	45%	13.00	153.86		8.60	175.46	34.47	209.93
Hoopeston	5	2	2		12	4		7.00	34.06			41.06	11.83	52.89
Hoyne Avenue (Chicago)	9			6	15	8	45%	9.00	126.56		150.00	285.56	21.82	307.38
Maywood (Chicagoland)	16	3		6	18	19	80%	19.00	335.72		50.00	404.72	.61	405.33
Oak Lawn (Chicagoland)	15	8	5		23	20	80%	23.00	145.50		5.00	173.50	35.98	209.48
Oak Park (Chicagoland)	14			7	22	12	80%	14.00	164.86			178.86		178.86
Peoria	7	4		4	20	16	55%	11.00	108.07		1.00	120.07	51.65	171.72
Princeton	16	1		2	31	17	70%	17.00	282.81		6.00	305.81	3.07	308.88
Rockford	21	11		18	26	24	95%	32.00	519.89			551.89	11.52	563.41
Roseland (Chicago)	16	6	5		12	11	70%	22.00	181.21	15.00	8.00	226.21	.36	226.57
Sheffield	5	1		1	11	5	85%	6.00	76.21			82.21	.37	82.58
Wyanet	34	16	17		20	40	90%	50.00	277.09		40.00	367.09	4.46	371.55
TOTALS	192	59	29	52	253	211	73%	251.00	2699.77	15.00	288.60	\$ 3254.37	\$ 179.97	\$ 3434.34

NAME OF SOCIETY	DISBURSEMENTS												
	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Medical Student	Hepzibah Cash	Education Cash	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Administrative Fund	Conference Missions	Total Disbursements	New Balance On Hand	GRAND TOTAL
Austin (Chicago)	\$ 70.75	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 47.00	\$	\$ 14.00	\$ 66.80	6.25	\$ 65.00	\$ 334.80	\$ 10.96	\$ 345.76
Creve Coeur (Galesburg)	38.51	9.91		5.00	5.00	38.68	6.50	14.90	3.75	6.68	128.93	81.00	209.93
Hoopeston	6.75	26.75				7.00	3.50	4.59		4.00	52.59	.30	52.89
Hoyne Avenue (Chicago)	161.50	24.45	3.00	5.00	24.00	11.32	4.50	37.72	3.50		274.99	32.39	307.38
Maywood (Chicagoland)	132.00	100.11	3.00	5.00	54.00	23.68	9.50	33.20	4.00	34.94	399.43	5.90	405.33
Oak Lawn (Chicagoland)	47.75	23.75	3.00	5.00	30.00	41.25	11.50	15.60	6.50		184.35	25.13	209.48
Oak Park (Chicagoland)	63.17	16.50		5.00	10.00		7.00	39.01	3.00	25.43	169.11	9.75	178.86
Peoria	29.50	33.47		5.75	69.00		5.50	28.50			171.72		171.72
Princeton	73.22	84.36	3.00	7.50	32.65	29.38	8.50	40.43	4.50	22.34	305.88	3.00	308.88
Rockford	180.21	117.69	3.00	9.50	69.80	35.22	16.00	26.80	7.00	62.36	527.58	35.83	563.41
Roseland (Chicago)	34.50	48.04		5.75	85.00	18.25	11.00	17.60	4.00		224.14	2.43	226.57
Sheffield	5.50	1.50	4.50	5.00	3.00	23.75	3.00	34.60	1.50		82.35	.23	82.58
Wyanet	42.33	67.33	3.00	12.50	44.50		25.00	140.48	8.50	22.84	366.48	5.07	371.55
TOTALS	\$ 885.69	\$ 603.86	\$ 32.50	\$ 76.00	\$ 473.95	\$ 228.53	\$ 125.50	\$ 500.23	52.50	\$ 243.59	\$ 3222.35	\$ 211.99	\$ 3434.34

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE WESLEYAN YOUTH

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Held at Wyanet, Illinois, September 13 - 14, 1957

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OFFICERS FOR 1957 - 1958

President	-- Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, 9101 S. Menard, Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Vice President	-- Rev. Stanley Hill, Wyanet, Illinois.
Secretary	-- Miss Linda Dyer, R. R. #1, Princeton, Illinois.
Treasurer	-- Mrs. Ida Craker, 722 N. Parkside, Chicago 44, Illinois.
Northern District Chmn.	-- Rev. David D. Crail, 1105 S. Sixth Ave., Maywood, Illinois.
Southern District Chmn.	-- Rev. D. C. Durey, 351 Robert St., Creve Coeur, Illinois.

LOCAL WESLEYAN YOUTH OFFICERS

Austin (Chicago)	-- President, Miss Karen Johnson, 5216 W. Ferdinand, Chicago 44, Illinois.
Creve Coeur (Peoria)	-- Secretary, Miss Margaret Dominguez, 5323 W. Ohio, Chicago 44, Illinois.
Hoopeston	-- President, Mrs. Elsie Sweet, Clarence, Illinois.
	-- Secretary, Miss Beverly Anderson, 526 E. Thompson, Hoopeston, Illinois.
Hoyne Avenue (Chicago)	-- President, Rev. Cletus Kramer, 2108 W. Iowa St., Chicago 22, Illinois.
Maywood (Chicagoland)	-- Secretary, Miss Margaret McGeorge, 2323 W. Rice St., Chicago 22, Ill.
Oak Lawn (Chicagoland)	-- President, Mr. Ben Kautz, 5529 W. 85th St., Oak Lawn, Illinois.
	-- Secretary, Miss Betty May, 8740 Melvina, Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Oak Park (Chicagoland)	-- President, Miss Helen Camber, 518 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, Illinois.
Peoria	-- Secretary, Miss Priscilla Rice, 3229 Winona, Berwyn, Illinois.
Princeton	-- President, Mr. Ken Nordstrom, 824 N. Mercer St., Princeton, Illinois.
	-- Secretary, Mrs. Laura Shoffner, R. R., Princeton, Illinois.
Rockford	-- President, Mr. Donald Bradley, 1046 E. State, Rockford, Illinois.
	-- Secretary, Miss Janice Blood, 317 Howard, Rockford, Illinois.
Roseland (Chicago)	-- President, Mrs. Charles S. Paine, 328 S. Damen, Chicago 12, Illinois.
Sheffield	-- Secretary, Miss Patricia Watson, 10643 Wentworth, Chicago 28, Illinois.
	-- President, --
	-- Secretary, Mr. Bill McCarty, Box 475, Sheffield, Illinois.
Wyanet	-- President, Miss Linda Dyer, R. R. #1, Princeton, Illinois.
	-- Secretary, Miss Judy Johnson, Wyanet, Illinois.

1957 CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Austin (Chicago)	-- Jacklyn Bordone
	-- Jerry Browne
Creve Coeur (Peoria)	-- Larry Copeland
Galesburg	-- Joe Sulta
Hoyne Avenue (Chicago)	-- Pat Geniuk
	-- Margaret McGeorge
Haywood (Chicagoland)	-- Doug Crail
	-- Tom Bonner
Oak Lawn (Chicagoland)	-- Judy Botta
	-- Trudy Hanson
Princeton	-- Laura Shoffner
Rockford	-- Diane Johnson
	-- Ken Zellner
Roseland (Chicago)	-- Gail Joseph
Wyanet	-- Nancy Dyer
	-- Judy Johnson

STANDING RULES

1. Resolved, that the annual Wesleyan Youth statistical blank be sent by June 30th to each pastor, who shall assist the local president and treasurer in completing it and and comparing it with the church statistical report for accuracy.
2. Resolved, that the local treasurer's books close June 30 and that all remittances be postmarked not later than July 5; and that a fine of \$1.00 upon the pastor and the local president be paid to our conference treasurer if the statistical report does not reach the hands of our conference secretary by July 15.
3. Resolved, that the Executive Council act as the Orders of the Day Committee.
4. Resolved, that the Conference Wesleyan Youth President be editor of the Youth Notes, our conference youth publicity medium, which shall be published as needed, either in conjunction with the Illinois Tidings or as a separate publication.
5. Resolved, that the President shall appoint custodians of the Wesleyan Youth equipment.
6. Resolved, that the Secretary be the standing statistical chairman.
7. Resolved, that the Secretary maintain a complete membership list.
8. Resolved, that local officers be elected during the month of June to take office at the rise of the Illinois Annual Conference.
9. Resolved, that the Annual Illinois Youth Conference be held in September on the second Friday evening and the Saturday following.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. R. E. Crawford, Chairman
 Rev. A. L. Bray
 Miss Margaret McGeorge
 Mr. Ben Kautz

PROCEEDINGSFirst Meeting -- 9:30 p.m., Friday, September 13, 1957

The eighth annual session of the Illinois Conference Wesleyan Youth was convened in the Wyand Church, Wyand, Illinois, at 9:30 p.m., Friday, September 13, 1957, by our Conference Wesleyan Youth President, Rev. Robert L. Zuhl. Rev. Zuhl read Hebrews 12:1, 2, and stated that "Looking Unto Jesus" was set as the theme for the Youth Conference. Rev. Willard L. Archer, of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, led in prayer.

The first four rows were designated as the bar of conference.

The Conference Executive Council members and all local presidents were then seated within the bar.

Karen Johnson and Cletus Kramer were elected to serve as the Credentials Committee. A partial report of this committee was then given and adopted, seating all delegates present within the bar. (See Roll of Delegates).

By prevailing motion all pastors, not ex-officio members, were given honorary seats in the conference.

The Orders of the Day Committee report was read and adopted by prevailing motion. (See Report No. 1).

The following members were elected to serve as the Committee on Conference Committees: Rev. A. L. Bray, Rev. David Crail, and Rev. Stanley Hill. This committee was then excused to do its work.

The President's report was read and approved with a rising vote of thanks for his faithful service. (See Report No. 2).

The Conference Treasurer gave her report which was received and referred to the Auditor. (See Report No. 3).

The report of the Committee on Conference Committees was read and adopted by prevailing motion. (See Report No. 4).

Conference was adjourned by prevailing motion.

Second Meeting -- 8:30 a.m., Saturday, September 14, 1957

The second meeting was opened with the reading of Ephesians 5:1-2, by the President. Rev. Daren Durey led the conference in prayer.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given. (See Roll of Delegates).

The chair declared the meeting adjourned for committee work.

After the meeting resumed, Rev. William Davis, Wesleyan Methodist missionary to Columbia, South America, brought words of greeting to the conference.

Rev. A. L. Bray introduced Rev. Ray A. Strawser as his co-worker in Chicago-Austin.

The secretary's minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

By request, Rev. A. L. Bray, Annual Conference President, took the chair, after which the Nominating Committee gave the following report:

For President, Rev. Robert L. Zuhl; Vice President, Rev. Stanley A. Hill; Secretary, Miss Linda Dyer; Treasurer, Mrs. Ida Craker; Northern District Chairman, Rev. David Crail; Southern District Chairman, Rev. Daren Durey.

By prevailing motion all pastors present were authorized to vote.

All nominees of the nominating committee were then elected by ballots cast by members of the conference. (See Roll of Conference Officers).

The Standing Rules Committee report was read and adopted as amended by prevailing motion. (See Standing Rules).

The Resolutions Committee report was adopted as amended. (See Report No. 5).

The Thanks Committee report was read and adopted, with amendment that Rev. Robert McIntyre be given special recognition. (See Report No. 6).

A motion prevailed that we amend the Orders of the Day to adjourn Sine Die at the close of business.

The second meeting adjourned by conference vote.

Third Meeting -- 1:30 p.m., Saturday, September 14, 1957

The third meeting convened at 1:30 p.m.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved.

A motion prevailed that the Conference Secretary write a letter of appreciation to the village of Wyandot for the use of the community building during this conference session.

The Statistical Report was read and amended that it be compared with the report of the conference treasurer, and then be referred to the editing committee and statistical chairman. (See Report No. 7).

It was moved and adopted that the deficit in our General dues of the past year be sent to Rev. Robert McIntyre by the conference treasurer out of conference funds on hand.

The President asked the Rev. A. L. Bray, the Annual Conference President, to take the chair as he gave the Plan of Work Committee report. Motion prevailed that of the three dollars conference dues, two dollars be designated for church extension and one dollar for conference expense. The Plan of Work Committee Report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 8).

The Youth President again took the chair, after which the Auditor's report was read and adopted by prevailing motion. (See Report No. 9).

A motion prevailed that the local Wesleyan Youth Treasurer's book, designed by the General Wesleyan Youth Office, be the official book used by the local societies and that the Conference Treasurer provide all locals with such books. The Annual Conference President volunteered to underwrite this expense personally.

After a closing prayer, the 1957 session was adjourned sine die by prevailing motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Miss Linda Dyer, Secretary

Report No. 1.

Orders of the Day Committee

Friday, September 13, 1957 -- 7:00 p.m., Registration; 7:30 p.m., Revival service with Rev. B. O. Crowe as the speaker; 9:30 p.m., Conference convenes with devotions by Conference Youth President; Roll Call of Conference Officers and local Presidents; Election of Credentials Committee; Partial report of Credentials Committee and seating of delegates; Election of the Committee on Conference Session Committees; Conference Youth President's report; Conference Treasurer's Report; Report of the Committee on Conference Committees; Adjournment.

Saturday, September 14, 1957 -- 7:30 a.m., Breakfast with devotions by Rev. A. L. Bray, Illinois Annual Conference President; 8:30 a.m., Reports of Conference Committees and Miscellaneous Business; 9:00 a.m., Recess for committee work, subject to call by the chair; 12:00 noon, Adjournment; 12:15 p.m., Fellowship Dinner with sharing of ideas and testimonies; 1:30 p.m., Adjournment Sine Die.

Respectfully submitted,
Illinois W. Y. Executive Council,
Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, Chairman
Rev. David D. Crail
Miss Linda Dyer
Mrs. Ida Craker
Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell
Rev. Stanley A. Hill
Rev. A. L. Bray

Report No. 2.Conference Wesleyan Youth President.

Greetings to the Wesleyan Youth of Illinois! I give this account of my stewardship as your President with appreciation for the privilege of working with the Lord in the interest of youth. It cost dearly for Christ to meet the eternal need of humanity. The price is unchanged today if we share in His burden for these who are as "sheep without a shepherd." To serve the present age, we must as Daniel purpose in our heart to serve God and as Paul, "Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

This has been a year of transition and adjustment. I regret that a loss from last year is being reported in the statistics. May this serve to remind each of us that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers of the darkness of this world and against spiritual wickedness in high places."

The following statistics should cause great concern and prayer for the future. However, by way of explanation of the decline in membership, it should be stated that a goodly number of our youth "graduated" from the youth program and are active as young adults. We rejoice in the 26% gain in finances, which is remarkable in view of a smaller membership.

	1956	1957
Active Members	188	134
Associate Members	2	13
Wesleyan Youth Subscriptions	164	121
Total Receipts	\$1043.13	\$1314.55

The Conference Youth Council held five meetings during the conference year. The first meeting was held at the 1956 Youth Camp to evaluate the camp program. The next meeting was held September 6 and the fall Youth Convention was the topic of discussion. On December 8, the Youth Week Conference tour was planned with the council to be in charge of the rallies. On March 16, 1957, the Spring Conference Overnight (May 17-18 at Palos Hills) was set and plans completed for the program. On June 9, the council decided on the program for Youth Camp.

Personal Service: I toured the conference during Youth Week, sent 115 cards, mailed 90 letters to presidents and pastors, published and mailed six issues of the 2-3 page, "Youth Notes," which is sent to approximately 215 homes, spent considerable time in keeping the "Youth Notes" address list up to date, attended the Marion Area Youth Council, October 15 - 16, taught a class at the Southern District Rally at Princeton, October 27, and at the Northern District Rally at Oak Lawn, November 3. I represented the conference at the Leaders' Convention at Marion, Indiana, December 5-6, where conference presidents from all over the denomination met to chart the future of Wesleyan Youth. I spoke at the Maywood Wesleyan Youth and wrote a youth program to appear in the October '57 issue of the Wesleyan Youth. I have served on the Oak Lawn village Youth Commission throughout the year and have witnessed the great need of Christ as the answer to juvenile delinquency. In addition, as pastor of the Oak Lawn Church, I have labored earnestly to promote a strong local youth program.

I have greatly appreciated the cooperation and helpfulness of Rev. A. L. Bray, our Annual Conference President, on the Youth Council. I believe I speak for all the youth of the Illinois Conference in a pledge of loyal support in advancing the Master's Kingdom in Illinois. Let us look up and go forward.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, President

Report No. 3.Illinois Conference Wesleyan Youth Treasurer.RECEIPTS:

General Dues	\$ 194.93
Conference Dues	416.85
Foreign Missions	55.24
Home Missions	33.61
Education	17.12
Youth Week Offering	136.03
Northern Dist. Rally	
Registration	31.50
Offering	32.68
Southern Dist. Rally	
Registration	23.00
Offering	16.38
Illinois Youth Overnight	124.50
Youth Camp Recreational Fee	31.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Conference:	
General Dues Deficit	\$ 38.45
Recreational Equipment	96.00
Marion Area Dues	5.00
Youth Week & Officers Exp.	
Travel Expense	78.75
Film Rentals	40.00
President's Telephone	12.00
Youth Notes	16.80
Guest Speaker	15.00
F.M. Youth Bldg. Rent	25.00
Ill. Conf. Camp Fund Loan	100.00
Appreciation Gift (R. Zuhl)	10.00
Misc. Items	24.75

RECEIPTS:

Youth Camp Insurance Fee	\$ 31.00
Ill. Conf. Camp Fund Loan	100.00
Film Offerings	34.71
W. Y. Conf. Registration	34.00
Fines for late reports	2.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$1314.55</u>
Plus Balance 7-15-56	<u>114.99</u>
Total Credits	<u>\$1429.54</u>

Total Credits	\$1429.54
Less Disbursements	<u>1067.40</u>
Balance 7-15-57	<u>\$ 362.14</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Dues	\$ 107.15
Foreign Missions	29.48
Home Missions	19.69
Education	1.69
Youth Week Offerings	122.03
Miscellaneous:	
So. Dist. Rally	23.00
Ill. Youth Overnight	118.35
(Palos Camp Rental - 83.00)	
(Groceries - 35.35)	
Film Offerings	34.71
Youth Camp Ins.	39.90
Counsellors Fees	100.00
Misc. Items	<u>9.65</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$1067.40</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ida Craker, Treasurer

Report No. 4.Committee on Conference Committees.

Plan of Work — Rev. Robert Zuhl, Chairman, Rev. Stanley Hill, Mrs. Laura Shoffner, Mr. Tom Bonner, Mr. Larry Copeland, Mr. Joe Sults, all other pastors and guests.
Nominating and Standing Rules — Rev. Roy E. Crawford, Chairman, Margaret McGeorge, Rev. A. L. Bray, Mr. Ben Kautz.
Thanks — Mr. Ken Nordstrom, Chairman, Miss Gail Joseph, Miss Linda Dyer, Miss Jacklyn Bordone, Mr. Doug Crail.
Resolutions — Mr. Phil Crail, Chairman, Miss Trudy Hamson, Miss Pat Geniuk, Mr. Jerry Browne, Miss Nancy Dyer.
Statistical — Rev. Cletus Kramer, Chairman, Miss Judy Botta, Mrs. Ida Craker.
Auditor — Rev. A. L. Bray.
Orders of the Day — Executive Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman
Rev. David D. Crail
Rev. Stanley Hill

Report No. 5.Resolutions Committee.

We, the Resolutions Committee, realizing the need for greater emphasis in the phases of our youth work, purpose to promote this by:

1. Showing our devotion to Jesus Christ through daily prayer and Bible study.
2. Making careful choices in the areas of radio and television programs, literature, companions, and activities, so that in all phases of our lives our Christian influence will be felt.
3. Doing whatever we are asked to do in the Lord's work to the fullest of our abilities.
4. Attending faithfully all activities of our local youth society, realizing that all Wesleyan Youth functions afford new opportunities to further Christ's kingdom.
5. Supporting our youth program by means of conference and general dues and local offerings.
6. Understanding the importance of a consistent Christian life and resolving to uphold the standards and doctrines of our church.
7. Suggesting that the preceding resolutions be published in the "Youth Notes" and be read by all local Wesleyan Youth Presidents in a public service in their local societies once each month.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Phil Crail, Chairman
Miss Nancy Dyer, Secretary
Miss Pat Geniuk
Mr. Jerry Browne
Miss Trudy Hamson

Report No. 6.Thanks Committee.

We, the Thanks Committee, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the following for their spiritual vision and labors in making this a year of progress for the Illinois Youth of the Wesleyan Methodist Church:

1. To God the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, for His divine guidance and spiritual blessings.
2. To Rev. Robert McIntyre, our Denominational Wesleyan Youth Secretary, who has labored so faithfully and so sacrificially during the past year.
3. To Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, the President of our Illinois Youth, for his leadership, his spiritual zeal, and hard physical and mental labor.
4. To Rev. A. L. Bray, the Illinois Annual Conference President, for his support and cooperation during the past year.
5. To Ida Craker, the Conference Treasurer, and Linda Dyer, the Youth Secretary, for their faithful service and dependability.
6. To the district chairmen, local presidents, and unnamed officers and delegates for their faithful service and dedication to the Lord's work.
7. Also, to Rev. Stanley Hill and the Wyman Church for the use of the church for the 1957 Youth Conference, and to Rev. Roy Crawford and the Princeton Church for the use of their basement for girls' dormitories.
8. To the various committees, who have worked out the minute details of this conference session as well as the plans for the coming conference year.
9. To those of the Wyman Church who have labored long and hard to supply and prepare the food.
10. To the pastors of the conference, who have labored so zealously for the furtherance of Wesleyan Youth.
11. To those who provided transportation to all the Wesleyan Youth activities during the past conference year.
12. To each member for his loyalty to Christ and His Church.
13. Finally, to all others who may have contributed, in any way, to the success of this spiritual venture.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Kenneth Nordstrom, Chairman
Miss Linda Dyer
Miss Jacklyn Bordone
Miss Gail Joseph
Mr. Doug Crail

Report No. 7.Statistical Committee.

(See table on page 56).

Report No. 8.Plan of Work Committee.

We, the Plan of Work Committee, recommend the following:

1. That one new local be organized during the coming year.
2. That we emphasize the Wesleyan Youth magazine with the Conference Secretary as the solicitor.
3. That we support church extension through our prayers, our dues and through community surveys and personal labors.
4. That the Conference Dues be \$3.00 per member to be disbursed as follows: a. Church Extension - \$2.00, b. Conference W.Y. work - \$1.00.
5. That the conference dues be the personal responsibility of local members to be paid monthly (25¢) to their local treasurer, and by the fifth day of each month to the conference Treasurer; and that the General Dues (\$1.50 per year) be paid quarterly to the conference Treasurer.
6. That the Editor of the "Youth Notes" receive from each local president, by the 5th of each month, a report of the average youth-age attendance, and their efficiency rating for the month.
7. That the Conference President visit each church during the year with a gospel team; holding a local Council workshop session followed by a devotional service.
8. That we hold one rally in each district in the fall and one conference-wide overnight rally in the spring.
9. That the conference Vice President maintain the recreational equipment during the year.
10. That each local strive for an "A" rating in the Local and General Efficiency Standard.

11. That some meetings during the year be given to emphasize our Wesleyan heritage.
12. That we adopt the slogan "Looking Up," (Mark 7:34), for the coming year.
13. That each local have a youth "Round-Up" before October 31 and the youth-age attendance be reported to the Conference President by the 5th of November.
14. That a Book-of-the-Year plan be adopted with Mark as the Book for '57-'58; and that the following projects be promoted:
 - A. The Gospel of Mark be used for Bible study.
 - B. Bible memorization of verses in Mark.
 - C. Local Bible Quiz teams on Mark competing in districts.
15. That every Wesleyan Youth member be issued a membership card.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, Chairman
 Rev. Stanley Hill
 Mr. Tom Bonner
 Mr. Larry Copeland
 Mr. Joe Sultz
 Mrs. Laura Shoffner

Report No. 9.

Auditor

I have examined the records of the Illinois Conference Wesleyan Youth Treasurer for the fiscal year, ending July 15, 1957, and find them to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. A. L. Bray, Auditor

(See Statistical Report on following page)

Report No. 7.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE WESLEYAN YOUTH STATISTICAL REPORT -- 1956 - 1957																	
NAME OF SOCIETY	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youth Subscriptions	Efficiency Standard Rating			General Dues	Conference Dues	Church Extension	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Local Work	Miscellaneous	Total Receipts Plus Balance	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
				"A"	"B"	"C"											
Austin (Chicago)	22		13			X	\$ 33.00	\$ 65.00	\$	\$ 5.00	\$	\$	\$ 29.09	\$ 102.34	\$ 251.52	\$ 234.43	\$ 17.09
Creve Coeur (Peoria)	3		3														
Galesburg																	
Hoopeston	8	1				X	3.00	2.00						23.58	31.57	28.58	2.99
Hoynes Ave. (Chicago)	20		21		X		30.00	60.00		11.69	30.90	16.27	94.78		253.64	243.64	10.00
Maywood (Chicagoland)	4	2	4				17.00	51.00					26.40		104.40	94.40	10.00
Oak Lawn (Chicagoland)	13		13			X	25.50	51.71	10.00	15.00	8.00		59.49	3.30	200.56	173.00	27.56
Oak Park (Chicagoland)	10		2			X	28.56	53.39	3.00				12.00		96.95	96.95	
Princeton	8	5	3			X	9.00	18.00						52.05	109.16	79.05	30.11
Peoria																	
Rockford	24		47		X		27.00	54.00		19.33	16.34	16.34	110.59	44.00	306.18	287.60	18.58
Roseland (Chicago)	9	5	2		X		4.50	10.25	5.00	6.00			8.87		50.60	34.62	15.98
Sheffield							3.00	6.00						3.00	12.00	12.00	
Wyanet	13		12			X	20.12	30.25		1.10		1.00	19.75	68.05	142.02	140.27	1.75
TOTALS	134	13	121		3	6	\$200.68	\$ 401.60	\$18.00	\$58.12	\$55.24	\$ 33.61	\$ 360.97	\$ 296.32	\$ 1546.60	\$1412.54	\$ 134.06

* (Note: Difference between finances listed here and in Conference Treasurer's report is due to misunderstanding of fiscal year by some locals. Also some funds were not sent through Treasurer's books.)