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Membership Roll—Continued.

DELEGATES.

S. R. Harding	Aberdeen, S. D.
Bulah Williams	Aberdeen, S. D.
H. C. Goodnow	Artesian, S. D.
Walter Bangert	Avon, S. D.
Hartley Chaussee	Bushnell, S. D.
Fay Lee	Brentford, S. D.
Mrs. W. O. Strang	Crandon, S. D.
John Hillan	Houghton, S. D.
Mrs. L. L. Knapp	Houghton, S. D.
Edith Knipfer	Knobs, Mont.
Francis Buel	McIntosh, S. D.
Arthur Millage	Mitchell, S. D.
Mrs. A. A. Truax	Mitchell, S. D.
Mrs. Fred Packard	Mobridge, S. D.
Frank Martin	Northville, S. D.
Frank Thompson	Northville, S. D.
Mrs. Abe Mansell	Pollock, S. D.
Blanch Mont .....(Richland)	Mina, S. D.
Mrs. W. H. Lillibridge	Watford City, N. D.
Fred Koehler(Medicine Rocks)	Willard, Mont.
Albert Schneider	Willard, Mont.

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DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

Conference Sermon.—The Conference sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Gugin, of the Northville charge, from the text found in Isaiah 48:18. The message was given under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and our hearts were blest as we listened to the Word of God as it was earnestly given to us.

Business Session.—The business sessions opened at 8:30 Thursday morning. President J. F. Simpson led the devotionals, reading from the third chapter of Philippians.

After devotionals the roll was called to which nearly all of the Ministers and delegates responded.

Organization.—Nominating Committee elected: A. M. Wiley, J. E. Spry and Mrs. A. A. Truax were elected a Nominating Committee.

Bar of Conference.—The first seven rows of seats in the middle of the tabernacle were made the Bar of Conference.

Time of Sessions.—On motion the time of Conference sessions was set as follows: From 8:30 to 11:30 A. M., and 1:30 to adjournment in the afternoon.

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

Called to Order.—The body was called to order and the Nominating Committee gave their report. It was adopted. See Report No. 1.

President's Report.—The President's official report was read and adopted. See Report No. 2.

Treasurer's Report.—The Treasurer's report was read and it was adopted. See Report No. 3.

Adjournment.—Session was adjourned for committee work.

Thursday Afternoon.

Opening.—Session opened at 1:30. The Secretary led the devotionals.

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

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Reports.—The Committee on Religious Services and Orders of the Day gave their report and it was adopted. See Report No. 4.

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders read a partial report and it was adopted. See Report No. 5.

Adjournment.—Session was adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Friday Morning.

Devotionals.—Rev. H. H. Turner conducted the devotional service.

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

Orders of the Day.—The order of the day was called, which was the election of officers. The election resulted as follows:

President—Rufus Reisdorph.

Vice-President—R. J. Eling.

Secretary—L. D. Harris.

Treasurer—Frank Martin.

Trustee—Frank Martin.

Representative to Miltonvale—J. F. Simpson.

Passage of Character.—The names of the following absent members were called and their characters were passed: W. J. Edgar, Otto Jensen, Mrs. Otto Jensen, C. K. Thompson, A. J. Tiffany, J. W. Boggs, L. L. Knapp, Chester Reed.

Courtesies.—Rev. E. F. McCarty, our Connectional Representative, was introduced and he addressed the Conference briefly.

Report.—The Auditing Committee read their report and it was adopted. See Report No. 6.

The Nominating Committee gave their report on Standing Committees. After the withdrawal of the names on the Advisory Committee the report was adopted. See Report No. 7.

Adjournment.—Session was adjourned by limitation of time.

Friday Afternoon.

Devotionals.—Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Spry.

Business.—Roll call eliminated, the minutes were read and approved.

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Building Committee.—The Disciplinary requirement of a Building Committee was considered and the Board of Trustees were elected to this committee.

Passage of Character.—The report blanks of the pastors having been passed upon by the committee, the following names were called and each gave a word of testimony and a short report of the work on their charges: Thos. Bailie, Gertrude Clocksin, R. J. Eling, J. F. Gugin, L. D. Harris, J. F. Insley, Rufus Reisdorph, Chas. Sicard, J. F. Simpson, A. M. Wiley, Leon M. Briggs, E. H. Jarman, Walter Kyle, Arthur Reisdorph, J. E. Spry, F. J. Traver, Mrs. F. J. Traver, H. H. Turner.

Orders of the Day.—The order of the day was called, which was to hear Rev. E. F. McCarty on the Connectional Interests. Brother McCarty gave us a very interesting and beneficial address on the different organizations of the Church, and we as a Conference pledge ourselves to support all of the interests of the Connection.

Minutes.—The Secretary was instructed to have three hundred copies of the minutes printed at the Publishing House.

Time of Next Conference.—Motion prevailed that we begin our next Conference Wednesday evening, June 5, 1929.

Adjournment.—Adjourned for committee work.

Saturday Morning.

Devotionals.—Devotionals were conducted by Rev. R. J. Eling.

Business.—Minutes were read and approved.

Report.—Committee on Railroad Expense read the report and it was adopted. See Report No. 8.

Adjournment.—Adjourned to call of the Chair.

Saturday Afternoon.

Devotionals.—The devotional service was in the hands of Rev. J. F. Gugin.

Business.—Minutes were read and approved.

Report.—The Statistical Committee read their report and it was adopted. See Report No. 14.

Advisory Committee.—The President having nominated Rev. J. C. McGovern and A. A. Truax to this committee, they were elected.

Adjournment.—Session adjourned for committee work.

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Monday Morning.

Devotionals.—Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. C. McGovern.

Business.—Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Ministers' Benefit Fund.—Motion prevailed that we have a Ministers' Benefit Fund and a committee was elected to formulate plans for the same, as follows: J. C. McGovern, Rufus Reisdorph and R. J. Eling.

Adjournment.—Adjourned for committee work.

Monday Afternoon.

Business.—Minutes read and approved.

Reports.—The Pastoral Relations Committee read their report and it was adopted. See Report No. 9.

The Committee on Itinerary and Orders read their report and it was adopted. See Report No. 5.

The Committee on Resolutions gave their report and it was adopted. See Report No. 10.

Motion prevailed that Rev. Chas. Sicard be elected a committee to confer with other Holiness Churches regarding Resolution No. 3.

Publishing of Resolution No. 2.—Motion prevailed that the resolution regarding Hospital and Clinic be signed by the President and Secretary and sent to said institutions and also printed in the Aberdeen papers.

Report.—The Committee on Preachers' Benefit Fund gave their report and it was adopted. See Report No. 11.

Elections.—Rev. R. J. Eling was elected Secretary and Treasurer for the Preachers' Benefit Fund.

Rev. J. F. Simpson was elected Transportation Secretary for the Conference.

Resolution.—A resolution of appreciation and thanks was passed in behalf of the Railroads that had granted passes to the different members of Conference. This resolution to be signed by the President and Secretary and sent to the headquarters of said Railroads.

Report.—The report of the Missionary Board concerning Conference appropriations was read and adopted. See Report No. 12.

Field Secretary.—Rev. J. F. Simpson was elected Field Secretary with a salary of \$50.00 per month.

Adjournment.—There being no further business the Conference adjourned.

REPORTS.

Report No. 1.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We, your Nominating Committee, beg leave to submit the following report of nominations for the organization of the Conference:

Pastoral Relations Committee—J. C. McGovern, J. F. Simpson, J. E. Spry, Gertrude Clocksin, S. R. Harding, Fay Lee, Mrs. W. O. Strang.

Religious Services and Orders of the Day—R. J. Eling, Thos. Bailie, Mrs. A. A. Truax.

Passage of Character—J. F. Traver, Mrs. W. L. Lillibridge.

Statistical—W. C. Brannon, W. J. Leyh.

O. K. Committee—Mrs. L. L. Knapp.

Auditing—H. H. Turner, Claire Harris.

Railroad Expense—John Hillen.

Resolutions—Chas. Sicard, J. F. Gugin.

Courtesies—R. J. Eling.

Conference Reporter—Lynford Sicard.

Signed,

A. M. WILEY,
J. E. SPRY,
MRS. A. A. TRUAX.

Report No. 2.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

July—Appointed Rev. A. M. Wiley as supply of Almont, N. D.

October—Appointed Rev. Markus Johnson as pastor of the McIntosh Church.

October—Appointed Rev. Gertrude Clocksin pastor of the Möbridge Church.

May 18—Organized a Church near Bushnell, S. D., and received same into the Conference.

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Financial Statement.

Salary received from Conference Treasurer \$315.00

Conference Expense.

Postage \$9.74
Telegrams and telephone 2.00
Transportation, including railroad fare, bus and sleeper, hotel
and meals, etc. 50.32
Deed to McIntosh Church 11.00
Typewriter ribbon75

Total expense \$63.81

Total amount received 45.00

Deficit \$18.81

J. F. SIMPSON, President.

Report No. 3.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Conference Fund.

Receipts.

Balance from last year \$438.85
Corrected bank balance 41.57
Loan from Superannuated Fund 349.39
From the charges 605.95
From 70% Home Mission Fund 99.87

Total receipts \$1,535.63

Disbursements.

J. F. Simpson, deficit on last year's salary and
expenses \$103.47
J. F. Simpson, salary and expenses 360.00
Mobridge State Bank, interest 52.50
Mobridge State Bank, principal on mortgage 350.00
Mobridge, repairs on church 29.56
Mobridge, traveling expenses and postage 5.54
Mobridge, insurance on church 4.60

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J. S. Willett, Conference Minutes	56.62
Aberdeen, News Ptg. Co., stationery	10.49
Frank Traver, house rent	45.00
Freight and transfer on Conference Tent	2.96
L. D. Harris, postage	1.50
Ministers' carfare	81.46
Interest on loan from Superannuated Fund	37.23

Total disbursements	<u>\$1,140.93</u>
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Cash in bank to balance	<u>\$ 394.70</u>
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Home Mission Fund.

Receipts.

From the Conference Women's Missionary Society	\$142.67
Total receipts	<u>\$142.67</u>

Disbursements.

Paid 30% receipts to T. P. Baker	\$42.80
Paid 70% receipts to Conference Fund	99.87
Total disbursements	<u>\$142.67</u>

Superannuated Ministers' Fund.

Receipts.

Cash on hand from last year	\$344.60
Bank interest	4.79
Interest on former loan to Conference	17.37
Interest on new loan to Conference	19.86
From the charges	68.25
Total receipts	<u>\$454.87</u>

Disbursements.

Loan to Conference on Mobridge mortgage	\$349.39
Total disbursements	<u>\$349.39</u>
Cash in bank to balance	<u>\$105.48</u>

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Superannuated Ministers' Fund Assets.

Former loan to Conference	\$289.49	
New loan to Conference	349.39	
Cash in bank	105.48	
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Total assets		\$744.36
Conference liabilities to the Superannuated Ministers' Fund, two loans	\$638.88	
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		\$638.88
CHAS. SICARD, Treasurer.		

Report No. 4.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Your Committee on Religious Services and Orders of the Day wish to submit the following report:

That on Thursday night the service be in the hands of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

That the election of officers be held on Friday morning immediately after the devotional exercises.

That Rev. E. F. McCarty present the Connectional Interests Friday afternoon at 2:30.

That the representative of Miltonvale College be given the time at 10:30 Saturday morning.

Signed,

R. J. ELING,
MRS. A. A. TRUAX,
THOS. BAILIE.

Report No. 5.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS.

We, your Committee on Itineracy and Orders, beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend—

That Leo Chapman, having been recommended by his Quarterly Conference as a suitable person, be received to study preparatory to travel under the direction of the Conference.

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That Lynford Sicard be received to travel under the direction of the Conference and be given a license and continued in the fourth year of study.

That Robert Wegner be received to travel under the direction of the Conference granted a license and be placed in the third year of study.

That Markus Johnson be received to travel under the direction of the Conference, his license be renewed and placed in the third year of study.

That R. E. Olson be continued in the first year of study.

That Claire Harris be continued in the third year of study and his license be renewed.

That J. E. Spry be continued in the fourth year of study and his license be renewed.

That Leon M. Briggs be continued in the course of study and his license be renewed.

That F. J. Traver be continued in the first year of study and his license be renewed.

That Mrs. F. J. Traver be continued in the third year of study and her license be renewed.

That Mrs. Thomas Bailie be continued in the third year of study and her license be renewed.

That W. C. Brannon be continued in the third year of study and his license be renewed.

That Mrs. W. C. Brannon be continued in the third year of study and her license be renewed.

That W. J. Leyh be continued in the fourth year of study and his license be renewed.

That Mrs. W. J. Leyh be continued in the fourth year of study and her license be renewed.

That E. H. Jarman be continued in the second year of study and his license be renewed.

That Arthur Reisdorph be placed in third year of study and his license be renewed.

That Chester Reed be continued in the second year of study.

That Mrs. Chester Reed be received to study under the direction of the Conference.

That L. L. Knapp be continued in the first year of study.

That H. H. Turner be continued in the third year of study and his license be renewed.

That H. Luther Williams be continued in the first year of study and his license be renewed.

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That Walter Kyle be placed in the first year of study and his license be renewed.

We also recommend that the Conference purchase such books as are necessary in the course of study to provide each examiner with the books he has examinations on. These books to be held by examiners as long as in office.

We further recommend that when licentiates are ready for questions, that the questions shall be sent to some responsible party to act as monitor. Book to be given to monitor upon receiving the questions.

J. C. McGOVERN,
CHAS. SICARD,
A. M. WILEY,
L. D. HARRIS,
A. A. TRUAX,
FAY LEE.

Report No. 6.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

1. We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the books and reports of the Conference Treasurer and have found them to be correct.

2. We have examined the financial report of the Conference President and have found it to be correct.

H. H. TURNER,
CLAIRE HARRIS.

Report No. 7.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON STANDING COMMITTEES.

We, your Committee, desire to submit the following report of nominees for Standing Committees:

Camp Meeting Board—Rufus Reisdorph, R. J. Eling, J. E. Spry, H. H. Turner, Frank Martin.

Missionary Board—Rufus Reisdorph, Frank Martin, J. F. Jenkins, A. M. Wiley, A. A. Truax, L. D. Harris, Chas. Sicard.

Sunday School Secretary—H. F. Insley.

Tithing Secretary—W. J. Leyh.

Vacancies—R. J. Eling, J. F. Gugin, Chas. Reisdorph, Richard Olson.

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Report No. 8.

RAILROAD EXPENSE.

Serving as your Railroad Expense Committee, I find that the total amount of railroad expense amounts to \$78.35, which apportioned among the charges amounts to \$5.22; this sum to be sent to the Conference Treasurer as soon as possible.

Signed, JOHN HILLAN.

Report No. 9.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT.

We, your Committee on Pastoral Relations, recommend that the ministers receive the following appointments:

- Aberdeen—Chas. Sicard.
- Almont—L. D. Harris.
- Artesian—Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Traver.
- Avon—E. H. Jarman.
- Brentford—Claire Harris.
- Bushnell and Pleasant View—J. F. Insley.
- Crandon and Redfield—R. J. Eling.
- Houghton—J. E. Spry.
- Mitchell—J. C. McGovern.
- McIntosh—Marcus Johnson.
- Mobridge—Mrs. Gertrude Clocksin.
- Northville—J. F. Gugin.
- Pollock—W. C. Brannon and Wife.
- Richland—W. J. Leyh and Wife.
- Medicine Rocks—L. M. Briggs.
- Watford City—Thomas Bailie and Wife.
- Willard and Knobs—Robert Wegner.
- Conference Evangelist—H. H. Turner.
- General Evangelist—A. J. Tiffany.
- Superannuated—W. J. Edgar.
- Unstationed—C. K. Thompson.
- To Choose Own Field of Labor—Arthur Reisdorph and J. W. Boggs.
- American Sunday School Union—Otto Jensen, Mrs. Otto Jensen, L. L. Knapp, Chester Reed.
- Principal Jamestown Holiness Academy—A. M. Wiley.
- To Attend School—Walter Kyle.

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Missionary Evangelist Under the Direction of the Conference
President—H. Luther Williams.

Field Secretary—J. F. Simpson.

We recommend that the President travel the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SIMPSON,
J. C. McGOVERN,
J. E. SPRY,
MRS. GERTRUDE CLOCKSIN,
MRS. W. O. STRANG,
S. R. HARDING,

Committee.

Report No. 10.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions begs leave to submit the following:

Whereas, We believe in the importance of the mission of our Annual Camp Meeting, and, whereas, we also believe that it pays to advertise, be it resolved, That we encourage the Camp Meeting Committee to more intensively advertise next year's Camp.

Whereas, The Managements of the Lincoln Hospital of Aberdeen, and the Aberdeen Clinic have been so considerate to our Ministers and their families, be it resolved, That this Conference put itself on record in expressing its gratitude to and appreciation of these organizations for the same.

Whereas, The National Council of Religious Education has become dominantly modernistic in its attitude, and, whereas, The South Dakota Council of Religious Education is evidently following the same course by inviting modernistic speakers to address their state conventions, be it resolved, That the time has come for our Church to separate itself from this movement and seek other affiliations. We recommend that a committee be elected by this Conference to meet like committees from the Free Methodist and Nazarene Churches having in view the creation of a Sunday School Movement among the Holiness Churches.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. SICARD,
J. F. GUGIN.

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Report No. 11.

PREACHERS' BENEFIT FUND.

Your Committee recommends that in a case of serious sickness or prolonged illness or death of any of our active preachers or members of their families, money may be paid from the benefit fund.

In case of the serious sickness or death of any of our non-active preachers (not their families), they are entitled to benefit from this fund.

In case the Secretary is in doubt of the worthiness of a case, he may advise with the President and his Advisory Board.

The Secretary shall, on receipt of authentic information of the worthiness of a case, pay out said fund.

Each minister is to pay his dues in advance that the Treasurer may have funds when needed.

Each minister on the Conference Roll is assessed to pay one dollar on due notice from the Secretary, excepting where both husband and wife are preachers. In such case the dues of one is assessed.

An active preacher is one who is engaged in definite Conference work under the appointment of the Conference, also those who are disabled through Conference work come under this provision of active preachers' benefit.

When any of our preachers fail to pay two consecutive payments, he has forfeited his right to receive any benefit until he pays up all back dues.

Each church that has a pastor is asked to contribute to this fund each time the pastor is assessed the amount of one dollar. This is not to be understood to mean each charge, but each church.

Let each pastor present this item to the church at his first business meeting that he may have the authority to ask the Treasurer to pay said amount on due notice.

The expenses incurred through postage be paid by the Conference Treasurer.

J. C. McGOVERN,
R. J. ELING,
RUFUS REISDORPH.

Report No. 12.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD.

We recommend that the following appropriations be made from the Conference treasury:

That \$105.00 be borrowed from the Superannuated Ministers' Fund

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and a sufficient amount be drawn from the treasury to meet the indebtedness on the Mobridge property.

That the McIntosh property be placed in the hands of the President, he to pay off \$100 on said property and secure the deed to same.

That the President be paid \$25.00 per month and his traveling expenses for his official duties as President.

We further recommend that we adopt a plan whereby all of our members will be solicited for funds for the Conference work.

MISSIONARY BOARD.

Report No. 13.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS, ITINERACY AND ORDERS COMMITTEE.

A. M. Wiley	Term expires 1929
L. D. Harris	Term expires 1930
Chas. Sicard	Term expires 1931
J. C. McGovern	Term expires 1932

List of books and examiners as follows:

Chas. Sicard—

First year "Study of the Bible by Books," Sell, and "Applied Business English."

Second year Bible and Homiletics.

Third year Bible and Christian Evidences.

Fourth year Bible and Bible Geography.

A. M. Wiley—

First year Theological Compend and Perfect Love.

Second year Theology and Teacher Training.

Third year Theology and All About the Bible.

Fourth year Theology and Grounds of Christian and Theistic Belief.

He is also the Registrar. Please send all grades to him.

Also report all books read to him.

L. D. Harris—

First year Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.

Third year Church History.

Fourth year Church History.

J. C. McGovern—

First year Rules of Order.

Third Law of Love and Love as a Law.

Fourth year Psychology.

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Report No. 14.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Teachers' Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Lesson Leaflets	Little Folks Cards	Lesson Chart
Aberdeen, S. D.	12	1	1	21	25	20	17	40	20	32	25	80	30	2
Almont, N. D.	12	1	1	5	18	8	5	18	15	8	10	...	10	1
Artesian	12	1	1	9	40	30	6	40	20	32	20	...	20	1
Avon	12	1	1	4	12	12	4	15	10	...	6	25	6	1
Brentford	12	2	2	9	25	18	5	29	...	25	11	16	22	1
Bushnell and Pleasant View	12	1	1	6	18	18	6	12	12	12	...	12	8	...
Crandon	12	1	1	7	15	15	5	20	...	7	7	10	14	1
Houghton	12	1	1	2	6	...	3	8	...	...	1	6	5	1
Knobs	7 1/2	2	1	3	5	4	2	6	...	8	...	9	...	...
McIntosh	12	1	1	2	30	15	5	50	12	15	...	6	10	1
Mitchell	6	1	1	2	8	8	3	4	8	10	10	...	12	...
Mobridge	12	1	1	12	25	20	7	35	15	6	12	15	24	2
Northville	12	1	1	3	18	10	2	15	12	12	...	15	12	1
Pollock	12	1	1	7	30	10	5	30	12	10	10	12	12	...
Richland	12	3	1	9	48	38	14	70	10	36	50	30	42	...
Watford City	12	2	2	8	36	10	42	...	12	...	18	6	10	...
Webster	12	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Willard	12	2	2	8	36	10	42	...	12	...	18	6	10	...
Ronan	12	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	181	21	20	109	359	236	131	392	158	213	180	238	237	12

Taylor Creek not listed this year.

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Reported Last Year	No. at Beginning of Year	Present Number	Loss	Gain	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Local Preachers	Membership Tithing
Aberdeen, S. D.	11	...	...	1	1	106	104	113	...	9	21	3	...	4	26
Almont, N. D. ....	...	...	...	...	...	41	41	43	...	...	2	...	...	...	16
Artesian	2	...	...	...	...	58	58	59	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Avon	2	...	...	...	1	12	12	15	...	3	8	...	...	...	...
Brentford	3	...	...	...	...	21	21	33	...	12	...	...	...	...	...
Bushnell and Pleasant View ..	12	...	...	...	...	33	27	25	2	...	...	6	...	2	15
Crandon	5	1	...	6	...	34	34	35	...	1	2	3	1	...	22
Houghton	3	1	1	...	...	13	13	15	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Knobs	2	...	...	...	...	8	8	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
McIntosh	2	...	...	...	...	89	89	104	...	15	3	5	...	2	37
Mitchell	15	...	...	...	...	20	20	14	7	...	...	...	...	...	3
Moabridge .....	...	5	...	2	...	48	48	44	4	...	3	...	...	...	3
Northville .....	...	...	...	...	...	30	30	36	...	6	4	2	...	...	10
Pollock	7	...	1	...	...	40	40	45	...	5	...	...	...	...	16
Richland	5	...	...	...	...	54	54	57	...	3	2	...	...	1	15
Watford City	4	...	...	...	...	7	7	7	...	...	1	1	...	2	7
Webster	3	...	2	1	8	52	58	51	7
Willard	12	12	12
Ronan
Totals	76	...	9	4	23	685	683	725	20	61	43	20	1	11	192

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

	No. of Sunday Schools	No. of Officers	No. of Teachers	No. Officers, Teachers and Scholars in Main School	No. on Cradle Roll	Total in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. Scholars Converted	No. Schol. Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts.	No. Organized Classes	Books in Library
Aberdeen, S. D.	2	15	15	180	40	220	119	...	9	2	6	120
Almont, N. D.	1	4	5	40	...	40	32	...	1	...	...	...
Artesian	1	4	6	91	6	97	57	5	...	1	...	...
Avon	1	6	4	40	6	46	32	14	3	...	...	...
Brentford	2	11	10	100	13	113	65	18	12	1	...	...
Bushnell and Pleasant View	1	5	10	60	...	60	41	5	...	...	...	...
Crandon	1	4	5	48	...	50	36	1	2	2	1	...
Houghton	1	2	3	16	...	16	17	...	...	...	...	...
Knobs	1	2	2	21	...	21	12	...	...	...	...	...
McIntosh	1	6	6	65	2	67	50	12	14	2	1	...
Mitchell	1	2	3	23	...	23	20	...	...	...	...	...
Mobridge	1	6	7	73	17	90	53	...	...	...	3	...
Northville	1	8	4	55	14	69	35	5	4	...	...	...
Pollock	1	4	5	80	5	85	48	...	5	...	...	...
Richland	4	8	16	175	...	175	150	6	3	...	...	...
Watford City	2	7	6	85	...	85	20	1	1	80
Webster
Willard
Ronan
Totals	22	94	107	1116	103	1257	787	67	53	8	12	200

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	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Cash or Other Valuables on Hand
Aberdeen, S. D.	1	\$20000.00		1	\$4500.00		
Almont, N. D.							
Artesian							
Avon	1	5000.00		1	1500.00		
Brentford	1	500.00					
Bushnell and Pleasant View	1	1000.00		1	800.00		
Crandon	1	1200.00	\$100.00				
Houghton	1	4000.00		1	1400.00		
Knobs							
McIntosh	1	1600.00	350.00				
Mitchell	1	4000.00	1000.00				\$29.91
Mobridge	1	1500.00					
Northville	1	2500.00		1	1000.00		
Pollock	1	2500.00					
Richland	1	3000.00		1	3000.00		
Watford City	1	2000.00	500.00				
Webster							
Willard	1	2500.00		1	800.00	\$300.00	83.07
Ronan							
Totals	14	\$51300.00	\$1950.00	7	\$13000.00	\$300.00	\$112.98

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

	Pastor's Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Aberdeen, S. D.	\$1600.00	\$600.00	\$30.00	.....	\$2230.00
Almont, N. D.	437.76	180.00	5.00	\$75.00	697.76
Artesian	800.00	180.00	.....	25.00	1005.00
Avon	600.00	144.00	15.00	183.95	942.95
Brentford	830.31	96.00	.....	90.00	1016.31
Bushnell and Pleasant View	700.00	170.00	25.00	31.00	946.00
Crandon	802.46	120.00	.....	30.60	953.06
Houghton	114.07	.....	10.00	103.85	227.92
Knobs	250.00	.....	.....	75.00	325.00
McIntosh	1200.00	.....	.....	15.00	1215.00
Mitchell	90.89	.....	.....	120.50	211.39
Mobridge	942.44	120.00	5.00	35.25	1102.69
Northville	806.69	24.00	.....	320.50	1151.19
Pollock	850.00	150.00	.....	150.00	1150.00
Richland	1200.00	150.00	13.00	62.50	1425.50
Watford City .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Webster	840.00	100.00	15.00	50.00	1005.00
Willard
Ronan
Totals	\$12064.62	\$2034.00	\$118.00	\$1368.15	\$15604.27

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

	Conference President's Salary	Conference Evangelist's Salary	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Buildings and Repairs	Incidental Expense	Total for Church
Aberdeen, S. D.			\$237.45	\$233.99	\$158.19	\$486.57	\$1216.20
Almont, N. D.							
Artesian	\$31.79	\$49.19	150.00	36.00		15.00	281.96
Avon	21.50		175.00	65.12		233.70	495.32
Brentford	37.00		117.30	20.39	464.09	232.15	870.93
Bushnell, Pleasant View ..	22.00		203.73	97.36	67.00	50.35	440.44
Crandon	3.46	115.00	5.28	78.00		43.49	245.23
Houghton	12.00	20.00	175.00	34.15	45.80	71.39	358.34
Knobs				18.63			
McIntosh	25.00			3.70	329.30	13.00	371.00
Mitchell	32.00		150.00	53.35	172.09	173.73	581.17
Mobridge		34.00		15.00	100.00	20.00	169.00
Northville	18.05	120.04	12.15	71.57	68.43	131.44	421.88
Pollock	23.50	295.40	109.07	35.85		88.55	552.37
Richland	16.50		175.00	50.00	300.00	50.00	591.50
Watford City	25.00	156.50		110.92	804.40	217.85	1314.67
Webster							
Willard			7.50	79.70		39.90	127.10
Ronan							
Totals	\$267.80	\$790.13	\$1517.48	\$1003.73	\$2509.30	\$1867.12	\$8037.11

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	Undivided Budget	Missions	Education	Conference Work	Superannuated Ministers' Fund	Connectional Sunday School Work	Other Benevolences	Total for Benevolences
Aberdeen, S. D.		\$311.96	\$50.00	\$118.50	\$10.00	\$6.25	\$2126.54	\$2613.25
Almont, N. D.		45.00					450.00	495.00
Artesian		96.90	9.35		7.05	2.00		115.30
Avon	\$15.00	117.66	58.50	49.50	4.00	4.25	39.18	288.09
Brentford		45.45	62.82			2.00	84.00	194.87
Bushnell, Pleasant View	83.00	17.44	10.00	22.00	3.00		61.46	196.90
Crandon		130.66	23.65				67.84	222.15
Houghton		58.41		111.80	5.50	3.00	159.50	338.21
Knobs		22.89	3.62	12.00		6.00		44.51
McIntosh		18.16						18.16
Mitchell		68.09		39.46	16.20			123.75
Mobridge		17.32	20.00	5.00		1.50	32.90	76.72
Northville		106.66	250.00	49.89			71.90	478.45
Pollock	16.00	121.35	5.00	2.76	5.40	10.00	39.80	200.31
Richland		315.17	4.45	42.00	7.46	4.00	164.84	537.92
Watford City		145.49	15.00	10.50		5.50	9.53	186.01
Webster								
Willard		351.85	71.25	70.64	17.60	1.65	32.08	544.70
Ronan								
Totals	\$114.00	\$1980.46	\$583.64	\$534.05	\$76.21	\$46.15	\$3349.51	\$6169.30

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

	Total for Pastors	Total for Church	Total for Benevolences	Total For All Purposes
Aberdeen, S. D.	\$2230.00	\$1216.20	\$2613.25	\$6059.45
Almont, N. D. ....	.....	.....	.....	495.00
Artesian	697.76	281.98	115.30	1095.04
Avon	1005.00	495.32	278.09	1778.41
Brentford	942.95	870.93	194.87	2008.75
Bushnell and Pleasant View	1016.31	440.44	196.90	1653.65
Crandon	946.00	245.23	222.15	1413.38
Houghton	953.06	358.34	338.21	1649.61
Knobs	227.92	18.63	44.51	291.06
McIntosh	325.00	371.00	18.16	714.16
Mitchell	1215.00	581.17	123.75	1919.92
Mobridge	211.39	169.00	76.72	457.11
Northville	1102.69	421.88	478.45	2003.02
Pollock	1151.19	552.37	200.31	1903.87
Richland	1150.00	591.50	537.92	2279.42
Watford City	1425.50	1314.67	186.01	2926.18
Webster .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Willard	1005.00	127.10	544.70	1676.80
Ronan
Totals	\$15604.77	\$8055.76	\$6169.30	\$30324.83

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Minutes of the Annual Session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of the Dakota Conference held June 6—9, 1928.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. C. J. G. Larson, 526 Fifth Ave., S. E.; Redfield, S. D.

Vice-President—Mrs. W. O. Strang, Redfield, S. D.

Secretary—Mrs. L. D. Harris, Almont, N. D., Box 125.

Treasurer—Mrs. W. J. Leyh, Mina, S. D.

Dormitory Treasurer—Mrs. J. F. Jenkins, 308 N. Lincoln St., Aberdeen, S. D.

Superintendent of Y. M. W. B.—Mrs. Rufus Reisdorph, 308 N. Lincoln St., Aberdeen, S. D.

LOCAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES.

Aberdeen—President, Mrs. A. W. Moore, 223 Second Ave., S. W., Aberdeen, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. A. E. Hattan, 212 N. Kline St., Aberdeen, S. D.

Avon—President, Mrs. Reka Bangert, Avon, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Dave Quartier, Avon, S. D.

Artesian—President, Mrs. F. J. Traver, Artesian, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Roy G. Stroupe, Letcher, S. D.

Brentford—President, Mrs. A. Overby, Mellette, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. H. E. Hopkins, Mellette, S. D.

Bushnell—President, Mrs. George Robbins, Bushnell, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. L. Michelson, Bushnell, S. D.

Crandon—President, Mrs. C. J. G. Larson, Redfield, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. R. J. Eling, Redfield, S. D.

Houghton—President, Mrs. Chas. Reisdorph, Houghton, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Ed Thorpe, Houghton, S. D.

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Knobs—President, Mrs. O. H. Knipfer, Knobs, Mont.; Secretary, Miss Edith Knipfer, Knobs, Mont.

Medicine Rocks—President, Mrs. Leon Briggs, Willard, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. Howard Cook, Willard, Mont.

Mobridge—President, Mrs. Hernan Wahl, Mobridge, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. J. Van Der Laan, Mobridge, S. D.

Mitchell—President, Mrs. A. A. Truax, 310 W. Fourth Ave., Mitchell, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Millage, Mitchell, S. D.

Northville—President, Mrs. F. G. Martin, Northville, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. W. J. Edgar, Northville, S. D.

Pleasant Valley—President, Mrs. John Olson, Berg, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. B. G. Bucklin, Keene, N. D.

Pollock—President, Mrs. W. C. Brannon, Pollock, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. W. L. Wilson, Pollock, S. D.

Redfield Society has joined Crandon Society.

Richland—President, Mrs. Dan Palmer, Mina, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. John Anderson, Mina, S. D.

Watford City—President, Mrs. Edith Buell, Schafer, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. C. Koeser, Schafer, N. D.

Willard—President, Mrs. Frank Stanhope, Willard, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. W. G. Moscrip, Willard, Mont.

DELEGATES.

Aberdeen—Mrs. A. W. Moore.

Avon—Mrs. Reka Bangert.

Artesian—Mrs. John Blow.

Brentford—Mrs. H. H. Turner.

Bushnell—Mrs. J. F. Insley.

Crandon—Miss Bertha Tomsha.

Houghton—Mrs. Thos. Bailie.

Knobs—Miss Edith Knipfer.

Medicine Rocks—Miss Ethel Enos.

Mobridge—Mrs. Potter.

Mitchell—Mrs. Laura LaGrande.

Northville—Mrs. Herb Blake.

Pleasant Valley—Mrs. L. D. Harris.

Pollock—Mrs. A. J. Suess.

Redfield—Mrs. C. J. G. Larson.

Richland—Mrs. Ed Hildebrandt.

Watford City—Mrs. Claire Harris.

Willard—Mrs. Eliza Young.

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Daily Proceedings.

Thursday Morning.

Our first session opened in the tent with singing the Doxology, and prayer by Mrs. A. A. Truax.

Credentials were presented.

The President was elected Chairman of Nominating Committee and elected Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Eling as members.

Society voted to give Mrs. Jenkins (Matron), dormitory treasurer and general overseer of the dormitory, kitchen and dining room, a thank offering, Mrs. Strang, Leyh and Truax being the committee appointed for this purpose.

Meeting dismissed to the call of chair.

Meeting called at 10:30. Songs, "The Call for Reapers" and "We're Marching to Zion."

Devotionals by Mrs. Eling from 1 Cor. 13.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read, as follows:

Statistical—Mrs. W. J. Leyh and Marion Price.

Auditing—Mrs. Claire Harris and Mrs. Suess.

Orders of the Day—Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. McCarty.

Resolutions—Mrs. Bailie, Mrs. Martin and Miss Buel.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

The President urged each Society to remember the \$6 assessment for general fund, also the 10 cents a member for Delegates' expense to the General Conference.

It was suggested that the Treasurer make note of these different items and give a slip to each local Society.

The Dormitory report was read by Mrs. Jenkins.

The names of Delegates were read.

The following reports were read:

Brentford, S. D., by Mrs. Turner; Houghton, S. D., by Mrs. Bailie; Aberdeen, S. D., by Mrs. Moore.

Adjourned to call of chair.

Thursday Afternoon.

Meeting called at 2 o'clock with singing "The Lily of the Valley." Scripture verses quoted. Prayer by Mrs. Larson.

Orders of the Day report read by Mrs. McCarty. It was accepted.

The following reports were read: Pleasant Valley, N. D., by Mrs. Harris; Knobs, Mont., by Mrs. Knipfer; Willard, Mont., by Mrs.

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Young; Avon, S. D., by Mrs. Bangert; Crandon, S. D., by Miss Tomsha; Mobridge, S. D., by Mrs. Potter; Northville, S. D., by Mrs. Martin; Richland, S. D., by Mrs. Hildebrandt; Bushnell, S. D., by Mrs. Insley; Mitchell, S. D., by Mrs. LaGrande; Watford City, N. D., by Mrs. C. Harris; Medicine Rocks, Mont., by Miss Enos; Redfield, S. D., by Miss Larson.

A discussion followed on ways of raising money.

Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Martin were appointed a committee to send word of thanks to the Lincoln Hospital for their kindness to our pastors and families.

The Pollock report was read by Mrs. Suess.

Adjourned to call of chair.

Friday Afternoon.

Meeting called at one o'clock. Song, "We're Marching to Zion." Devotionals led by Rev. Kramer. Roll call. Minutes read.

Election of officers by nominating ballot. Mrs. Bailie and Miss Tomsha appointed tellers.

The cleaning of the Dormitory and getting it ready for Conference and Camp Meeting was left to the nearby local societies coming as "bees," and bringing picnic lunches.

The Statistical Committee report was read and adopted.

Motion carried that each Society pay five dollars a year toward the house rent of Sister Clocksin and as much more as any feel able to give.

The Secretary was ordered to make a list for the month each Society is to give and hand it to the Delegate or President. Money to be sent to Conference Treasurer and designated for this purpose, and to be accredited as home missions.

The Secretary was to send notice of Mrs. Paddock's and Mrs. Reisdorph's obituary to the Missionary Magazine.

Adjourned to meet at call of chair.

Saturday Morning, 9:30 O'Clock.

Sang "Dusky Hands." Devotionals led by the President, reading the 91st Psalm. Voluntary prayers. Minutes read.

The report of the Committee sending resolutions of thanks to Lincoln Hospital were read and adopted.

Auditing report read and adopted.

Motion carried to put the money that is left after expenses of camp meeting and conference are paid on Dormitory fund debt.

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The President talked about the sending of money raised by local societies. Discussion followed.

Motion carried that money for Mobridge parsonage be sent in the first of the month.

It was decided to keep the old method of dividing home missions money.

Adjourned to call of chair.

Saturday Afternoon, 1:30 O'Clock.

Meeting opened with singing "Close to Thee."

Prayer by Mrs. Thompson. Minutes read.

Mrs. Truax gave a good talk on their work and presented Mrs. Jenkins with a purse in the name of the Society.

Mrs. Leyh presented our President a fern in the name of the Society.

Brother McCarty gave us his message and urged us to send as much foreign money as possible in before the out-going missionaries are to sail in September. He reminded us that Brother Carter sails for Africa and is a member of the Dakota Conference. Also that the Sunday School cards and bandages and other articles should not be neglected.

It was voted at this time to use \$8.50 for a water fountain when it was decided to purchase one.

The Resolution report was read and adopted.

Motion carried that the Secretary send a report of our missionary conference to the Magazine.

On Saturday after supper Mrs. Jenkins presented Mrs. Harris with material for a dress in the name of the Society.

A special meeting was called on Monday to decide about sending a delegate to the Miltonvale convention in October. Sister Gertrude Clocksin was decided upon if arrangements could be made for her carfare.

MRS. L. D. HARRIS, Secretary.

PUBLIC MEETING ON THURSDAY EVENING.

The public meeting was held in the tabernacle, the President presiding, with officers and local presidents on the platform. Mrs. Turner led the song service. Mrs. Strang led devotionals, reading Philippians 4. Song by the Aberdeen boys' quartet. Mrs. Leyh talked on our missionary and Y. M. W. B. work. Song by Mrs. Turner. Missionary address by Rev. Gertrude Clocksin. Song by Aberdeen Young People. Offering taken by Rev. Eling, which amounted to \$83.00, which was divided to home and foreign missions.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY REPORT.

Your Committee on Orders of the Day report the following:

Public missionary meeting in the tabernacle Thursday night at 8 o'clock. Election of officers Friday morning. Unfinished business, if any, Friday afternoon. Brother McConn to bring us the educational address and Brother McCarty a message on our missionary work when convenient.

MRS. LARSON,
MRS. MOORE,
MRS. McCARTY.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT.

Your Committee has audited the books of the Treasurer and the Dormitory Treasurer's report and find them to be correct.

MRS. SUESS,
MRS. C. HARRIS.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT.

We, the Resolution Committee, submit the following report:

Be it resolved, That the societies hereby express their gratitude to the Richland, Northville and Aberdeen societies for the help they rendered in preparing the Dormitories for Conference and Camp.

Be it resolved, That we express our thanks to Mrs. Jenkins for the unique service she has rendered as supervisor of the Dormitory buildings.

Be it resolved, That we express our appreciation to the men of the Conference who put up the large tent for the convenience of the Missionary Society.

Be it resolved, That we express our thanks to Brother McCarty for his inspiring address to us.

Be it resolved, That we express our thanks to the local societies for their hearty response to the appeal for the need of money for the Dormitory.

Be it resolved, That we express our thanks to Mrs. Gerard and the dining room help for their excellent service.

MRS. BAILIE,
MRS. MARTIN,
MISS BUEL.

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REPORT OF THANKS SENT TO THE LINCOLN HOSPITAL.

The suggestion made by Mrs. Martin to send a card of thanks to the Lincoln Hospital was taken to the Conference and made out in the form following:

Whereas, The managements of the Lincoln Hospital of Aberdeen and the Aberdeen Clinic have been so considerate to our ministers and their families, be it resolved, That this Conference put itself on record in expressing its gratitude to and appreciation of these organizations for the same.

MRS. TURNER AND MRS. MARTIN.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash receipts	\$961.74
Disbursements	834.09
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Cash on hand	\$127.65

MRS. W. H. LEAH, Treasurer.

DORMITORY TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Amount received from Dormitory	\$261.65
Amount received from Conference and Camp	321.25
Amount received from Conference societies	165.15
Amount received from local Missionary societies ..	96.30
Amount received from other sources	30.00
Stove and checks	60.99
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Total	\$925.34

Disbursements.

Expense of Dormitory	\$491.27
Paid on note	216.00
Insurance	70.00
On note April 9, 1928	96.00
On stove and repairs on Dormitory	24.66
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Total	\$897.93
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Cash on hand	\$ 27.41

MRS. J. F. JENKINS, Dormitory Treasurer.

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STATISTICAL REPORT.

W. H. & F. M. S.										Y. M. W. B.	
	Active Members	Honorary Members	Total Members	Gain	Loss	Using Missionary Programs	Wesleyans Taken	Amount Raised During the Year		No. of Members	Amount Raised
Aberdeen	24	3	27	1	...	Yes	9	\$203.64		14	\$7.43
Artesian	5	...	5	...	...	No	...	38.36		45	67.89
Avon	11	1	12	...	...	No	10	115.46		35	42.26
Brentford	8	...	8	...	...	No	1	84.95		12	6.25
Bushnell	7	...	7	...	...	No	...	165.22		7	3.64
Crandon	8	5	13	...	...	Yes	8	72.06		17	30.68
Houghton	12	...	12	...	1	Yes	6	73.00		19	22.50
Knobs	9	1	10	1	2	Yes	1	88.88		10	5.07
Medicine Rocks	15	...	15	...	...	Yes	3	26.25		22	114.00
Mobridge	8	...	8	2	...	Yes	2	69.45		...	...
Mitchell	19	3	22	3	1	Yes	8	65.93		41	38.86
Northville	15	...	16	1	...	No	...	103.06		12	22.22
Pleasant Valley	10	...	10	3	3	Yes	4	33.80		...	...
Pollock	8	1	9	...	...	Yes	1	65.09		47	50.00
Redfield	3	3	6	...	...	Yes	1	53.00		...	...
Richland	24	11	35	10	...	Yes	6	402.81		50	50.00
Watford City	15	6	21	...	...	Yes	5	49.03		37	75.04
Willard	13	...	13	...	7	Yes	5	56.27		25	46.72
Totals	214	33	249	21	14	...	65	\$1764.26		393	\$582.56