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## **FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION**

of the

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## THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

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## THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

### CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President—Rufus Reisdorph. *✓ Elected*  
Vice-President—~~W. C. Brannon~~ *J. F. Simpson*  
Secretary—L. D. Harris. *✓ Elected*  
Treasurer—Frank Martin. *✓ Elected*  
Trustees—~~R. J. Eling~~, J. C. McGovern, Frank Martin, ~~A. Cummings~~,  
Frank Thompson. *H. H. Turner*  
Sunday School Secretary—W. D. Shelor. *✓*  
Tithing Secretary—W. J. Leyh. *✓*  
Transportation Secretary—J. F. Simpson. *✓*

### STANDING COMMITTEES

- Advisory Board—J. C. McGovern, Frank Martin. *J. C. McGovern*
- Camp Meeting Board—~~✓~~ Rufus Reisdorph, ~~✓~~ J. E. Spry, ~~W. J. Leyh~~,  
~~✓~~ W. C. Brannon, ~~✓~~ Frank Martin, ~~✓~~ August Wegner. *Chas Reisdorph*
- × Examining Board—J. C. McGovern, A. M. Wiley, Arthur Calhoun,  
Rufus Reisdorph. *✓*
- × Judiciary Committee—L. D. Harris, ~~✓~~ J. C. McGovern, ~~✓~~ A. M. Wiley, ~~✓~~  
J. F. Simpson. *✓*
- Missionary Board—J. C. McGovern, ~~✓~~ J. F. Simpson, ~~✓~~ R. J. Eling, ~~✓~~ L. D.  
Harris, ~~✓~~ Rufus Reisdorph, ~~✓~~ Frank Martin, ~~✓~~ H. B. Engel, ~~✓~~ John  
Hoein, ~~✓~~ ~~A. Cummings~~, August Wegner, ~~✓~~ ~~H. H. Turner~~, Chas.  
Reisdorph. *W. J. Leyh x*
- ✓ Vacancies—W. C. Brannon, ~~✓~~ J. E. Spry, ~~✓~~ Chas. Reisdorph, ~~✓~~ Frank  
Martin. *✓*
- × Representative to Miltonvale College—~~J. C. McGovern~~. *A. M. Wiley x*
- ✓ Secretary-Treasurer of Ministerial Relief Fund—Fred Hunt. *✓*
- × Sunday School Board—W. C. Brannon, ~~✓~~ Rufus Reisdorph, ~~✓~~ W. D.  
Shelor. *✓*
- × Conference Program Committee—Rufus Reisdorph, ~~✓~~ W. C. Brannon, ~~✓~~  
Mrs. W. J. Leyh. *✓*

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### MEMBERSHIP ROLL

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#### ELDERS

Thomas Bailie .....	Watford City, N. D.
Mrs. Thos. Bailie .....	Watford City, N. D.
W. C. Brannon .....	Aberdeen, S. D.
Mrs. W. C. Brannon .....	Aberdeen, S. D.
Leon Briggs .....	Plevna, Mont.
Arthur Calhoun .....	Mitchell, S. D.
Ivan Calhoun .....	Ipswich, S. D.
R. J. Eling .....	Avon, S. D.
Arthur Gugin .....	Bushnell, S. D.
L. D. Harris .....	Almont, N. D.
Fred Hunt .....	Redfield, S. D.
Otto Jensen .....	Yankton, S. D.
Mrs. Otto Jensen .....	Yankton, S. D.
Minnie Knecht .....	Wimbledon, N. D.
W. J. Leyh .....	Mina, S. D.
Mrs. W. J. Leyh .....	Mina, S. D.
J. C. McGovern .....	Bushnell, S. D.
S. J. McIntyre .....	Aberdeen, S. D.
Rufus Reisdorph .....	Aberdeen, S. D.
Ruby Reisdorph .....	Aberdeen, S. D.
Arthur Reisdorph .....	Houghton, S. D.
W. D. Shelor .....	Billings, Mont.
Harry Shreeves .....	Baker, Mont.
J. F. Simpson .....	Pollock, S. D.
J. E. Spry .....	Houghton, S. D.
C. K. Thompson .....	Northville, S. D.
A. J. Tiffany .....	Yacolt, Wash.
H. H. Turner .....	Mitchell, S. D.
A. M. Wiley .....	Jamestown, N. D.

#### LICENCIATES

Henry Aarhus .....	
Archie Buell .....	Willard, Mont.
C. W. Calhoon .....	Knobs, Mont.
Mrs. C. W. Calhoon .....	Knobs, Mont.

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### MEMBERSHIP ROLL—Continued

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#### LICENTIATES—Continued

Hazel Carter .....	Aurora, Mo.
Roy Cox .....	Huntington Park, Cal.
L. L. Knapp .....	Houghton, S. D.
Mrs. L. Raymer .....	Bradley, S. D.
Chester Reed .....	Miller, S. D.
Allen Regan .....	Ashton, S. D.
George Robbins .....	Bushnell, S. D.
George Thomas .....	Artesian, S. D.
F. J. Traver .....	Northville, S. D.
Mrs. F. J. Traver .....	Northville, S. D.

#### DELEGATES

George Blake .....	Aberdeen, S. D.
Mrs. G. G. Clocksen .....	Plevna, Mont.
Mrs. Edward Dalgren .....	Ashton, S. D.
Mrs. Bell .....	Aberdeen, S. D.
H. B. Engel .....	Ipswich, S. D.
Miss Eisenbeisz .....	Aberdeen, S. D.
Mrs. Nora Goodell .....	Bradley, S. D.
Mrs. L. Griffiths .....	Houghton, S. D.
Miss L. Griffiths .....	Houghton, S. D.
Miss Alma Hillen .....	Houghton, S. D.
Mrs. Fred Johnson .....	Mitchell, S. D.
Miss Kathleen Kelsven .....	Almont, N. D.
Homer Luke .....	Avon, S. D.
Mrs. Arthur Millage .....	Mitchell, S. D.
Mrs. A. Moore .....	Aberdeen, S. D.
Mr. Thos. Morton .....	Billings, Mont.
Miss Blanch Mount .....	Mina, S. D.
Mrs. Patrick .....	Artesian, S. D.
Mr. Fred Solomonson .....	Pollock, S. D.
Joseph Troud .....	Buffalo, Wyo.
Miss Bertha Thomsha .....	Redfield, S. D.
Miss Alvie Turner .....	Mitchell, S. D.
Mr. August Wegner .....	Mina, S. D.

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# DAILY PROCEEDINGS

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**Conference Sermon**—The session opened at 8 P. M., June 5, with the preaching of the Conference Sermon by Rev. A. M. Wiley.

Service opened by singing, led by Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, song evangelist. Prayer by Rev. W. D. Shelor and Rev. Frank Traver.

Rev. Rufus Reisdorph, President of the Conference, spoke briefly regarding God's goodness and grace in bringing us together, also of our purpose in this gathering.

Rev. Allen Regan sang very appropriately, "Elijah's God Still Lives Today."

Rev. Wiley's message, preached from the text found in Matt. 16:18, was timely, unctious and uplifting, as he urged us to stand for the faith once delivered to the saints.

A fine audience of ministers and laymen was present to enjoy this opening service of the Conference.

## BUSINESS SESSIONS

### Wednesday Morning

**Devotionals**—Rev. J. C. McGovern led the devotional exercises, reading and commenting from Mark 9:14-19.

**Called to Order**—President Rufus Reisdorph called the Conference to order. Roll was called to which nearly all of the Pastors and Delegates responded.

**Report**—The Conference Program Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 1 a.)

**Election of Committee**—A Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Chairman, A. M. Wiley; J. F. Simpson, and H. B. Engel, J. C. McGovern and Mrs. Fred Johnson.

**Recess**—President declared a recess for Committee to make nominations.

**Called to Order**—The Conference was called to order for the continuation of business.

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

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**Resignation**—Rev. W. C. Brannon resigned from the Pastoral Relations Committee. Rev. J. F. Simpson was elected to fill the vacancy.

**Bar of Conference**—The first nine rows of seats in middle section of tabernacle was made the bar of Conference.

**Appointment**—President appointed Frank Martin and Mrs. L. Griffith to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

**Election**—Rev. George Thomas was elected as page.

**Adjourned**—Conference adjourned for committee work.

### Thursday Morning

**Devotionals**—Rev. George Thomas conducted the devotional service.

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

**Reports**—Auditing Committee read a partial report.

Ministerial Relief Secretary read his report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 2.) Also see by-laws for same.

Camp Meeting Treasurer read his report and it was referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Report No. 3.)

Conference President, Rufus Reisdorph, read his report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

**Courtesies**—Rev. E. F. McCarty, Connectional Representative, was introduced and spoke briefly.

**Passage of Character**—The following names of ministers, not on regular charges, were called and their characters passed: Otto Jensen, Mrs. Otto Jensen, Minnie Knecht, J. C. McGovern, C. K. Thompson, A. J. Tiffany, A. M. Wiley.

**Pastors' Reports**—The following Pastors read their reports and gave their testimonies: Thos. Bailie, W. C. Brannon, Ivan Calhoun, R. J. Eling, Arthur Gugin.

**Adjournment**—Adjourned by limitation of time.

### Thursday Afternoon

**Called to Order**—President called Conference to order.

**Reports**—Pastors' reports continued as follows: L. D. Harris, Fred Hunt, J. E. Spry, W. J. Leyh, Arthur Reisdorph, W. D. Shelor, J. F. Simpson, H. H. Turner, Mrs. L. Raymer, Allen Regan, Leon Briggs, Geo. Thomas, F. J. Traver, Arthur Calhoun.

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**Courtesies**—Prof. Floyd Hester, President of Miltonvale College, was introduced and spoke briefly. Rev. S. J. McIntyre was introduced and addressed the Conference shortly. Rev. Meyer, a Presbyterian Minister of North Dakota, was introduced and spoke a few minutes.

**Reports**—Treasurer, Frank Martin, read his report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

Auditing Committee Report read and adopted. (See Report No. 6.)

**Adjourned**—Adjourned by limitation of time.

### Friday Morning

**Order of the Day**—Professor Hester with a group of students put on a Miltonvale College educational program.

**Business**—Called to order. Roll called and minutes read and approved.

**Election of Officers**—The following officers were elected. President, Rufus Reisdorph; Vice-President, J. C. McGovern.

Adjourned by limitation of time.

### Friday Afternoon

Called to order by President.

Election of officers continued:

Secretary—L. D. Harris.

Treasurer—Frank Martin.

Trustees—A. Cummings and Frank Martin.

Sunday School Secretary—W. D. Shelor.

Tithing Secretary—W. J. Leyh.

Transportation Secretary—J. F. Simpson.

**Report**—Nominating Committee read their report on Standing Committees and it was adopted. (See Report No. 1.)

**Delegate to General Conference**—On motion it was decided to elect Delegates to General Conference on account of limited time between our Conference and General Conference next year.

Rufus Reisdorph was elected as first Elder. J. F. Simpson was elected as second Elder. L. D. Harris was elected as alternate Elder for either one. First Layman, Frank Martin. Second Layman, H. B. Engel. Alternate for either, August Wegner.

**Adjourned**—Adjourned by limitation of time.



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### Saturday Morning

**Called to Order**—President called Conference to order at 9:30.

**Opening**—Roll called and minutes read and approved.

**Reports**—Committee on Passage of Character read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

Resolutions Committee read their report and it was referred back to committee.

**Time of Conference**—Motion prevailed that the President appoint a committee of five to consider time of next conference, relative to having it in latter part of camp meeting instead of before.

**Report**—Railroad Expense Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

**Itinerary and Orders**—The Committee on Itinerary and Orders read their report and it was adopted as read. (See Report No. 9.)

**Budget**—On motion a committee was appointed to consider a plan for apportioning and raising the budget. The President appointed Arthur Calhoun, Frank Traver and W. J. Leyh.

**Instruction to Treasurer**—A motion prevailed to instruct the Treasurer to pay Rev. A. M. Wiley, Conference Registrar, \$3.50 for registration book he purchased.

**Orders of the Day**—A Sunday School rally was conducted with Rev. W. D. Shelor in charge.

### Saturday Afternoon

**Opening**—Called to order by President.

**Report**—Statistical Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Statistical Report.)

**Memorial**—Motion prevailed to ask General Conference through our Delegates to include a place on our statistical report blanks to provide for money contributed by our Young People's Society toward benevolent items.

**Report**—Pastoral Relations Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 11.)

**Time**—Committee on Time of Conference gave their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 10.)

**Minutes**—Secretary was instructed to have 250 copies of the minutes published, pastors to take an offering for same.

**Young People's Society**—Motion prevailed to have a page of minutes assigned to Young People's Society for their statistics, to be paid for by the society.

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**Election**—W. D. Shelor was elected to Committee on Resolutions to fill vacancy of Rev. A. M. Wiley, who had returned home.

**Adjournment**—Motion to adjourn carried.

### Monday Morning

**Opening**—Roll was called and minutes read and approved.

**Report**—Resolutions Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 12.)

**Missionary Board**—Missionary Board read their recommendations to Conference and they were adopted. (See Report No. 13.)

**Courtesies**—Motion prevailed that we leave the privileges of outside interests such as missionary societies and schools in the hand of the camp meeting board.

**Conference Sermon**—Motion prevailed that we have the sermon preached by Rev. A. M. Wiley on opening of Conference sent to the Wesleyan for publication.

**Finance**—Motion prevailed that we charge a registration fee of one dollar to all Ministers and Delegates to help defray the expense of entertainment during Conference.

**Courtesies**—Mrs. Blanchard of Zion's Hill Mission was introduced and spoke briefly.

**Adjournment**—Adjourned by vote of Conference, Rev. J. F. Simpson closing in prayer.

### Special Call

President called Conference to order for further items of business.

**Appointment**—President appointed Frank Martin and J. S. McGovern to Advisory Board subject to action of Conference. Their appointment was approved.

**Finance**—Motion prevailed that we encourage the attendance of our young people through the entire camp meeting by offering them board for \$2.00 each for full time.

Camp Meeting Board to draw up rules and regulations governing discipline on grounds.

Motion prevailed that Conference authorize the Camp Meeting Board to investigate cost of enlarging dining hall with power to act as they see fit.

**Adjournment**—Adjourned by vote of Conference.

L. D. HARRIS, Secretary.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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### Report No. 1

#### A—Conference Organization—Nominating Committee's Report:

We, your Committee, submit the following report on nominations:

Pastoral Relations Committee—W. C. Brannon, J. E. Spry, R. J. Eling, H. B. Engel, Mrs. Fred Johnson, Thos. Morton.

Passage of Character Committee—Arthur Reisdorph, Alma Hillen.

Statistical Committee—W. D. Shelor, Arthur Calhoun, Miss Alvie Turner.

O. K. Committee—Mrs. Griffith, Ivan Calhoun.

Auditing Committee—Fred Hunt, H. H. Turner.

Railroad Expense—F. J. Traver, Wayne Cretsinger.

Resolution Committee—A. M. Wiley, J. C. McGovern.

Conference Reporters—W. C. Brannon, W. J. Leyh.

Courtesies—J. F. Simpson, A. M. Wiley, J. C. McGovern, Mrs. Fred Johnson, H. B. Engel, J. F. Simpson.

#### B—Standing Committees:

Camp Meeting Board—Rufus Reisdorph, J. E. Spry, W. J. Leyh, W. C. Brannon, Frank Martin, August Wegner.

Examining Board—Rufus Reisdorph.

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

Missionary Board—J. C. McGovern, J. F. Simpson, R. J. Eling, L. D. Harris, Rufus Reisdorph, Frank Martin, H. B. Engel, John Hovie, A. Cummings, August Wegner, H. Turner, Chas. Reisdorph.

Vacancies Committee—W. C. Brannon, J. E. Spry, Chas. Reisdorph, Frank Martin.

Representative to Miltonvale College—J. C. McGovern.

Secretary-Treasurer of Ministerial Relief—Fred Hunt.

Sunday School Board—W. C. Brannon, Rufus Reisdorph, W. D. Shelor.

Conference Program Committee—Rufus Reisdorph, W. C. Brannon, Mrs. W. J. Leyh.

A. M. WILEY,  
MRS. FRED JOHNSON,  
J. C. MCGOVERN,  
H. B. ENGEL,  
J. F. SIMPSON.

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### Report No. 2

#### MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND

##### Report of Treasurer

###### Receipts

Received on first assessment .....	\$ 25.00	
Received on second assessment .....	18.00	
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Total receipts .....		\$ 43.00

###### Disbursements

Paid to Rev. J. F. Simpson .....	\$ 23.68	
Paid to Rev. Arthur Gugin .....	16.76	
Postage and money order .....	.56	
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Total disbursements .....		\$ 41.00
On hand .....		\$ 2.00

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### Report No. 3

#### CAMP MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount on hand June 1st, 1933 .....	\$ 161.90	
Received from all sources .....	795.77	
Disbursements .....		\$ 806.13
Cash on hand June 1st, 1934 .....		151.54
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	\$ 957.67	\$ 957.67

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### Report No. 4

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

August 6—Organized Graceland Wesleyan Methodist Church, received same into the Conference and appointed Rev. Allen Regan as pastor.

August 10—Accepted Rev. C. W. Calhoon's resignation as pastor of the Minnesota Valley Wesleyan Methodist Church.

September 17—Organized Bethany Wesleyan Methodist Church, received same into the Conference and appointed Rev. Allen Regan as pastor.

October 15—Appointed Rev. Leon M. Briggs to supply the pulpit of the Minnesota Valley Wesleyan Methodist Church.

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November 21—Received Rev. Leon M. Briggs, an Elder from the Rochester Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, on Letter of Transfer.

May 28—Received Rev. S. J. McIntyre, formerly an Elder in the Pilgrim Holiness Church, upon his meeting the requirements of the Discipline.

June 3—Assisted in the dedication of Redfield Wesleyan Methodist Church.

### Financial Statement

#### Salary

Salary received from Conference Treasurer .....	\$ 293.03
Salary received from churches .....	398.82
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Total salary .....	\$ 691.85

#### Expenses

Traveling .....	\$ 37.45
Hotel and meals .....	9.00
Postage and stationery .....	8.91
Telephone and telegrams .....	4.26
Miscellaneous .....	2.15
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Total .....	\$ 61.77

Received from Conference Treasurer for expenses.. \$ 61.77

RUFUS REISDORPH, President.

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### Report No. 5

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Conference Fund, 1933-34

#### Receipts

Balance on hand beginning of year .....	\$ 197.92
Received from churches, individuals, etc. ....	908.36
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Total .....	\$1106.28

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### Disbursements

Interest on loans from Superannuated Fund, 1932-33	\$ 44.66
Ministers' carfare .....	121.12
Rufus D. Reisdorph, salary .....	293.03
Rufus D. Reisdorph, expenses .....	66.71
Mobridge, house rent .....	52.50
Mrs. Clocksen, moving expenses .....	75.00
Erma Moore, stenographic labor .....	5.00
Searle Bros., printing letterheads .....	7.30
L. D. Harris, postage, etc. ....	2.00
Wesleyan Methodist Pub. Ass'n., Conf. Minutes ...	70.76
Buffalo church .....	65.00
Wesleyan Methodist Pub. Ass'n. ....	9.50
Wesleyan Methodist Pub. Ass'n., statistical blanks..	2.00
Bank exchange and tax .....	1.67
Interest on Loans from Superannuated Fund 1933-34	44.66
Charles Cameron, payment on Conference tent .....	50.00

Total disbursements .....	\$ 910.91
Cash on hand to balance .....	195.37

Total disbursements and cash .....	\$1106.28
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### Superannuated Ministers' Fund

#### Receipts

Balance on hand at beginning of year .....	\$ 63.12
Interest on loans to Conference for 1932-33.....	44.66
Received from churches .....	34.00
Interest on loans to Conference for 1933-34.....	44.66

Total receipts .....	\$ 186.44
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#### Disbursements

Mrs. Gertrude Clocksen .....	\$ 10.00
Mrs. F. J. Traver .....	120.00

Total disbursements .....	\$ 130.00
Cash on hand to balance .....	56.44

Total disbursements and cash .....	\$ 186.44
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### Statement of Assets

Loan No. 1 to Conference .....	\$ 289.49	
Loan No. 2 to Conference .....	349.39	
Loan No. 3 to Conference .....	105.48	
Loan to Billings, Mont. Church .....	200.00	
Cash on hand June 6, 1934 .....	56.44	
Total assets .....		\$1000.80

FRANK MARTIN, Treasurer.

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### Report No. 6

#### Auditing Committee

We, your Auditing Committee, submit the following report:

We have examined the books and reports of the Conference President, Conference Treasurer, Minister's Relief Treasurer, and Camp Meeting Treasurer and have them to be correct.

FRED HUNT,  
H. H. TURNER.

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### Report No. 7

#### PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

Your Committee on Passage of Character have examined the reports of the pastors and ministers, and have passed their characters.

ARTHUR REISDORPH,  
MISS ALMA HILLEN, Committee.

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### Report No. 8

#### RAILROAD EXPENSE COMMITTEE

The Railroad Expense Committee finds that the total amount of railroad expense amounts to \$50.57. Apportioned among the charges it amounts to \$2.60. This amount is to be raised and sent to the Conference Treasurer as soon as possible.

F. J. TRAVER,  
H. W. CRETSINGER.

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### Report No. 9

#### ITINERACY AND ORDERS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee on Itineracy and Orders, beg leave to submit the following recommendations relative to the licenciates:

We recommend that Marvin Jones and Laurance Countryman having been recommended by the Aberdeen Charge as persons suitable to travel under the direction of the Dakota Conference be received to pursue the Course of Study and be placed in the first year.

We recommend that A. C. Buell, C. W. Calhoon, Mrs. C. W. Calhoon, L. L. Knapp and Frank Traver be continued in the first year of study and their licenses be renewed.

We recommend that Allen Regan, having been appointed to work by the President, be placed in the second year of study and his license be renewed.

Also that Wayne Cretsinger and Chester Reed be continued in the second year of study and their licenses renewed.

We further recommend that Mrs. L. Raymer and George Thomas be advanced to the third year of study and their licenses renewed.

Also that Henry Aarhus, Mrs. Frank Traver be continued in the third year of study and their licenses renewed.

We further recommend that Hazel Carter be advanced to the fourth year of study and granted a license.

Also that Roy Cox and George Robbins be continued in the fourth year of study.

We further recommend that Mrs. Thos. Bailie and Harry Shreeves, having fulfilled disciplinary requirements be ordained to Elders Orders at this session of Conference.

Also that Chas. Carter be elected to Elders Orders and ordained at the North Michigan Conference.

We recommend that the Registrar be instructed to write all those studying and traveling under our direction, as to their desire and intention and reminding of disciplinary requirements for continuation under our direction as a Conference.



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We further recommend that the Conference purchase all of the books that are in the reading course, they to be placed in the hand of the Registrar, and a fee of ten cents and postage be charged for the use of each book, by licentiates.

RUFUS REISDORPH,  
J. C. McGOVERN,  
A. M. WILEY,  
ARTHUR CALHOUN,  
MRS. E. A. GRIFFITHS,  
FRANK MARTIN,  
Committee.

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### Report No. 10

#### TIME OF NEXT CONFERENCE

Your special Committee on date of next Conference recommend that the camp meeting begin on the evening of the last Friday in May and that the Conference sessions begin on Tuesday June 4, running in conjunction with the camp meeting.

J. F. SIMPSON, Chairman.

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### Report No. 11

#### PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Pastoral Relations, recommend that the charges and pastors sustain the following relations:

Aberdeen—W. C. Brannon and Wife.

Almont—L. D. Harris. *Bailie*

Artesian—George Thomas.

Avon—R. J. Eling.

Billings—W. D. Shelor.

*Calhoun* Bethany and Graceland—Allen Regan.

Bradley—Mrs. L. Raymer.

Brentford and Northville—F. J. Traver and Wife. *Spry*

Buffalo, Wyo.—Wayne Cretsinger.

Bushnell—J. C. McGovern. *Shaner*

Firesteel and Isabel—In hands of the President.

Houghton—J. E. Spry. *Jones*

Ipswich—*Ivan* Calhoun. *Harris*

Knobs—C. W. Calhoun.

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McIntosh—In hands of the President.  
Medicine Rocks and Minnesota Valley—A. C. Buell.  
Mission—In hands of President.  
Mitchell—H. H. Turner.  
Mobridge—In hands of President.  
Pollock—J. F. Simpson.  
Redfield—Fred Hunt.  
Richland—W. J. Leyh and Wife.  
Watford City, Riverside—  
Johnson Corners—Thos. Bailie and Wife. *a. Reisdorph*  
Webster—In hands of President.  
President of Conference—Rufus Reisdorph.  
Singing Evangelist—Ruby Reisdorph.  
Conference Evangelist—S. J. McIntyre. *W. H. Zullis*  
General Evangelists—~~A. J. Tiffany~~, A. M. Wiley, Arthur Calhoun.  
Choose own field of Labor—~~Roy Cox~~, Henry Aarhus, Leon Briggs,  
Arthur Gugin, ~~Harry Shreeves~~, ~~Arthur Reisdorph~~.  
Missionaries on Furlough—Chas. Carter, Hazel Carter.  
American Sunday School Missionaries—Otto Jensen, Mrs. Otto Jensen, L. L. Knapp, Chester Reed.

RUFUS REISDORPH,  
MRS. FRED JOHNSON,  
J. E. SPRY,  
J. F. SIMPSON,  
H. B. ENGEL,  
THOS. MORTON,  
R. J. ELING,

Committee.

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### Report No. 12

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Considering the prevailing conditions relative to the moral breakdown in our national life;

Be it resolved, That we, as a Conference, declare our unwavering opposition to the inroads that the legalized liquor traffic is making within our fair land.

Be it further resolved, That we take our stand against the legalizing of gambling, the prevailing desecration of the Christian Sabbath, and

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other forms of evil being sponsored by the officials, and the people of our state and nation, and that we earnestly pray for the speedy re-establishment of our government, on a sane, constitutional basis.

Be it further resolved, That we commend the commissioners of Aberdeen for their action, refusing a recent Walkathon to operate within the city. Also commend the Aberdeen Daily News for refusing to advertize it in their columns.

We also recommend that the Conference express its hearty thanks to Brother Osborne for his splendid efforts to keep alive the trees on the camp ground during the prolonged drouth.

Be it also resolved, That these forgoing resolutions be printed in the daily papers of Aberdeen and incorporated in the Minutes.

Be it further resolved, That the Dakota Conference memorialize the General Conference to amend the statement in our discipline on war to include our opposition to bearing arms in time of war:

A. M. WILEY,  
J. C. McGOVERN,  
W. D. SHELOR,  
Committee.

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### Report No. 13

### MISSIONARY BOARD

We recommend the continuation of the 5 per cent plan relative to raising Conference funds, as follows: Each pastor contributing 5 per cent of his salary and the church a like amount, this money to be sent to the Conference Treasurer each quarter.

We recommend that the President and his advisory board be authorized to negotiate a loan not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the Billings Church.

We urge that each Charge take a special offering upon each visit of the President to the Charges, this amount to apply on President's salary.

We recommend that the President receive \$100 per month and traveling expenses for time employed on the Conference field.

J. C. McGOVERN, Chairman;  
L. D. HARRIS, Secretary.

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### Report No. 14

#### BOARD OF EXAMINERS

J. C. McGovern .....	Term expires in 1935
A. M. Wiley .....	Term expires in 1936
Arthur Calhoun .....	Term expires in 1937
Rufus Reisdorph .....	Term expires in 1938

List of books and examiners as follows:

#### Rufus Reisdorph—

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

Second Year, Bible and Homiletics by Kearn.

Third Year, Bible and Christian Evidences.

Fourth Year, Bible and Bible Geography.

#### J. C. McGovern—

First Year, Robert's Rules of Order.

Second Year, How to Prepare an Expository Sermon.

Third Year, System of General Ethics.

Fourth Year, Psychology.

#### A. M. Wiley—Registrar.

First Year, Theological Compend, and Perfect Love.

Second Year, Teacher Training and Theology.

Third Year, Theology.

Fourth Year, Theology.

All reading books to be reported to A. M. Wiley.

#### Arthur Calhoun—

First Year, Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.

Second Year, Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.

Third Year, Church History and All About the Bible.

Fourth Year, Church History and System of Christian Evidence.

Any of the reading books can be had by sending to Registrar, sending a fee of ten cents and paying postage.

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### Report No. 15

#### BUDGET APPORTIONMENTS

The Apportionments for Connectional Budgets are as follows:

Foreign Missions .....	\$2.50 per member.
Home Missions .....	.50 per member.
Orphanage .....	.25 per member.

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Education .....	1.50 per member.
Superannuated Ministers' Fund .....	.50 per member.
General Conference Expense .....	.10 per member.
Conference Fund .....	10 per cent of Pastor's cash salary
(5 per cent from pastor and 5 per cent from the church.)	

Signed: L. D. HARRIS, Secretary.

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### Report No. 16

#### BY-LAWS OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND

In case of serious sickness or prolonged illness or death of any of our active preachers or members of their families, money may be paid to them from this fund.

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

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

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

Each minister is to pay his dues in advance so that there shall be funds in treasury when needed.

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

An active member is one who is engaged in definite Conference work: also those who are disabled through Conference, come under this provision.

When any one of the ministers fail to pay two consecutive payments, he has forfeited his right to receive any benefit until all back assessments are paid.

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 as each charge but for each church.

Let each pastor present this matter to his church at his first business meeting, that the Treasurer may be authorized to pay at any time needed.

All expense as to postage to be paid out of the Conference Treasury.

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Charges	Time Employed	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists	Wesleyan Missionaries	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Teachers' Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflets	Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart
Aberdeen	12	1	1	8	6	30	25	25	9	45	26	15	35	8	40	25	1
Almont	12	2	1	8	2	25	8	10	7	40	...	9	11	...	10	10	...
Artesian	12	2	1	8	2	20	12	8	3	15	10	10	8	...	10	8	...
Avon	12	1	1	8	5	25	16	...	6	40	12	10	10	...	10	10	...
Bethany	9	1	1	4	...	6	4	...	3	6	...	10	6	...	6	4	...
Billings	12	1	1	11	1	15	25	20	9	25	20	20	40	...	25	15	1
Bradley	12	1	1	1	...	7	...	...	2	5	...	2	3	...	6	3	...
Brentford	12	1	1	8	2	10	6	3	4	12	6	...	3	...	6	...	...
Buffalo	12	2	1	8	3	30	12	6	5	10	2	8	10	...	15	18	...
Bushnell	12	2	1	1	1	18	10	5	7	12	10	15	...	...	6	5	...
Firesteel	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Graceland	9	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	15	...	5	4	...	10	5	...
Houghton	12	1	1	8	7	11	18	...	3	30	...	24	6	...	5	10	1
Johnson Corners	12	2	1	8	4	20	20	18	9	39	13	10	9	...	12	12	1
Ipswich	12	3	1	3	...	12	6	6	6	24	6	...	...	...	8	12	1
Isabel	5	2	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	4	3	3	...	...	4	6	...
Knobs	12	2	1	2	2	18	4	...	8	24	18	3	12	...	23	5	...
McIntosh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	12	1	1	2	...	14	8	8	8	7	4	13	...	...	3	6	...
Minnesota Valley	8	1	1	...	2	15	12	10	8	11	5	4	6	...	3	24	...
Mission	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mitchell	12	1	1	8	11	30	25	10	9	40	15	25	10	...	6	10	1
Mobridge	7	1	1	1	2	8	8	6	3	10	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
Northville	12	1	1	10	4	15	6	...	4	30	3	3	5	3	...	...	1
Pollock	12	1	1	5	...	25	6	...	4	30	8	7	8	...	10	...	...
Redfield	12	1	1	8	3	24	20	8	5	24	10	10	...	...	5	8	...
Richland	12	2	1	9	6	35	6	14	7	10	10	10	10	...	15	12	1
Riverside	12	1	1	2	1	8	8	5	3	12	...	10	...	...	...	10	...
Watford City	12	2	1	1	1	18	18	12	6	8	8	15	...	6	8	8	1
Webster	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	290	37	26	119	67	468	292	182	144	528	189	241	196	18	230	225	9

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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Charges	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	No. Reported Last Year	No. at Beginning of Year	Present Number	Loss	Gain	Members Under 14	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstated Elders	Local Preachers	Membership Titling
Aberdeen	14	...	...	1	2	115	...	126	...	11	...	9	...	2	1	25
Almont	5	...	...	...	...	17	...	22	...	5	2	...	...	...	...	10
Artesian	7	...	...	1	3	69	...	72	...	3	1	...	3	...	...	16
Avon	...	...	17	...	...	69	...	52	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Bethany	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	15	...	2	1	...	...	...
Billings	21	...	11	...	...	41	...	51	...	10	...	15	...	...	...	40
Bradley	5	...	...	...	...	14	...	19	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	8
Brentford	5	...	...	...	...	23	...	28	...	5	1	6	1	...	...	6
Buffalo	4	...	...	...	...	9	...	13	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	8
Bushnell	...	...	...	...	2	17	...	15	2	...	...	...	2	...	2	5
Firesteel	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Graceland	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	...	24	...	5	13	...	...	7
Houghton	...	...	...	...	...	42	...	42	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	20
Johnson Corners	6	...	...	...	...	65	...	71	...	6	...	...	...	2	...	18
Ipswich	12	...	2	1	...	32	...	41	...	9	7	6	...	1	...	26
Isabel	...	...	14	...	...	22	...	8	14	...	1	8	...	...	...	1
Knobs	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
McIntosh	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	...	...	14	...	3	35	...	18	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Minnesota Valley	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Mission	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mitchell	3	...	10	...	6	117	106	93	13	...	...	...	...	1	...	20
Mobridge	1	...	...	...	1	9	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Northville	...	...	...	...	1	51	...	50	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	4
Pollock	...	...	...	...	2	37	...	35	2	...	7	...	...	...	...	21
Redfield	6	...	2	...	3	39	...	40	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	15
Richland	1	...	...	...	...	64	...	65	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	10
Riverside	3	...	...	...	...	16	...	19	...	3	1	2	...	...	1	5
Watford City	2	...	...	...	...	13	...	15	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	11
Webster	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	134	...	70	3	23	1007	...	1034	77	104	14	60	26	4	7	322

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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Charges	No. of Sunday Schools	No. of Officers	No. of Teachers	No. of Officers, Teachers and Scholars	Average Attendance	No. in Home Department	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	No. Converted	No. Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts.	No. in Training Course	No. Organized Classes	No. of Books in Library
Aberdeen	1	7	8	130	98	7	32	169	15	10	4			140
Almont	1	7	6	70	45			70	3	4				
Artesian	2	8	8	80	46			80						
Avon	1	6	5	60	42		10	70	6					1
Bethany	1	3	3	35	25			35	20	15				
Billings	1	5	9	144	127			144	30	27				3
Bradley	1	5	4	25	20			25	3	4				
Brentford	1	5	4	40	23			40	2	2				
Buffalo	1	4	5	57	50		33	90	10	4	2			5
Bushnell	7	5	5	43	31			43						
Firesteel														
Graceland	1	3	3	35	25			35	25	24	1			3
Houghton	1	6	4	46	42	9		51	6		1			
Johnson Corners	2	5	9	100	75			100	3	6				
Ipswich	1	9	6	47	37			47	3	8				
Isabel	1	3	3	15	10			15						
Knobs	2	11	7	50	25			50	2					3
McIntosh														
Medicine Rocks	1	5	4	34	18			34						
Minnesota Valley	1	4	4	34	18			34						89
Mission														
Mitchell	1	7	8	95	75			95	20					30
Moabridge	1	5	5	30	27			30			3			
Northville	1	6	5	40	26		7	40						
Pollock	1	8	6	90	55			90						27
Redfield	1	3	5	65	40		8	73	5	2	1			5
Richland	2	8	8	135	90		10	145						
Riverside	1	3	3	35	24			35		3				
Watford City	1	4	4	50	40			50	1					
Webster														
Totals	30	145	141	1585	1134	16	100	1690	154	109	12		20	286



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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Charges	No. of Churches	Value of Churches	Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Indebtedness	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Aberdeen .....	1	\$16000.00	.....	1	\$4500.00	.....	\$16.50
Almont .....	1	4500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Artesian .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Avon .....	1	5000.00	.....	1	1500.00	.....	.....
Bethany .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Billings .....	1	12000.00	\$4600.00	.....	.....	.....	2000.00
Bradley .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brentford .....	1	675.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo .....	1	1800.00	355.00	.....	.....	.....	10.00
Bushnell .....	1	800.00	.....	1	500.00	.....	.....
Firesteel .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Graceland .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Houghton .....	1	4000.00	.....	1	1400.00	.....	.....
Johnson Corners .....	1	3500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ipswich .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Isabel .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Knobs .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
McIntosh .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medicine Rocks .....	1	2000.00	.....	1	500.00	.....	3.85
Minnesota Valley .....	1	2500.00	322.44	.....	.....	.....	5.88
Mission .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell .....	1	5500.00	1190.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Mobridge .....	1	1500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northville .....	1	2500.00	.....	1	1000.00	.....	700.00
Pollock .....	1	5000.00	233.00	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Redfield .....	1	3000.00	135.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richland .....	1	2000.00	.....	1	2000.00	.....	.....
Riverside .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Watford City .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Webster .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals .....	17	\$72275.00	\$6835.44	7	\$11400.00	.....	\$2741.23

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Charges	Pastor's Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Aberdeen .....	\$956.00	\$300.00	\$23.00	\$18.00	\$1297.00
Almont .....	780.00	216.00	5.00	60.00	1061.00
Artesian .....	291.00	72.00	9.00	44.50	416.50
Avon .....	525.00	120.00	10.00	45.00	700.00
Bethany .....	38.00			10.00	48.00
Billings .....	864.00		21.00	151.00	1036.00
Bradley .....	57.00			65.00	122.00
Brentford .....	198.60			15.00	213.60
Buffalo .....	236.00		3.00	91.00	330.00
Bushnell .....	440.00	84.00	4.00	25.00	553.00
Firesteel .....					
Graceland .....	190.76		3.00	35.00	228.76
Houghton .....	418.78	100.00	5.00	15.68	539.46
Johnson Corners .....	560.00		4.00	90.00	654.00
Ipswich .....	548.00	110.00	37.00	103.52	798.52
Isabel .....	25.00		5.00	20.00	50.00
Knobs .....	336.00		5.00	85.00	426.00
McIntosh .....					
Medicine Rocks .....	147.04		5.00	40.00	192.04
Minnesota Valley .....	69.86			40.00	109.86
Mission .....					
Mitchell .....	1040.00		6.00	207.00	1253.00
Mobridge .....	105.00	98.00		41.00	244.00
Northville .....	211.50	120.00		12.50	344.00
Pollock .....	600.00	180.00	16.00	211.00	1007.00
Redfield .....	267.77			58.45	326.22
Richland .....	606.00	100.00	6.00	50.00	762.00
Riverside .....	78.00			30.00	108.00
Watford City .....	170.00		9.00	30.00	209.00
Webster .....					
Totals .....	\$9759.31	\$1500.00	\$176.00	\$1593.65	\$13028.96

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Charges	Conference President's Salary	Conference Evangelist's Salary	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expense	Total for Church
Aberdeen	\$12.00		\$65.00	\$87.20	\$5.10	\$333.37	\$502.67
Almont	16.00		62.00	46.00	98.00	41.00	263.00
Artesian	5.50		14.50	21.50		40.50	82.00
Avon	15.00	\$11.85	77.50	43.00	36.00	22.50	205.85
Bethany	33.72		25.00	19.66			78.38
Billings	5.00		97.00	188.00	756.00	319.00	1365.00
Bradley	3.60			6.40			10.00
Brentford	2.30		32.50	16.00		10.00	60.80
Buffalo	25.00		53.00	22.00	362.00	51.00	513.00
Bushnell	21.50		12.00	27.50		24.00	85.00
Firesteel							
Graceland			103.04	27.23		6.36	136.63
Houghton	12.55	60.00		44.46	3.00	49.63	169.64
Johnson Corners	15.00		50.00	44.00	4.00	3.00	116.00
Ipswich	120.44		11.94	38.91	50.00	90.67	311.96
Isabel			40.00	8.92		105.00	153.92
Knobs	7.50		18.00	28.00			53.50
McIntosh							
Medicine Rocks	2.56			14.48	5.50		22.54
Minnesota Valley	2.55			17.88			20.43
Mission							
Mitchell	38.00		72.00	52.00	10.00	178.00	350.00
Mobridge				25.00		25.00	50.00
Northville	6.20		60.00	25.50		45.00	136.70
Pollock	12.00			49.06	276.00	68.00	405.06
Redfield	8.00	10.00	64.00	34.92	100.88	74.07	291.87
Richland	10.00		50.00	65.00		82.00	207.00
Riverside				25.00		15.00	40.00
Watford City	5.00		66.00	46.00		74.00	191.00
Webster							
Totals	\$379.42	\$81.85	\$973.48	\$1023.62	\$1706.48	\$1657.10	\$5821.95

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Charges	Undivided Budget	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Conference Work	Superannuated Ministers' Fund	Connectional Sunday School Work	Other Benevolent Objects	Total Benevolent Objects
Aberdeen .....	\$4.00	\$65.90	\$59.39	\$26.07	\$69.00	\$2.00	.....	\$67.01	\$293.37
Almont .....	.....	36.00	143.00	25.00	78.00	9.00	.....	85.00	376.00
Artesian .....	.....	30.00	70.00	6.00	18.00	1.50	.....	5.00	130.50
Avon .....	.....	32.50	90.00	15.12	48.50	2.00	.....	99.00	287.00
Bethany .....	.....	.....	2.47	.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....	6.47
Billings .....	.....	14.00	62.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	50.00	136.00
Bradley .....	.....	23.51	21.10	1.00	5.50	.....	.....	4.00	55.11
Brentford .....	.....	.....	46.00	.....	.....	.....	\$2.00	8.10	56.10
Buffalo .....	30.00	4.00	47.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	84.00
Bushnell .....	.....	.....	15.50	14.00	3.50	.....	.....	.....	33.00
Firesteel .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Graceland .....	.....	8.75	14.65	8.00	14.00	2.50	.....	6.00	53.90
Houghton .....	31.48	24.90	61.68	30.00	30.68	4.00	.....	33.95	216.69
Ipswich .....	.....	.....	20.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.75	27.50
Isabel .....	.....	.....	11.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.00
Johnson Corners .....	9.00	25.00	71.00	6.00	44.00	.....	4.00	7.00	166.00
Knobs .....	.....	.....	4.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.50
McIntosh .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medicine Rocks .....	.....	1.85	36.22	.....	6.75	.....	.....	10.00	54.82
Minnesota Valley .....	.....	3.00	17.16	.....	.50	.....	.....	9.86	30.52
Mission .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell .....	.....	43.00	107.00	39.00	95.00	.....	.....	89.00	373.00
Mobridge .....	.....	.....	30.00	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	37.00
Northville .....	.....	5.00	35.30	20.00	10.00	3.00	2.00	49.80	125.10
Pollock .....	.....	.....	53.00	5.00	64.00	6.00	.....	17.78	145.78
Redfield .....	6.00	13.25	35.77	6.00	18.39	.....	.....	1.00	80.41
Richland .....	.....	75.00	67.00	10.00	32.00	.....	.....	43.00	227.00
Riverside .....	4.00	6.00	7.00	.....	9.00	.....	.....	6.00	32.00
Watford City .....	.....	.....	11.00	1.00	9.00	.....	.....	2.00	23.00
Webster .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals ....	\$84.48	\$411.66	\$1139.49	\$222.19	\$569.82	\$30.00	\$8.00	\$600.25	\$3065.77

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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Charges	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Benevolences	Total For All Purposes
Aberdeen .....	\$1297.00	\$502.67	\$293.37	\$2093.04
Almont .....	1061.00	263.00	376.00	1700.00
Artesian .....	416.50	82.00	130.50	629.00
Avon .....	700.00	205.85	287.00	1192.85
Bethany .....	48.00	78.38	6.47	132.85
Billings .....	1036.00	1365.00	136.00	2537.00
Bradley .....	122.00	10.00	55.11	187.11
Brentford .....	213.60	60.80	56.10	330.50
Buffalo .....	330.00	513.00	84.00	927.00
Bushnell .....	553.00	85.00	33.00	671.00
Firesteel .....				
Graceland .....	228.76	136.63	53.90	419.29
Houghton .....	539.46	169.64	216.69	925.79
Ipswich .....	798.52	311.96	27.50	1137.98
Isabel .....	50.00	153.92	11.00	214.92
Johnson Corners .....	654.00	116.00	166.00	936.00
Knobs .....	426.00	53.50	4.50	484.00
McIntosh .....				
Medicine Rocks .....	192.04	22.54	54.82	269.40
Minnesota Valley .....	109.86	20.48	30.52	160.81
Mission .....				
Mitchell .....	1253.00	350.00	373.00	1976.00
Mobridge .....	244.00	50.00	37.00	331.00
Northville .....	344.00	136.70	125.10	605.80
Pollock .....	1007.00	405.06	145.78	1557.84
Redfield .....	326.22	291.87	80.41	698.50
Richland .....	762.00	207.00	227.00	1196.00
Riverside .....	108.00	40.00	32.00	180.00
Watford City .....	209.00	191.00	23.00	423.00
Webster .....				
Totals .....	\$13028.96	\$5821.95	\$3065.77	\$21916.68

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of the Dakota Conference,  
June 6 - 11, 1934**

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Watford City—President, Mrs. W. L. Lillibridge, Schafer, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Jacob Klamm, Schafer, N. D.

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### DELEGATES

Aberdeen—Mrs. A. E. Hattan.  
Almont—Mrs. L. D. Harris.  
Artesian—Miss Mildred Rist.  
Avon—Mrs. Anna Eggers.  
Billings—Mrs. T. Morton.  
Bradley—Mrs. Nellie Stimson.  
Brentford—Mrs. Overby.  
Buffalo—Mrs. H. W. Cretsinger.  
Graceland—Miss Grace Riser.  
Hilltop—Miss Beatrice Bowers.  
Houghton—Mrs. Vivian Edwards.  
Minnesota Valley—Miss Beatrice Brakefield.  
Michell—Mrs. Earnest Iles.  
Mobridge—Mrs. James.  
Northville—Mrs. W. S. Reed.  
Pollock—Miss Lucia Rose.  
Redfield—Mrs. F. O. Hunt.  
Richland—Mrs. Iva Bailie.  
Pleasant Valley, Riverside and  
Watford City—Mrs. Thos. Bailie.



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### Daily Proceedings

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Wednesday, 9:30 A. M.

Our President opened this first session with singing, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow." Mrs. C. J. G. Larson led the devotional service. Mrs. Cretsinger was appointed to gather credentials. Miss Hazel Carter, furloughed missionary from Africa was introduced to the Society. Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Bailie, Chairman; Mrs. W. S. Reed, Mrs. A. Reisdorph, Mrs. J. E. Spry, Mrs. W. H. Cretsinger. Motion carried that the wives of our ministers be admitted to bar of voting with the Presidents and Delegates. Plan of Work Committee discussed. Adjournment.

Wednesday, 1 P. M.

Opened session with singing, "'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Scripture verses were quoted and Mrs. Stimson prayed. Nominating Committee Report was read and adopted. (See report.) Mrs. W. H. Cretsinger and Mrs. Ivan Calhoun were elected to solicit for missionary magazine. Mrs. Harris was elected reporter to the magazine of this session of Conference. Adjournment.

Thursday, 8 A. M.

Opened session with singing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Repeated the 23rd Psalm together. Several prayer requests were made and a refreshing prayer season followed, led by Rev. Mrs. Raymer. Minutes read, roll called. Orders of the Day Report read and adopted, subject to change. Miss Hazel Carter then took us on a trip to Africa, which was wonderful. She asked us to pray first, that the Christian women of Africa will realize more their need of taking their stand strong for the Lord. Second, that they may learn more how to take their places in helping their husbands as they should. Listened to reports from Avon, Redfield, Hilltop, and Artesian. Orders of the Day Committee asked to set day for magazine day. Mrs. Hattan read Efficiency Standard. President exhorted us to measure up to this.

Thursday, 1 P. M.

Opened session with singing, "I love to Tell the Story." Rev. Mrs. Bailie led devotionals. Minutes read, roll called. President asked that

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much prayer be made for evening service. Orders of the Day Committee set magazine day for Friday and Treasurer's Report to be read Friday morning. Rev. E. F. McCarty was introduced to the Society. He asked for more bandages to be sent with outgoing missionaries by Aug. 1st. He said the plan is to get self-supporting work going on the fields. In disbursing one-half of dues place on direct item in disbursements. Listened to reports from Watford City, Riverside and Pleasant Valley. Letters were read by Secretary from Mrs. McLeister, Mrs. N. Mae Clark, and Mrs. Clocksen. Secretary was instructed to answer these letters. Miss Waters, teacher from Miltonvale College, was introduced to the Society. President appointed Mrs. Spry to act in Mrs. Calhoun's place on magazine day. Motion carried to remunerate the children's workers with the sum of twenty dollars. President suggested we rest and pray for evening service. Adjournment.

### Friday, 8 A. M.

Opened session with singing, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." Mrs. Morton of Billings, Mont. was introduced to the Society and led devotionals. Minutes read, roll called. Orders of the Day called for. Nominating Committee Report read and adopted. Election of officers. Listened to Treasurer's Report. Listened to Billings report. Adjournment.

### Friday, 1 P. M.

Opened session with singing, "Stand Up For Jesus." Mrs. Reed prayed. Minutes were read. Prof. Hester of Miltonvale College was introduced and spoke briefly. Educational Day for the W. H. & F. M. Society for our district is to be in September, October or November, Harvest Home Day in October. Adjournment.

### Friday, 4:30 P. M.

Opened session with prayer by Mrs. Eling. Roll was called. Motion carried to extend tag day to Saturday. Mrs. Blanchard of Zion's Hill Mission in Kentucky was introduced to the Society. Knobs report read. Motion carried that committee be appointed to select love-gift for Mrs. Leyh. Mrs. Larson and Mrs. Spry were appointed and asked the President to join them. Adjournment.

### Saturday Morning

Opened session with singing "This is My Story." Mrs. Spry led devotionals. Roll called, Minutes read. Orders of the Day called for. Miss Carter spoke on the Educational work in Africa. Any one desiring can make dresses, baby outfits, hospital supplies, muslin pillow-cases,

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night-gowns, and bandages of all sizes, using scraps also. Mrs. Cox, our evangelist's wife was introduced to the Society. Mrs. Brannon was elected Delegate to the General Conference, with Mrs. Larson alternate. Statistical report was read and adopted.

Motion carried that five dollars from Mobridge house rent fund be added to balance for playground equipment fund and given to children's workers. Voted to give Miss Carter twenty-five dollars and Mrs. Blanchard fifteen dollars. Adjourned to listen to Mrs. Blanchard at one o'clock. Vice-President opened session. Roll called, minutes read. Mrs. Blanchard spoke of the work of Zion's Hill Mission which we were glad to know about. Rev. Mrs. Bailie in behalf of the Society presented Mrs. Leyh and Mrs. Larson a love-offering in the form of a suitcase for each, ten dollars being used for this purpose. They responded with a hearty thank you. Plan of work taken item by item and adopted. Each Society urged to use quadrennial report blanks. Resolution Report read and adopted. Magazine solicitors received ten renewals and subscriptions. Adjournment until Monday.

### Monday 9 A. M.

Opened session with singing, "Work For the Night is Coming." Scripture verses were quoted. Mrs. Leyh prayed. Auditing Report read and adopted. Motion carried that our local Y. M. W. B. superintendents send their receipts to Mrs. Ivan Calhoun quarterly. Mrs. A. Reisdorph resigned her office as Treasurer as she may not be in state during the year. Mrs. C. J. G. Larson being elected, Mrs. Leyh urged each one sending in funds to be sure and specify clearly what each item is for. Rev. Mrs. Bailie was elected District Organizer of the Montana District, Rev. Rufus Reisdorph of the Aberdeen District and Mrs. Thomas the Mitchell District, their expenses being met by their districts. Adjournment.

### Thursday Afternoon

Special called Y. M. W. B. meeting. Superintendent spoke to local superintendents and offered plan of work: First six months that each band take a certain mission field and help evangelize with pennies. Last six months, circle the globe with pennies, using one penny to one-hundred miles. This is to be a contest closing next Conference time. It was also voted on Saturday to give Miltonvale fifteen dollars.

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### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Statistical—Mrs. H. W. Cretsinger, Mrs. Arthur Reisdorph.

Auditing—Mrs. T. Bailie, Mrs. Thomas.

Orders of the Day—Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Hunt, Miss Riser.

Resolutions—Mrs. Stimson, Mrs. Spry.

Courtesies—Mrs. Larson.

Plan of Work—(suggested) Mrs. Hattan, Mrs. R. Reisdorph, Mrs. Eling.

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### AUDITING COMMITTEE

Your Auditing Committee has examined the books of the Treasurer and found them to be correct. Signed,

MRS. T. BAILIE,  
MRS. THOMAS, Committee.

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### ORDERS OF THE DAY REPORT

Wednesday, 8:00 P. M.—Home Missionary program. Thursday, 8:15 A. M.—Miss Hazel Carter will speak on "The Womanhood of Africa." Unfinished business. 1:00 P. M.—Devotionals, Mrs. Thomas Bailie. 1:15 P. M.—Rev. McCarty. Unfinished business. 8 P. M.—Foreign Missionary program. Friday—Designated as Magazine Day. 8 A. M.—Devotionals, Mrs. Morton. 8:15 A. M.—Election of officers. Conference Treasurer's Report. Unfinished business. 1:00 P. M.—Prof. Floyd C. Hester. Unfinished business. Saturday, 8:00 A. M.—Devotionals, Mrs. J. E. Spry. 8:15 A. M.—Miss Hazel Carter will address the Society on "Education in Africa," and conduct an open discussion on the African work. Unfinished business. 1:00 P. M.—Mrs. C. L. Blanchard will speak on "Zion's Hill Mission." Unfinished business.

Signed,

MRS. BLANCHE LARSON,  
MRS. FRED HUNT,  
GRACE RISER.

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### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

The Committee on Resolutions wish to submit the following report:

Be it resolved, That we as a Missionary Society realizing the spiritual dearth throughout our land and that the responsibility of the salvation of souls rests upon God's people, that in the coming year we give ourselves more diligently unto prayer, that we may have more trophies to lay at the Master's feet in that great day.

Be it further resolved, That we return to our own Societies with increased zeal and a greater vision of the need of intercessors and the privilege of working together with God for the evangelization of the world. Be it further resolved, That we express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Rev. E. F. McCarty, Miss Hazel Carter, Prof. Hester, Mrs. C. Blanchard, Rev. R. Reisdorph and Rev. L. D. Harris for their inspiring and helpful messages given in our regular and special sessions, also to the young people for their medical demonstration and all others who contributed in making our programs a success.

Be it also resolved, That we extend heartfelt sympathy to those of our fellowship who were not permitted to meet with us this year.

Be it also resolved, That we extend a vote of thanks to all who provided for our comfort and entertainment during the entire Conference session.

Signed,

MRS. STIMSON,

MRS. SPRY, Committee.

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### PUBLIC MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8:00 P. M.

Song service led by Rev. Allan Regan who sang, "Where the Gates Swing Outward Never." Prayer by Rev. McCarty. Song, "Alone With Thee," by Rev. Arthur Calhoun. Address on Conference Missions by Rev. R. Reisdorph. Reading, Miss Marie Brannon. Address on Home Missions by Rev. L. D. Harris.

Thursday, 8:00 P. M.

Opened service with singing, "Jesus Shall Reign," "Throw Out the Life Line" and "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood," led by Rev. Mrs. R. Reisdorph. Prayer by Rev. O. E. Miller and Rev. McIntyre. Special song by the Aberdeen choir. A presentation of medical missions by a group of young ladies. Miss Hazel Carter, missionary to Africa, spoke on Africa. Rev. E. F. McCarty spoke on conditions on the field in general. An offering of \$295.43 was taken to be divided to Conference and Foreign Missions.

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### PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE

We the Plan of Work Committee respectfully submit the following report:

1. We recommend that this plan of work and the efficiency standard be read quarterly in each local society.
2. That we observe the "Red Letter Days:" (a) "Harvest Home Day," for educational work. (b) Easter programs, gifts and offerings for Home Missions. (c) World Day of Prayer. (d) "May Day." To be known as gift day, bandages and such gifts as can be sent with out-going missionaries or used in our home field.
3. That October (the third Sunday), be observed as Harvest Home Day. We would urge each local society to send cash or make donations to the Miltonvale College dormitory.
4. That by recommendation of the General Conference Society all local dues be sent our Conference Treasurer and be divided as follows: 25 cents to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the General Conference for the General Fund, 25 cents to be retained in the Conference treasury, and the remaining 50 cents to be used for missionary work and be applied on local budget. Please designate specifically where credit is desired.
5. That each Society elect a Solicitor for the Wesleyan Missionary Magazine, the same to be a permanent officer. Her duties shall be to secure at least two new subscriptions and renewals to the Wesleyan Missionary.
6. We recommend the envelope system for the collection of dues, the Treasurer to help record the amounts paid in. That all money be in the hands of the Treasurer at least one week before Conference.
7. That each Society contribute 10 cents per member to pay General Conference Delegate's expenses.
8. That each Society contribute at least \$6.00 for the Home Missions connectionally supported.
9. That each Society contribute at least \$5.00 to the Hephzibah Orphanage. Such contributions to be applied on the budget.
10. That each local Treasurer send all monies to the Conference Treasurer at least one week before Conference convenes.
11. We recommend the use of the program printed in the Wesleyan Missionary.

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12. That all bandages be sent to Rev. E. F. McCarty, 222 S. Clemens Ave., Lansing, Mich., the Society receiving credit of 50 cents per pound.

13. That all money be disbursed through our local and Conference Treasurers, that money or receipts applied on budget be sent from the local Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Treasurer to the Conference Treasurer. That each local Society use the treasurer's book prepared by the General Conference Society, the same to be audited by a committee of two before the report be adopted.

14. That each local president appoint a committee of two whose duties it shall be to visit the sick and to work in harmony with the pastor in rendering assistance that will help in reaching souls and building up the Kingdom of God.

15. That each Society grade themselves by the Efficiency Standard. A grade of ten per cent will be given on any of each ten points chosen. Societies making a grade of 90 per cent will receive honorable mention and those making a grade of 100 per cent will be placed on the Honor Roll.

16. We advise districting the Conference into three districts, each district to be supervised by a District Organizer. She to keep in touch with each Society in her district and report the condition of her district to the Conference President quarterly. Signed,

MRS. MARY HATTAN,  
MRS. RUBY REISDORPH,  
MRS. NELLIE ELING.

Secretary failed to receive Treasurer's and Dormitory Superintendent's Reports. These will be given in the magazine and each one may copy in your minutes. Very sorry for this.

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## STATISTICAL REPORT

W. H. & F. M. S.										Y. M. W. B.	
Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Total Members	Gain	Loss	Using Missionary Programs	Wesleyan Missionary	Amount Raised During Year	No. of Members	Amount Raised	
Aberdeen	14	4	18	2	...	Yes	6	\$90.35	15	\$19.05	
Almont	8	...	8	...	...	Yes	2	19.00	23	120.49	
Artesian	11	4	15	...	...	Yes	2	49.48	30	21.60	
Avon	14	1	15	1	...	No	5	67.78	25	13.12	
Billings	10	...	10	...	1	Yes	1	314.68	...	...	
Bradley	12	3	15	5	...	No	1	35.61	...	...	
Brentford	8	...	8	...	...	No	4	46.99	...	...	
Buffalo	12	3	15	11	...	Yes	3	65.98	22	2.35	
Graceland	10	2	12	...	...	Yes	1	38.14	...	...	
Hilltop	9	1	10	...	...	Yes	1	38.59	9	4.88	
Houghton	12	...	12	...	...	Yes	7	56.51	14	33.96	
Ipswich	5	...	5	...	...	No	...	5.00	...	...	
Knobs	9	...	9	5	...	Yes	1	118.35	...	...	
Minnesota Valley	4	...	4	...	...	Yes	1	23.14	...	...	
Mitchell	17	2	19	...	...	No	11	155.37	19	6.18	
Mobridge	4	1	5	...	3	Yes	4	34.39	...	8.77	
Northville	10	1	11	...	...	No	4	83.29	...	...	
Pleasant Valley	8	...	8	...	...	Yes	1	32.86	...	...	
Pollock	9	3	12	...	7	No	3	83.88	20	16.60	
Redfield	5	2	7	1	...	Yes	3	51.70	16	18.75	
Richland	16	4	20	3	...	No	5	109.40	18	46.05	
Riverside	8	...	8	...	...	Yes	1	37.68	...	...	
Watford City	10	...	10	...	...	Yes	5	61.89	11	38.32	
Totals	225	31	256	17	...	...	72	\$1620.06	222	\$650.12	