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The Woman's Missionary Society

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference Fiscal Year for Local Churches closes April 30, 1957; Conference Treasurers close their books on May 15, 1957. All Budgets due at least quarterly, or payable in advance.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE 7½% Fund—Financial Plan for Conference Work.

Money for Conference Work shall be obtained by each Local Church paying an amount equal to 7½% of all money raised for all purposes; this to include the Local Treasury, Sunday School, W.M.S., Wesleyan Men's Fellowship, W.Y. and Y.M.W.B., with the exception of finance for building and repairs. The amount is to be sent to the Conference Treasurer each month.

BUDGET APORIONMENT

Church to raise an amount equal to the following:

Administrative Budget	\$.60 per member
Superannuate Pension Plan	1.50 per member
Education	3.00 per member
General Conference Travel and Entertainment .....	.20 per member
Home Missions	1.25 per member
Australia .....	.25 per member
Orphanage .....	.25 per member
Foreign Missions	2.00 per member
General Sunday School Budget .....	.15 per member
Conference Sunday School Budget .....	.05 per member
Pioneer Pastor's Fund	1.00 per member
Railroad Expense	11.50 per charge

Names and Addresses of various Treasurers

Conference Treasurer—Rev. S. J. McIntyre, 48 Jackson Street, Billings, Montana.

Camp Meeting Treasurer—Mr. Melvin Gibson, Box 652, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Superannuate Pension Plan Treasurer—Mr. H. R. Dufloth, 519 South Montana Street, Mitchell, South Dakota.

W.M.S. Treasurer—Mrs. B. H. Veeder, 20 Burnham Ave., Deadwood, South Dakota.

W.Y. Treasurer—Mrs. Rolland Fletcher, 916 Garland, Miles City, Montana.

Ministerial Benefit Fund Treasurer—Rev. Thomas Bailie, Box 288, Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

Blue Cross Insurance Treasurer—Rev. Thomas Bailie, Box 288, Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

Burial Association Treasurer—Rev. E. J. Mills, 3910 South Harmon Street, Marion, Indiana.

Camp Meeting and Conference Dates:

Camp Meeting begins June 5 and closes June 16, 1957.

Conference convenes on June 11 and adjourns June 15, 1957.

Address—Address all communications to, or in care of, Wesleyan Methodist Campgrounds, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

*Recommendation passed that books of all Conference Treasurers be in the hands of Auditing Committee on the first day of assembly, either Camp Meeting or Conference, whichever comes first.

The Dakota Conference

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

- President—Rev. J. F. Simpson
- First Vice President—Rev. John J. Hunter
- Second Vice President—Rev. S. J. McIntyre
- Secretary—Rev. A. L. Cretsinger
- Treasurer—Rev. S. J. McIntyre
- Educational Secretary—Rev. Allen Gisselbeck
- Sunday School Secretary—Rev. Wesley McIntyre
- Tithing Secretary—Rev. Kenneth Shelley
- Card Call Secretary—Rev. Robert McCoy
- Conference Prayer Secretary—Rev. A. L. Cretsinger
- Promotional Secretary for Wesleyan Men's Fellowship—Rev. E. David Robertson
- Temperance Secretary—Rev. Robert Vermilyea
- Treasurer Superannuate Pension Fund—R. R. Dufloth
- Secretary and Treasurer Ministerial Benefit Fund—Rev. Thomas Bailie
- Transportation Secretary—Rev. J. F. Simpson
- Local Board of Trustees of Miltonvale Wesleyan College, Miltonvale, Kans.
(Elder)—Rev. Gordon Carey—Term Expires 1960
(Lay)—Irvin Bailey—Term Expires 1958
(Alternate)—Rev. John Winterberg
- Trustees—Rev. L. D. Harris, term expires 1958; Dan Palmer, term expires 1958; Rev. H. W. Cretsinger, term expires 1957; Lee Wagner, term expires 1957; Rev. J. E. Spry, term expires 1959.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Camp Meeting Board**—Conference President Ex-Officio; 1st Vice President, W.M.S. President Ex-Officio, W.Y. President Ex-Officio, Pastor Aberdeen Church, Francis Fey, J. E. Alexander, Dan

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Palmer, Treasurer Ex-Officio (Treasurer elected by Camp Meeting Board and said treasurer to become member of Board).

Auditing Committee—H. R. Dufloth, Rev. Eugene Stanislaus, Rev. Richard Sprowl.

Conference Program Committee—Conference President Ex-Officio, W.M.S. President Ex-Officio, W.Y. President Ex-Officio, Mrs. Jean Sime, Rev. Walter Simpson.

Conference Missionary Board—Conference President Ex-Officio, 1st Vice President, W.M.S. President Ex-Officio, Conference Treasurer Ex-Officio, H. W. Cretsinger, Irvin Bailey, Ted Beckman, H. H. Franklin, E. David Robertson.

Committee on Itinerary and Orders—Rev. Gordon Cary, term expires 1957; Rev. Robert Vermilyea, term expires 1958 for unexpired term of Lester Buckman; Rev. Dallas Wadsworth, term expires 1959; Rev. J. H. Van Vliet, term expires 1960.

Judiciary Committee—Rev. L. D. Harris, Rev. W. J. Leyh, Rev. Thomas Bailie.

Sunday School Board—Conference Sunday School Secretary Ex-Officio, Rev. Lee Goodell, 2 years; Ben Joachim, 1 year.

Board on Church and Parsonage Building and Location—Conference President Ex-Officio, Rev. John J. Hunter—First Vice President Ex-Officio, Rev. H. W. Cretsinger, Rev. Wesley McIntyre, J. E. Alexander.

Vacancies Committee—Rev. W. J. Leyh, Rev. Thomas Bailie, Rev. R. J. Sausoman, Charles Reisdorph, Fred Multemeir.

Committee on Evangelism—Rev. S. J. McIntyre—Second Vice President Ex-Officio, Conference Sunday School Secretary Ex-Officio, W.Y. President Ex-Officio, Rev. R. M. Kelley.

Committee on Superannuate Minister's Aid—Conference Treasurer Ex-Officio, Conference Secretary, Treasurer Superannuated Pension Fund Ex-Officio.

Statistical Committee—Rev. Paul Faulkenberry, Chairman; Rev. Eugene Gisselbeck, Voreta Simpson, Inez Goodell

Chairman of Committee on Railroad Expense—Rev. Harold Griffin.

President's Advisory Board—John J. Hunter, O. Theodore Beckman.

Chairman Committee on Resolutions—Rev. W. O. Howard.

Conference Roll

ELDERS

Alma Aldinger (1950) (0) Bendembu, via Makeni, Sierra Leone, W. Africa
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 Miss Ruth Bixler (1950) (5) Bendembu, via Makeni, Sierra Leone, W. Af.
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 Gordon H. Cary () (4) ph. 135, Box 702, Baker, Montana
 Elton Clyde () (0) Sand Point, Idaho
 H. A. Cottrill () (0) Pacific Bible College, Portland, Oregon
 A. L. Cretsinger () (5) Terry, Montana
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 H. W. Cretsinger (1939) (4) ph. 574-J, Redfield, South Dakota
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 Mrs. Viola Leyh (1929) (5) Redfield, South Dakota
 W. J. Leyh (1929) (5) Redfield, South Dakota

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 Lester Myers (1942) (0) 119 N. 9th St., Miles City, Montana
 Warren Pamp (0) Box 277, Harbor Springs, Michigan
 Neil Phipps (4) Hot Springs, South Dakota
 Mrs. Laura Raymer (1936) (5) Miltonvale, Kansas
 Arthur Reisdorph (0) Rural Route 5, Marion, Indiana
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 George Robbins, Jr. (0) M.W.C., Miltonvale, Kansas
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 W. A. Stephens (5) Hamilton, Montana
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Richard Mitchell (0)	
Mrs. Victoria Moulton (0)	Artesian, South Dakota
W. E. Moulton (3)	Artesian, South Dakota
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Otto Jensen (0)	Yankton, South Dakota

* Figures in parentheses denote attendance at Conference.

DELEGATES

Ann McCoy	Huron, South Dakota
Lottie B. Skow	Huron, South Dakota
Mrs. Christ Hettich	Tolstoy, South Dakota
Mrs. Cora Blaser	Baker, Montana
Lee Wagner	Loyalton, South Dakota

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Francis Fey	Brentford, South Dakota
Joy Holz	Ipswich, South Dakota
Mrs. Charles Peterson	Ipswich, South Dakota
Mrs. Daisy Bergeron	Watford City, North Dakota
Mrs. Lee Merrit	Bushnell, South Dakota
Mrs. Rena Newbern	Flandreau, South Dakota
David Simpson	Robbinsdale, Rapid City, South Dakota
Melvin Gibson	Robbinsdale, Rapid City, South Dakota
Voretta Simpson	Robbinsdale, Rapid City, South Dakota
Ben Joachim	Richland, (Mina), South Dakota
Ted Beckman	Beckman Memorial, Prairie City, South Dakota
Norris Brixey	Beckman Memorial, Prairie City, South Dakota
Henry Dufloth	Mitchell, South Dakota
G. G. Dufloth	First Church, Rapid City, South Dakota
Mr. Harry Johnson	Watford City, North Dakota
Mrs. Opal Welch	Mt. Vernon, South Dakota
Mrs. R. O. Vermilyea	Mitchell, South Dakota
Ivan Holsing	Loyalton, South Dakota
Burnell Pudwill	Avon, South Dakota
Verda Hayward	Avon, South Dakota
Max Hansen	Aberdeen, South Dakota
Myrl Jones	Brookings, South Dakota
Thomas Edwards	Houghton, South Dakota
Miss Ila M. Hamm	Artesian, South Dakota
Mrs. Verda Betz	Billings, Montana
Mrs. Adora Borszick	Mission, South Dakota
Mr. Joe Johnson	Mobridge, South Dakota
J. E. Alexander	Watertown, South Dakota
Mrs. I. Trovick	Almont, North Dakota
Mrs. John Murray	Aberdeen, South Dakota
Douglas Steward	Northville, South Dakota
Mrs. Violet Warnock	Buffalo, Wyoming
Miss Marilyn Hunter	Billings, Montana
Anna Wheeler	Johnson Corners, North Dakota
Miss Evelyn Keller	Almont, North Dakota
Mrs. Lyle Schumaker	Mitchell, South Dakota
Curtis Shreve	Miles City, Montana
Lucy Buswell	Hot Springs, South Dakota
Miss Frances Gooding	Mitchell, South Dakota
Wm. Greenberg	Deadwood, South Dakota
Wayne Peterson	Redfield, South Dakota

Daily Proceedings

Minutes of the Seventy-Fifth Annual Session of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, held at Aberdeen, South Dakota, June 5th through June 9th, A.D. 1956.

First Meeting—8:00 a. m., Tuesday, June 5, 1956

Opening Session—The Seventy-Fifth Annual Session of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, was convened on the Wesleyan Methodist Campgrounds, Aberdeen, South Dakota, at 8:00 a.m., June 5th, 1956. The Conference President, Rev. J. F. Simpson, presiding.

Dakota Conference Camp Meeting—Preceding the Conference, the annual Camp Meeting was begun on May 31st, with Rev. B. O. Crowe, Evangelist of South Bend, Indiana, also Rev. Martin Cox, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Wesleyan Youth Evangelist, and Albert A. Constable, Cincinnati, Ohio, Song Evangelist. God used these able and noble workmen to advance His cause, and many found help of the Lord.

Wesleyan Youth Service—On Saturday night, June 2nd, beginning at 7:30, a profitable Conference Wesleyan Youth Service was conducted under the auspices of the Conference W. Y. Officials, with Rev. Martin Cox as minister.

Call to Order—Rev. J. F. Simpson, Conference President, called the Conference to order.

Devotions—Members of the Conference joined in singing song "O Happy Day" with Rev. Robert McCoy, leader in song. Rev. R. J. Sauson read and commented from verses in Ephesians, chapter one and two. Rev. Mrs. Laura Raymer offered prayer.

Resume of History of Dakota Conference—The Conference President gave a brief resume of the History of the Dakota Conference, reminding us that we are observing the Seventy-Fifth Session and Anniversary of the Dakota Conference.

Roll Call—The roll was called and was answered by forty-one Elders, sixteen Conference Preachers, and credentials were presented and received for forty-three Delegates—the largest Conference Roll in our history. We give thanks to Almighty God.

Delegates Seated—By Conference action, the delegate, Mrs. Lucy Buswell from the Hot Springs, South Dakota, Wesleyan Church, was seated in the Conference.

Committee on Itinerary and Orders—The Committee on Itinerary and Orders made a partial report which was adopted on motion.

Delegates Seated—Delegate from Miles City, Montana, Church, Mr. Curtis Shreve, was seated in the Conference; also, Miss Opal Welch,

Delegate from Mt. Vernon, South Dakota.

Conference Bar—The Conference Bar was fixed as the first ten seats in the center and the first five rows of seats on the east wing of the Tabernacle.

Nominating Committee—A Nominating Committee was elected consisting of the following: 1. Rev. John J. Hunter, chairman; 2. Rev. Harold Griffin, 3. Rev. H. W. Cretsinger, 4. Myrl Jones, 5. J. E. Alexander.

Copies of the Conference Program for 1956—Copies of the Conference Program for 1956 were distributed and read and were on motion adopted.

Wesleyan Youth Nominations—The report of the Wesleyan Youth nomination of Conference officers was presented and by Conference action this report was ratified.

Notifier—The Rev. Paul Davidson was chosen to sound the time of hour of Conference sessions by ringing the bell.

Recess—The Conference recessed for committee work, subject to the call of the chair.

Call to Order—The Conference President called the Conference to order.

Nominating Committee Report—The Nominating Committee presented their report. Some changes were made by Conference action. A motion prevailed to adopt the report. (See Report)

The Itineracy and Orders Committee—The Itineracy and Orders Committee was made complete by the appointment of Mr. Francis Fey, Mr. Ben Joachim, and Mr. Myrl Jones.

Letters of Greetings—Letters of Greetings were received from the following absent members of the Conference: Rev. A. M. Wiley, Mrs. A. J. House, Rev. L. L. Knapp, greetings from the Staff of Wesleyan Workers in the Philippine Islands; Mr. George J. Robbins, Jr.; Mr. R. Clyde McCone, Rev. Harold A. Cottrill, Rev. C. J. Goodspeed, Jr.; Miss Elvie Turner, Rev. Harry Shreve, Miss Mae Palmer, Rev. Warren Pamp, Rev. Lester Myers, Miss Alma Aldinger, Rev. W. A. Stephens, Rev. Henry Vanderbush, Rev. Mrs. Grace Miller Hoiem.

To Send Greetings—A motion was passed that the Secretary send greetings from the Conference to the absent members on the Conference Roll.

Committee on Courtesy—The Rev. O. G. Wilson, Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST and Denominational Representative was presented, who tendered words of greeting, and made fitting remarks.

Motion—A motion passed that our Denominational Representative be seated within the Bar of Conference.

Motion—A motion prevailed to amend motion respecting the Bar of Conference to include the first five seats in the west wing of the Tabernacle. The motion as was amended was adopted.

Change Name of Church—A motion was passed that the name of the

Strool, South Dakota, Church, be changed and known as the Beckman Memorial Church.

The Conference voted to give the Secretary an Assistant.

Committee on Courtesy—The Committee on Courtesy presented Rev. Robert Vermilyea, Rev. Earl Olson, Rev. Glen Wessel, and Rev. Paul Steward to the Conference who gave their testimonies and words of greeting.

Rising Vote of Thanks—A rising vote of thanks was given to Rev. Wesley Sime of Garden City, South Dakota, Church, for his splendid contribution to the 1955 Conference and Camp Meeting as pianist.

Adjournment—The Conference was adjourned for committee work subject to the call of the Chair.

Second Meeting, 1:30 p. m., Tuesday, June 5, 1956

Opening—Conference was called to order by the President. The Rev. S. J. McIntyre offered prayer.

Committee on Courtesy—The Committee on Courtesy introduced Rev. Martin Cox, Wesleyan Youth Evangelist from Minneapolis, Minnesota, who tendered words of greeting. He also presented greetings to the Conference from the National Association of Evangelicals, pointing out plans for a wide prayer program for a world revival.

Special Request—By special request prayer was made by members of the Conference for Mrs. Fred Johnson of Mitchell, South Dakota. Rev. B. I. Griffin led in prayer to the Throne.

Report of Auditing Committee—The Auditing Committee made their report which was on motion adopted. (See Report)

President's Financial Report—The President read his financial report which was on motion adopted. (See Report)

Report of Treasurer of Ministerial Benefit Fund was made by the Rev. Thomas Bailie. (See Report)

Report of Treasurer of Ministerial Blue Cross Insurance—See Report.

Camp Meeting Treasurer—The Camp Meeting Treasurer, Mr. Melvin Gibson, made his report. (See Report)

Conference Advisory Board Treasurer—Rev. L. D. Harris, Treasurer of the Conference Advisory Board made his report. On proper motion this report was amended. On separate motion, the report as was amended was adopted.

Superannuated Pension Fund—Mr. H. R. Dufloth, Treasurer of the Superannuate Pension Plan, made his report. (See Report)

Motion—Due to a deficit in the Superannuate Pension Fund, a motion prevailed that the Committee on Resolutions bring in recommendations for unorganized churches to take a special or a free-will offering

to apply on deficit.

Adjournment—Conference was adjourned by limitation of time.

Third Meeting, 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 6, 1956

Opening—Conference was opened by singing the Coronation Hymn.

Prayer—Prayers were offered by members of the Conference.

Devotions—Devotions were conducted by Rev. Glen Wessel, who read and commented from I Corinthians 13, and offered prayer.

Roll Call—Roll Call was answered by forty-three Elders, twenty Conference Preachers, and thirty-six Delegates.

Committee on Courtesy—The Committee on Courtesy presented Rev. W. A. Stevens, and Rev. Walter Simpson, who gave words of greeting and their testimonies.

Conference Program Change—By proper parliamentary procedure, there was voted a change in the Conference Program. The Sunday School Rally was fixed from 2:00 to 2:45 p.m.

President's Report—The Conference President gave the report of his official acts which was adopted on motion. (See Report)

Second-Vice-President's Report—Rev. S. J. McIntyre made his report which was adopted by Conference action. (See Report)

Committee on Railroad Expense—The Committee on Railroad Expense made their annual report which was adopted by motion. (See Report)

Beckman Board Treasurer—Mr. O. Theodore Beckman, treasurer of the Beckman Board made his report which was accepted on motion, also expressing thanks by a rising vote.

Motion—A motion was made that on Sundays we are not having Sunday Schools, we put down zero.

Amendment—An amendment was offered that those members of the Sunday School who are privileged to attend Camp Meeting or are on their way, be given credit and be counted present in their local Sunday Schools. The motion as was amended was adopted.

Motion—A motion was made that Conference Sunday School Board provide one hour of Sunday School instruction during Camp Meeting, beginning next Lord's Day.

Motion—A motion was made and passed to refer this action to the Sunday School Board, the Conference Program Committee and the Wesleyan Youth President for further study and to bring their report to the Conference.

Recommendations—Recommendations were made by members of the Youth Executive Council that pastors will receive all material for their Wesleyan Youth work direct from the Conference Youth Office.

Motion—A motion prevailed to accept the W. Y. recommendation.

Recess—Conference was recessed for Committee work subject to the call of the Chair.

Orders of the Day—The orders of the day called for the Denominational address which was made by Dr. O. G. Wilson, Denominational Representative and Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST who challenged every member of the church with the slogan "Forward in the Work of Christ in Our Secondary Century" and recommended that we gear the Church's program to the work of Evangelism and that of soul saving. He reported a healthy growth and advance, with the Church moving forward along every front. He pointed out that in God is our strength and help, and the answer to every problem and need of His Church. The speaker stated there has been the absence of division in the Church during her 112 years of existence.

Fourth Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 6, 1956

Call to Order—The President called the Conference to order. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. L. Cretsinger.

Conference Treasurer—The Conference Treasurer, S. J. McIntyre, presented his report which by Conference action was adopted. (See Report)

Letter of Thanks—On motion it was voted that the members of the Seventy-Fifth Annual Dakota Conference send a letter expressing thanks and appreciation to Mr. Jess Hodkin and to Rev. J. E. Spry, the Executor of the C. J. G. Larson Estate for cash gift to the Conference.

Suggestion—It was suggested that the Missionary Board earmark some item as a Memorial in token for the gift of kindness from the C. J. G. Larson Estate.

Communication—A Communication from Rev. William Gale, President of the Brainerd Indian Training School was read, who sent Christian greetings to the members of Conference.

Letters of Greeting—Letters of Greeting were also received from Rev. Meredith Bailey and Rev. Earl Fessenden, Conference members, who gave their testimonies and a resume of their work.

Motion—A motion was made that there should be a sufficient number of Dakota Conference Journals published to supply the Conference.

Amendment—On motion an amendment passed, authorizing the publishing of 600 copies of the Dakota Conference Journals with assessment to cover the cost of complimentary copies. The motion as was amended was by Conference action adopted.

Publishers—On motion and vote, the Conference ordered the 1956 Dakota Conference Journals to be published by the Wesley Press, of Syracuse, New York.

Special Action—By special action, a motion passed authorizing the

Conference President, Rev. J. F. Simpson to visit and to convey Christian greetings, and our sincere sympathy to Ipswich, South Dakota, Attorney, Mr. J. M. Berry, who has contributed much through legal affairs to the Dakota Conference.

Special Prayer—A special season of prayer was offered by the members of the Conference for Mr. J. M. Berry.

Adjournment—Conference was adjourned by limitation of time.

Sunday School Rally—At 2:00 p.m., the Conference Program called for a Conference Sunday School Rally, under the leadership of Rev. Wesley G. McIntyre, Conference Sunday School Secretary. An interesting program was presented by the children. Churches of the Conference were recognized which had gained over 10% in attendance, also the churches having the largest average attendance. Awards were made. An address was given by Dr. O. G. Wilson who stated that the Sunday School is a soul-winning program to bring men to the Christ; that the Sunday School is the church of tomorrow. The speaker stressed the need of a positive program having a positive aim and to enlarge this great field.

Missionary Service—At 8:00 p.m. the Orders of the Day called for a Missionary Service in charge of the Conference Woman's Missionary Society. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Calhoon, missionaries from Haiti, West Indies, were the special speakers. "This is Haiti" was the topic chosen by the first speaker. "The Church Behind Closed Doors" taken from St. John 20, was the subject of the second speaker. Fear, selfishness, and lack of vision have been barriers to the spread of the gospel. The speaker pointed out the cure, the commission, and the requirement of the church. Both speakers revealed how the Lord has been working in His wondrous, supernatural way on our Mission fields. Special Music was rendered by a ladies' choir. Rev. and Mrs. Daniel McCandless, Missionaries elect for the Haitian field were also introduced. Missionary pledges from Conference Missionary Societies were received, also a free public offering.

Fifth Meeting, 8: a.m., Thursday, June 7, 1956

Opening—The Fifth Session of Conference was opened by singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" with Rev. Wesley G. McIntyre leader. Rev. Paul Davidson conducted devotions from Psalm 9:1. Rev. John J. Hunter offered prayer.

Call to Order—Conference was called to order by the President.

Committee on Courtesy—The Committee on Courtesy introduced Mr. L. W. Melton, Director of College Development, Miltonvale Wesleyan College, Miltonvale, Kansas.

Discussion—Discussion was made relating to changing the Camp Meeting and Conference site.

Motion—After the discussion relating to the changing of the Dakota

Conference Campground to another possible location in the Black Hills, a motion was made and adopted that this business be referred to the Camp Meeting Board and to the Board on Church and Parsonage Building and Location for study and to present their report to the Conference.

Educational Service—The Orders of the Day called for an Educational Service which was in charge of L. W. Melton, Director of College Development, Wesleyan College, of Miltonvale, Kansas. His address was based upon the Holy Scriptures as found in Nehemiah, chapter 1, verses 3 and 4. The speaker stated "that we are in a position where we must do something for our College at Miltonvale." In the Church-related College, there is the immediate need of loyalty by her constituency—for her support, 1. with her prayers, 2. with her means, 3. with her students. The speaker stated that the Conference (meaning its every member) must get back of our school in every sense.

The College was represented by a student group, and a College Ladies' Trio presented several numbers in song. At the close of the service, as the Holy Spirit led, special offerings and subscriptions were taken for the support of our College which amounted to \$2347.50.

Recess—Conference was recessed a short time.

Called to Order—Conference was called to order by the Chairman.

Committee on Courtesies—The Committee on Courtesies presented Rev. Arthur Calhoun, Minister and Missionary from Haiti, West Indies, who gave words of greeting, and made fitting remarks.

Adjournment—Conference was adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

Sixth Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Thursday, June 7, 1956

Memorial Service—At 1:00 p.m. the Conference observed a Memorial Service with the Rev. J. F. Simpson in charge. Songs "Faith of Our Fathers" and "My Jesus I Love Thee" were sung. Prayer was offered by the Rev. L. D. Harris. Those of our Conference members who have been taken by death during the past Conference year and whose names have been enrolled or transferred to the Chapter Eternal are 1. Mrs. Ray Jaquith, 2. C. J. G. Larson, 3. Mrs. A. Olander, 4. Mrs. Charles Osborn 5. Mr. Arntz, 6. Oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. David Robertson.

The Rev. S. J. McIntyre, Rev. L. D. Harris, and Rev. J. F. Simpson expressed fitting tributes. Rev. J. F. Simpson offered the closing prayer.

Call to Order—Conference President called the Conference to order.

Prayer—Rev. W. O. Howard, Pastor from Miles City, Montana, offered prayer.

Reading of Minutes—The minutes of Journal of Daily Proceedings of the first three sessions were read. Corrections were made and the minutes were approved.

Committee on Courtesy—The Committee on Courtesy introduced Rev. Robert Girard who gave words of greeting.

Committee on Courtesy—The Committee on Courtesy presented the W.M.S. President of the Dakota Conference, Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger, who made the annual W.M.S. report to the Conference.

Y.M.W.B. Report—Miss Marie Brannon, Superintendent of the Y.M.W.B. for the past year and years submitted her annual report.

Adjournment—The Conference was adjourned by limitation of time.

Fraternal Delegate—Rev. C. E. Odermann, Fraternal Delegate from the Free Methodist Church was presented during the Camp Meeting Service, who spoke from II Thessalonians, the second Chapter. The speaker pointed out: 1. There is a falling away doctrinally. 2. The hope of Revival and Christian living rests with us as the holiness groups spiritually. 3. Since all power is given to Christ, He sends forth His disciples to preach and to teach, "The Great Commission." 4. We must have Pentecost at any cost. 5. May we maintain the experience and doctrine of second blessing holiness. An invitation was given for Wesleyan Methodist Delegate from the Dakota Conference to attend the Free Methodist Conference at Mitchell, South Dakota, beginning on Wednesday, June 13.

Seventh Meeting, 8:00 a. m., Friday June 8, 1956

Opening—Conference was opened with a Devotional Service. Rev. Rolland Fletcher read from I John 3:1-3, made comments, and offered prayer.

Call to Order—The Chairman called the Conference to order.

Roll Call—The Roll was called.

Election of Conference Officers—The Orders of the Day called for the election of Conference Officers and the following were elected: (See Conference Officers for complete election)

Officers—President—Rev. J. F. Simpson

Vice President—Rev. John J. Hunter

Second Vice President—Rev. S. J. McIntyre

Secretary—Rev. A. L. Cretsinger

Treasurer—Rev. S. J. McIntyre

Trustees whose term expires A.D., 1959—(An Elder)—Rev. J. E.

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Standing Committees—The Committee on Nominations made their report on Standing Committees. By Conference action and vote report was adopted and committees and chairmen were elected.

Motion—A motion was passed to consolidate the two temperance departments, or offices into one. Rev. Robert O. Vermilyea was chosen as the Temperance Secretary.

Motions—A motion was made and passed to amend Standing Rule No. 26, by removing the clause "The chairman of the Committee on Resolutions" and placing this Chairman on a Standing Committee. The motion as was amended was adopted.

Motion—A motion of special privilege passed, and Rev. Robert Girard, by request, presented a vocal solo entitled "Jesus, Rose of Sharon."

Motion—A motion prevailed to amend Standing Rule No. 26 by inserting the clause—"The entire Statistical Committee." A motion passed to adopt the Standing Rule as was amended.

Fraternal Delegate—On motion, Rev. John J. Hunter was elected Fraternal Delegate to the Free Methodist Conference to be held at Mitchell, South Dakota, beginning June 13th, next.

Motion—A motion was passed that the first note of the Superannuated Ministers Fund to the Conference be paid, and the money placed into the Conference Treasury to be used—if and when needed.

Reconsider—A motion passed to reconsider motion which was passed removing Chairman of Resolutions Committee from Standing Committee, as was found in Standing Rule No. 26.

Motion—On motion it was voted to rescind the former action and to restore this statement, the Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, to Standing Rule No. 26, and to a Standing Committee.

Committee on Nominations for Trustees—By acclamation the following Committee was elected to Nominate candidates for the Local Board of Trustees, of Miltonvale Wesleyan College.

1. Rev. John J. Hunter
2. Rev. Dean Watson, Jr.
3. Rev. R. J. Sausoman
4. Mr. Wayne Peterson
5. J. E. Alexander

Itineracy and Orders Committee—The Itineracy and Orders Committee made their report, which by vote was adopted. (See Report)

Motion—On motion, it was voted that the Conference Preachers who are assigned charges, be granted the privilege of administering the Sacraments, also perform marriage ceremonies, and to receive Conference License.

Report of Conference Secretary of Prayer—The Conference Prayer Secretary, Rev. A. L. Cretsinger, rendered his report, which on motion was adopted. (See Report)

Adjournment—Conference was adjourned by limitation of time.

Eighth Meeting, 8:00 a. m., Saturday, June 9, 1956

Opening—Rev. Eugene Stanislaus led devotions and read and commented from Psalm 78:18. Rev. Thomas Bailie offered Prayer.

Roll Call

Credentials—Pocket credentials were distributed.

Minutes—Reading of the Minutes. The Minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

Special Prayer—Conference received a request for prayer for Mrs. Fred

Johnson of Mitchell, South Dakota. Rev. S. J. McIntyre led the Conference in prayer.

Committee on Nominations—The Committee on Nominations for Local Board of Trustees of Miltonvale Wesleyan College made their report.

Local Board of Trustees—Upon balloting, Rev. Gordon Cary (Elder) was made first member of the Local Board—term expires, A. D. 1960.

(Layman) Irvin Bailey—term expires, A. D. 1958.

(Alternate) Rev. John Winterberg

Passage of Character—The Passage of Character Committee made their report which was on motion adopted. (See Report)

Committee to Review—By vote of the Conference, the second member of the Passage of Character Committee was designated to review and to study character reports from pastors preliminary to the Conference Sessions. Rev. Gordon Cary was elected to review and to study character reports.

Director of Child Evangelism—The Sunday School Board submitted the name of Miss Marie Brannon for Conference Director of Child Evangelism. On motion Miss Brannon was elected to this high office.

President's Advisory Board—By proper Conference confirmation, Rev. John J. Hunter, (Elder), and O. Theodore Beckman, (Layman), were made the President's Advisory Board.

Statistical Committee—The Statistical Committee made their annual report which on motion was accepted. (See Report) The report was received subject to being reviewed and audited by the Auditing Committee.

Remarks by President For Church Needs—The Conference President made fitting remarks as to material gains and wholesale buying for our Conference needs.

Rising Vote of Thanks—The Conference President was given a rising vote of thanks for his help in many ways to the Conference.

Motion—A motion prevailed that Wholesale Agency be directed by Rev. J. F. Simpson to purchase certified orders for the Dakota Conference.

Motion—A motion passed asking for a more complete statement from the Purchasing Agency.

Railroad Expense—A motion was made that all Pastors of the Dakota Conference, after arriving home, send to the Conference Treasury \$11.50 for Railroad Expense.

Amendment—An amendment was made and passed that Railroad Expense item be referred to local stewards for their immediate attention. The motion as it was amended was adopted.

Motion—A motion carried to grant Rev. Kenneth Shelley the special privilege of Railroad Expense.

Committee on Appreciation—The Committee on Appreciation made their report which by vote of Conference was accepted. (See Report)

To Express Thanks—A motion carried that the Conference Secretary

express thanks to the Railroad Companies and to Mr. Virgil Worm for contributions to the Church and Conference and to the work of God.

Recommendations—A motion was made and passed in which it was recommended that the Conference President and his Advisory Board make a study for setting up Quarterly Conference schedules that will be observed by Churches and Pastors with Quarterly Reports of Pastors to the Conference to be sent to the President of the Conference and to be included with the President of the Conference's Report.

Adjournment—A motion prevailed to adjourn.

Ninth Meeting, 6:30 p. m., Saturday, June 9, 1956

Call to Order—J. F. Simpson, President, called the Conference to order.

National Wholesale Purchasing Agency Report—The Committee on Wholesale Purchasing Agency made report. On motion the report was adopted. (See Report)

Missionary Board—The Missionary Board made their report. On motion it was adopted. (See Report)

Sunday School Committee—Report was made by the Sunday School Committee. On motion, the report was adopted.

Joint Committees—Joint Committees of Camp Meeting and Church and Parsonage Building and Location as to the relocation of Campgrounds presented their report which was adopted. (See Report)

Card Call Secretary—The Card Call Secretary tendered his report. The report was adopted on motion. (See Report)

Church and Parsonage Building and Location Committee—The Church and Parsonage Building and Location Committee made their report and by Conference action, the report was adopted. (See Report)

Motion—A motion was made that all Church and Parsonage property be insured. On motion, this action was adopted.

A motion passed, that the Articles of Incorporation as they were amended by Conference action, and on separate motion adopted, on June 7, 1951, be published in the 1956 Dakota Conference Journal.

By proper Conference action, the above were made to become Standing Rules.

Motion—It was moved that an honorarium be given to the Conference Sunday School Secretary.

Amendment—An amendment passed that the Conference pay \$50.00 on Sunday School Secretary's expenses to the Sunday School Convention in Chicago so he might share his information with the Pastors of the Conference. The motion as was amended was adopted.

Amendment—On motion Standing Rule, No. 13, was amended to strike out the year. On motion this Standing Rule was adopted as was amended.

Pastoral Relations Committee—The Pastoral Relations Committee made their report; after corrections were made, the report was adopted.

Educational Secretary—The Educational Secretary called for a meeting of the Educational Committee.

Burial Association material was distributed.

Adjournment—Conference was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Ordination Service—On Sunday Morning at 10:30 o'clock according to the Orders of the Day, an Ordination Service was observed. Rev. J. F. Simpson, President of the Dakota Conference, read from Holy Scriptures found in II Corinthians 5:14-21; 6:1; and preached the Ordination Sermon from John 20:21 and John 17:18. "The Certainty of a Divine Commission" was the topic of his message; after which the following Conference Preachers were ordained and their names transferred to the Conference Roll of Elders:

Daniel Arthur McCandless

Henry Vanderbush

Thomas Andrew Wilson

The presence of the Holy Spirit was manifest in this service.

Reports of Committees

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following report.

Pastoral Relations Committee—Conference President Ex Officio, John Hunter, Wesley McIntyre, R. J. Sausoman, Ted Beckman, Thomas Edwards, Melvin Gibson.

Passage of Character—Conference President Ex Officio, Gordon Cary, Max Hansen.

Railroad Expense Committee—Harold Griffin, Lee Goodell

Committee on Appreciations—Rolland Fletcher, Mrs. Viola Leyh

Committee on Resolutions—W. O. Howard, B. I. Griffin, Mrs. Thomas Bailie.

Conference Reporters—Walter Simpson, Marilyn Hunter.

Committee on Courtesies—Robert Vermilyea, Lester Buckman.

Pages—1. Ernest Hobbie, 2. Allen Gisselbeck.

Signed: John Hunter,
Harold Griffin,
H. W. Cretsinger,
J. E. Alexander,
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OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

June 16-24, 1955—Attended Board of Administration and General Conference in Fairmount, Indiana.

June 22—Received Transfer of Rev. Robert McCoy and Rev. Glen Klasna from the Iowa Conference.

August 6—Granted letter of transfer to Rev. Richard Follett to the Michigan Conference.

November 1—Received the Resignation of Rev. Dan McCandless as pastor from the Ipswich Church.

October 3—Received Certificate of Transfer from Indiana Conference for Rev. Robert O. Vermilyea.

November 2?—Granted letters of transfer to the Nebraska Conference of Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur Drown.

Received Letter of Transfer from the Nebraska Conference of Rev. Walter Kemp.

March 8, 1956—Received letters of transfer for Rev. and Mrs. Walter Simpson from the Iowa Conference.

The President of the Dakota Conference attended a Special Called meeting in Syracuse, New York, of the Board of Administration to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Swauger.

Attended a Special Called meeting of the Board of Administration in

March, 1956, to vote on the proposed change of Denominational Headquarters to Marion, Indiana.

Attended a Special Called Committee meeting in Marion, Indiana, in December, 1956.

Attended a Special Called meeting of the Commission on Home Missions in April in Cleveland, Ohio.

In April attended the National Leaders' Conference in Central, South Carolina, of the Conference Presidents, the College Presidents, and general officials of the Wesleyan Denomination.

March 4—Assisted in the opening services of the New Bismark church.

Assisted in quarterly Conferences and annual business meetings in Conference.

J. F. Simpson

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Salary for 1955-56

Back Salary	\$300.00	
Received from church and Beckman Board	\$1133.00	
Received from Conference	2506.00	
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		\$3640.00

CONFERENCE EXPENSE

Back Expense Received.....	\$124.00	
Received on conference expense, telephone, telegraph, bus, train, hotel, postage, attorney fees, meals.....	\$1387.00	
Paid on expenses	1387.00	

J. F. Simpson

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited the following books and financial reports, and have found them correct.

Ministerial Relief Treasurer, Blue Cross Treasurer, Camp Meeting Treasurer, Beckman Farm Board, Conference Treasurer, Superannuate Pension Fund Treasurer, Conference Financial Report.

Respectfully, H. R. Dufloth

E. W. Stanislaus

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER

Receipts

Balance Cash on hand June 1955	\$1536.13	
Philippine Islands	110.19	

Pioneer Pastor's Fund	1143.64
Foreign Missions	1023.39
Home Missions	537.15
Miltonvale College	1127.80
Orphanage	120.30
Superannuated Pension Fund	207.89
Gen. Conf. S. S. Assessment	401.77
Conf. Thanksgiving Offering	1196.28
Conf. S. S. Assessment	143.20
Gen. Conf. Delegate Expense	135.35
Gen. Conf. Adm. Assessment	348.82
Australia	159.37
Railroad Assessment	503.90
Rec'd from 7½—¼ Camp pledges	8864.99
Rec'd from C. J. G. Larson Estate	3794.78
Rec'd from Farm Account	8652.34
C. O. Kiefort, Deadwood Parsonage	620.19
Miltonvale College Quartet	64.18
American Bible Society	25.00
Terry Int. on Mortgage—A. Numan	250.00
Terry Int. on Mortgage	125.00
Conference Minutes	389.44
Total Receipts	<hr/> \$31,481.10

Disbursements

Flandreau Church, Sinking Fund	\$120.00
President's Back Salary	300.00
President's Salary	2507.00
President's Back Expense	124.00
President's Expense (Conf.)	1440.00
Romeo Barónia	720.00
John Mickley, Salary	1200.00
Charles D. Haynes, Princ. & Int.	569.34
Conf. Evangelist, rent	600.00
Conf. Evangelist, Salary	1770.84
Conf. Evangelist, Expense	365.37
Lee Goodell, Salary	520.00
Sundance rent	516.00
Belle Fourche, rent	410.00
R. J. Sausoman, Salary, P.P.F.	2050.00
Bismarck, rent—parsonage	520.00
W. G. McIntyre, Salary	520.00
Robert Merrill, Salary	900.00
Foreign Missions	1023.39

Home Missions	537.15	
Miltonvale College	1127.80	
Orphanage	120.30	
Pension Fund Deficit	115.59	
H. R. Duffloth, Pension Fund Treas.	207.89	
Rufus Reisdorph, treas. G.C.S.S.B.	401.77	
Conf. S. S. Sec'y	192.85	
Bismarck Church ½ Thank offering	598.14	
Youth Camp, Black Hills ½ Thank offering	598.14	
F. R. Eddy, G.C.A.B.	348.82	
Australia	159.37	
Missoula, Church (Assembly of God)	1470.00	
Deadwood, repairs, Int. Principal	890.19	
M.W.C. Quartett	64.18	
Lester Bennett	200.00	
Railroad Expense	476.35	
Harlowton, Principal, Int.	2300.00	
American Bible Society	25.00	
A. Nauman, Int. loan	250.00	
Pierre, loan	100.00	
W. M. Publishing House, Conf. Minutes	501.31	
Building Committee	75.95	
Forsyth—Rev. Gisselbeck, moving	49.06	
Insurances	198.99	
Harlowton—parsonage repairs	29.43	
Conf. Treas. Honorarium	150.00	
Conf. Sec'y Honorarium	50.00	
Bismarck, Insurance	63.20	
Missoula, Insurance	48.78	
Conf. Prayer Sec'y supplies	38.00	
Leaders Conference	54.50	
Conf. Sec'y Conf. Supplies	42.63	
Conf. Sec'y supplies	21.00	
Conf. Treas. & Evan., Incidentals	67.95	
Tuthill, Insurance	16.32	
Sundance, Insurance	10.16	
Bank Service Charges	27.06	
Incidentals	75.58	
Total		\$27,879.40
Total Receipts	\$31,481.10	
Total Disbursements	27,879.40	
Balance in funds, June 1	\$3,601.70	

S. J. McIntyre, Treas.

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

PIONEER PASTOR'S FUND

Receipts	\$1143.64
Disbursements	2050.00

ROMEO BARONIA FUND

Receipts	\$110.19
Disbursements	720.00

SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND

Balance on hand June 1, 1955	\$148.68
Receipts	207.89

Total Receipts	\$356.57
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Disbursements

H. R. Dufloth, treas.	\$207.89
H. R. Dufloth, Deficit of 1955	115.59

Total Disbursements	\$323.48
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Balance on hand June 1, 1956 (old fund)	\$33.09
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CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND

Balance on hand June 1, 1955	\$436.60
Receipts	143.20

Total Receipts	\$579.80
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Disbursements

Conf. S. S. Sec'y	\$192.85
Receipts	\$579.80
Disbursements	192.85

Balance on hand June 1, 1956	\$386.95
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GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE FUND

Balance on hand June 1, 1955	\$82.24
Receipts	135.35

Total Receipts	\$217.59
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Balance on June 1, 1956

Pension Fund Balance	\$33.09	
Conf. S. S. Balance	386.95	
Gen. Conf. Del. Expense Fund	217.59	
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Balance in the (3) Funds		\$637.63
Balance in Conf. Treas.		\$2964.07
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Balance in all funds		\$3601.70

STATEMENT OF ASSETS OF SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND

Loan No. 1 to Conference	\$289.49	
Loan No. 2 to Conference	249.39	
Loan No. 3 to Conference	348.68	
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Total Assets		\$887.56

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. McIntyre, Treas.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE MINISTERIAL BENEFIT FUND**Receipts**

Cash on hand June 1, 1955	\$773.10	
First Emergency Assessment	77.60	
First quarter assessment	162.30	
Second quarter assessment	115.20	
Second Emergency assessment	95.85	
Third quarter assessment	121.30	
Fourth quarter assessment	115.92	
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Total Receipts		\$1461.27

Disbursements

H. W. Cretsinger	\$40.73	
Paul Faulkenberry	100.00	
J. F. Simpson	65.00	
H. Vreugdenhill	63.50	
Andrew Wilson	75.00	
Robert Merrill	75.00	
Thos. Baillie	42.50	
Harold Griffin	16.88	
Bert Griffin	14.75	

Neal Phipps	46.00
Walter Kemp	75.00
Fred Bingaman	34.50
Richard Sprowl	100.00
George Warinner	39.84
Mrs. Laura Raymer	19.25
John J. Hunter	12.23
Thos. Bailie	17.79
Daniel McCandless	75.00
R. M. Kelly	75.00
Neal Phipps	29.00
George Warinner	32.74
Ellis Sollie	35.75
Harold Griffin	22.50
Thos. Bailie	14.71
Postage and etc.	8.98
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Total Disbursements	\$1132.52
Balance on hand June 1, 1956	328.75
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Total receipts to June 1, 1956	\$1461.27
Thos. Bailie, Secretary-Treasurer	

BLUE CROSS FUND TREASURER

Number of Ministers	31
Receipts	\$1400.76
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Disbursements	
Associated Hospital Service Inc., (Blue Cross)	\$1386.33
Balance May 8, 1956	\$14.43
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Total Receipts May 8, 1956	\$1400.76
Thos. Bailie, Group Treasurer	

CAMP MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT

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Receipts	
Balance on hand	\$125.43
W.M.S. for paint	8.91
Offerings	817.11
Dining Hall and Registration	1197.89
Insurance Loss	154.10
Refund on telephone	44.65
Loan from Conference	225.00

Snack Bar	186.34	
Book Store	37.00	
Pledges	1542.06	
Total		\$4338.49

Disbursements

Bank charges	1.60	
Paving assessment	119.72	
Advertising	9.19	
Telephone	147.45	
Travel	19.34	
Food	690.93	
Electricity	47.59	
Water	31.25	
Insurance	474.49	
Postage	20.55	
Supplies	898.06	
Snack Bar	137.10	
Evangelistic Help	735.00	
Kitchen and Other	530.40	
Interest	326.50	
Note to Rev. Thompson	150.00	
Total		\$4339.17
Bank overdraft	\$.68	

Respectfully submitted,

Melvin Gibson,

Camp Meeting Treasurer

**REPORT OF SUPERANNUATE PENSION PLAN TREASURER
DAKOTA CONFERENCE ENDING April 30, 1956**

	Membership	Amt. Due	Amt. Paid	Amt. Unpaid
Almont	28	\$42.00	\$42.00	
Aberdeen	55	82.50	82.50	
Artesian	25	37.50	37.50	
Avon	34	51.00	51.00	
Baker	34	51.00	51.00	
Belle Fourche		2.50	2.50	
Biddle		4.50	4.50	
Billings, Boyd	95	142.50	148.59	
Bradley	16	24.00		24.00
Brentford	11	16.50	18.00	
Brookings	6	9.00	18.00	
Buffalo	27	40.50	40.50	

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Bushnell	10	15.00	15.00	
Butte	10	15.00		15.00
Calvary	5	7.50	1.50	6.00
Conner	17	25.50	25.50	
Deadwood	26	39.00	39.00	
Flandreau	9	13.50	13.50	
Forsyth	11	16.50	12.00	4.50
Garden City	19	28.50	28.50	
Hot Springs	26	39.00	8.00	31.00
Houghton	18	27.00	27.00	
Huron	51	76.50	76.50	
Ipswich	25	37.50	37.50	
Johnson Corners	49	73.50	73.50	
Knobs	9	13.50	13.50	
Lake Wilson	12	18.00		18.00
Loyalton	30	45.00		45.00
McIntosh	10	15.00		15.00
Medicine Rocks	9	13.50	13.50	
Miles City	10	15.00	15.00	
Mission	10	15.00	15.00	
Missoula	9	13.50	13.50	
Mitchell	81	121.50	121.50	
Mobridge	43	64.50	64.50	
Mt. Vernon	9	13.50	13.50	
Northville	18	27.00	27.00	
Pollock	2	3.00		3.00
Rapid City (1)	45	67.50	67.50	
Rapid City (2)	10	15.00	15.00	
Rawlins	14	21.00	17.78	5.22
Redfield	50	75.00	75.00	
Richland	51	76.50	76.50	
Ridge	16	24.00	37.50	
Sturgis	21	31.50	36.50	
Strool	26	39.00	42.00	
Tolstoy	22	33.00	10.00	23.00
Watertown	56	84.00	3.00	81.00
Watford City	47	70.50	70.50	

1207	\$1810.50	\$1599.87	\$270.72
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Short on Remitting
receipt No. 6189 May 10, '55

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1207	\$1810.50	\$1600.31	\$270.72
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Pastors Income Assessment

Lester Buckman	\$68.63	
S. J. McIntyre	43.75	
B. I. Griffin	33.50	
Mrs. L. S. Raimer	23.32	
W. J. Leyh	32.76	
W. O. Howard	27.40	
A. L. Cretsinger	22.88	
R. S. Howard	18.17	
R. M. Kelly	32.41	
Thomas Bailie	13.95	
L. D. Harris	16.40	
J. S. Simpson	78.00	
Rufus Reisdorph	117.70	
E. V. Sollie	24.74	
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Total		\$553.61

Total amount received on church budget	\$1600.31	
Total amount received on Pastors Income	553.61	
Total amount received on last years church Budget ..	251.74	
Remitted to Rev. David A. Rees, Treas., Aug. 4		\$114.52
Remitted to Rev. David A. Rees, Treas., Sept. 30 ..		80.55
Remitted to Rev. David A. Rees, Treas., Oct. 12 ...		36.80
Remitted to Rev. David A. Rees, Treas., Dec. 10 ...		115.59
Remitted to Rev. David A. Rees, Treas., Jan. 31		734.71
Remitted to Rev. David A. Rees, Treas., May 29		1323.49
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	\$2405.66	\$2405.66
Budget to be paid	\$1810.50	
Paid on Budget	1600.31	

Due on Budget \$210.31

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. Dufloth,

Dakota Conf. Superannuate Pension Treas.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF BECKMAN BOARD

Balance Sheet ending April 30, 1956

Receipts

Grain sold	\$2469.61
Land Sales	6003.94
Rentals	268.40

thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord . . . spake . . . ; all are come to pass unto you". Joshua 23: 14 .

I. CONFERENCE CHAIN OF PRAYER.

1. To have a Chain of prayer, or hourly intercession, by the personnel of each Local Church in the Conference; that is, some one praying each hour, day and night, (as nearly as is possible), from the beginning of the Conference Year, and throughout, until the close, is the prayer objective.
2. Every Pastor to organize or create a Prayer Chain.
3. According to the Dakota Prayer Calendar, let every Church, religiously and faithfully observe their Day of Prayer. This is a necessary, important, and sacred duty.

II. THE PERSONNEL.

1. To enlist young and old in the Conference Prayer Program. (The children praying for 5, 10, or 15 minutes); the young people will take a longer period; adults generally spend one hour or more in prayer, alone with God.
- A. Those of our number who remain on the old fields (where their local church is gone), and who desire to unite in the Prayer Chain, for the work of the Lord and the Conference.
- B. Also to enlist all others outside the Church who will unite with us in this United Prayer Program for Christ's Kingdom.

III. THE PURPOSE.

1. To build and to advance the work of God on every field.
2. To mobilize our prayer power for fields having special needs.
3. For the evangelization of new fields, and the planting of Sunday Schools and Churches thereon.
4. For prayers for Revivals and special meetings.
5. It is expected of God's people, to pray REVIVALS DOWN FROM HEAVEN UPON EACH CHURCH, especially upon the new fields where the Lord wants to build a strong church, or churches. This must be done during this Conference Year. Isaiah 62: 6, 7
6. That God shall send upon the Church the SPIRIT OF CONQUEST: that new Sunday Schools and Churches shall be born; that laborers shall be called into the whitened harvest fields; and that the material and spiritual needs of the church, shall be supplied from the hand of God.

IV. MAILING AND EXPENSE.

About nine hundred (900), Postal Cards having requests for prayer have been sent. Expenses for this cause have been about \$20.00. Our prayer has been that this effort will bring forth spiritual and lasting fruit for His Eternal glory.

Prayerfully in HIM: A. L. Cretsinger

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELIST AND SECOND ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT REPORT

Item 1. Labors

1. Time Employed—12 months
2. Revivals, and other meetings.
 - (1) In local Conference—8
 - (2) Quarterly meetings—10
 - (3) Other services—149
 - (4) Communion services—12
 - (5) Annual meetings—9
 - (6) Number forward—70
 - (7) Baptism—1
 - (8) Funerals—1
assisted in—1
 - (9) Services outside Conference—12

Item 2. Salary

From Conference	\$1770.84	
Church Offerings	1089.16	
Total		\$2860.00
Rent	\$600.00	
Funeral	50.00	
Gifts	20.00	
Total		\$3530.00

Item 3. Expense—\$365.37

S. J. McIntyre

TREASURER'S REPORT CONFERENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Balance on Hand, June 1, 1955	\$226.16	
Deposits:		
July 5, 1955	500.00	
Sept. 21, 1955	1393.32	
Dec. 9, 1955	225.81	
Apr. 10, 1956	9.49	
Total Deposits		\$2354.78
Disbursements		
Rev. J. F. Simpson	\$363.62	
Rev. Dean Watson, rent	360.00	
Rev. Dean Watson, note	134.08	
Rapid City, National Bank	126.87	

Rapid City Trust Co.	560.20
Rev. A. L. Cretsinger	150.00
Milgrins Plumbing Co.	135.00
Rev. Harold Griffin	100.00
Rev. Lee Goodell	60.00
Rev. Thomas Bailie	40.00
Northville Church Insurance	44.00
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Total	\$2073.80
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Balance on Hand	\$280.98

Items paid to Rev. J. F. Simpson as follows:

\$124.00	Cement work at Robbinsdale Church
65.00	Insurance at Rawlins Church
40.00	Revival meeting at Robbinsdale Church
50.00	Back Taxes on Robbinsdale property

Rev. Lee Goodell

Foundation work at Sundance Church

Rev. Harold Griffin help on salary at Belle Fourche

Rev. Thomas Bailie help on salary at Belle Fourche

Rev. A. L. Cretsinger help on salary at Rawlins

L. D. Harris, Treasurer

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STUDY OF RELOCATION

(The relocation study report of the Building and Location Committee and the Camp Meeting Board.)

"The present study is incomplete, although these two boards unanimously favor a relocation of the Dakota Conference Camp to the camp site at Rapid City, South Dakota. We recommend a further study to be put into the hands of the Advisory Board, the Building and Location Board, and the Camp Meeting Board with power to act."

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE BUILDING AND LOCATION

The Board of Church and Parsonage Building and Location wish to submit the following report:

July 1955 the Conference Building Board met at Avon. S. D. with the local building committee of the Avon Church to study the matter of an addition on the Avon Church or a separate unit on lots adjoining the rear of the Church.

It was decided by the joint boards that a separate unit would be better and plans were drawn up for a truss type of construction. Details of construction and satisfactory financial arrangements were left in the hands

of the local board with the understanding that H. W. Cretsinger could be consulted relative to the technicalities of construction and plans.

Three members of the Conference board were delegated to look over some building and location problems in the Black Hills area and traveled on to Rapid City the same afternoon as the above meeting. The new Youth Camp site west of Rapid City was looked over and was approved enthusiastically by all members of the board present as an excellent Camp location.

The following morning the three board members designated above traveled on to Deadwood, S. D. and spent some time studying the building problems there both in regard to a parsonage and of repairs on the Church. Action on the parsonage was deferred, with a recommendation in regard to the Church calling for immediate repairs due to storm damage and a major remodeling job on the upper floor of the Church as soon as the matter of finance for the work could be arranged.

March 1956, letters were sent to all board members relative to new parsonage basement for Watford City. Plans were approved.

Aberdeen, Campgrounds, June 6, 1956—Plans for the new church at Mitchell were studied by the Building Board and approved subject to satisfactory financial arrangements.

Aberdeen Campgrounds, June 9, 1956—Building plans for the addition of an education unit on the Harlowton Church providing also for enlargement of the present auditorium space were studied and approved unanimously by the board subject to a satisfactory financial arrangement.

Committee: J. F. Simpson,
John J. Hunter,
H. W. Cretsinger,
W. G. McIntyre,
J. E. Alexander.

COMMITTEE ON RAILROAD EXPENSE

We the committee on Railroad Expense have met and have set the amount of \$11.50 as the assessment to every church. The amount to be paid to the minister this year is one way of their travel at \$.04 per mile.

Receipts	\$515.40
Expenses	476.35

Balance	39.05
Deficit from 1955	35.35

Balance on Hand	3.70
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Signed: Harold W. Griffin, Chairman
Lee C. Goodell

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PASSAGE OF CHARACTER.

The Committee on Passage of Character examined the reports turned in and accepted them. The character of all elders and conference preachers on the conference roll was passed.

Let each elder and each conference preacher note that the new character report blanks ("Report of a Minister to the Annual Conference") provide a convenient means for all ministers—pastors and otherwise—to communicate with their conference each year. In confidence that it is the desire of each member of the conference to be guided by the discipline, the committee calls attention to paragraph 139, where it is stated that each member of the conference (elders and those holding an annual conference license, whatever their appointment) is to report each year. Paragraphs 135 and 143 give the procedure to be followed in the event such reports are not received.

The committee suggests that each minister should fill in all blanks on the report if they apply to him—whether or not the answer is favorable.

Since elders are amenable only to their annual conference as to their ministerial character, it is not necessary for them to hold a quarterly conference license. On the other hand, conference preachers are to have both: an annual conference license and a quarterly conference license from the quarterly conference where they hold their church membership. (See paragraph 92 of the discipline.)

Attention is further called to the fact that in some instances the questions directed to the church delegate were not answered. The questions should be answered by the pastor or delegate; and where there is a church delegate elected, this part of the report should be read and signed by the delegate.

Because some of the decisions of the conference are determined in part by the standing of the members as to their ministerial character, it would expedite the conference work if the Committee on Passage of Character could make its report early in the conference session. To this end we recommend that character report blanks be turned in to the chairman of the statistical committee at the same time as the statistical blanks and be held in readiness for the character committee to examine as soon as it is elected.

J. F. Simpson,
Max Hansen,
Gordon Cary..

MISSIONARY BOARD REPORT

We, your Missionary Board submit the following report:

The Missionary Board met on the Aberdeen Camp Ground June 7th at 6:45 P.M. At that time we reviewed the matter of our Conference

President's trip to the Philippine Islands.

We found that the Beckman Board had underwritten the expense of a round-trip ticket from Seattle to the Philippines.

Meeting Adjourned.

A meeting of the Missionary Board was called by the Conference President, Friday, June 8th at 5:00 P.M.

The following recommendations were made:

1. That we pay \$10 per month on the Flandreau, S. D. note, and that the local church make a liberal offering as payment on this note.

2. That we pay \$70 per week salary for the Conference President and that his traveling expenses be paid.

3. That at the time of his visitation, the churches endeavor to raise a liberal offering for either the Conference President, or the Second Vice President to apply on his salary, thus reducing the amount to be paid from the Conference Treasury.

4. That \$60 per month be paid Romeo Baronia, until Brother Simpson returns from the Philippine field and furnishes us with further information.

5. That \$100 per month be paid toward the salary of John Mickley as Pastor of Sioux Community Chapel. (This appropriation subject to the footnote in this report.)

6. That the Charles D. Haynes monthly payment on principal and interest be paid.

7. That the Second Vice President be paid \$50 per month rent, and \$55 per week salary, and that his traveling expenses be paid.

8. That we pay \$43 per month house payment at Sundance, and \$10 per week salary until September 1, the same to be considered by the Board at that time.

9. That we pay one half of the monthly house payment at Belle Fourche.

10. That we apply the Pioneer Pastor's Fund to the Bismarck work.

11. That we allow \$45 per month house rent at Bismarck and that the pastor's salary be \$55 per week.

12. That the item of rent for Mt. Vernon and Pierre, South Dakota be referred to the Beckman Board.

13. That the matter of assistance for Rawlins, Wyoming, be referred to the Beckman Board.

14. That the matter of the pastor's salary at Missoula, Montana, be referred to the Conference President and his Advisory Board.

15. That we pay the pastor at Terry, Montana \$15 per week.

16. That we pay \$10 per week to the Belle Fourche pastor.

17. That we pay \$75 on the moving expenses of the Miles City pastor.

Footnote: We recommend that all pastors receiving assistance from the conference secure as much outside work as needed to supplement their local income until Sept. 1.

Observation of Standing Rule, No. 30 (a) must be observed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Simpson,

John J. Hunter,

Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger,

S. J. McIntyre,

H. W. Cretsinger,

Irvin Bailie,

Ted Beckman,

H. H. Franklin,

G. G. Dufloth.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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

Inasmuch as Miltonvale Wesleyan College is facing a crisis at this time, Be it resolved that the ministers and churches of our area do everything we possibly can in support of this Institution with prayer and with our financial support.

Furthermore that Brainerd School also be remembered and supported in like manner.

Due to the fact that there is a large deficit in the Superannuated Ministers' Fund, we recommend that each unorganized church take a free-will offering to supplement the budget of said fund.

1956 being election year, we recommend that much prayer be made for our nation, and urge all of our people to take part by casting their vote when polling time comes.

Whereas there is still the sale of beer in many of our food stores and restaurants, we believe it proper that our Wesleyan Methodist members use their influence against such traffic, especially by abstaining from patronizing such places, unless it be absolutely necessary.

In these latter days it seems that demon powers are working overtime, and the spirit of Anti-Christ is on the increase, therefore it behooves us as Wesleyan Methodists, and as Christians, to be much in prayer one for the other and that Family Altars be kept aflame with the holy fire of intercession. Be it resolved that we strongly emphasize the need for revival, and that we do our utmost by every possible means to obtain the desired results.

Signed: W. O. Howard,

B. I. Griffin,

Lillian Bailie.

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

We, your Committee on Appreciation, submit the following re-

port:

We give thanks and praise unto Almighty God for the most gracious visitation of His Holy Spirit on this camp meeting and the conference sessions.

We praise Him also for the exceptionally fine weather which He has so wonderfully provided for His people.

We appreciate the faithful prayers of everyone for the camp services and conference sessions, both at home, and here, with the morning and evening prayer times, and in the all night vigils that were kept.

We express our gratitude and appreciation to God for the Spirit filled workers of our camp meeting: Rev. B. O. Crowe, for the inspirational and heart searching messages; for Rev. Martin Cox and his service of love to our youth; for Dr. O. G. Wilson, our denominational representative, who so challenged everyone to be a better Wesleyan Methodist and more consistent follower of the Lord Jesus, and who further opened our eyes to the need and possibilities within our Sunday schools; for Rev. and Mrs. Calhoun and their soul gripping burden for missions; for Rev. A. A. Constable and Rev. Wesley Sime, whose ministry of music has lead us all close to God in each service, and for our children's workers, Miss Elva Belle Beckman, and Miss Joy Holz in their excellent work with the children.

Furthermore, we give thanks for Mr. Lawrence Melton, Public Relations man for Miltonvale Wesleyan College, and the girls trio, who so ably brought to us the blessings and needs of our own beloved school.

We express sincere appreciation to the following Railroads: The Chicago and Northwestern; The Chicago, Milwaukee and Pacific; The Great Northern; and the Northern Pacific lines for the special rates and passes granted to those who travel on Conference business.

We thank God for the strength provided to Rev. J. F. Simpson, our Conference President, that has enabled him to give so many years of service in the interests of God's Kingdom in the Dakota Conference and in the denomination.

We are truly thankful for the untiring service of the kitchen and dining room staff, some who labored from early till late that our physical needs might be met; and for Sister Marie Brannon in her faithful and unselfish labors as camp registrar, and to all others who have done faithful service for the camp and conference.

We are also thankful for those who gave of their time from busy schedules to gather on these grounds for the clean-up day and who prepared everything that we might more fully enjoy the encampment.

We also express our thanks and appreciation to the following:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Beckman for their sacrificial labors in supervising the business of the Willie Beckman estate of the conference.

2. To Mr. Virgil Worm, who cared for the beef which was provided by the conference for this occasion.

3. To Mr. Arthur Nickerson in behalf of the Iseman Corp, who so generously gave to the conference the use of a new house trailer for a conference office.

4. To those who donated food stuffs for the kitchen.

5. To Mr. and Mrs. Emerys Jones, for their faithful service in caring for the grounds and buildings throughout the year and during this camp time.

6. To the Huffman Typewriter Co. of Aberdeen for the use of a typewriter in the Conference Secretary's office.

7. To the Aberdeen church for the piano and for the Public Address System.

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good." Psalm 107: 1

Signed by the Committee: Rolland L. Fletcher, Chairman,
Mrs. W. J. Leyh.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS.

Item I. ORDINATION

The following have completed the studies and have acquired the experience required by the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline, and they are hereby recommended to be ordained to the office and work of an elder by the Dakota Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church: Thomas Andrew Wilson, Henry Vanderbush, Daniel Arthur McCandless.

We further recommend that the ordination service be conducted Sunday morning, June 10, 1956, beginning at 10:30 and that the Reverend J. F. Simpson, president of the Dakota Conference, be asked to preach the ordination sermon.

Item II. COURSE OF STUDY

1. The following conference preachers have completed the Course of Study for Candidates for Elders Orders: Eugene Gisselbeck, Earl Olson, Elvie Turner, Glen Wessel.

2. We recommend that the following pursue the Course of Study for Candidates for Elders Orders and that they be recorded as engaged in the years of the course indicated:

First year: Andrew Gerleman, John Gibson, Rudy Hauck, Ben Joachim, C. Milton Newbold, Lavina Schott.

Second year: Charles Abar, Tillman Nelson, Bennie D. Veeder.

Third year: Meredith Bailie, Howard Boyle, Walter Kemp, William Maynard, Richard Mitchell, Leon Ordonez, Mae Palmer, Marion Vreugdenhill.

Fourth year: Glen Case, Paul Davidson, Richard Franklin, Ralph Frazier, Allen Gisselbeck, Mrs. Evelyn Gisselbeck, Ralph Howard, Glenn.

Klasna, Robert McCoy, Robert Merrill, Eugene Stanislaus, Paul Steward.
Unclassified: Mrs. Victoria Moulton, W. E. Moulton.

Item III. DISCONTINUED

The following persons have transferred to other conferences: Wilbur Drown, Richard Follette, Gene Cowing.

Item IV. ITINERATION

We find the following persons suitable to travel under the direction of the conference: (note exceptions) *Charles Abar, Meredith Bailie, Howard Boyle, *Glen Case, Paul Davidson, Richard Franklin, *Ralph Frazier, Andrew Gerleman, Allen Gisselbeck, Eugene Gisselbeck, Mrs. Evelyn Gisselbeck, Rudy Hauck, Ralph Howard, Walter Kemp, Glen Klasna, *Isla Knight, *William Maynard, Robert McCoy, Robert Merrill, Richard Mitchell, Mrs. Victoria Moulton, W. E. Moulton, Tillman Nelson, C. Milton Newbold, Earl Olson, *Leon Ordenez, Mae Palmer, Eugene Stanislaus, Paul Steward, Elvie Turner, Bennie D. Veeder, *Marion Wreugdenhill, Glenn Wessel.

(Any of the above who do not receive an annual conference license are to be returned to their respective quarterly conferences according to paragraph 94 of the Discipline.)

Conference preachers who are appointed by the conference as sole or principal pastors of **organized** Wesleyan Methodist churches are eligible to vote on conference matters (except in the election to Elders Orders, in the passing of the character of elders where a vote is required, and in the election of committees affected by the same. See paragraph 170, sub-paragraph (2), of the Discipline.)

(*) indicates failure to report to annual conference—see paragraph 139 in Discipline.

Item V. AUTHORIZATION

According to the records of this committee and according to paragraph 170, sub-paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of the Discipline, the following conference preachers are eligible to be authorized by the conference president to administer the sacraments and (where state laws permit) to perform marriage ceremonies if they are employed as the sole or principal pastors of Wesleyan Methodist churches: Eugene Gisselbeck, Ralph Howard, Earl Olson, Elvie Turner, Glen Wessel.

By vote of the conference this authorization is granted to all conference preachers holding pastoral appointments for 1956-57.

Item VI. MISCELLANEOUS

W. A. Stephens, who has been ordained to Elders Orders by another religious body, has passed a course of study equivalent to the Wesleyan Methodist Course of Study for Candidates for Elders Orders and has passed an examination on the Wesleyan Discipline. In the opinion of this committee he is worthy to be recommended to the annual conference.

Mrs. Grace Goodwin Kaufmann, an elder of the Wisconsin Conference

wishes to transfer to the Dakota Conference. Her credentials are in good order and we recommend her acceptance.

Gordon Cary was elected the permanent secretary of the committee.

Signed: L. R. Buckman, Chairman;

Dallas Wadsworth,

H. J. Van Vliet,

Francis Fey,

Ben Joachim,

Merle Jones,

Gordon Cary.

Partial Report—Committee on Itinerary and Orders

The following elders have been received by transfer: Reverend Robert O. Vermilyea from the Indiana Conference, Reverend Walter E. Simpson from the Iowa Conference, Reverend Mrs. Madalyn Simpson from the Iowa Conference.

The following conference preachers have been received on transfer: Reverend Walter Kemp of the Nebraska Conference, Reverend Robert McCoy of the Iowa Conference, Reverend Glen Klasna of the Iowa Conference.

L. R. Buckman, chairman.

REPORT OF THE CARD CALL SECRETARY

The Statistical Report for 1956 reveals that there are 236 Card Call Subscribers within the Dakota Conference bounds. This is a gain of 6 over last years figures, yet short of the goal of 260 set for the year.

Seven charges are honor roll churches having subscribers equal to 30% of their membership. They are Deadwood, Hot Springs, Johnson Corners, Mt. Vernon, Redfield, Watertown, and Watford City.

Rev. H. K. Sheets, our Home Missions Secretary, informs the Conference Secretary that the response to the plan is at an all time high. He expresses his appreciation to the Dakota Conference for what it is doing to keep the program alive.

The importance of the plan cannot be over emphasized, may a strong endeavor be made in the forthcoming year to put Dakota Conference on the honor roll, that is 30% of its membership of 1215; a goal of 365.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. Sausoman, Card Call Secretary

COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS

We your Committee on Pastoral Relations, prayerfully submit the following report:

- Aberdeen—Walter Simpson and Wife
- Almont—Robert McCoy
- Artesian—W. E. Moulton and Wife
- Avon—Rudy Hauck
- Baker & Knobs—Gordon H. Cary
- Belle Fourche—Thomas Bailie and Wife
- Biddle—A. J. Gerleman
- Billings—John J. Hunter
- Bismarck—R. J. Sausoman
- Boyd & Joliet—To be supplied by K. L. Shelley
- Bradley—In the hands of the President
- Brentford—H. Vreugdenhill and Wife
- Brookings—Eugene Stanislaus
- Buffalo—Darrell Wagner
- Conner—Lester Bennett
- Deadwood—Bennie Veeder
- Flandreau & Bushnell—B. I. Griffin and Wife
- Forsyth—Allen Gisselbeck
- Garden City—Wesley Sime
- Harlowton—W. G. McIntyre
- Hot Springs—Neal Phipps
- Houghton—Fred Bingaman and Wife
- Huron—John Winterberg
- Ipswich—To be supplied by Walter Simpson
- Johnson Corners—Elis Sollie
- Loyalton—Walter Kemp
- McIntosh—In the hands of the President
- Medicine Rocks, (Willard, Mont.), & Mill Iron—Eugene Gisselbeck and Wife
- Miles City—Rolland Fletcher
- Mission—Paul Steward
- Mitchell—Robert Vermilyea
- Missoula—H. J. Van Vliet
- Mt. Vernon—Paul Faulkenberry
- Mobridge—Earl Olsen
- Northville—George Warinner
- Pierre—O. D. Watson, Jr.
- Prairie City, (Beckman Memorial)—Harold Griffin
- Rapid City—To be supplied
- Rapid City. (Robbinsdale)—Glen Wessel
- Rawlins—To be supplied

- Redfield—W. J. Leyh and Wife
 Richland (Mina, S. D.)—Dallas Wadsworth
 Ridge and Rocky Point—Ralph Howard
 Sioux Community Chapel—John Mickley
 Sturgis—R. M. Kelley
 Sundance—Lee Goodell
 Terry—A. L. Cretsinger and Wife
 Tolstoy—Ernest Hobbie
 Tuthill—R. Boyle
 Watertown—A. A. Becker
 Watford City—Paul Davidson
 Webster—In hands of the President
 Sierra Leone, West Africa—Alma Aldinger and Ruth Bixler
 Missionaries to Haiti—Rev. and Mrs. Daniel McCandless, Mae Palmer
 Philippine Islands—Romeo Baronía, Leon Ordóñez
 Unstationed Elders—Ralph Helle, Donald Gerriets, Otto Jensen, Mrs. Grace Miller Hoién
 Brainerd Indian School—Wm. Gale, Glen Case
 American Sunday School Union—L. L. Knapp
 General Evangelist—L. D. Harris, H. Vanderbush
 Supplying Churches Outside Denomination—Earl Fessenden, Emil Hansen
 Transferred to Another Conference—Wilbur Drown, Mrs. Wilbur Drown, Richard Follette, and Gene Cowing
 Missionary Work—Richard Franklin, Isla Knight, Tillman Nelson, Mrs. Grace Goodman Kaufman, Robert Merrill, Richard Sprowl, Elton Clyde, C. J. Goodspeed, A. T. Reisdorph, H. A. Cottrill, H. W. Cretsinger, Lester Myers, Gordon Wills and Ralph Frazier.
 Conference President—J. F. Simpson
 Second Vice President—S. J. McIntyre
 Ass't. Pastor of Milwaukee, Wisconsin Church—Meredith Bailie
 Missionary Evangelist—Warren Pamp, W. O. Howard
 Teaching in Miltonvale Wesleyan College—George Robbins, Jr.
 Attending College—Clyde McCone, Charlie Abarr, Wm. Maynard, Marion Vreugdenhill, and Richard Mitchell
 Indian Missionary Work—John Kearns, Minnie Knecht, R. L. Gowan
 Superannuated—A. M. Wiley, Elizabeth Traver, J. E. Spry, Mrs. Laura Raymer
 Independent Church in Montana—W. A. Stephens
 Missionary to Cuba—Harry Shreve
 Gen. S. S. Secretary—R. D. Reisdorph
 Gen. W.M.S. President—Ruby Reisdorph
 To Choose own Field of Labor—Miss Elvie Turner
 To Choose own Field of Labor—Lester Buckman

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Supply in Chicago, Ill.—Glen Klasna

Supply in Ohio Conf.—Andrew Wilson

Transfer by Letter—Mrs. A. J. House

Withdrawn by joining another Denomination—Charles Fisher, Marion Kotli

Committee: J. F. Simpson,
John J. Hunter,
R. J. Sausoman,
O. Theo. Beckman,
Thomas Edwards,
Melvin Gibson,
W. G. McIntyre.

REPORT OF PURCHASING AGENCY OF RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA TO DAKOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church authorized the National Wholesale Purchasing Agency of Rapid City, South Dakota, to purchase such materials, supplies, and equipment as certified orders are delivered to him by said Corporation, for said Conference, its pastors and officers.

J. F. Simpson

REPORT OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Item I

Time employed—11 months

Revivals held—15

1. In home Conference—5
2. In other Conferences—5
3. In other Denominations—5

Other serviecs held—A few at Brainerd

Item II

Receipts:

1. Offerings and Salary	\$1492.50
2. Marriage and Funeral fees	
3. Gifts	
4. Total Receipts	\$1492.50
5. Traveling Expenses	200.00
6. Total net Evangelist's receipts	\$1292.50

L. D. Harris, Evangelist

Item I

Time employed—6 months

Revivals held—12

1. In home Conference—8
2. In other Conferences—3
3. In other Denominations—1

Quarterly meetings held—none

Other services held—About 20

Item II

Receipts:

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| 1. Offerings and Salary | \$850.00 |
| 2. Marriage and Funeral fees | |
| 3. Gifts | 100.00 |
| 4. Total Receipts | \$950.00 |
| 5. Traveling Expenses | \$534.00 |
| 6. Total net Evangelist's receipts | \$416.00 |

Rev. Henry Vanderbush, Evangelist

Item I

Time employed—12 months

Revivals held—17

1. In home Conference—0
2. In other Conferences—14
3. In other Denominations—3

Quarterly meetings held—none

Other services held—8

Item II

Receipts:

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| 1. Offerings and Salary | \$2119.00 |
| 2. Marriage and Funeral fees | 10.00 |
| 3. Gifts | 5.00 |
| 4. Total Receipts | 2134.00 |
| 5. Traveling Expenses | \$515.00 |
| 6. Total net Evangelist's receipts | \$1619.00 |

J. E. Winterberg, Evangelist

Statistical Report—Total Evangelists Labors

Item I

Time employed—29 months

Revivals held—44

1. in home Conference—13
2. in other Conferences—22
3. In other Denominations—9

Quarterly meetings held—none

Other services held—32

Item II

Receipts:

1. Offerings and Salary	\$4,461.50
2. Marriage and Funeral fees	10.00
3. Gifts	105.00
4. Total Receipts	4,576.50
5. Traveling Expenses	1,249.00
6. Total net Evangelist's receipts	\$3,327.50

Signed: Darrel Wagner, Chairman;
Paul Faulkenberry,
Fred Bingaman,
Inez Goodell.

Standing Rules

1. **Annual Conference 7½% Fund—Financial Plan for Conference Work**—Money for Conference work shall be obtained by each local Church paying an amount equal to 7½% of all monies raised for all purposes, this to include local treasury, Sunday School, W.M.S., W.Y., and Y.M.W.B., with the exception of finance for building and repairs. One-third of this fund shall be used for Church Extension within the bounds of the Dakota Conference, and the balance, two-thirds, shall constitute the regular Conference Fund. This amount is to be sent to the Conference Treasurer once a month.

2. **Railroad Expense**—The amount of the Railroad Expense Assessment this year is \$11.50 and it is recommended that this amount be sent to the Conference Treasurer as soon as possible. The Committee shall reimburse the pastors for railroad expense on the basis of four cents a mile, one way for distance traveled.

The Committee in securing the amount of assessment for each Church shall take the cost of carfare of the pastors present, and eligible for such expense, added to any deficit from the previous year; the result divided by the total number of churches, shall determine the assessment each year for this item. Only those pastors whose Churches have paid the assessment for the previous year shall be eligible to receive carfare.

3. **Camp Meeting Board**—The Conference W.M.S. President, the Conference W.Y. President and the Pastor of the Aberdeen Church shall be members of the Camp Meeting Board by virtue of office.

4. **The Local Church File** is to be left with the Church by the outgoing Pastor, so that the incoming Pastor will have immediate access to the data contained therein upon his arrival on the field. This file is to be open for inspection to members of the local church.

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

6. **Officer's Terms**—All officers shall hold office until the close of the Conference session in which they are retired.

7. **Honorarium Treasurer**—The Conference Treasurer shall be paid an honorarium of \$150.00 each year.

8. **Honorarium Secretary**—The Conference Secretary shall be paid an honorarium of \$50.00 each year.

9. **Regarding Ordination**—No person shall receive ordination in the future in the Dakota Conference who does not intend to engage in definite Christian work.

10. **The Auditing Committee** shall be one of the Standing Committees.

11. **Instructions to Treasurers**—The treasurers of the various Conference funds shall hold such funds in some bank that is a member of the

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in the name of the Dakota Conference, and checks drawn on such account shall be signed by the treasurer, as treasurer of said fund.

(a) Each treasurer shall have in hand, bank statements at the beginning and at the close of the Conference year involved, and said bank statement shall be submitted with the Treasurer's account book to the Auditing Committee of the Conference at the Annual Conference session, on the first day of the session.

(b) Duplicate receipts, or records, other than the treasurer's account book, with source, date and donor of all receipts shall be submitted to the Auditing Committee with said treasurer's books.

(c) All disbursements from said funds shall be paid by check, and all cancelled checks shall be submitted with the treasurer's books to the Auditing Committee.

12. Pioneer Pastors' Fund—An assessment of one dollar (\$1.00) per year shall be raised from each member of each charge and sent to the Conference Treasurer, the monies thus raised to constitute the Pioneer Pastor's Fund. This money shall be disbursed to no more charges than can adequately be cared for by the money which shall come in.

The Pastor receiving aid from this fund shall send a monthly statement of monies received from the charge and from secular work by the Pastor, said statement to be sent to the Conference Treasurer. The Conference Treasurer on receipt of said statement shall send a check to make up any deficit in salary, as agreed previously by the Missionary Board and the Pastor.

At any time the Missionary Board feels that the local Church receiving help from the fund, fails in its obligations, the contract shall be terminated by the Missionary Board.

13. Closing Date of Conference Year—Closing date shall be April 30.

14. Financing of Printing of Minutes—The Secretary shall send a statement to each charge as to the amount they are to pay for printing of the Minutes, the amount to be based on the number of members on each charge.

15. Each Pastor Shall Receive His Salary from the Church he has served the past year, for the two Sundays of Conference and Camp Meeting.

16. Change of Pastors—Moving Expenses—We recommend that when a Church makes a change of Pastors that said Church enter into an agreement with the incoming Pastor establishing an equitable way of financing the Pastor's moving expenses.

17. Vacation for President—We recommend that the Conference President be granted a two-weeks vacation with pay, inclusive of two Sundays.

18. Vacation for Pastor—We recommend that the Pastor be granted

a two-weeks vacation with pay, inclusive of two Sundays.

19. Ministerial Benefit Fund—Purpose. To provide financial assistance for Conference Elders and preachers in times of serious illness, or death, in their families.

All members and licentiates shall become members upon payment of first assessment, but no one shall be eligible to receive benefits until four consecutive assessments have been paid.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall make four assessments per year, or more if emergencies arise, in the following manner: Each minister on the Conference Roll shall be assessed \$1.50 on due notice from the Secretary, except when both husbands and wives are preachers. In such cases only one is assessed. Each pastor shall collect \$1.50 from his Church or charge each time an assessment is made, except ministers not serving in the Conference as Pastors. These are to pay \$2.00 for each assessment.

Disbursements: The Secretary shall upon the receipt of the worthiness of the case, pay out of the treasury 50% of the amount of the actual expense provided that the expense is more than twenty dollars, and further provided that no payment shall exceed seventy-five dollars to any one family during one Conference year, possible exceptions being made in extreme cases with the approval of the Conference President and his Advisory Board, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Ministerial Benefit Fund. (Normal maternity cases excepted.)

Members delinquent in the last two payments prior to claim for help, shall be ineligible. In case one is delinquent in two, or more, payments, no benefits will be paid in emergencies by paying of delinquent payments. If assessment is paid by check, include a service charge, to the amount of the check.

In case of death a maximum of \$100.00 will be paid the beneficiaries. The assessment in such case shall be one dollar for pastor, and one dollar for Church, and \$1.50 for all others.

In case the Secretary-Treasurer is in doubt as to the worthiness of a case, he shall advise with the Conference President.

Postage and necessary expense shall be deducted from the fund.

20. Opening Date of Conference shall be the first Tuesday after the second Monday of June of each year.

21. Conference Work—All monies sent in under the 7½% fund shall be counted as Conference Work on the Statistical blanks, and monies sent in for the Pioneer Pastor's Fund shall be counted as Conference Missions on the blanks.

22. Standing Committee Records—Each Conference Standing Committee shall have a book of records, and shall be prepared to report to Conference all work done by their Committee.

23. Member of Missionary Board—The Conference Treasurer shall be a member of the Missionary Board by virtue of office.

24. All members of all Committees doing Conference work shall have their travel expenses paid from the Conference Treasury.

25. **Closing Date for Treasurers**—All treasurers of the various funds of the Conference are instructed to close their books on the 15th day of May each year.

26. **Committee Chairmen and Personnel**—The Chairmen of the Committee on Resolutions, the Committee on Railroad Expense, and the entire Statistical Committee shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Conference a year in advance and their names to appear with the list of Standing Committees.

27. Each Church shall be responsible to the Pastor, and each Pastor shall be responsible to the Church to which he was appointed at the last session of Conference, and which Church he has served for the preceding Conference year; this responsibility to be inclusive of the first Sunday after the close of Conference and Camp Meeting.

28. **Superannuate Pension Fund**—Monies sent in by the Churches on the budget item of Superannuate Pension Fund, (\$1.50 per member), is to be sent to the Superannuate Pension Fund Treasurer of the Conference.

29. **Aid for Rent**—Whenever money is paid by the Conference for rent, and whenever such rental money is used for the purchase of a parsonage, that said parsonage be deeded to the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.

30. **Aid to Churches**—All pastors receiving aid from the Conference, whether the funds come from the Conference Treasurer, Advisory Board, Beckman Board, or Pioneer Pastor's Fund, shall send a monthly statement of monies received—1st, from the Charge, and 2nd, from secular work. This report to be sent to the Conference Treasurer, also this information to be included in the regular quarterly report to the Conference President. That these reports be kept for the Missionary Board to study. We recommend that each pastor who receives Conference aid meet with the Missionary Board at the time of his appointment. That where a church is unable to give a pastor a living wage, that the matter be studied by the Stewards and Pastor and there be given time for secular employment to supplement the salary. We further recommend that any church that receives Conference aid for two consecutive years and does not show a gain in at least some department that the case be studied by the Missionary Board.

31. **Agreement Between Conference and Willie Beckman Estate**—“The following land is deeded to the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church on the agreement mentioned below: S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ North half of 28, all of section 21, and S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 9, all in township 18, range 11, in Perkins County, South Dakota.

1. That O. Theo. Beckman be appointed supervisor to rent and sub-

rent such land.

2. That the land be not sold without the approval of O. Theo. Beckman.

3. That Rev. J. F. Simpson and his Advisory Board be a Committee to receive and disburse 50% of the receipts of the crop for Church Extension.

4. That when J. F. Simpson ceases to be President of the Conference that the Committee to receive and disburse the amount for Church Extension as mentioned in paragraph 3, be Rev. J. F. Simpson, Rev. William Ward, Rev. L. D. Harris, Rev. R. J. Sausoman.

5. When the land is sold, it is requested that Miltonvale Wesleyan College, the Indian Work and the Philippine work sponsored by the Conference, be given proper consideration.

6. It is requested that the following persons be a Committee to disburse the money from the sale of the land: Rev. J. F. Simpson, Rev. L. D. Harris, Rev. William Ward, Mrs. W. J. Leyh, Rev. Arthur Reisdorph, Rev. John Kearns, Rev. R. J. Sausoman, Mr. O. Theo. Beckman, Rev. Kenneth Shelley.

7. That the Committee mentioned in paragraph 6 be empowered to fill vacancies made by death or other causes, of any of the Committee.

8. It is requested that this agreement become a part of the Standing Rules of the Conference, and printed accordingly in the Conference Minutes.

9. In case O. Theo. Beckman, the land Supervisor, is deceased before the land is sold, that the Committee mentioned in paragraphs 6 and 7 be empowered to transact all business relative to the land mentioned in this agreement.

Items of Vital Importance

Information Regarding the Beckman Board—A Board was created in June, 1949, to be known as the Beckman Board, this Board to manage and operate the Beckman properties. This Board is composed of the following persons: J. F. Simpson, L. D. Harris, William Ward, Mrs. L. J. Leyh, Arthur Reisdorph, John Kearns, R. J. Sausoman, O. Theo. Beckman, Kenneth Shelley. This Board is self-perpetuating and shall appoint any vacancies that shall occur through death or other causes. This Board shall have complete control over the properties received through transfers of Willie E. Beckman or O. Theo. Beckman, as Executor of the last will and testament of Willie E. Beckman, deceased. This Board shall retain such portion of income as necessary to meet its expenses in operating and keeping the property in good repair, including a separate reserve to insure sufficient operating funds. That the funds shall be disbursed in accordance with the agreement heretofore entered into between Willie E. Beckman and the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist

Church. That in accordance with the wishes of Willie E. Beckman that O. Theo. Beckman continue as supervisor of the Beckman properties.

32. The signers for the legal documents for said Dakota Conference, shall be the President and Secretary of said Corporation, or its Trustees.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

On June 7, 1952, the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, voted to amend their articles of Incorporation, as follows:

1. That the Dakota Conference Missionary Board, be the Board of Managers for said Dakota Conference; it has the power of attorney to transact all legal business for said Conference, in keeping with the Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, in the interim of the Annual Conference.

2. The signers for the legal documents for said Conference, shall be the President and Secretary of said corporation, or its trustees.

3. That the Beckman Board of the Dakota Conference, be known as the directors of the Beckman estate, with power to transact all legal business in the estate, in keeping with the provision of the Will of Willie E. Beckman.

4. When said Board of Directors shall sell a part, or all of the land in the Beckman Estate, or when the leasing of the land for oil, or the sale of mineral or gas rights, or royalties be made, that the President and the Secretary of said Conference, or its Trustees, are empowered to sign any legal papers, leases, deeds, and contracts of all kinds.

1). The said Beckman Board of Directors has power to sell any, or all of the land, hereinafter described, and that the President and Secretary, shall have power to execute such conveyances. Said land being described as follows to wit; S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ North half of 28, all of Section 21, and the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 9, all in Township 18, Rangs 11, in Perkins County, South Dakota.

2). That said Beckman Board of Directors is self-perpetuating and the remaining members shall fill any vacancies which shall occur through death or other causes.

J. F. Simpson, President

Filed January 21, 1954—Office of Secretary of State, Pierre, South Dakota.

LIST OF EXAMINERS AND BOOKS

Robert O. Vermilyea

First Year—Bible, Applied English

Second Year—Bible, Homiletics

Third Year—Bible, History of Wesleyan Methodist Church

Fourth Year—Bible, Business Administration of Church

H. J. Van Vliet

First Year—Theological Compend, Perfect Love

Second Year—Theology, Wiley

Third Year—Theology, Wiley

Fourth Year—Theology, Wiley

Dallas Wadsworth

First Year—Roberts Rules of Order

Second Year—Principles of Teaching for Christian Teachers

Third Year—System of General Ethics

Fourth Year—Psychology and Life

Gordan Cary (All grades and books read to be reported to Rev. Gordon Cary)

First Year—Wesleyan Methodist Discipline

Second Year—Foundation of Doctrine

Third Year—Church History, System of Christian Evidence

Fourth Year—Church History, Fisher; The Superlative Book

STATISTICAL REPORT

Charge	Item I. Pastor's Labors										Item II. Periodicals									
	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	Organized Church App'm'ts	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Wesleyan Missionarys Taken	Wesleyan Youths taken	Sunday School	Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Adult Teacher's Quarterly	Intermediate Teacher's Quarterly	Junior-Primary Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Other Helps Taken
Aberdeen	9	1	1	20	24	14	50	20	15	7	4	6	70	45	15	30	6	20	71	
Almont	10	1	1	14	17	6	20	10	10	2	1	1	30	5	10	8	1	17		
Artesian	12	1	1	13	4	6	18	8	8	2	1	1	25	...	...	10	6	1		
Avon	12	1	4	12	9	8	45	...	...	4	...	1	40	...	8	...	10	8	...	
Baker	12	1	1	18	26	17	23	13	15	5	2	2	27	17	17	12	4	6	45	
Beckman Memorial	12	1	1	17	20	14	28	8	10	30	...	6	12	...	5	6	10	5	15	
Belle Fourche	12	1	...	1	13	1	20	7	10	17	...	8	10	7	7	...	...	1	...	
Biddle	12	1	...	2	2	...	14	6	14	2	...	2	12	5	6	14	...	8	14	
Billings	12	1	1	50	32	16	80	20	24	8	2	8	60	17	20	24	7	15	58	
Bismarck	9	1	...	1	...	...	18	12	9	2	1	2	24	9	9	6	...	12	2	
Bradley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brentford	10	1	1	5	5	5	13	2	3	2	...	...	16	...	4	...	...	6	...	
Brookings	12	1	1	11	13	7	35	8	20	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	15	...	
Buffalo	12	1	1	9	18	5	25	20	...	8	2	2	35	8	12	...	3	10	...	
Bushnell	12	1	1	2	10	3	18	10	12	3	1	3	12	10	12	10	...	6	28	
Butte	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calvary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Conner	12	1	1	16	15	7	42	15	20	3	2	5	20	13	14	2	4	34		
Deadwood	12	1	1	18	12	13	20	25	25	5	1	1	35	17	25	25	...	20	25	
Flandreau	12	1	...	2	2	...	8	2	4	4	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forsyth	10	1	1	1	12	1	25	18	20	2	...	...	10	...	13	...	3	22	1	
Garden City	12	1	1	4	9	6	18	8	8	2	...	...	16	...	...	...	2	15	17	
Harlowton	12	1	...	10	11	6	30	18	18	25	...	2	20	...	18	18	...	...	...
Hot Springs	12	1	1	12	8	4	15	10	10	8	...	6	25	...	14	10	...	20	...	
Houghton	12	1	1	13	11	...	12	6	8	4	...	4	16	...	8	7	...	6	28	
Huron	12	1	1	52	38	16	65	40	50	14	...	...	60	17	20	23	9	20	60	
Ipswich	12	1	1	31	18	4	18	...	7	8	...	...	20	...	5	10	3	5	7	
Johnson Corner	11	1	1	27	16	9	22	2	6	6	2	3	35	10	6	5	20	12	14	
Boyd and Joliet	9	1	...	5	5	2	8	10	...	1	1	1	7	4	12	...	...	...	...
Kno's	12	1	1	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lake Wilson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Loyalton	11	1	1	33	16	9	18	14	10	6	2	2	12	8	10	5	10	15	...	
McIntosh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	9	2	1	5	9	3	18	6	6	3	...	2	15	...	5	2	...	20	...	
Miles City	12	1	1	9	8	4	15	10	27	5	...	...	15	6	10	...	...	...	...
Mission	8	1	1	5	7	4	8	3	5	2	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	10	
Missoula	12	1	1	2	3	1	12	15	1	...	...	...	6	...	15	15	...	5	26	
Mitchell	9	1	1	61	35	30	70	20	16	14	2	4	90	14	10	16	...	20	32	
Mobridge	12	1	1	28	37	11	20	...	...	2	1	4	35	9	12	15	...	10	29	
Mt. Vernon	12	1	1	13	6	1	9	9	5	2	1	1	7	1	4	...	1	4	...	
Northville	12	1	1	7	3	...	12	8	...	10	...	...	15	...	3	4	...	...	...
Pierre	12	1	...	10	6	4	12	12	10	3	2	5	16	10	20	...	10	1	...	
Pollock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rapid City	12	1	1	37	15	5	45	...	...	4	2	4	50	14	10	...	8	27	...	
Rawlins	12	1	1	19	9	3	16	7	22	4	...	3	15	13	14	8	15	10	11	
Redfield	12	1	1	38	46	12	30	10	10	8	1	4	40	3	8	5	2	12	...	
Richland	12	1	1	24	24	15	27	8	7	7	2	2	30	6	...	7	...	12	1	
Ridge	12	2	1	...	...	...	8	5	6	1	...	1	12	...	10	...	1	10	...	
Robbinsdale	12	1	1	6	15	...	15	10	...	2	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	12	6	
Rocky Point	12	...	...	...	...	...	8	6	6	4	1	1	9	...	6	...	...	6	1	
Sioux Chapel	12	1	...	1	1	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sturgis	12	1	1	5	7	3	18	6	15	8	...	6	20	12	6	10	...	10	...	
Sundance	12	1	...	2	2	...	16	12	20	2	...	4	14	...	16	10	...	4	25	
Terry	12	1	...	1	3	1	16	10	14	4	1	2	13	9	13	...	3	4	21	
Tolstov	12	1	1	12	10	6	16	4	3	3	1	2	20	10	4	3	...	8	1	
Tuthill	12	1	...	1	5	1	8	1	5	2	...	...	12	...	5	1	...	8	1	
Watertown	12	1	1	13	30	13	70	10	45	5	2	3	55	12	10	20	...	8	1	
Watford City	10	1	1	16	25	6	45	20	10	8	4	6	45	12	15	14	7	15	22	
Webster	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	[595]	521	4317	18677	13041	1242	1524	583	1287	491	121	1220	327	465	355	131	1422	742		

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item III. Membership

Charge	Full Membership Reported Last Year	Full Members Received This Year	Total of Columns 1 & 2	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Members Lost	Present Full Membership	Associate Membership	Junior Members	Total Present Membership	Total Membership Reported Last Year	Gain in Members	Loss in Members	Baptized	Infants Dedicated	Local Preachers	Unstationed Elders	No. of Family Altars	Membership Tithing	Card Call Su's-ers
Aberdeen	55	13	68			2		2	66	2	8	76	57	19		10	6			16	44	6
Almont	28	2	30		3		8	11	19	2		21	32		11		1			9	12	5
Artesian	25	1	26				1	1	25	1		25	25							8	15	2
Avon	34	2	36		1		1	2	34	34		34	34			13		1		9	11	3
Baker	34	3	37			1		1	36	2		38	34	4		2				7	18	5
Beckman Mem.	26	2	28				1	1	27	5	2	34	26	8		2				8	18	6
Belle Fourche																				8	8	3
Biddle																	2			5	3	1
Billings	95	3	98			2	1	3	95			95	95			4	3	3		40	70	21
Bismarck																				1	2	
Bradley	16		16						16			16	16									
Brentford	11	6	17			1	2	3	14			14	11	3					1	3	8	
Brookings	6	6	12						12			12	6	6		2	3			7	7	5
Buffalo	27		27				1	1	26	8		34	35		1					10	8	3
Bushnell	10		10						10			10	10			4				2	4	
Butte	10		10						10			10	10									
Calvary	5		5						5			5	5									
Conner	17	6	23			1		1	22	5	4	31	22	9				1		12	22	2
Deadwood	26		26		3	1		4	22	22		22	26		4					12	22	14
Flandreau	9	2	11			1		1	10			10	9	1				1	1	7	10	1
Forsyth	11		11		3			3	8			8	11		3					4	4	
Garden City	19	3	22						22			22	19	3						5	12	
Harlowton																7	3			6		2
Hot Springs	26	4	30			3	3	3	27		8	35	33	2						16	15	9
Houghton	18	4	22			2	2	2	20			20	18	2						8	17	4
Huron	51	1	52		2		2	4	48			48	51		3	4	1	2		10	15	7
Ipswich	25		25			1	2	3	22			22	25		3		1	1		9	14	3
Johnson Corners	49		49						49			49	49					2		10	24	25
Boyd and Joliet																						
Knobs	9		9		2		1	3	6			6	9		3					1	3	3
Lake Wilson	12		12						12			12	12									
Loyalton	30	4	34						34			34	30	4				1		11	24	8
McIntosh	10		10						10			10	10									
Medicine Rocks	9		9						9			9	9							6	6	2
Miles City		10	10				2	2	8			8		8						4	4	2
Mission	10	2	12						12			12	10	2						5	10	
Missoula	9		9						9			9	9			4	1			2	7	
Mitchell	81	4	85		6	1		7	78	9		87	90		3	1			1	22	65	13
Mobridge	43		43		6			6	37			37	43		6			3		9	13	2
Mt. Vernon	9	3	12		2			2	10	1		11	9	2		5				4	9	5
Northville	18	2	20		3			3	17			17	18		1	2				7		1
Pierre																1	1			4	4	
Pollock	2		2						2			2	2									
Rapid City	45	1	46			4	4	4	42	2	4	48	45	3		2	2	1		20	30	3
Rawlins	14	2	16			1	1	1	15		2	17	14	3			5			5	10	3
Redfield	50	1	51			2		2	49	3	2	54	53	1			2			13	33	15
Richland	51	2	53		1		2	3	50			50	51		1	2		2		14	45	6
Ridge	16	2	18		5		3	8	10			10	16		6					6		1
Robbinsdale	10	4	14						14			14	10	4			4					2
Rocky Point																						
Sioux Chapel																3				6		1
Sturgis	21	4	25		2		2	4	21	2		23	23				1			8	8	1
Sundance																				2	2	2
Terry																						
Tolstoy	22		22						22	1	1	24	24					1		7	4	3
Tuthill							1	1														1
Watertown	56		56						55			55	56		1		6			9	28	21
Watford City	47	2	49		1			1	48			48	47	1			3	1		19	27	15
Webster																						
Totals	1207	101	1308	2	38	13	40	93	1215	42	31	1288	1249	85	46	62	55	22	3	419	715	236

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Item IV. Sunday Schools

Charge	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. Officers, Teachers	Whole No. of Scholars in Main School	Total No. in Main School	No. in Home Department	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. of Scholars Converted	No. of Scholars Joining Church	No. of Departmental Supts.	Teacher's Training Course	No. of Organized Classes	No. of Books in Library	Enrollment V. B. S.	Average Attendance, V.B.S.	No. W. Y. Locals	Total Membership of Locals
Aberdeen	1	15	182	197	5	21	223	120	13	21	3	22	10	300	...	...	1	20
Almont	1	14	28	42	8	8	58	22	4	...	...	...	4	112	40	32	...	...
Artesian	1	5	27	32	10	7	49	29	4	...	...	...	...	15	14	14	1	6
Avon	1	10	63	73	15	9	97	59	3	2	...	...	7	15	33	28	1	13
Baker	1	17	65	82	3	20	105	64	1	5	4	4	...	84	46	37	1	23
Beckman Memorial	1	9	51	60	7	8	75	46	3	...	...	...	6	...	16	13	1	22
Belle Fourche	1	6	49	55	...	12	67	39	2	...	2	...	...	24	25	24	1	7
Biddle	1	5	29	34	...	9	43	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Billings	1	14	211	225	7	28	260	135	10	3	3	...	1	200	...	...	1	15
Bismarck	1	3	28	31	...	...	31	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bradley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brentford	1	6	25	31	...	...	31	23	...	...	...	4	4	54	20	16	1	7
Brookings	1	11	58	69	...	9	78	51	...	2	...	...	8	...	51	48	1	16
Buffalo	1	9	94	103	3	13	119	70	3	...	3	...	7	135	...	...	...	...
Bushnell	1	7	30	37	6	...	43	37	2	...	...	...	...	...	40	35	1	15
Butte	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calvary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Conner	1	13	62	75	50	13	138	59	10	7	4	...	...	...	91	72	...	...
Deadwood	1	12	88	100	...	44	144	85	42	...	2	...	7	25	110	87	1	10
Flandreau	1	4	11	15	...	...	15	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forsyth	1	6	18	24	2	3	29	24	6	...	2	...	5	10	...	...	...	...
Garden City	1	6	28	34	2	3	39	27	3	3	...	...	4	...	22	18	1	10
Harlowton	1	7	133	140	...	35	175	108	10	...	2	...	...	...	73	69	...	...
Hot Springs	1	12	68	80	...	12	92	78	...	8	1	...	8	...	30	24	...	...
Houghton	1	18	38	56	...	7	63	40	2	4	1	...	4	...	13	12	...	...
Huron	1	11	166	177	10	23	210	101	...	1	4	...	...	25	61	53	1	18
Ipswich	1	11	34	45	6	9	60	35	...	3	5	...	6	191	...	...	1	15
Johnson Corners	1	22	84	106	91	30	227	53	...	1	...	6	...	25	24	1	20	...
Boyd and Joliet	1	5	15	20	...	...	20	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Knobs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lake Wilson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Loyalton	1	8	40	48	10	8	66	36	...	...	4	...	6	...	...	...	1	19
McIntosh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	1	5	15	20	...	16	36	21	2	...	1	...	4	107	...	...	...	...
Miles City	1	6	47	53	...	28	81	30	3	...	...	5	...	...	23	27	...	...
Mission	1	4	5	9	...	...	9	13	...	...	1	...	2	10	11	11	...	...
Missoula	1	7	65	72	...	7	79	37	12	...	1	...	4	28	...	...	...	...
Mitchell	1	17	120	137	3	4	144	103	6	2	3	...	3	200	...	...	1	36
Mobridge	1	9	89	98	1	21	120	62	5	...	2	...	...	25	92	71	1	11
Mt. Vernon	1	6	17	23	1	7	31	17	...	...	...	...	3	66	...	...	...	...
Northville	1	7	16	23	...	...	23	21	...	2	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
Pierre	1	9	57	66	...	14	80	55	12	...	1	...	6	15	31	28	...	...
Pollock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rapid City	1	18	112	130	...	24	154	110	10	4	2	...	3	30	40	35	1	10
Rawlins	1	9	41	50	3	29	82	35	5	...	1	...	...	...	29	24	1	8
Redfield	1	11	50	61	2	12	75	47	1	3	...	...	8	60	...	...	1	13
Richland	1	8	50	58	...	10	68	53	2	2	3	3	5	...	13	12	1	32
Ridge	1	5	21	26	3	...	29	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Robbinsdale	1	10	126	136	...	14	150	100	...	...	...	...	8	...	153	117	...	...
Rocky Point	1	6	12	18	...	...	18	14	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Sioux Chapel	1	7	60	67	...	52	119	35	7	...	...	6	7	60	65	40	...	...
Sturgis	1	8	55	63	...	8	71	47	3	...	1	...	5	12	26	21	1	...
Sundance	1	8	44	52	...	22	74	38	...	...	1	...	5	...	42	28	...	...
Terry	1	3	35	38	3	10	51	34	...	...	4	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Tolstoy	1	7	31	38	...	2	40	32	3	...	...	...	...	20	22	20	1	19
Tuthill	1	4	16	20	...	2	22	18	...	...	...	...	2	...	24	22	...	...
Watertown	1	15	145	160	...	29	189	102	6	...	4	...	11	41	32	30	1	12
Watford City	1	22	78	100	17	36	153	86	...	...	2	...	...	80	...	...	1	7
Wester	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	51	477	13032	13509	2681	678	4455	2565	191	67	76	45	221	12028	1333	1092	261	384

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Item V. Church Property

Charge	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Aberdeen	1	\$20,000		\$11,000	1	\$12,000		\$8,000	\$234
Almont	1	6,500		5,000	1	3,500		3,500	
Artesian	1	2,800		2,000	1	2,500		2,000	34
Avon	1	10,000		5,000	1	3,800		2,500	1,576
Baker	1	8,000		5,125	1	11,000		9,000	
Beckman Memorial	1	20,000	\$5,000	15,000	1	7,000		5,000	
Belle Fourche	1	20,000	3,000	15,000	1	15,000	\$3,000	10,000	
Biddle	1	2,500							
Billings	1	17,000		12,000	1	12,000		8,000	2,300
Bismarck	1	38,000	17,187	12,000					703
Bradley	1	7,000		3,500	1	3,000	667	2,500	
Brentford	1	7,000		4,000	1	10,000		8,000	17
Brookings	1	10,000		4,300	1	6,000		3,000	
Buffalo	2	6,000		5,000	1	2,500		2,000	
Bushnell	1								
Butte									
Calvary	1	6,000		2,500	1	5,000		3,500	300
Conner	1	8,000		6,000	1	6,000		4,000	121
Deadwood	1	5,000		3,600	1	5,500	2,257	6,000	
Flandreau	1	5,700		5,000	1	3,300		3,500	
Forsyth	1	6,000		4,500	1	6,000		6,000	
Garden City	1	9,000		9,000	1	6,000		6,000	341
Harlowton	1	11,000	2,500	8,000	1	7,000	500	8,000	100
Hot Springs	2	5,000		5,000	1	3,000		3,000	147
Houghton	1	7,000		6,000	1	5,000		4,500	1,605
Huron	1	5,000		6,500	1	3,500		4,000	32
Ipswich	1	8,000		6,000					3,416
Johnson Corners									135
Boyd and Joliet									
Knobs									
Lake Wilson	2	11,000		11,000	1	3,000		3,000	500
Loyalton									
McIntosh	1	2,200			1	1,900			96
Medicine Rocks	1	8,000	3,900	8,500	1	7,500		6,000	17
Miles City	1	2,500		1,500	1	3,000		3,000	
Mission	1	6,000		9,500	1	4,000		3,500	5
Missoula	1	9,000		6,500	1	10,000		7,500	14,412
Mitchell	1	10,000		7,500	1	6,000		5,000	
Mobridge	1	7,500		5,000					
Mt. Vernon	1	10,000		5,500	1	3,500		2,000	206
Northville	1	18,000		10,000	1	15,000	9,000	20,000	
Pierre									
Pollock	1	14,000	600	8,000	1	5,000		5,000	300
Rapid City	1	3,500		2,500	1	2,000		1,500	
Rawlins	1	40,000		20,000	1	12,000	4,600	7,000	29
Redfield	1	5,000		4,000	1	5,000		3,000	
Richland	1	6,000		6,000					
Ridge	1	18,000	8,000	12,000	1	12,000	7,500	11,000	
Robbinsdale	1	800			1	2,000			
Rocky Point	1	12,000	1,065	7,250					
Sioux Chapel	1	10,000		9,000	2	17,000		9,000	50
Sturgis	1	5,000	1,500	5,000	1	10,000	2,000	6,500	
Sundance	1	12,000	5,000	5,900	1				
Terry	1	10,000	1,000	6,500	1	6,200	810	6,200	
Tolstoy	1	1,500			1	1,000			26
Tutthill	1	22,000	5,440	11,500	1	4,000		2,500	485
Watertown	1	7,600		8,000	1	3,325		3,500	1,291
Watford City									
Webster									
Totals	53	\$502,100	\$54,192	\$30,775	45	\$272,025	\$30,334	\$214,200	\$28,481

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Item VI. Disbursed for Pastor

Charge	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Aberdeen	\$2,364	\$625	.....	\$422	\$3,411
Almont	1,442	240	.....	356	2,038
Artesian	1,535	240	.....	50	1,870
Avon	1,060	.....	45	16	1,084
Baker	1,855	900	65	660	3,480
Beckman Memorial	2,185	360	20	464	3,029
Belle Fourche	1,590	720	20	35	2,365
Biddle	1,661	.....	.....	229	1,890
Billings	3,120	660	130	308	4,218
Bismarck	2,958	405	.....	22	3,385
Bradley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brentford	1,275	300	30	258	1,863
Brookings	2,385	720	.....	107	3,212
Buffalo	1,590	300	33	325	2,248
Bushnell	2,120	.....	40	175	2,335
Butte	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calvary	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Conner	1,920	360	25	288	2,593
Deadwood	2,600	400	20	258	3,278
Flandreau	685	240	20	110	1,055
Forsyth	886	480	25	294	1,685
Garden City	1,630	240	58	381	2,309
Harlowton	2,650	360	125	267	3,402
Hot Springs	1,690	480	30	150	2,350
Houghton	1,590	360	15	221	2,186
Huron	2,650	360	60	150	3,220
Ipswich	1,980	300	55	150	2,485
Johnson Corners	1,350	110	.....	473	1,933
Boyd and Joliet	.....	145	.....	40	185
Knobs	359	.....	.....	69	428
Lake Wilson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Loyalton	2,080	200	25	280	2,585
McIntosh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medicine Rocks	1,225	100	25	261	1,611
Miles City	1,626	500	10	166	2,302
Mission	538	300	.....	86	924
Missoula	1,467	480	15	.....	1,962
Mitchell	2,775	540	35	300	3,650
Mobridge	2,600	340	25	222	3,187
Mt. Vernon	1,023	.....	15	280	1,318
Northville	1,820	300	.....	188	2,308
Pierre	2,120	443	25	293	2,881
Pollock	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rapid City	3,120	480	65	195	3,860
Rawlins	1,733	300	31	223	2,287
Redfield	2,570	500	10	270	3,350
Richland	2,876	300	10	300	3,486
Ridge	1,015	120	.....	100	1,235
Robbinsdale	2,470	600	.....	25	3,095
Rocky Point	190	.....	.....	.....	190
Sioux Chapel	1,200	.....	.....	25	1,225
Sturgis	2,080	600	.....	70	2,750
Sundance	545	.....	.....	70	615
Terry	1,348	.....	.....	395	1,743
Tolstoy	1,060	180	.....	355	1,595
Tuthill	361	240	.....	118	719
Watertown	2,600	600	25	234	3,459
Watford City	2,200	600	25	178	3,003
Webster
Totals	\$89,772	\$17,028	\$1,165	\$10,912	\$118,877

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Item VII. Disbursed for Church

Charge	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Amount Paid on Expense of Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expense	Total for Church
Aberdeen	\$100	\$396	\$152	\$690			\$928	\$2,266
Almont	102	140		142			353	737
Artesian	115	110		80			415	720
Avon	75	229		1,353			887	2,544
Baker	307	251	331	20			335	1,244
Beckman Memorial	170	250	962				801	2,183
Belle Fourche	83	315		16	\$587		417	1,418
Biddle	43	50	14	21			33	161
Billings	734	533	865	55			777	2,964
Bismarck		19	21,749				1,260	23,028
Bradley	96	147	2,658	63			152	3,116
Brentford	399	309	322	359			390	1,779
Brookings	76	230	38		929		455	1,728
Buffalo	82	120					260	462
Bushnell								
Butte								
Calvary								
Conner	102	320					129	551
Deadwood	169	566		155			330	1,220
Flandreau		34		285	214	\$130	96	759
Forsyth		284	169	55			450	958
Garden City	38	109					216	363
Harlowton	195	772		101			515	1,583
Hot Springs	79	442	540	102			861	2,024
Houghton	160	72		99			304	635
Huron	184	600	75	731			700	2,290
Ipswich		78					309	387
Johnson Corners	230	189		84			819	1,322
Boyd and Joliet		39					145	184
Knobs	27						20	47
Lake Wilson								
Loyalton	185	223	700	400	105		9	1,622
McIntosh								
Medicine Rocks	240	100	25	15			118	498
Miles City	328	190		61	247	228	107	1,161
Mission		92					98	190
Missoula	35	172		38			281	526
Mitchell	511	416	14,896	311			978	17,112
Mobridge	150	395		339			296	1,180
Mt. Vernon	90	74					56	220
Northville	160	128		160	134		204	786
Pierre	130	405		192	162		381	1,279
Pollock								
Rapid City	102	352	422	212	300	44	524	1,956
Rawlins	43	139	90	100			299	671
Redfield	453	301	60	1	2,312	258	236	3,621
Richland	307	183	70	492			238	1,290
Ridge		61					21	82
Robbinsdale	80	250		400	2,241		316	3,287
Rocky Point		21						21
Sioux Chapel	152	60		105	913	78	155	1,464
Sturgis	131	144		60			268	603
Sundance	50	123	106					279
Terry		81	65		125		53	324
Tolstoy	180	104		50	1,000		175	1,509
Tuthill	29	69		41			71	210
Watertown	371	789	359	107	1,110		1,379	4,115
Watford City	324	406	722	147			1,330	2,929
Webster								
Totals	\$7,617	\$11,882	\$45,390	\$7,642	\$10,379	\$738	\$19,950	\$103,598

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Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget

Charge	Undivided Budget	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Superannuated Minister's Fund	Orphanage	Administrative Budget	General Conference Travel & Entertainment	General Sunday School Work	Australia	Total General Budget	
Aberdeen	\$21	\$128	\$69	\$161	\$82	\$14	\$22	\$8	\$24	\$14	\$543	
Almont	3	37	33	67	42	5	11	5	3	5	211	
Artesian		44	30	55	41	6	9	5	5	6	199	
Avon		52			51						114	
Baker	3	486	84	91	58	15	14	11	5	10	775	
Beckman Memorial	20	626	91	110	83	12	7	29	9	7	994	
Belle Fourche		86	88	22	3	7	4		5		215	
Biddle		6	8	15	5	1		2	7		44	
Billings		238	126	328	149	49	53	14	21		978	
Bismarck												
Bradley												
Brentford	14	71	60	49	18	7	10				229	
Brookings	36	152	118	48	18	5	2	1	10		390	
Buffalo		93	35	70	41	7	11	4	13	7	281	
Bushnell		76	36	25	15	5	6	2	5	3	173	
Butte												
Calvary												
Conner		97	23	16	26	5	11	3	7	4	192	
Deadwood		73	61	117	39	7	5	14	15	26	357	
Flandreau		47	32	23	14	5	2	4	3	2	132	
Forsyth	3	42	21	3	15	5	1		4	25	119	
Garden City	10	73	73	30	29	5	4		3		227	
Harlowton												
Hot Springs		38	46	39	39	5	10		20		22	
Houghton		110	30	50	27	5			17		194	
Huron		370	226	109	82	5	33	20	5		227	
Ipswich		324	65	71	38	11	10	3	21		906	
Johnson Corners		240	115	119	85	12	23	27	10	6	558	
Boyd and Joliet									9		630	
Knots		43	11	26	15	10	4	1		2	112	
Lake Wilson												
Loyalton	11	28	73	4		5	4				125	
McIntosh												
Medicine Rocks		234	46	45	14	20		4	1	2	366	
Miles City		15	14	15	15	2	61	2	7		131	
Mission		50	25	1	15	8	5	2			106	
Missoula	7			14							21	
Mitchell	5	240	106	208	143	20	32	12	21	20	807	
Moabridge		175	151	129	65	12	17	6	13	51	619	
Mt. Vernon	5	18	12	15	14	5	5	2	8		84	
Northville		156	35	45	33	5	8	3			285	
Pierre		104	54	18		5	3		11		195	
Pollock												
Rapid City		220	71	113	68	13	18	7	18	11	539	
Rawlins		55	39	29	16	4	4	2	9	4	162	
Redfield		114	53	132	100	5	21	28	12	13	478	
Richland	10	918	141	20	77	13	20	28	18	13	1,258	
Ridge		38	24	30	38	5	3	1	4	2	145	
Robbinsdale		55	20	410	15		4	2	8		514	
Rocky Point												
Sioux Chapel												
Sturgis		19	11	20	32	2		12	6	10	112	
Sundance												
Terry												
Tolstoy		47	40	29	10	8	9		8	13	21	
Tuthill		3						3	3		150	
Watertown		92	38	78	84	5	5		16	14	332	
Watford City	12	226	211	169	81	17	25	11	28	12	792	
Webster												
Totals		\$160	\$6,359	\$2,645	\$3,208	\$1,835	\$362	\$498	\$281	\$421	\$281	\$16,050

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Item VIII. Disbursed for Conference Budget

Charge	President's Salary	Conference Evangelist's Salary	Conference Work	Conference Missions	Conference S. S. Work	Total Conference Budget	Total Budget
Arden	\$30		\$323	\$55	\$9	\$417	\$960
Almont			78	22	1	101	312
Artesian	\$30		147	23	2	202	401
Avon			41		10	51	165
Baker		15	346	116	4	481	1,256
Beckman Memorial	50		225	28	3	306	1,300
Belle Fourche	20		75		3	98	313
Riddle			50			50	94
Billings	172	89	442	414	11	1,128	2,106
Bismarck	77	70				147	147
Bradley			111	12		123	352
Brentford			272	20	4	296	686
Brookings			175	27	4	206	487
Buffalo			185	10	2	197	370
Bushnell							
Butte							
Calvary	11		228	17	4	260	452
Conner	30		63	26		119	476
Deadwood			23	10	1	34	166
Flandreau	5	11	1	8	20	45	164
Forsyth			116	48		164	391
Garden City	8		303		7	318	340
Harlowton			224			224	418
Hot Springs			244	18	3	265	492
Houghton			547	45		667	1,573
Huron	20	55	357	25	1	383	921
Ipswich			306	49		405	1,035
Johnson Corners	50						
Boyd and Joliet			34			34	146
Knobs							
Lake Wilson		123	357			480	605
Loyalton							
McIntosh		11	122	9		142	508
Medicine Rocks			150	10		160	291
Miles City	10		104	10		124	230
Mission	7			9		16	37
Missoula	90		549	81	7	727	1,534
Mitchell	35		577	43	4	659	1,278
Mobridge	11		111	18		140	224
Mt. Vernon			220	18		238	523
Northville		10	38	15		63	258
Pierre							
Pollock	20		459	45		524	1,063
Rapid City		10	38	15	3	66	228
Rawlins			292	122	4	438	916
Redfield	20		364	51	5	442	1,700
Richland	22		64	108	1	229	374
Ridge		56	45	10	4	75	589
Robbinsdale	16						
Rocky Point							
Sioux Chapel			132	27	3	162	274
Sturgis							
Sundance	5					5	5
Terry		20	15			35	56
Tolstoy		18	48			66	216
Tuthill			53			53	59
Watertown			288	56	8	352	684
Watford City	25	25	413	47	28	538	1,330
Webster							
Totals	\$734	\$543	\$9,355	\$1,667	\$156	\$12,455	\$28,505

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item IX. Disbursed for Benevolences

Charge	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	W. Y.	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences
Aberdeen	\$114	\$127	\$201	\$86	\$38	\$3	\$81	\$650
Almont	56	4			30		26	116
Artesian		8	12		19	9	129	177
Avon	305	49					66	420
Baker	205	209	46		39	62	262	823
Beckman Memorial		368	21		215		76	680
Belle Fourche	120		15			36	23	194
Biddle	30		2					32
Billings	53	117	60		10	33	97	370
Bismarck								
Bradley								
Brentford	8	20			44		104	176
Brookings					20	65	67	152
Buffalo	27	46	45	31			95	244
Bushnell	15	20					28	63
Butte								
Calvary								
Conner	348		3		8	2	218	579
Deadwood		10			23	6	548	587
Flandreau	5	16	2				27	50
Forsyth		12		5			4	69
Garden City				5	15	47	506	568
Harlowton	86	63		5	30	17	153	354
Hot Springs		45					95	140
Houghton	24	13	10				78	125
Huron	370	226	149	5	547		558	1,855
Ipswich	33	43	48		43	5	171	343
Johnson Corners	2	142	4		78		179	405
Boyd and Joliet	35	43	13	3	9		3	106
Knobs	5	18	2				19	44
Lake Wilson								
Loyalton						116	150	266
McIntosh								
Medicine Rocks	186	43	18		16	169		432
Miles City	76	42	5		176			299
Mission		1			12		16	29
Missoula								
Mitchell	221	37	3,980	30	358	371	250	5,247
Mobridge							237	237
Mt. Vernon	38	67	3		21			129
Northville		5	10				98	113
Pierre						15	21	36
Pollock								
Rapid City	38	10	34				43	125
Rawlins	11	28	52	5	27	16	52	191
Redfield	143	148	28				126	445
Richland		77		57			184	318
Ridge	40	4		6				50
Robbinsdale								
Rocky Point								
Sioux Chapel		20			1		9	30
Sturgis					9	41	39	89
Sundance								
Terry	18						43	61
Tolstoy							125	125
Tuthill	43	9	261	2	17		5	337
Watertown	10		13					23
Watford City	152	518	31	47	47	10	1,734	2,539
Webster								
Totals	\$2,822	\$2,608	\$5,068	\$282	\$1,852	\$1,027	\$6,810	\$20,469

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item X. Disbursed Totals

Charge	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
Aberdeen	\$3,411	\$2,266	\$960	\$650	\$7,287
Almont	2,038	737	312	116	3,203
Artesian	1,870	720	401	177	3,168
Avon	1,084	2,544	165	420	4,213
Baker	3,480	1,244	1,256	823	6,803
Beckman Memorial	3,029	2,183	1,300	680	7,192
Belle Fourche	2,365	1,418	313	194	4,290
Biddle	1,890	161	94	32	2,177
Billings	4,218	2,964	2,106	370	9,658
Bismarck	3,385	23,028	147	.....	26,560
Bradley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brentford	1,863	3,116	352	176	5,507
Brookings	3,212	1,779	686	152	5,829
Buffalo	2,248	1,728	487	244	4,707
Bushnell	2,335	462	370	63	3,230
Butte	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calvary	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Conner	2,593	551	452	579	4,175
Deadwood	3,278	1,220	476	587	5,561
Flandreau	1,055	759	166	50	2,030
Forsyth	1,685	958	164	95	2,902
Garden City	2,309	363	391	568	3,631
Harlowton	3,402	1,583	340	354	5,679
Hot Springs	2,350	2,024	418	140	4,932
Houghton	2,186	635	492	125	3,438
Huron	3,220	2,290	1,573	1,855	8,938
Ipswich	2,485	387	921	343	4,136
Johnson Corners	1,933	1,322	1,035	405	4,695
Boyd and Joliet	185	184	.....	106	475
Knobs	428	47	146	44	665
Lake Wilson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Loyalton	2,585	1,622	605	266	5,078
McIntosh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medicine Rocks	1,611	498	508	432	3,049
Miles City	2,302	1,161	291	299	4,053
Mission	924	190	230	29	1,373
Missoula	1,962	526	37	.....	2,525
Mitchell	3,650	17,112	1,534	5,247	27,543
Mobridge	3,187	1,180	1,278	237	5,882
Mt. Vernon	1,318	220	224	129	1,891
Northville	2,308	786	523	113	3,730
Pierre	2,881	1,270	258	36	4,445
Pollock	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rapid City	3,860	1,956	1,063	125	7,004
Rawlins	2,287	671	228	191	3,377
Redfield	3,350	3,621	916	445	8,332
Richland	3,486	1,290	1,700	318	6,794
Ridge	1,235	82	374	50	1,741
Robbinsdale	3,095	3,287	589	.....	6,971
Rocky Point	190	21	.....	.....	211
Sioux Chapel	1,225	1,463	.....	30	2,718
Sturgis	2,750	603	274	89	3,716
Sundance	615	279	5	.....	899
Terry	1,743	324	56	61	2,184
Tolstoy	1,595	1,509	216	125	3,445
Tuthill	719	210	59	337	1,325
Watertown	3,459	4,115	684	23	8,281
Watford City	3,003	2,929	1,330	2,539	9,801
Webster	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	\$118,877	\$103,598	\$28,505	\$20,469	\$271,449

Minutes
of the
Wesleyan Youth
of the
Dakota Conference
1955 - 56

OFFICERS FOR 1956 WESLEYAN YOUTH

President—Rev. O. D. Watson, 334 N. Euclid, Pierre, S. Dak.
Vice-President—Rev. Darrell Wagner, Buffalo, Wyo.
Secretary—Voreta Simpson, 2812 Meadowbrook Dr., Rapid City, S. Dak.
Treasurer—Alice Fletcher, Miles City, Mont.
Youth Solicitor—Joy Wessel, 1916 Maple Ave., Rapid City, S. Dak.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

Aberdeen District—Ben Joachim, Cresbard, S. Dak.
Black Hills District—Rev. Harold Griffin, Prairie City, S. Dak.
Northwest District—Rev. Darrell Wagner, Buffalo, Wyo.
Southern District—Rev. Wesley Sime, Garden City, S. Dak.

WESLEYAN YOUTH PRESIDENTS

Aberdeen—Doreen Gage, Westport, S. Dak.
Artesian—Robert E. Moulton, Artesian, S. Dak.
Baker—Mrs. Milo H. Young, Box 306, Baker, Mont.
Beckman Memorial—Harold Wilkenson, Ralph, S. Dak.

Belle Fourche—Jerry Mitchell, 902 Edmunds St., Belle Fourche, S. Dak.
Billings—Glenna Cammack, 306 S. 32nd St., Billings, Mont.
Brentford—Francis Fey, Conde, S. Dak.
Brookings—Darrel Martin, R.R., Brookings, S. Dak.
Bushnell—Mrs. Duane Hornback, Bushnell, S. Dak.
Deadwood—Sally Maxwell, 417 Mill St., Lead, S. Dak.
Huron—Mrs. Mary Becker, 669 5th St., Huron, S. Dak.
Johnson Corners—Anna Wheeler, Keene, N. Dak.
Mitchell—Wilford Johnson, 1209 S. Duff St., Mitchell, S. Dak.
Rapid City First—Donna Purington, 503 Sweeney Ave., Rapid City, S. Dak.
Rawlins—Shirley Cartwright, 409 McMicken, Rawlins, Wyo.
Richland—Ben Joachim, Cresbard, S. Dak.
Sturgis—Joan Rogers, 1824 Dudley, Sturgis, S. Dak.
Tolstoy—Lloyd Hettich, Tolstoy, S. Dak.
Watford City—Phillis Warnke, Watford City, N. Dak.

WESLEYAN YOUTH DELEGATES

Aberdeen—Edward Haskell, Stanley Gage
Artesian—Etta Adams
Avon—Larry Johnson
Baker—Carol Noftsker, Fern Noftsker
Beckman Memorial—Harold Wilkenson
Billings—David Hunter
Brentford—Della Fey, Gayle Clemensen
Buffalo—Darrell Wagner
Bushnell—Merial Wilaby, Faye Wilaby
Connor—Crystal Bennett
Houghton—Julia Reisdorph
Huron—Verda Dubro, Janice Wahl
Ipswich—Mary Maynard, Ellen Peterson
Johnson Corners—Janice Kaiser
Loyalton—Harlan Stern, Charles Kemp
Mitchell—Eunice Hillen, Carol Kronwald, Robert Hersey
Mobridge—Joy Wessel
Pierre—Diane Baker, Jean Letchworth
Richland—Elayne Palmer, Colleen Anderson
Rapid City, First—Kay Mills, Vern Spohn
Robbinsdale—David Simpson
Tolstoy—Ralph Vreugdenhill, Dorothy Vreugdenhill
Watford City—Phillis Warnke
Watertown—Barbara Sutton

Daily Proceedings

The first meeting of the Dakota Wesleyan Youth Conference was held in the youth tabernacle Monday, June 4 at 9:00 a.m.

The group joined in singing "He's Everything to Me" and then Rev. Vermilyea led devotions.

Motion made and seconded that the first six benches on each side constitute the Bar of Conference.

The Roll Call was given.

A motion was made and seconded that the conference program be adopted as printed.

Motion made and seconded to give the pastors the privilege of appointing a second or third delegate if their church was not properly represented.

Motion made and seconded that all incoming pastors, duly elected by the Conference, be seated in the Bar of Conference.

Motion made and seconded that the Annual President be seated in the Bar.

Greetings were given to the group by the President, Rev. J. F. Simpson.

The following committees were elected:

Nominating Committee:

Rev. Vermilyea, Chairman
Barbara Sutton
Robert Moulton
Phyllis Warnke
Harold Wilkenson

Statistical Committee:

Darrell Wagner, Chairman
Joy Wessel
Kay Mills

Auditing Committee:

Rolland Fletcher, Chairman
Eugene Gisselbeck
Wesley Sime

Resolutions Committee:

Harold Griffin, Chairman
Etta Adams
Charles Kemp

Ways and Means Committee:

Fred Bingaman, Chairman
Earl Olson
Janice Koeser

The Nominating Committee was instructed to bring in two names for each office.

The President's report was read and accepted. (Note See Report No. 1)

The President gave greetings from the Youth Solicitor, Ruth Hildebrandt.

Darrell Wagner, Vice-President, gave a report on the Crusader, it was accepted.

Corrine Johnson, Rapid City First Church Youth President, reported on the publishing of the Crusader, it was accepted.

The Treasurer's report on the Crusader showed a deficiency of \$13.28. The report was accepted.

Rev. Martin Cox, Youth Evangelist, was presented to the group by the Courtesy Committee. He encouraged the youth to work together and continue to expand. He also brought greetings from other youth groups and camps.

Motion made and seconded that Rev. Cox and his daughter, Maralyn, be seated in the Bar of Conference.

The following reports of the District Chairmen were given and accepted:

Wesley Sime of the Southern District told of the 3-way lighted picture that was used as a traveling prize for the rallies. There were three rallies held, one at each of the following places, Artesian, Rev. Phipps as speaker; Huron, Rev. Vermilyea as speaker and Watertown, Rev. Bob Wallace as speaker. A District Banquet was held at Mitchell with 127 present.

Darrell Wagner of the Northwest District told of a local rally at Baker Montana with Allen Gisselbeck in charge. There was an enrollment of 145 at the Red Lodge Youth Camp last fall. This year's camp is to be held from August 13-17 with Jim Harris as evangelist.

In Rev. Andrew Wilson's absence, Harold Griffin reported for the Black Hills District. There were rallies at Deadwood with James Ridgeway, Hot Springs with Rev. Dean Watson, Sturgis with Wesley Knapp and the Miltonvale Girls' Sextet and at Belle Fourche. Bob McIntyre was the worker at the Youth Camp. This fall, Beverly Wilson will be the speaker at the Black Hills Youth Camp, August 12-19.

In the absence of Rev. Sprowl, Mrs. Fey reported for the Aberdeen District. They had a Picnic Rally at Mina Lake and a youth convention at Redfield. This district had a project of supporting the workers at Brainerd. Each society in the district sent at least one dollar a month, the total amount sent was \$150.56.

Motion made and passed that a committee of three study the publishing of the Crusader and bring back a report to the group. The fol-

lowing committee was elected: Darrel Wagner, Chairman, Alice Fletcher and Corrine Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned for committee work.

Monday 1:00 p. m.

Rev. Glen Wessel led devotions.

Roll Call was given.

The Ways and Means Committee read their report and it was accepted. (Note See Report No. 2)

Earl Olson, David Hunter and Ralph Vreugdenhill were appointed as tellers.

The Nominating Committee read their report and the following officers were elected.

President—Rev. Dean Watson

Vice-President—Rev. Darrell Wagner

Secretary—Voreta Simpson

Treasurer—Alice Fletcher

Youth Solicitor—Joy Wessel

Meeting was adjourned.

Monday, 4:00 p. m.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. (Note See Report No. 3)

Alice Fletcher gave instructions to local treasurers concerning their remittances.

The Executive Council Report was read and accepted. (Note See Report No. 4)

Resolutions Committee Report was read and approved. (Note See Report No. 5)

The Auditing Committee's Report was read and accepted. (Note See Report No. 6)

Partial report of the Statistical Committee was read and accepted. (Note See Report No. 7)

Rev Watson gave a report of his trip to the Leaders' Conference at Kansas City, Kansas. He challenged the group with the need of Christian Education.

The Crusader Committee gave their report and it was accepted. (Note See Report No. 8)

Motion made and seconded that the Executive Council pass on the Statistical Report when completed.

Motion made and seconded that the addresses of the officers be put in the minutes.

The rule to vote by ballot for the District Chairmen was suspended.
The following chairmen were elected:

Aberdeen District—Ben Joachim

Black Hills District—Darrell Wagner

Southern District—Wesley Sime

The group joined in singing "God Be With You Til We Meet Again."

The meeting was adjourned.

Reports of Committees

Report No. 1

PRESIDENT'S YEARLY REPORT TO ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Christian Greetings:

I wish to open my report with the words of the Apostle Paul, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth," Rom. 1:16a.

We would give praise to God for His loving kindness and tender mercies to us this year. Some souls have been won, as brands from the burning. Appreciate the cooperation of the Executive Council, District Chairmen, Local Presidents and all the members of the local groups. You have indeed given loyal support to the Conference Youth program and projects.

1. Since July 1st, 1955 to May 1st, 1956 there have been some nine youth services held in different churches.

2. Two revival services—Rapid City and Avon.

3. Youth Week services held at Strool Church.

4. One Youth Camp attended (Black Hills). Served as a teacher.

5. Attended the Area Youth Leaders' Conference at Kansas City, Kansas. Made report of same and sent to all Youth Presidents and pastors.

6. 350 pieces of mail were sent out from the office.

7. Financial report.

\$31.54 Mileage for Youth Camp and desk fund.

45.00 Expenses to Area Youth Leaders' Conference

10.40 Postage, stencils, ink, paper, etc.

92.30 Back travel for 1954-55.

\$179.15 TOTAL

Yours for Souls,
C. D. Watson, Jr.

Report No. 2

We, the Ways and Means Committee, present the following recommendations for the consideration of the Dakota Conference Wesleyan Youth:

1. That we continue the use of membership cards.

2. That we avail ourselves of the opportunity of attending District Youth Camps and rallies for the sake of spiritual uplift and fellowship of Christian Youth.

3. That the different Wesleyan Youth Societies combine services.
4. Let them consistently endeavor to make and to raise all General Conference dues by April 15, 1957.
5. Let us endeavor to do our part in the emphasis of revival by praying in our societies and forming Gospel Teams to conduct gospel services for youth and children.
6. That we stress the Victory Volunteer program of distributing tracts and Christian literature.
7. That each society has a definite plan for Bible study and memorization.
8. Let Wesleyan Youth plan an educational service and receive a liberal offering to be applied on an educational budget.
9. That the District Chairmen encourage the organization of unorganized societies within their districts.
10. That each district promote a definite project.

Signed: Fred Bingaman, Chairman;
Earl D. Olson,
Janice Koeser.

Report No. 3

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1955-56

Account	1955 Balance on Hand	1955-56 Receipts	1955-56 Disburse- ments	1956 New Balance on Hand	1956 Deficit
Camp Offering	\$10.79		\$10.00	\$.79	
Conference Pledges		\$443.00	270.00	173.00	
7½% Fund		190.68	190.68		
Conference Dues	96.23	90.25	117.24	69.24	
General Dues		338.25	319.00	19.25	
Foreign Missions		118.68	114.61	4.07	
Home Missions		100.28	97.07	3.21	
Education		75.90	75.51	.39	
Church Extension	2.70	22.00		24.70	
Crusader	22.43	21.00	56.71		\$13.28
Miscellaneous	17.57	83.05	111.05		10.43
Youth Week Offering		116.29	111.29	5.00	
Service Men's Commission		11.00	11.00		
Totals	\$149.72	\$1,610.38	\$1,484.16	\$299.65	\$23.71
Voucher Receipts, \$167.72					
Balance on hand, 1955			\$ 149.72		
Receipts			1,610.38		
Total			\$1,760.10		
Disbursements			1,484.16		
New Balance on hand			\$275.94		

Mrs. Alice Fletcher, Treasurer

Report No. 4

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT

June 4—11:30 a. m.

Voretta Simpson was elected secretary of the group.

Motion made and passed to amend the motion to give \$50 to the Conference for materials for new benches for the main tabernacle, not to be used for labor.

The dues shall be set at \$1.75.

Seven cents a mile shall be paid the president for traveling expenses.

The Youth and Crusader Solicitor be combined into one office on the local and conference level.

Missionary project—six workers in the Philippines.

Forty-five dollars as an area project to provide facilities for the Youth Chapel in the new church at Miltonvale.

Meeting adjourned.

June 6—1:00 p. m.

The Statistical Report was read and accepted.

Motion made and seconded to give Rev. Watson permission to ask the Camp Board for more time for the Youth Conference.

Meeting was adjourned.

Report No. 5

We, the Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

Be it resolved that we more fully realize our privilege of attending Youth Conference and give heartfelt thanks to God for His divine providence.

Be it resolved that we as young people purpose to press on for Christ, under the leadership of the Holy Ghost.

Be it resolved that we conscientiously support the program and projects of the Conference W. Y.

Be it resolved that we promote the subscriptions to the WESLEYAN YOUTH and the CRUSADER.

Be it resolved that we, by word and deed, with prayer, strive to reach the lost for Christ.

Be it resolved that we offer earnest prayers and give zealous support to missions.

Be it resolved that we support our District Youth Camps and rallies, and promote them by our attendance.

Be it resolved that we urge the use of the Efficiency Standard.

Be it resolved that we express our sincere appreciation to all who

have contributed in any way to make this conference session a blessing to those who attended; especially to Rev. Martin Cox our youth evangelist, to Rev. B. O. Crowe for his ministry, to our denominational representative Dr. O. G. Wilson, to A. A. Constable for the inspiration in song, to Rev. Watson for his fine leadership. We also wish to thank Darrell Wagner for his work with the CRUSADER and to the Rapid City First Church Society for their labors in publishing the CRUSADER.

Harold W. Griffin, Chairman;
Etta Adams.

Report No. 6

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited the accounts of the Treasurer of the Dakota Conference Wesleyan Youth, and have found them to be correct.

Rolland L. Fletcher, Chairman;
Wesley Sime,
Eugene Gisselbeck.

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

W. Y. STATISTICAL REPORT

Name of Local	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youth Subs.	Efficiency Standard Rating	General Dues	Conference Dues	Church Extension	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions
Aberdeen	20	7	14	...	\$19.25	\$9.27	...	...	\$25.00	...
Artesian	4	2	6	C	5.00	2.00	...	\$3.50	...	...
Baker	13	14	17	A	16.25	46.96	7.00	16.00	43.48	\$41.05
Beckman Memorial	22	...	14	B	27.50	12.04	4.50	4.40	3.30	2.70
Belle Fourche	7	...	1	B	10.50	5.72	...	...	...	...
Billings	12	3	16	B	17.50	6.25	...	7.17	20.50	1.00
Brentford	7	...	5	C	7.25	2.25	...	...	5.61	4.44
Brookings	16	...	7	...	24.00	14.00	7.50	7.50	10.00	10.00
Bushnell	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deadwood	...	...	...	...	...	6.35	...	...	...	...
Huron	18	...	16	...	25.50	4.50	44.27	...	...	...
Ipswich	15	...	4	...	...	11.00	...	...	...	12.00
Johnson Corners	11	...	12	C	16.50	6.82	...	...	...	...
Mitchell	36	1	30	A	40.50	10.00	...	4.00	8.00	4.00
Mobridge	11	...	11	C	16.50	2.75	11.75	20.00	...	45.41
Pierre	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rapid City, First	10	...	4	C	7.50	9.08	...	20.00	14.18	11.34
Rawlins	6	2	3	C	9.00	2.00	...	2.00	...	...
Richland	21	11	15	...	8.00	31.50	10.00	...	35.00	...
Sturgis	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tolstoy	15	4	6	A	10.50	1.75	2.00	14.00	3.00	...
Watertown	12	...	12	...	15.00	3.00	...	...	...	...
Watford City	5	2	6	C	10.50	1.75	1.00	6.20	7.59	7.60
Totals	261	46	207	13	\$286.75	\$188.99	\$89.02	\$104.77	\$175.66	\$139.54

W. Y. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Name of Local	Local Work	Other Items	Conference Projects	Total Receipts Plus Balance	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
Aberdeen	\$10.15	\$27.84	.....	\$92.11	\$91.51	\$.60
Artesian	6.26	80.43	\$10.00	117.34	108.19	9.15
Baker	18.40	64.67	.....	254.02	253.81	.21
Beckman Memorial	29.46	18.60	.....	113.46	102.50	10.96
Belle Fourche	14.75	.....	5.00	36.61	35.97	.64
Billings	129.29	88.44	35.00	321.88	305.15	16.73
Brentford	63.26	33.96	5.00	121.77	121.77	.....
Brookings	27.11	6.00	15.00	144.82	121.11	23.71
Bushnell .....	.....	5.00	5.00	11.82	10.00	1.82
Deadwood .....	.....	.....	.....	6.35	6.35	.....
Huron	92.03	.....	40.00	223.13	206.30	16.83
Ipswich .....	.....	5.00	.....	33.53	28.00	5.53
Johnson Corners	16.47	23.35	15.00	103.58	78.14	25.44
Mitchell	266.21	1,217.35	70.00	1,658.76	1,620.06	38.70
Mobridge	30.50	6.50	20.00	173.80	153.41	20.39
Pierre	34.51	15.00	15.00	72.86	64.51	8.35
Rapid City, First	38.33	22.89	10.00	160.15	133.32	28.83
Rawlins .....	.....	6.55	5.00	26.05	24.55	1.50
Richland	54.00	269.75	.....	428.46	408.25	20.21
Sturgis .....	.....	47.58	.....	59.46	47.58	11.88
Tolstoy	5.00	6.20	5.00	49.63	47.45	2.18
Watertown	72.00	7.25	.....	127.87	97.25	30.62
Watford City .....	.....	22.94	10.00	95.92	67.58	28.34
Totals	\$907.73	\$1,975.30	\$265.00	\$4,433.38	\$4,132.76	\$300.62

Report No. 8

Dakota CRUSADER Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. The services of the Holmgren Printing Company be secured for printing the CRUSADER.
2. That each society pay five cents per copy received, and that the pastor be responsible that the amount is paid.
3. That within two weeks after the first mailing each society submit a subscription list to the Editor.
4. In order to expedite the rapid delivery of each edition, the combined Rapid City Youth Societies be responsible for mailing.
5. That each society elect a Crusader Reporter.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell Wagner, Chairman;
Alice Fletcher,
Corrine Johnson.

Minutes

of the

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of the

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of the

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June 5-8, 1956

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 Montana
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LOCAL PRESIDENTS AND ADDRESSES

Aberdeen—Mrs. Madalyn Simpson, 308 N. Lincoln St., Aberdeen, S. D.
 Almont—Mrs. Robert McCoy, Almont, N. D.
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 Avon—
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 Belle Fourche—Mrs. Lillian Bailie, 605 Day St., Belle Fourche, S. D.
 Billings—Mrs. Ruth McIntyre, 48 Jackson St., Billings, Montana
 Boyd—Mrs. Velma Boese, Boyd, Montana
 Brentford—Mrs. Della Fey, Conde, S. D.
 Brookings—Mrs. Myrtle Jones, 1300 Block 1st St., Brookings, S. D.
 Buffalo—Mrs. Chris Johnson, Box 383, Buffalo, Wyo.
 Bushnell—Mrs. Loreen Griffin, Flandreau, S. D.
 Calvary—Mrs. Ruby Lerew, Athol, S. D.
 Conner—Mrs. Mark Bedient, Darby, Montana
 Deadwood—Mrs. John Reed, Whitewood, S. D.
 Flandreau—Mrs. Loreen Griffin, Flandreau, S. D.
 Forsyth—Mrs. Mary Lynn Gisselbeck, Forsyth, Montana
 Garden City—Mrs. Jean Sime, Garden City, S. D.
 Harlowton—Mrs. Jean Foster, Box 593, Harlowton, Montana
 Hot Springs—
 Houghton—Mrs. Charles Reisdorph, Houghton, S. D.
 Huron—Mrs. Harry Becker, Huron, S. D.
 Ipswich—Mrs. Ruth Gibson, Ipswich, S. D.
 Johnson Corners—Mrs. Lloyd Parrish, Watson City, N. D.
 Knobs—Mrs. Evelyn Knapp, Baker, Montana
 Loyaltown—Mrs. Florence Kemp, Loyaltown, S. D.
 Medicine Rocks—Mrs. Evelyn Gisselbeck, Willard, Montana
 Miles City—Mrs. Alice Fletcher, 1106 Milwaukee, Miles City, Mont.
 Mission—Mrs. Adora Borszick, Mission, S. D.
 Missoula—Mrs. H. J. Van Vliet, 608 S. Ave. West, Missoula, Mont.
 Mitchell—Mrs. Ralph Helle, 420 S. Duff St., Mitchell, S. D.

Mobridge—

Mt. Vernon—

Northville—Mrs. George Warriner, Northville, S. D.

Pierre—Mrs. J. V. Oshel, Box 243, Pierre, S. D.

Rapid City—Mrs. Vivian Gibson, 3705 Franklin Dr., Rapid City, S. D.

Rawlins—

Redfield—Mrs. Doris Wolter, 814 East 7th Ave., Redfield, S. D.

Richland—Mrs. Mable Wadsworth, Mina, S. D.

Ridge—Mrs. Eleanor Cadwell, Ridge, Montana

Robbinsdale—

Strool (Beckman Memorial Church)—Mrs. Lucile Bingaman, Prairie City, S. D.

Sturgis—Mrs. Janet Anderson, 933 Boulevard, Sturgis, S. D.

Sundance—Mrs. Inez Goodell, Sundance, Wyoming

Terry—Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger, Terry, Montana

Tolstoy—Mrs. Pauline Hobby, Tolstoy, S. D.

Tuthill—Mrs. Raymond Hines, Tuthill, S. D.

Watertown—Mrs. Elizabeth Becker, 501 E. Kemp, Watertown, S. D.

Watford City—Mrs. Fern Davidson, Watford City, N. D.

DELEGATES

Aberdeen—Mrs. Anna Vetsch

Almont—Mrs. Dora McCoy

Artesian—Mrs. Jim Blow

Avon—

Baker—Mrs. Erna Jordan

Beckman Memorial—Mrs. Elva Beckman

Belle Fourche—Mrs. Carroll Hysom

Billings—Mrs. Amy Hunter

Boyd—Mrs. Hazel Shelley

Brentford—Mrs. Tena Bruse

Brookings—Mrs. Donna Stanislaus

Buffalo—Mrs. Pauline Johnson

Bushnell—Mrs. Evelyn McKeown

Calvary—Mrs. Ruby Lerew

Conner—Mrs. Leona Bennett

Deadwood—Mrs. Elsie Wilson

Flandreau—Mrs. Loreen Griffin

Forsyth—Mrs. Mary Lynn Gisselbeck

Garden City—Mrs. Jean Sime

Harlowton—Mrs. Marie Lichtenbarger

Hot Springs—Mrs. Lillian Griffiths

Houghton—Mrs. Loretta Richardson

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Huron—Mrs. Viola Leyh
 Ipswich—Mrs. Emma Poole
 Johnson Corners—Mrs. Agnes Lillibridge
 Knobs—Mrs. Thelma Cary
 Loyalton—Mrs. Stella Hilden
 Medicine Rocks—Mrs. Evelyn Gisselbeck
 Miles City—Mrs. W. O. Howard
 Mission—Mrs. Lois Steward
 Missoula—
 Mitchell—Mrs. Carl Strand
 Mobridge—Mrs. Mildred Brown
 Mt. Vernon—Mrs. Pauline Hobby
 Northville—Mrs. Dorothy Nultameier
 Pierre—Mrs. Harry Hinesh
 Rawlins—Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger
 Rapid City—Mrs. G. G. Dufloth
 Redfield—Mrs. Alma Peterson
 Richland—Mrs. Luella Bardell
 Ridge—Mrs. Amy Howard
 Robbinsdale—Mrs. Kathryn Gibson
 Sturgis—Mrs. Honour Kelly
 Sundance—Mrs. Inez Goodell
 Tolstoy—Mrs. Lydia Helm
 Tuthill—Mrs. Leah Boyle
 Watertown—Mrs. Alice Fletcher
 Watford City—Mrs. Leah Johnson

Miss Marie Brannon
 Mrs. Elizabeth Becker
 Mrs. Eunice Vreugdenhill
 Mrs. Hazel Brixey
 Mrs. Honour Briffen
 Mrs. Maxine Bingaman
 Mrs. Florence Kemp
 Mrs. Frances Sollie
 Mrs. Betty McCandless
 Mrs. Mable Wadsworth
 Mrs. Della Fey
 Mrs. Mabel Gerleman
 Mrs. Augusta Johnson
 Mrs. Floreeda Warinner
 Mrs. Ella Buell

Mrs. J. V. Oshel
 Mrs. Fern Davidson
 Mrs. Wesley McIntyre
 Mrs. Jean Foster
 Mrs. Betty McCandless
 Mrs. Lillian Bailie
 Mrs. Ruth Faulkenberry
 Mrs. Ruth McIntyre
 Mrs. Evangeline McIntyre
 Mrs. Vena Simpson
 Mrs. Lorna Vermilyea
 Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger
 Mrs. Rena Veeder
 Mrs. Barbara Watson
 Mrs. Marion Cretsinger

Daily Proceedings

Tuesday, 8:00 a. m.

Opening—The Fifty-first Annual Session of the W.M.S. of the Dakota Conference was called to order by the President, Mrs. Dorothy Cret-singer. Mrs. Leona Bennett, song leader for this session of Conference, led us in singing "The Cleansing Wave" and our Theme Chorus "Victory in Jesus." Mrs. Viola Leyh brought a devotional message from Matt. 7:7 and Luke 11, her subject being "The Prayer Life of our Lord," after which we were led in prayer by Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Vreugdenhill.

Committee on Credentials—Mrs. Jean Sime and Mrs. Augusta Johnson were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

Special Motion—A motion prevailed that if there is no elected delegate present or to be present, that the local president be seated as delegate, or, if not present, then the pastor's wife shall be seated.

Conference Body—A motion prevailed that Delegates, Presidents, Minister's wives, Y.M.W.B. Superintendents, and Lady Ministers constitute the Conference Body.

Bar of Conference—By motion, the first seven rows on either side of the Tabernacle were designated as the Bar of Conference.

Programs—The programs for Conference were distributed and by motion adopted as Orders of the Day for this session of Conference.

Nominating Committee—The Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Amy Hunter, Mrs. Fern Davidson, Mrs. Leona Bennett, Mrs. Viola Levh, Mrs. Elva Beckman.

Recess—A recess was declared that the Nominating Committee might prepare their report.

Report of the Nominating Committee—A partial report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 1.)

Project Committee—Mrs. Hazel Shellev and Mrs. Carroll Hysom were appointed a committee to place the Conference Projects on display.

Seating of Delegate—By motion Mrs. G. G. Duffloth was seated as delegate from Rapid City First Church.

Report of President—The President read her report which was accepted with a rising vote of thanks. (See Report No. 2.)

Testimony—Mrs. Nellie Sausoman gave special testimony as to God's dealings in her life and the new work at Bismarck, N. D.

Report of General Conference—Mrs. Marion Cretsinger brought a report from the 1955 General Conference Session of the W.M.S.

Adjournment—Following a season of prayer and testimony, we were adjourned.

Tuesday, 1:30 p. m.

Opening—After singing by the group, Mrs. Veeder led in prayer. This was followed by a "get acquainted time" as a large circle was formed and each one gave her name and position in the local society. A message in song was brought by Mrs. Honour Griffin and Mrs. Barbara Watson.

Appointment—Mrs. Leyh was appointed to the Courtesy Committee to assist Mrs. Buckman.

Courtesies—Dr. O. G. Wilson, our denominational representative was presented. He spoke from a deep heart burden on the "Question of Being a Parent," telling us that to be Godly Parents is our greatest challenge. He also mentioned the project of the next year, in which the W.M.S. will have a share—that of raising \$100,000 for the New International Headquarters at Marion, Ind.

Reports of District Chairmen—The Chairmen of the Northwest, Southern and Black Hill Districts gave their reports, which were accepted.

Quilt Cleaning Committee—This committee reported that 77 quilts were sent to the cleaners at a cost of 85¢ each. Appreciation of the group was extended to this committee for their labor in this behalf.

Thanks—It was voted to extend our thanks to the Reverends Warinner, Wadsworth, and Klassna for their work in decorating the reception room.

Adjourned with singing "Blest be the Tie."

Wednesday, 8:00 a. m.

Opening—After singing "It Will Never Lose Its Power" and our theme chorus, we were favored by a duet sung by Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Calhoon, Missionaries on furlough from Haiti. Rev. J. F. Simpson, Dakota Conference President was presented and led us in devotions, based on Acts 1:1. He told us that God can convey upon us the consciousness that there is a place for us to fill and we need a clear sense of that place in order to be at our best. We were led to the Throne in prayer by Mrs. Calhoon.

Roll Call—Roll as answered by amounts given to Home and Foreign Missions and Total Disbursements.

Minutes—Minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Dining Hall Committee—Mrs. Bardell and Mrs. Vreugdenhill were appointed a committee to purchase items needed for the dining hall.

Motion—A motion prevailed to send a night letter conveying the Greetings of the Conference Body to Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph.

Philippine Project—Mrs. Viola Leyh informed the group of Rev. J. F. Simpson's planned trip to the Philippine Islands, the cost of the

fare having been underwritten by the Beckman Board. However, we were told that other needs would amount to at least \$200. The Executive Board made a recommendation that each Society take an offering for same and send it to the Conference W.M.S. Treasurer by September 1st. This was adopted.

Auditing Committee Report—The Report of the Auditing Committee was read and accepted. (See Report No. 3.)

Report of Treasurer—The Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted with a rising vote of thanks. (See Report No. 4.)

Correspondence—Letters of greeting from Miss Alma Aldinger, Mrs. Vera Clocksen Schrag, and Mrs. Robert Merrill were read by the Secretary, and also, a note of thanks from James Ridgway and Miss Melva LeRoy (now Mrs. James Ridgway), for the lace tablecloth given them at General Conference.

Instructions to Secretary—The Conference Secretary was instructed to send greetings to each of the following: Mrs. J. E. Spry, Mrs. J. C. McGovern, Mrs. Vera Schrag, Mrs. Robert Merrill, Miss Alma Aldinger, Mrs. Lester Meyers, Mrs. Neal Phipps.

Courtesies—Mrs. Robert Vermilyea and Mrs. Earl Olson, wives of new ministers in the Conference, were introduced and gave their testimonies.

Project Discussion—A profitable time was spent in exchanging ideas and telling of various projects completed during the year.

Greetings—Verbal greetings from Mrs. Spry were conveyed to the Body by Mrs. Vermilyea.

Prayer Requests—We were urged to pray for our young people, who are training for definite service in the mission field. Time was spent in a season of prayer for Miltonvale College.

Adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Loreen Griffin.

Wednesday, 1:15 p.m.

Opening—Mrs. Leona Bennett led us in singing "He Hideth My Soul" and "I've Discovered the Way of Gladness."

Report of Magazine Solicitors—The Magazine Solicitors reported a gain of 17 subscriptions to the magazine, making a total of 692 subscriptions. Twelve societies—Belle Fourche, Buffalo, Conner, Houghton, Medicine Rocks, Miles City, Mission, Mobridge, Loyaltown, Robbinsdale, Johnson Corners and Redfield, made the honor roll, with Redfield having reported the largest number of magazines taken.

Magazine Skit—Members of the Aberdeen W.M.S. gave a very clever magazine skit entitled "Give Attention to Reading."

Adjourned.

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY SERVICE

With Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger presiding, the Public Missionary Service opened by singing "Send the Light" and "Jesus Saves" with Rev. Constable and Rev. Sime as song leader and pianist respectfully. We were led in prayer by Miss Ruth Bixler, missionary on furlough from Africa. Rev. and Mrs. Dan McCandless, missionaries elect to Haiti, were introduced and spoke briefly. "Speak, My Lord" was sung by a W.M.S. Ladies' Chorus, after which Mrs. Alice Calhoon brought a very interesting message, giving some of their experiences on the field and urging us to pray.

Rev. and Mrs. Calhoon favored us with a beautiful message in song, after which Rev. Calhoon brought a stirring message, telling us that we can only get the gospel to a lost world by showing marks of Calvary in sacrificial living, for self-denial is the only law of progress and growth in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

At the close of his message, he urged all under thirty-five, who would be obedient to the Spirit's call, to gather at the altar; then asked all who would stand behind these to come forward. It was a precious time of drawing nigh to God as several led out in prayer.

Pledges were made in the amount of \$767.50, with a cash offering in the amount of \$267.30, making a total of \$1,034.80 received.

The service closed with prayer by Rev. John Hunter.

Thursday, 8:00 a.m.

Opening—The group sang "Standing on the Promises" after which devotions were led by Mrs. Marion Cretsinger, who brought some excerpts from Miss Anna McGhie's messages on Faith and Prayer at 1955 W.M.S. General Conference. Mrs. Honour led in prayer.

Roll Call—Roll was answered by giving total Y.M.W.B. receipts.

Minutes—The minutes were read and approved.

Y.M.W.B. Report—Miss Marie Brannon, Conference Y.M.W.B. Superintendent, gave her report. Accepted. (See Report No. 5.)

Prayer Partner Secretary Report—The Prayer Partner Secretary reported 41 Prayer Partner Circles with a total of 632 Prayer Partners. There were 369 Home Missionaries and 681 Foreign Missionaries chosen and 249 Y.M.W.B. Prayer Partners.

Election of Officers—The report of Nominating Committee was read and the election of officers was as follows:

President—Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger

Vice President—Mrs. Marion Cretsinger

Secretary—Mrs. Barbara Watson

Treasurer—Mrs. Rena Veeder

Y.M.W.B. Superintendent—Mrs. Elizabeth Becker

Conference Study Chairman—Mrs. Elva Beckman

District Chairmen were elected as follows:

Aberdeen—Mrs. Viola Leyh

Black Hills—Mrs. Honour Griffin

Southern—Mrs. Jean Sime

Northwestern—Mrs. Fern Davidson

Standing Committees were elected as nominated by the committee.

(See Report No. 1.)

Report of Membership Committee—The Membership Committee reported 20 Fruitful Societies and 4 Hold Fast Societies with 26 Societies reporting a loss of members.

Adjourned.

Thursday, 1:15 p.m.

Opening—We sang several choruses, after which Mrs. Foster led us in prayer.

Courtesies—Miss Buswell, a teacher at Brainerd Indian Training School was introduced and spoke briefly. Rev. Neal Phipps, was introduced and spoke briefly in behalf of Brainerd School. He stated that their biggest need was prayer, and urged us to encourage the workers by writing to them.

Report of Statistical Committee—The Statistical Committee read their report. Accepted. (See Statistical Report.)

Mission Study Report—The Mission Study Secretary gave her report. Adopted. (Report No. 6.)

Child Evangelism—Mrs. Inez Goodell brought an interesting and informative discussion of the work of Child Evangelism.

Memorial Service—A Memorial Service was held in memory of the following deceased members:

Mrs. Bessie Frederickson, Loyaltown, S. D.

Mrs. Martha Blake, Conner, Montana

Mrs. Jennie Hays, Flandreau, S. D.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jaquith, Redfield, S. D.

Mrs. A. A. Doggett, Baker, Montana

Miss Lillie Lyle and Mrs. Loren Betz, of Billings, Montana

Mrs. Nancy Cowing, Brentford, S. D.

Mrs. Pearl Cloud, Ipswich, S. D.

Mrs. Della Michael, Deadwood, S. D.

Mrs. Katherine Gibson brought a beautiful number in song and Mrs. Loreen Griffin read scripture taken from Psalms 116:15 and Rev. 14:13

and spoke tenderly of those gone before.

Courtesies—Rev. and Mrs. Mickley, pastors of Rapid City Indian Church, were introduced and reported encouraging advances, under God, made on the work during the last year. We listened to tape recordings of their church choir and other special numbers in song by their Indian young people.

Adjourned.

Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Opening—Mrs. Bennett led us in singing "Trust and Obey," which was followed by a duet by Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Calhoon, who also had charge of devotionals. Mrs. Calhoon urged us to pray faithfully for Rev. and Mrs. McCandless as they go to Haiti. Rev. Calhoon spoke from Acts 13:1-4, after which a precious Commissioning Service was held in which Rev. and Mrs. McCandless, Rev. and Mrs. Calhoon and Miss Ruth Bixler, all soon to go to the field, knelt and special prayer was offered in their behalf.

Roll Call—Roll was answered by amounts given to Education and Honorary Enrollment.

Courtesies—New pastors wives, Mrs. John Winterberg, Mrs. Paul Steward, Mrs. Allen Gisselbeck, and Mrs. Eugene Gisselbeck were introduced and gave their testimonies.

Rev. Melton, representing Miltonvale Wesleyan College, was presented to us. After the M.W.C. Girls' Trio sang, he spoke concerning the need of training today those we are expecting to serve the Church tomorrow and he requested us to pray for more students in the Theological Department.

Adjourned.

Friday, 1:15 p.m.

Opening—Following the singing of familiar W.M.S. choruses, "There's Nothing Too Hard for Thee, Dear Lord" and "Faith, Mighty Faith" we were led to the Throne by Mrs. Elva Beckman and Mrs. Dorothy Cret-singer.

Minutes—Minutes were read and approved.

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

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

Report of Resolutions Committee—The Resolutions Committee read their report. Adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

Report of the Executive Board—The Report of the Executive Board was read and adopted. (See Report No. 10.)

Literature Sales—The report of Literature Sales was given in the amount of \$57.55. Accepted.

Gifts—A gift was presented to Mrs. J. F. Simpson as an expression of their love and appreciation, by the Pastors' wives of the Conference. Gifts were also presented to Miss Marie Brannon and Mrs. Lillian Bailie, in appreciation for their faithful years of service in the offices which they are terminating.

Minutes—Final minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned with prayer by Mrs. J. F. Simpson.

Reports of Committees

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Resolutions—Mrs. Honour K. Griffin, Mrs. Lillian J. Bailie, Mrs. Evangeline McIntyre

Courtesies—Mrs. Eleanor Buckman

Plan of Work—Mrs. Kathryn Gibson, Mrs. Loretta Richardson, Mrs. Thelma Cary

News Reporter—Mrs. Jean Sime, Mrs. Madeline Simpson

Goals—Mrs. Fern Davidson, Mrs. Leone Bennett, Mrs. Maxine Bingaman

Standing Committees

Program—Executive Board

Auditing—Mrs. Honour K. Griffin, Mrs. Thelma B. Cary

Membership—Mrs. Mabel Wadsworth, Mrs. Floreeda Warriner

Magazine Solicitors—Mrs. Maxine Bingaman, Mrs. Effie Reisdorph

Statistical—Mrs. Jean Sime, Mrs. Fern Davidson

Memorial—Mrs. Lillian Bailie, Mrs. Mabel Gerleman

Signed: Mrs. Amy Hunter,
Mrs. Fern Davidson,
Mrs. Elva Beckman,
Mrs. Leona Bennett,
Mrs. Viola Leyh.

Report No. 2

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

God by His grace has enabled us to pass through another Conference year. He has taken note of each sacrifice; of every effort expended toward the salvation of souls. We rejoice for every victory, and find encouragement from various reports of God's special help.

I am convicted of the fact that more personal work is being required of us by the Lord. Let us determine to fully cooperate with the Holy Ghost along this line.

May we further keep in mind the exhortation given by the Lord as recorded in St. Luke 17: 10, "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."

Official Acts

Attended the General Conference at Fairmount, Indiana, as an official member.

Arranged the itineracy of Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Banker and Miss Vera Clocksin.

Appointed Mrs. Marion Cretsinger and Mrs. Viola Leyh as a committee to apportion to the societies items of equipment needed for the McCandless family.

Sponsored anniversary card shower for Mr. and Mrs. E. Jones in October.

Attended Area Advance Convention at Miltonvale, Kansas, in October, conferring there with Area Chairman and with representatives of the other conferences.

Sent out World Day of Prayer booklets.

Spoke at Black Hills District Missionary Convention, April 17, for both morning and afternoon services.

Met April 19 in an all day session of the Executive Board at Pierre, South Dakota.

Organized a new W.M.S., at Terry, Montana, on April 20.

Sent out through the year 1,055 cards and letters.

Drew from the Treasury \$107.00 for expense of the office—for postage, telephone calls and travel expense. \$3.50 of this is yet on hand.

Humbly submitted.

Dorothy Cretsinger

Report No. 3**REPORT OF MISSION STUDY**

1. Of the 28 societies sending in reports, 82 ladies are eligible for the Gold Seal Quadrennial Reading Certificate, and 28 names for the Blue Seal Quadrennial Reading Certificate.

2. There are many ladies reading the books even though they have not read the required number of books which would make them eligible for either certificate. Some of the societies have borrowed books used in the past quadrennium and are using them, because they feel their local society cannot buy the current books.

3. There are just a small percentage of the societies using the Study Book.

4. Reports indicate that some societies are stressing Bible reading and also encouraging the reading of other Christian literature, even though this is not stressed in the plan as strongly heretofore.

Since our Conference did not make the Honor Roll in the last quadrennium, I would recommend that each pastor's wife and local Study

Secretary get behind the Reading Course and "do what we think we can't."

Signed: Mrs. Lillian Bailie,
Conference Study Secretary.

Report No. 4

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved, that we render thanks and praise to our God for the inspiration received during this conference session and that we attempt to carry back to our local fields a renewed vision and burden for the cause of missions.

Be it resolved, that we express our appreciation to the many who have labored so faithfully during the Conference and Camp to make it more pleasant for those attending and to the many who have donated necessary articles and provisions for the Camp.

Be it resolved, that we recognize the need of evangelizing our own community and strive to make our local society an agency of soul winning.

Be it resolved, that we as Christian mothers live consistent Godly lives that we might as examples impart our Christian principles and integrity to our children and that we endeavor to instill in their hearts the WORD while they are young.

We hereby desire to express appreciation for the inspiration brought to us by our various devotional leaders and in particular to the special representatives of various phases of our denominational interests at home and abroad. We fervently resolve to assimilate these informational and spiritual messages to the enrichment of our lives, tending by this resolve to give ourselves unselfishly to energetic support and fervent prayer in behalf of all these commitments.

Be it resolved, that throughout the year we seek to yield our lives in complete abandonment to the Spirit's leadership that we might conform in all things to His Will.

Signed: Mrs. Honour K. Griffin,
Mrs. Lillian J. Bailie,
Mrs. Evangeline McIntyre.

Report No. 5

COMMITTEE ON GOALS

We submit the following:

1. That we endeavor to gain all adults, both men and women, and

older young people as members of the Missionary Society.

2. That a concerted effort be made to increase the subscription list of the WESLEYAN MISSIONARY by faithfully securing renewals and new subscriptions to include every home in the church and Sunday School. That January be observed as Campaign Month.

3. That we promote the Mission Study and Reading Course and that we encourage the men and young people to join in the reading program.

4. That we endeavor to interest the mothers of our Sunday School children in our Missionary meetings.

5. That we make use of the Program Calendars, and place special emphasis on prayer in each meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Fern Davidson,

Mrs. Leona Bennett,

Mrs. Maxine Bingaman.

Report No. 6

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited and approved the books of the Treasurer of the Dakota Conference W.M.S. We have audited and approved the books of the Y.M.W.B.

Signed: Mrs. Thelma B. Cary,

Mrs. Honour K. Griffin.

Report No. 7

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance May 15, 1955	\$452.34	
Total Cash Received	10,454.16	
Total Vouchers Received	12,074.92	
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GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$22,981.42
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		22,075.30
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Balance on hand May 15, 1955		\$906.12

Signed: Mrs. Rena Veeder,

Dakota Conference W.M.S. Treasurer

Report No. 8

Y.M.W.B. REPORT

It has been a real pleasure and privilege to labor in this capacity another year and with the Psalmist will say, "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." For what has been accomplished we say with the Psalmist, "We will praise the Lord with our whole heart."

REPORT OF BANDS:

There are 38 bands in all.

Four new bands were organized this year.

Eleven bands having 100% made it on the Honor Roll.

In these 38 bands we have a membership of 1,234, a gain over last year.

We also had a gain in monies, having raised in cash and receipts \$2,076.23.

Total Cash	\$2051.08
Total Disbursed	2040.82

Balance in Treasury	\$10.26
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I would like to admonish the Pastors to push this phase of the Church work, for the boys and girls of today are the Missionaries of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Brannon,

Conference Y.M.W.B. Superintendent.

Report No. 9

PLAN OF WORK

We, the Committee of Plan of Work, submit the following as outlined by the General and Annual Conference:

1. Arrange with pastor for one missionary prayer service each month.
2. A minimum of 10 meetings to be held during the year, in which prayer is given a prominent place, and business is transacted; and at least one public meeting.
3. Recognizing the power of prayer, let us diligently observe the following:
 - a. The formation of Prayer Partner Circles in each Society with a Prayer Partner Secretary, who shall send a report to Conference Prayer Partner Secretary within 60 days after adjournment of the Annual Conference.

- b. The observance of a Prayer and Fast Day by each Society once a month according to the plan of the Prayer Partner Secretary.
- c. Co-operation in the World Day of Prayer services under the direction of the District Chairman.
4. a. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and 75% of the active membership to be subscribers to The WESLEYAN MISSIONARY.
- b. A magazine solicitor to be elected who will faithfully endeavor to obtain all renewals and will gain all new subscriptions possible, reporting the same to the Conference Magazine Solicitor according to the plan of said solicitor.
5. a. Each society to be recognized in Annual Conference by the New President and Delegate.
- b. Delegate to be instructed by local society regarding the amount to be pledged by that Society at the Annual Conference session, same to be divided equally, as decided at the Conference session.
- c. Statistical Report Blanks filled out on time. Send one copy to Mrs. Jean Sime, Garden City, South Dakota, by May 15th.
6. a. All monies received as dues be sent to Conference Treasurer, designating where 50% of same be applied on missions.
- b. All monies and vouchers to be sent to Conference Treasurer quarterly and final quarterly remittances not later than May 5th, using blanks sent out by Conference Treasurer.
7. Every woman in the church a member of the Society or a 10% gain in total membership.
8. Standing rules to be observed are as follows:
 - a. An amount equal to 7½% of all monies raised, except funds for building and repairs and dues, be paid for Conference work.
 - b. \$10.00 per society be paid for Home Missions. This may apply on budget.
 - c. \$5.00 per society be paid Hephzibah Orphanage. This may apply on budget.
 - d. 15¢ per member be paid for Conference expense fund.
 - e. That each Society sponsor a Work Project throughout the year, bringing the same to the conference session to be displayed.
 - f. 25¢ per active member be paid for a General Administrative Fund, not to apply on budget.
 - g. \$3.00 or more per society be paid to the Medical Student Fund, not to apply on budget.
9. a. \$1.25 per member be paid towards the support of Alma Al-

- dinger, our Conference Missionary. This may apply on budget.
 - b. Stress the use of Card Call Plan. Not to apply on budget.
 - c. Use of "Penny-a-meal" jar and/or Thank Offering envelopes or prepared jars be opened twice a year, the same to be voted out for missions as desired.
 - d. Use of Pre-Easter Self Denial Folders, said money to be used as directed at that time.
10. This Efficiency Standard to be read in the society at least once a year.
- 4% credit for each of the 25 items. Total 100%. Honor Roll 80%.

We recommend the following:

1. That there be continued reference to the Plan of Work as guide for the year's work.
2. That a missionary offering be taken at the monthly prayer meeting.
3. That registration fee be provided for the delegate to Annual Conference.
4. That we urge use of "In Remembrance Folders."
5. That Thank Offering monies be used for Missions.
6. That we include all Honorary Members in our assessments, unless otherwise specified.
7. That local societies inquire into the needs of Home Mission stations and Orphanage before sending used clothing and that no monetary value be placed on same; that such boxes be reported merely as to the number sent; that boxes of new merchandise be reported as to monetary value and that the sending society evaluate and fill out receipt for same. That to be sent to the missionaries for their signature after which it should be forwarded to Conference Missionary Treasurer for proper receipting.
8. That gift subscriptions to the Magazine be encouraged.
9. That our Prayer Partners be remembered by letters and gifts.
10. That our local societies make bandages and these be forwarded promptly to the Missionary Home, 32 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, to await outgoing missionaries, the number of pounds to be reported with no value attached.
11. That we promote the Mission Study and Reading Course; the use of the Study Book designated each year; also Program Calendars and other helps, and that final reports be sent to Mrs. Elva Beckman, Prairie City, South Dakota, by April 30.
12. That the Resolutions and Goals reports be read before the society upon the receipt of the new minutes.
13. That the officers of each society be encouraged to attend the Annual Conference sessions.
14. That each society faithfully pray for the Conference missionary

work at the Sioux Indian Chapel in Rapid City, and in the Philippine Islands.

15. That each society send an offering for Rev. Simpson's trip to the Philippine Islands by September 1, 1956.
16. That an offering be sent by each society to be used for dining hall supplies.
17. That each society send jelly and canned goods to camp.
18. At least two grocery showers a year be given for our pastors.
19. That we encourage Child Evangelism Clubs in our churches; obtaining material from the Wesleyan Publishing House.
20. That we stress the necessity of much prayer one for another and that the older societies pray especially for the younger societies.
21. That each society send an offering for Reception Room furniture for Miltonvale by September 1, 1956.
22. That we continue use of the Dime Strips for the Mission Equipment Fund.
23. That the June offerings be sent in immediately for last minute items for the McCandlesses.

May the words of Isaiah 54:2 and 3 be our challenge:

"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left."

Signed: Mrs. Kathryn Gibson,
Mrs. Loretta Richardson,
Mrs. Thelma Cary.

Report No. 10

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, the Executive Board, wish to make the following recommendations:

That the Public Missionary offering be divided four ways—Home, Foreign, Conference, and Education.

That an honorarium of \$25.00 be given Rev. and Mrs. Calhoon, who were the speakers at our Public Missionary Service.

That love gifts of \$25.00 each be given to our President and Treasurer in appreciation for their faithful labors.

That the matter of Honorary Enrollment be diligently promoted by each society this coming year.

That an offering be taken by each society to assist Rev. J. F. Simpson with his trip to the Philippines, same to be sent to Conference Treasurer by September 1st.

That the W.M.S. cooperate with the Conference in raising the \$600.00

promised the Foreign Missionary office toward getting Miss Isla Knight into Nepal.

That according to the request of the General Executive Board, members of the Executive Committee be sent to the Work Shop to be held at Charles City, Iowa, in August.

That our Societies take generous June offerings to be sent immediately to our Conference Treasurer to meet the need of shoes and miscellaneous items still necessary to Rev. and Mrs. McCandless.

Signed: Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger,
Mrs. Marion Cretsinger,
Mrs. Barbara Watson,
Mrs. Rena Veeder,
Miss Marie Brannon.

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THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Membership and Receipts

Name of Society	Active Membership	Honorary Membership	Members Gained	Members Lost	Total No. Meetings Held	Wesleyan Missionaries taken	Efficiency Standard Rank %	No. Missionaries Supported	Membership Dues	Offerings
Aberdeen	37	6	15	..	25	21	88	..	\$44.00	\$542.16
Almont	11	..	..	..	26	17	85	..	11.00	152.92
Artesian	12	4	..	7	12	7	94	..	16.00	156.08
Avon	11	2	4	..	12	9	36	..	14.95	520.60
Baker	24	5	3	..	15	28	..	..	29.00	1,072.54
Belle Fourche	14	5	4	..	24	13	90	..	19.00	117.83
Biddle	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	78.39
Billings	38	16	1	..	31	32	96	..	54.00	553.18
Royd	16	..	3	..	..	5	..	..	16.00	99.75
Brentford	10	..	..	7	13	5	80	..	10.00	112.90
Brookings	12	6	..	2	15	10	80	..	18.00	212.40
Buffalo	24	2	5	..	13	18	..	..	26.00	242.55
Bushnell	19	3	2	..	12	10	90	..	22.00	103.25
Calvary	5	3	2	..	14	8	88	..	8.00	207.07
Conner	17	7	1	..	16	15	90	..	24.00	158.05
Deadwood	14	1	..	3	22	12	84	..	15.00	173.64
Flandreau	7	2	..	4	12	3	88	..	9.00	95.99
Forsyth	4	..	..	2	16	12	..	..	6.00	120.31
Garden City	9	11	..	2	16	9	92	..	20.00	251.79
Harlowton	9	4	..	1	32	11	88	..	13.00	483.94
Hot Springs	18	..	..	7	13	8	..	..	18.00	70.58
Houghton	15	9	3	..	14	11	90	..	24.00	111.06
Huron	26	8	..	5	29	38	90	..	34.00	497.75
Ipswich	13	7	..	8	13	18	..	..	20.00	384.82
Johnson Corners	19	7	..	6	14	18	92	..	31.20	360.75
Knobs	8	1	..	1	13	6	..	..	9.00	99.00
Loyalton	9	7	..	7	7	16	..	..	16.00	135.05
Medicine Rocks	6	4	..	2	11	9	64	..	10.00	346.19
Miles City	7	5	..	..	11	8	76	..	12.00	110.69
Mission	5	..	..	2	13	7	..	..	5.00	91.88
Missoula	6	3	..	2	14	3	..	..	9.00	55.21
Mitchell	28	21	2	..	16	35	94	..	49.00	774.28
Mobridge	24	9	4	..	26	37	100	..	33.00	565.36
Mount Vernon	5	5	..	..	12	6	88	..	10.00	128.32
Northville	4	3	..	5	27	3	..	..	7.00	355.49
Pierre	12	8	5	..	17	6	88	..	20.00	162.93
Rawlins	9	3	..	..	21	9	78	..	12.00	133.01
Rapid City	19	..	3	..	20	15	..	..	19.00	139.82
Redfield	19	13	..	9	19	46	80	..	32.00	415.73
Richland	19	17	..	2	13	24	88	1	36.00	869.85
Ridge	6	4	1	..	22	6	..	..	10.00	179.00
Robbinsdale	10	5	2	..	14	15	72	..	15.00	181.31
Strool	13	15	3	..	16	20	100	..	28.00	448.51
Sturgis	9	..	..	4	24	7	..	..	9.00	49.14
Sundance	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	9.50
Terry	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	34.95
Tolstoy	13	..	..	6	11	10	..	..	13.00	118.97
Tuthill	5	..	..	1	14	5	..	..	5.00	48.29
Watertown	18	7	1	..	22	29	84	..	25.00	326.98
Watford City	23	5	2	..	13	25	96	..	28.00	754.77
Totals	661	243	661	95	786	692	..	11	\$914.15	\$13,414.53

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W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Receipts—Continued

Name of Society	From Labor	"Memorials"	Voucher Receipts	Other Sources	Administrative Fund	Total Receipts for Year	Old Balance From Last Year	Grand Total
Aberdeen			\$185.32	\$37.00		\$808.48	\$46.73	\$855.21
Almont			49.88	72.46	\$2.75	289.01	.56	289.57
Artesian	\$18.00					190.08	13.70	203.78
Avon	39.15		2.00	11.60		588.30	23.61	611.91
Baker	1.30	\$40.00	26.00		7.25	1,176.09	1.29	1,177.38
Belle Fourche		15.00	235.48		4.00	391.31		391.31
Biddle						78.39		78.39
Billings		17.00	111.35			735.53	42.78	778.31
Bloyd						115.75		115.75
Brentford		34.25	180.85	22.12		360.12		360.12
Brookings			117.38			347.78	10.56	358.34
Buffalo			16.13			284.68	77.13	361.81
Bushnell		31.00	18.00		2.50	176.75	17.87	194.62
Calvary		20.00	54.60	40.13		329.80	4.25	334.05
Conner		11.25	7.00	12.13	4.50	216.93	6.61	223.54
Deadwood			46.24			234.88	6.08	240.96
Flandreau		18.00			2.25	125.24	10.78	136.02
Forsyth						126.31	.72	127.03
Garden City		5.00	13.00			289.79	4.27	294.06
Harlowton	3.50		3.00		2.25	505.69	11.88	517.57
Hot Springs			54.35	44.10		187.03	35.68	222.71
Houghton			85.03			220.09	18.09	238.18
Huron		48.50	216.30			796.55	102.83	899.38
Ipswich			165.00		4.00	573.82	1.28	575.10
Johnson Corners			15.00		7.50	414.45	17.85	432.30
Knobs					2.00	110.00		110.00
Loyalton						151.05	5.12	156.17
Medicine Rocks						356.19		356.19
Miles City		9.50				132.19		132.19
Mission					1.25	98.13	6.99	105.12
Missoula	3.20					67.41	5.49	72.90
Mitchell		71.00	7,808.65		11.75	8,714.68	.94	8,715.62
Mobridge			76.12			674.48	.30	674.78
Mount Vernon		3.00				141.32		141.32
Northville			20.12		1.00	383.61		383.61
Pierre			10.00			192.93	1.97	194.90
Rawlins		12.00	13.00		3.00	173.01		173.01
Rapid City	38.85		35.10		4.75	237.52		237.52
Redfield		171.30	163.42			782.45	12.73	795.18
Richland			96.00		4.75	1,006.60	123.29	1,129.89
Ridge				7.50	1.50	198.00	.54	198.54
Robbinsdale			1,110.00			1,306.31	3.56	1,309.87
Strool	121.64	480.00	7.00			1,085.15		1,085.15
Sturgis			35.07			93.21	4.28	97.49
Sundance						9.50		9.50
Terry						34.95		34.95
Tolstoy						131.97	6.22	138.69
Tutthill	10.00		281.28	20.00	1.25	365.82	.46	366.28
Watertown	4.00		18.13	1.70		375.81	.16	375.97
Watford City		20.00	151.00		6.50	960.27	31.67	991.94
Totals	\$225.64	\$1,020.80	\$11,426.80	\$268.74	\$74.75	\$27,345.41	\$658.77	\$28,004.18

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W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Name of Society	Disbursements						
	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Medical Student (Missions)	Hephzibah, Cash	Hephzibah, Provisions	Education, Cash	Education, Provisions
Aberdeen	\$138.25	\$186.18	\$3.00	\$100.00		\$161.03	
Almont	16.50	66.13	3.00	5.00		44.50	
Artesian	33.61	33.82	3.00	5.00		18.25	
Avon	55.68	300.08	3.00	5.00	\$14.15	20.65	
Baker	236.61	391.62	3.00	15.00		72.50	
Belle Fourche	87.30	73.70	3.00	7.00	13.67	21.12	
Biddle	2.50	32.83				2.50	
Billings	156.50	175.63	3.00	5.00		99.50	
Boyd	44.75	32.00	3.00	3.00		5.00	
Brentford	137.40	115.60	3.00	5.00		32.50	
Brookings	127.45	108.09	3.00	5.00		22.50	
Buffalo	20.00	80.45	3.00	5.00		54.85	
Bushnell	36.00	60.50	3.00	5.00		26.00	
Calvary	72.00	77.86	3.00	5.00		15.00	
Conner	20.81	65.08	3.00	5.00		8.35	
Deadwood	69.00	58.86	3.00	6.50	16.24	12.00	
Flandreau	30.75	41.00	3.00	5.00		17.50	
Forsyth	47.08	15.37	3.00	5.00		4.25	
Garden City	83.00	42.50	3.00	5.00		30.00	
Harlowton	63.00	70.16	3.00	5.00			
Hot Springs	46.84	38.00	3.00	5.00		38.50	
Houghton	23.25	66.75	3.00	5.00		34.85	
Huron	141.15	322.43	3.00	5.00		122.79	
Ipswich	48.33	287.10	3.00	5.00		38.75	
Johnson Corners	171.65	123.10	3.00	10.00		20.25	
Knobs	11.25	43.17	3.00	10.00		27.89	
Loyalton	73.05	27.67	3.00	5.00		3.75	
Medicine Rocks	58.50	202.69	3.00	5.00		43.00	
Miles City	37.25	32.50					
Mission	22.29	31.97	3.00	5.00			
Missoula	22.20	6.37	1.05	5.00		8.55	
Mitchell	3,921.22	4,133.15	3.00	5.00		298.80	
Mobridge	92.65	132.17	3.00	12.00		83.95	
Mount Vernon	24.92	20.00	3.00	5.00		3.00	
Northville	35.00	152.98	3.00	5.00		58.00	
Pierre	41.12	80.89	3.00	5.00		14.38	
Rawlins	24.74	36.32	3.00	8.50		48.76	
Rapid City	11.25	133.05	3.00	5.00		6.00	
Redfield	164.43	171.62	3.00	5.00		93.02	
Richland	127.60	760.40	3.00	5.00		18.00	
Ridge	18.75	78.49	3.00	5.00	8.96	25.75	
Robbinsdale	20.00	54.95	3.00	15.00		410.00	
Strool	128.00	625.98	3.00	5.00		33.96	\$21.00
Sturgis	11.25	18.83				10.25	
Sundance							
Terry	12.50	17.95					
Tolstoy	33.11	38.94	3.00	7.50		9.00	
Tuthill	13.90	32.70	1.50	1.50		260.00	
Watertown	38.25	88.96	3.00	5.00		77.50	
Watford City	508.68	197.47	3.00	5.00	47.00	45.00	
Totals	\$7,361.32	\$9,984.06	\$131.55	\$361.25	\$100.02	\$2,499.70	\$21.00

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W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Disbursements—Continued

Name of Society	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Administrative Fund	Conference Work and 7 1/2 %	Total Disbursements	New Balance on Hand	Grand Total
Aberdeen	\$28.70	\$22.00	\$42.92	\$9.25	\$137.57	\$828.90	\$26.31	\$855.21
Almont		5.50	26.26	2.75	101.50	271.14	18.43	289.57
Artesian		8.00	25.37	3.00	36.25	166.30	37.48	203.78
Avon	40.78	6.50	94.45	5.00	53.58	598.87	13.04	611.91
Baker	12.00	14.50	85.04	7.25	209.69	1,047.21	130.17	1,177.38
Belle Fourche	42.31	9.50	24.84	4.00	73.87	360.31	31.00	391.31
Biddle			23.06		17.50	78.39		78.39
Billings	62.00	27.00	36.41	15.00	113.22	693.26	85.05	778.31
Boyd		8.00		11.00	9.00	115.75		115.75
Brentford		5.00	6.62		55.00	360.12		360.12
Brookings	23.12	9.00		3.75	31.74	333.65	24.69	358.34
Buffalo	25.00	13.00	102.97	6.50	20.43	331.20	30.61	361.81
Bushnell		11.00	2.72	2.50	33.00	179.72	14.90	194.62
Calvary		4.00	41.97	2.00	88.40	309.23	24.82	334.05
Conner		12.00	73.47	4.50	24.58	216.79	6.75	223.54
Deadwood		7.50	17.90	3.75	43.29	238.04	2.92	240.96
Flandreau		4.50	3.85	2.25	21.50	129.35	6.67	136.02
Forsyth	28.61	3.00	7.50	1.25	9.37	124.43	2.60	127.03
Garden City		10.00	90.51	3.60	21.26	288.87	5.19	294.06
Harlowton	108.95	6.50	89.86	2.25	161.20	509.92	7.65	517.57
Hot Springs	6.00	9.00	41.70	9.10	11.62	209.01	13.70	222.71
Houghton		12.00	15.67	2.75	74.91	238.18		238.18
Huron	138.99	17.00		8.00	103.83	862.19	37.19	899.38
Ipswich		10.00	53.20	4.00	125.72	575.10		575.10
Johnson Corners	33.30	15.60		7.50	45.68	430.08	2.22	432.30
Knobs		4.50	1.25	2.00	6.94	110.00		110.00
Loyalton	5.50	8.00	4.57	4.00	11.24	145.78	10.39	156.17
Medicine Rocks		5.00	17.00	1.50	20.50	356.19		356.19
Miles City	10.42	6.00	17.25		22.58	126.00	6.19	132.19
Mission		2.50	13.03	1.25	22.54	101.58	3.54	105.12
Missoula		4.50	16.16	2.25	6.82	72.90		72.90
Mitchell		24.50	104.33	11.75	168.94	8,670.69	44.93	8,715.62
Mobridge	53.00	16.50	79.72	7.00	191.79	671.78	3.00	674.78
Mount Vernon		5.00	26.77	2.50	50.99	141.18	.14	141.32
Northville		3.50	43.13	1.00	76.20	377.81	5.80	383.61
Pierre	1.00	10.00	10.42	3.25	25.71	194.77	.13	194.90
Rawlins		6.00	19.04	3.00	23.65	173.01		173.01
Rapid City		9.50	44.90	4.75	19.07	236.52	1.00	237.52
Redfield	26.93	16.00	27.44	4.50	97.42	609.36	185.82	795.18
Richland		18.00	34.69	4.75	63.87	1,035.31	94.58	1,129.89
Ridge		5.00	14.50	1.50	21.30	182.25	16.29	198.54
Robbinsdale	51.38	7.50	58.00	2.50	683.83	1,306.16	3.71	1,309.87
Strool		14.00	54.33	7.00	191.88	1,084.15	1.00	1,085.15
Sturgis		4.50	28.97		3.69	77.49	20.00	97.49
Sundance			7.50		2.00	2.50		9.50
Terry			4.50			34.95		34.95
Tolstoy		6.50	32.29	1.25	6.57	138.16	.53	138.69
Tuthill	22.27	2.50		1.25	25.76	361.38	4.90	366.28
Watertown		12.50	40.78	4.75	101.51	372.25	3.72	375.97
Watford City		14.00	86.25	6.50	49.89	960.79	31.15	991.94
Totals	\$720.26	\$456.10	\$1,693.11	\$199.20	\$3,518.40	\$27,045.97	\$958.21	\$28,004.18

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Y.M.W.B. STATISTICAL REPORT

Bands	Active Members	Honorary Members	Meetings	Efficiency Standard %	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Special Projects (Credit)	Total (Band Credit)	Non-Credit Total	Grand Total
Aberdeen	30	13	9	70	\$22.36	.....	\$9.51	.....	\$31.87	\$6.56	\$38.43
Almont	11	1	2	60	6.25	.....	2.78	\$2.70	11.73	1.10	12.83
Artesian	14	3	12	75	7.28	\$1.00	6.54	.....	14.82	1.36	16.18
Avon	16	3	12	100	32.03	4.13	7.97	23.11	67.24	3.79	71.03
Baker	35	27	12	100	123.61	4.00	12.12	96.69	236.42	16.71	253.13
Belle Fourche	16	1	12	90	8.84	1.00	1.00	.....	10.84	4.35	15.19
Billings	15	7	12	80	11.53	.50	.50	1.35	13.88	2.30	16.18
Boyd	6	10	.....	.....	11.33	.....	.....	.....	11.33	.....	11.33
Brentford	12	13	5	65	4.48	3.62	3.00	4.49	15.59	1.53	17.12
Brookings	31	10	11	70	26.17	5.50	6.00	.....	37.67	.61	38.28
Buffalo	11	.....	3	60	37.02	17.00	15.00	6.50	75.52	20.52	96.04
Conner	36	29	12	100	32.00	6.25	2.00	.....	40.25	1.65	41.90
Deadwood	15	1	5	40	8.71	.....	.....	.....	8.71	.50	9.21
Houghton	17	8	12	95	23.92	12.92	10.00	.....	46.84	.99	47.83
Huron	92	52	12	100	34.05	14.40	15.54	168.96	232.95	21.06	254.01
Ipswich	11	9	12	95	20.48	6.00	3.59	.....	30.07	2.74	32.81
Johnson Corners	27	40	12	100	76.53	5.00	2.89	5.30	89.72	9.69	99.41
Knobs	7	9	.....	.....	9.09	.....	.....	.....	9.09	.91	10.00
Loyalton	3	1	9	70	.52	2.52	1.59	5.00	9.62	.38	10.00
Medicine Rocks	7	8	.....	80	45.30	35.56	20.00	.....	100.86	8.31	109.17
Miles City	21	11	13	100	12.47	.....	5.00	32.71	50.18	9.20	59.38
Mission	8	2	10	80	15.10	1.49	1.49	3.00	21.08	1.62	22.70
Missoula	7	3	6	.....	12.39	.....	.....	.....	12.39	4.89	17.28
Mitchell	44	81	16	100	65.00	6.22	85.00	26.31	182.53	47.46	229.99
Mobridge	50	5	12	100	43.27	3.00	25.00	5.00	76.27	12.83	89.10
Pierre	11	9	12	85	13.11	1.30	3.47	18.99	36.87	6.39	43.26
Rapid City	27	3	5	30	15.01	.....	5.07	.....	20.08	1.09	21.17
Rawlins	12	.....	12	100	28.74	6.25	4.75	.....	39.74	3.36	43.10
Redfield	11	27	10	80	42.95	.....	.36	23.37	66.68	6.22	72.90
Richland	7	33	11	60	79.90	3.00	.82	.....	83.72	4.46	88.18
Robbinsdale	9	11	12	100	13.12	5.20	3.12	.....	21.44	4.02	25.46
Stroud	13	8	11	90	23.43	2.00	3.00	22.62	51.05	5.89	56.94
Terry	6	.....	4	50	3.32	.....	.....	.....	3.32	2.43	5.75
Tolstoy	3	2	4	.....	1.36	1.31	.....	.....	2.67	.33	3.00
Tuthill	8	.....	11	50	5.11	.....	.63	.....	5.74	3.43	9.17
Watertown	48	.....	10	40	10.00	3.50	3.50	10.00	23.50	.25	25.67
Watford City	44	56	12	100	26.23	1.00	5.00	68.41	100.64	6.25	106.89
Totals	741	493	340	.....	\$952.01	\$153.67	\$266.24	\$524.51	\$1,892.92	\$225.18	\$2,120.02