

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
IOWA CONFERENCE

OF THE
Wesleyan Methodist Connection, or
Church, of America

HELD AT
ALBATON CHURCH, SLOAN, IOWA
AUGUST 20-25, 1918

W. R. EMERSON, President.
JOHN W. YANCEY, Acting Secretary.

The Iowa Conference

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President—Rev. W. R. Emerson, Charles City, Ia.
Vice-President—Rev. G. Edwin Ellis, University Park, Ia.
Secretary—Rev. Walter D. Eastham, Dundee, Ia.
Treasurer—Rev. Ulis Hekel, Charles City, Ia.
Sabbath School Secretary—Miss Delia Rice, La Porte City, Ia.
Statistical Secretary—Rev. D. F. Smith, Coon Rapids, Ia.
Tithing Secretary—Mrs. Emma Thomas, Guthrie Center, Ia.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

W. M. Gipe, La Porte City, Ia. Term expires 1919.
A. W. Curry, Dallas, Oregon. Term expires 1920.
A. B. Gould, Jarretts, Minn. Term expires 1921.
C. S. Weigel, Marengo, Ia. Term expires 1922.
J. D. Williams, Jr., Marengo, Ia. Term expires 1923.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Advisory Board—C. S. Weigel, John W. Yancey,
Missionary Board—W. R. Emerson, Albert Johnson, Ulis Hekel.
Judiciary Committee—W. R. Emerson, C. P. Carkuff, Ulis Hekel,
Albert Johnson.
Committee on Presidency—C. S. Weigel, D. F. Smith, F. J.
Wilson, W. N. Walton, Horace Williams.
Sunday School Board—Mrs. Jennie Emerson, Miss Delia Rice,
John W. Yancey.
Student Committee—W. R. Emerson, Adolphos Cretsinger, F. J.
Wilson.
Camp Meeting Committee—C. S. Weigel, Albert Johnson, Wil-
liam Cretsinger.

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The Iowa Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America convened for its sixty-fifth annual session in the Albaton Wesleyan Methodist Church, Tuesday, August 20, 1918, at 10:30 A. M.

Conference was called to order by the President, Rev. W. R. Emerson. After singing "Jesus Is My All In All," prayer was offered by Rev. C. S. Weigel. Scripture reading from Isaiah 40.

In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. R. Wesley Mack, John W. Yancey was elected to fill the vacancy.

The President appointed D. F. Smith and C. P. Carkuff as a Committee on Credentials.

The Chair named the first three rows of seats as the Bar of Conference.

Committee on Credentials read a partial report, as follows: John W. Yancey, Charles City and Howardville charge; J. D. Williams, Jr., and Mrs. Lucy Williams, of Fairview charge, as delegates.

The following were elected as a Committee on Nominations: C. S. Weigel, D. F. Smith, J. D. Williams, Jr., John W. Yancey.

Adjourned by motion.

Rev. D. F. Smith pronounced the benediction.

First Day—Afternoon Session—August 20th.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. C. P. Carkuff, who read John 21:1-6 and offered prayer.

Roll call was answered by three elders, one licentiate and three delegates.

The Nominating Committee made a partial report, as follows: Committee on Pastoral Relations, W. R. Emerson, C. S. Weigel, D. F. Smith, J. D. Williams, Jr., John W. Yancey; Committee on Examination of Character, W. R. Emerson, Ullis Hekel, Mrs. Lucy Williams; Auditing Committee, J. F. Hiner, W. D. Eastham; Statistical Committee, D. F. Smith, George Doty, G. E. Ellis.

The Committee on Credentials made a partial report, naming Raymond Hanson as delegate from Albaton charge.

Special Order—that immediately following the election of Con-

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ference officers, Thursday afternoon, Rev. C. B. Harvey be given the time to present our Missionary interests, also that he be given the Wednesday evening service.

The President made a partial report. Items 2, 3, and 6 adopted. See report.

Passed the character of George Fry, R. W. Mack, C. M. Howe, F. A. Butterfield, W. H. Riley, Ira E. Bradley, and L. W. Easton.

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of greeting to Rev. L. W. Easton and wife.

The names of Rev. Geo. J. Cameron, Rev. J. T. Platt and Miss Miriam Day were ordered placed on the Roll of Honored Dead.

The following committee was named for Memorial Services: W. R. Emerson, Ullis Hekel, F. J. Wilson.

Adjourned by motion.

Benediction by Rev. C. P. Carkuff.

Second Day—Morning Session—August 21st.

After singing "Sunshine In My Soul," Rev. D. F. Smith read the twenty-sixth Psalm and led in fervent prayer.

Roll call—five elders, five licentiates and five delegates.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

The Credential Committee submitted a partial report, naming duly elected delegates as follows: William Cretsinger, Guthrie Center; Bertha Williams, Pleasant Hill; Glenwood Hite, Little Pine, Minn.; Mrs. Lizzie Lortschor, South Troy, Minn.; Grant Ayers, Bennezzette.

The President was authorized to procure a book of blanks for drawing orders on the Treasurer, the same to be paid for from the Conference Fund.

An invitation was extended to the Conference from the Fairview Church by C. S. Weigel to hold our next Annual Conference and Camp Meeting at that place.

The President submitted his annual report, which was adopted. See report.

A motion was made to reimburse the Conference President the sum of \$50.00 for stationery expenses during the last six years. It was carried.

A motion was made and carried that the salary of the President be increased \$100.00 per year.

On motion the following Committee was named to revise the

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Standing Rule concerning compensation of the President: Walter D. Eastham, Ullis Hekel, Albert Johnson.

Adjourned by motion.

Benediction by Rev. B. J. Hoover.

Second Day—Afternoon Session—August 21st.

Devotional exercises were led by Rev. Edwin Ellis, who after singing "Feasting With My Lord," read the second chapter of First Peter and led in prayer.

Roll call—six delegates, four licentiates, nine delegates.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

G. Edwin Ellis and W. D. Eastham were elected to fill vacancies of absent members of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Mrs. Lucy Williams and Mrs. Bertha Williams were appointed by the President as lay members on the Committee of Itinerancy and Orders.

Communications from the following ministerial brethren were read by the President: R. Wesley Pryor, Geo. S. Fry, A. W. Curry, Frank Betzer, L. W. Easton. The President called the conference to prayer in behalf of these brethren.

Motion prevailed that Frank Betzer be reimbursed \$1.00 from the Conference Fund for Questions on the Course of Study used by the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, and that this \$1.00 be returned to the Conference Fund upon his request.

Rev. B. J. Hoover extended an invitation from the church at South Troy, Minn., to hold the next Annual Conference and Camp Meeting on that charge.

The President appointed C. S. Weigel as a Committee on Courtesies.

Rev. H. W. McDowell, President of the Miltonvale College, was introduced to the Conference and spoke words of greeting which were edifying.

Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Harvey, Missionaries to India, were introduced. Mrs. Harvey brought greetings from the India Conference. Rev. Harvey brought to us the message, "Standard Bearers." He emphasized the importance of holding up Christ as our standard.

On motion, Professor McDowell was given the hour of 2:30 Friday afternoon to present Connectional interests.

A request was made by J. W. Yancey that the church property at Masonville, Ia., and \$700.00 from the Building Fund be appropriated toward a church building at Charles City, Ia.

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Adjourned by motion.

Benediction by Rev. C. B. Harvey.

Third Day—Morning Session—August 22nd.

Devotional exercises opened by singing "Jesus Is My All In All," followed by Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. W. E. Reeve.

Roll call.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Rev. W. W. Rolf, of Falconer, N. Y., our Camp Meeting evangelist, was introduced to the Conference and spoke words of cheer and encouragement.

The Committee on Nominations made final report, which was adopted. See report.

On motion, the following Committee was created for examining pastors' reports: C. P. Carkuff, J. D. Williams, Jr.

W. E. Reeve and W. R. Emerson were elected a Committee on Boundaries.

Committee on Revision of Standing Rule read report. Report adopted. See report.

Motion prevailed to change special order, giving C. B. Harvey the evening service on Thursday in place of the afternoon service.

On motion, the President appointed Mrs. W. D. Eastham as Conference Postmistress.

Rev. Aaron Cameron asked for \$150.00 from the Building Fund to build a barn on the parsonage lot on the Albaton charge.

Motion prevailed to rescind the Standing Rule referring to the fixing of time for holding the Annual Conference.

Motion prevailed that the Conference fix the time and place for the next Conference and Camp Meeting before the close of this Conference.

Moved that the President of the Conference and Camp Meeting Committee select evangelists for the next Conference and Camp Meeting as soon as possible.

Motion carried to hear an address from Professor McDowell Thursday afternoon immediately following the election of Conference officers and General Conference delegates.

On motion, Saturday afternoon, at 2 P. M., was made the hour for Memorial Services.

G. Edwin Ellis was elected to fill a vacancy on the Auditing Committee made vacant by the absence of J. F. Hiner.

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Communications were read by the President from H. G. Bonebrake, of Diagonal, relative to the future prospects of the work at that place.

Ulis Hekel in the chair, the Missionary Board report was made by W. R. Emerson. The report was adopted. See report.

Conference adjourned by motion.

Benediction by Professor McDowell.

Third Day—Afternoon Session—August 22nd.

Devotional exercises were led by Rev. G. Edwin Ellis.

Roll call.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Orders of the Day called for: Election of Conference officers and General Conference delegates.

B. J. Hoover and W. D. Eastham were appointed tellers.

Conference President—Rev. W. R. Emerson elected on the first ballott.

Vice-President—Rev. G. E. Ellis elected on fourth ballot.

Secretary—Rev. W. D. Eastham elected on first ballot.

Treasurer—Rev. Ulis Hekel elected on the first ballot.

Conference Trustee—J. D. Williams, Jr. elected on first ballot.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders—C. S. Weigel.

General Conference Ministerial Delegate—W. R. Emerson.

General Conference Ministerial Alternate Delegate—F. A. Butterfield.

General Conference Lay Delegate—J. D. Williams, Jr.

General Conference Alternate Lay Delegate—John W. Yancey.

Sabbath School Secretary—Miss Delia Rice.

Statistical Secretary—D. F. Smith.

Tithing Secretary—Mrs. Emma Thomas.

Advisory Board—C. S. Weigel, John W. Yancey.

Missionary Board—Albert Johnson, Ulis Hekel.

Judiciary Board—W. R. Emerson, C. P. Carkuff, Ulis Hekel, Albert Johnson.

Committee on Presidency—C. S. Weigel, D. F. Smith, F. J. Wilson, W. N. Walton, Horace Williams.

Sunday School Board—Mrs. Jennie Emerson, Miss Delia Rice, John W. Yancey.

Student Committee—W. R. Emerson, F. J. Wilson, Adolphos Cretsinger.

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Camp Meeting Committee—C. S. Weigel, Albert Johnson, William Cretsinger.

Orders of the Day were called for. Professor McDowell gave a stirring address, which was profitable to all.

Motion carried to fix the time and place for the next Conference and Camp Meeting.

By vote, Guthrie Center was chosen as the place for the next Conference and Camp Meeting.

Motion prevailed that the time be the same as this year; the Conference to precede the Camp Meeting.

Moved that the Minutes be published by our Publishing House, and an order drawn on the Treasurer for same. Carried.

Motion prevailed for each pastor to take an offering during the year from each class on his charge to pay for the publication of the Conference Minutes.

Motion prevailed that 175 copies of the Minutes be printed.

Adjourned by motion.

Benediction by Rev. C. B. Harvey.

Fourth Day—Morning Session—August 23rd.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. W. D. Eastham.

Roll call.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

The Sunday School Secretary gave a report. Report adopted. See report.

W. D. Eastham was requested to confer with the Connectional Sunday School Secretary to have our denominational Sunday School Standards sent to the International Sunday School Denominational Directory.

The Superannuated Minister's Fund Committee made their report, which was adopted. See report.

W. E. Reeve asked for \$100.00 from the Building Fund toward the church building in Emily, Minn.; \$50.00 for the church at Little Pine, Minn., and \$50.00 toward a church building at White Elk, Minn.

This request was referred to the Building Fund Committee.

Adjourned by motion.

Benediction by Prof. H. W. McDowell.

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Fourth Day—Afternoon Session—August 23rd.

Devotional services were led by Rev. D. F. Smith.

Roll call.

Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made a partial report, which was adopted.

Committee on Disbursement of Building Fund reported. Motion prevailed that we adopt the report item by item. Item 1 was referred back to the Committee. Item 2 lost. Item 3 carried. Item 4 carried.

Motion carried that we rescind the action of the Conference of 1914 concerning the sale of the Diagonal Church.

On motion the Secretary was ordered to send a letter of greeting to Miss Lottie Buttermore.

Orders of the Day being called, Professor McDowell spoke concerning our Connectional interests.

Adjourned by motion.

Benediction by Rev. A. M. Stephens.

Fifth Day—Morning Session—August 24th.

After singing, devotional services were led by Prof. H. W. McDowell, who read Ephesians 1.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The Committee on Disbursement of Building Fund made a report. Item 2, concerning appropriations for Charles City, adopted. Report as a whole adopted.

Committee on Boundaries made a report, which was adopted. See report.

Committee on Sabbath Schools read a report. Report adopted. See report.

Committee on Resolutions read a report, which was adopted. See report.

Committee on Moral Reform presented their report, which was adopted. See report.

The report of the Committee on Thanks was received and adopted. See report.

Committee on Pastoral Relations gave the first reading of their report.

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The report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Adjourned by limitation of time.

Benediction by Rev. Albert Johnson.

Fifth Day—Afternoon Session—August 24th.

The President called the Conference to order and they engaged in a season of prayer.

The roll was called.

The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The report of the Auditing Committee was received and adopted. See report.

Committee on Apportionment of Budget made its report, which was adopted. See report.

Communications were read from R. Wesley Mack and J. F. Hiner.

On motion the Conference reimbursed C. S. Weigel \$15.00 for the services of himself and automobile as Chairman of the Camp Meeting Committee, the same to be paid from the Camp Meeting Fund.

Missionary Board requested the Conference to pay Miss Lottie Buttermore \$25.00 for her services as Missionary in Northern Minnesota.

Committee on Examination of Pastors' Statistical Reports was read and adopted. See report.

The passage of character was then taken up. The following names were called and characters passed: W. R. Emerson, J. F. Hiner, F. J. Wilson.

Orders of the Day were called for and the Conference proceeded to the Memorial Services.

The Rev. Albert Johnson and Rev. W. R. Emerson spoke concerning the life of Rev. J. T. Platt.

Miss Delia Howlett, Rev. Ullis Hekel and Prof. H. W. McDowell spoke concerning the life and work of Miss Miriam Day.

Rev. W. R. Emerson, Rev. C. S. Weigel and Rev. Ullis Hekel spoke concerning Rev. George Cameron.

Motion prevailed that a Committee be created to see about a permanent camp ground. W. R. Emerson and C. S. Weigel were made the Committee.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

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The Chair called the Conference to order.

The passage of character was again taken up. The following names were called and characters passed: W. E. Reeve, A. M. Stephens, D. W. Scott, May Lord, Delia Howlett, Alice Thomas, Ruby Paine, Aaron Cameron, G. C. Houck, J. W. Leedy, B. J. Hoover, D. F. Smith, C. S. Weigel, Frank Betzer, Ulis Hekel, Bertha Ellis, G. Edwin Ellis, Albert Johnson, Walter D. Eastham, R. W. Pryor.

The final report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was made and adopted. See report.

Statistical Committee presented their report, which was adopted. See report.

Passage of George and Ina Doty's characters was passed by vote of the Conference.

Motion prevailed that a vote of thanks be tendered to the President, W. R. Emerson, for his untiring efforts in the discharge of his duties.

On motion, Albert Johnson was made Chairman of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Report of Committee on Pastoral Relations was received and adopted. See report.

Motion prevailed that W. R. Emerson attend to the matter of arranging for the sewerage in connection with the parsonage at Guthrie Center, Ia. The expenses of the same to be paid from the Building Fund.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

On motion the Conference adjourned sine die.

A benedictional prayer by the President.

W. R. Emerson, President.

John W. Yancey, Acting Secretary.

STANDING RULES AND RESOLUTIONS

By an act of Conference, the Conference Secretary was instructed to include in the published Minutes all the Standing Rules and Resolutions of this Conference.

On page 3 of Vol. 3 of the Conference Records the following is found: "On motion of Rev. S. A. Gilley, all resolutions of this Conference in annual session so far as adopted at previous meetings are hereby repealed."

Page 138, Vol. 3: "Ordered that until further notice Annual Conference shall convene on Tuesday, not Wednesday as heretofore."

Page 272, Vol. 3: "Resolved, (1) That the President of the Conference be constituted permanent Chairman of the Committee of Religious Services; (2) That the pastor and first delegate from the charge at which the next Conference is to be held be constituted the remaining members of the committee for that session."

Page 274, Vol. 3: "Resolved, That all Sunday Schools under the pastoral oversight of Wesleyan Methodist pastors may be included in the statistical report of the pastor having such school in charge."

Adopted, 1906: "Resolved, That the Conference tents be in charge of the Conference President, who shall see that they have proper care and storage. He may rent the same, when not in use, to outside parties as opportunity affords and his judgment directs, or on such terms as he and the desiring parties may agree upon."

Adopted 1911: "Resolved, That all papers and documents be referred to their respective committees."

Adopted 1911: "The Missionary Board is hereby authorized to pay out all moneys to be paid from the Conference Fund."

Adopted 1912: "Resolved, That all reports of committees be made in writing, complete and ready for the printer and handed to the Secretary at the earliest possible date after such report is made."

Adopted 1912: "Resolved, That Conference officers be not seated until the close of the Conference session at which they are elected."

Adopted 1914: "Resolved, That the President be authorized to grant letters to members of disbanded classes."

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Adopted 1913: "Resolved, That all interests and rents upon Conference property to be paid from the Conference Treasury be paid from the Conference Fund."

Adopted 1913: "Resolved, The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders be ordered to furnish a list of Conference preachers and licentiates entitled to vote at each Annual Conference as provided by the Discipline."

Adopted 1913: "Resolved, That an elder on the stationed list holding Church and Conference membership in this Conference and residing without its bounds, the local church to which he belongs is entitled to a delegate for that elder."

Adopted 1912: "Resolved, (1) That the Conference President be required, authorized and appointed to travel the Conference as President, having general supervision of the spiritual interests and benevolences thereof, holding at least one service at each of the churches during the year, under such dates as he may announce in advance; (2) He shall raise funds to meet the demands of the Conference work, and receive contributions for missions, education, superannuated ministers where there are no pastors, and assist the pastors in raising where desired; (3) He shall have general supervision of the church property within the bounds of the Conference, and shall inquire into the titles of the same to see that no property is loosely held, and shall look after the rental of Conference property, and see that the rent is placed in the Conference Treasury; and shall investigate the possibility and the feasibility of the sale of Conference property not in use, and report his findings at the next session of Conference; (4) He shall devote as much time as possible and as occasion may afford in quarterly and other meetings; (5) He shall be paid from the Conference Fund the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00), also expense of travel and correspondence per year for his services, the same to be paid quarterly.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULE.

Following is the report of the Committee on Standing Rule concerning compensation of the President:

5. He shall be paid from the Conference Fund the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00), also expense of travel and correspondence, per year for his services, the same to be paid quarterly.

Walter D. Eastham,
Ulis Hekel,
Albert Johnson,
Committee.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Committee on Building Fund—Albert Johnson, J. D. Williams, Jr., Ulis Hekel, G. Edwin Ellis, William Cretsinger.

Committee on Apportionment of Budget—W. E. Reeve, Grant Ayers.

Committee on Vote of Thanks—Bertha Williams, G. Edwin Ellis.

Committee on Moral Reform—W. D. Eastham, Aaron Cameron.

Committee on Resolutions—Albert Johnson, R. J. Hoover, C. P. Carkuff.

Committee on Post Office—Mrs. Lucy Williams, Glen Hite.

Committee on Disbursement of Superannuated Fund—W. E. Reeve, H. L. Yarrington.

Committee on Sabbath School—W. D. Eastham, Lizzie Lortscher, Raymond Hanson.

Committee on Boundary—W. R. Emerson, W. E. Reeve.

Committee on Pastoral Relation—W. R. Emerson, C. S. Weigel, D. F. Smith, J. D. Williams, Jr., John Yancey.

Committee on Examination of Character—W. R. Emerson, Ulis Hekel, Mrs. Lucy Williams.

Auditing Committee—G. Edwin Ellis, W. D. Eastham.

Statistical Committee—D. F. Smith, G. H. Doty, G. Edwin Ellis.

C. S. Weigel,
D. F. Smith,
J. D. Williams, Jr.,
John W. Yancey,
Committee.

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THE COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS.

1. Rev. R. Wesley Pryor having finished the course of study required by the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline, we recommend that he be elected to elder's orders.

2. Rev. B. J. Hoover having passed Teacher Training, Parts 1 and 2, we recommend that he be continued in the course of study, with his present relation to the Conference.

3. Rev. W. E. Reeve having passed Binney's Theological Compend, we recommend that he be continued in the course of study with his present relation to the Conference.

4. Rev. Alfred Stephens having finished Bible III, Teacher Training, and Church History to page 386, we recommend that he be continued in the course of study with his present relation to the Conference.

5. We recommend that Rev. Aaron Cameron be continued in the course of study.

6. Miss Lottie Buttermore having finished the Theological Course at Miltonvale, we therefore recommend her to travel under the direction of the Iowa Conference.

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS.

1. Conference licentiates serving as missionaries—May Lord, Dr. Ruby Paine. On furlough, Dr. Alice Thomas, Delia Howlett.

2. In first year of course of study—W. E. Reeve, Binney, in third year, first half of Church History, Bible III.

3. In fourth year—R. Wesley Pryor; Discipline, Roberts' Rules of Order.

4. Licentiates not in course of study—G. C. Houck, D. W. Scott.

5. Annual Conference Preachers—B. J. Hoover, W. E. Reeve, Alfred Stephens, P. A. Cameron.

6. Licentiates continued in course of study—George Doty, Ina Doty, Henry Weigel.

G. Edwin Ellis,
W. D. Eastham,
Albert Johnson,
Mrs. Lucy Williams,
Mrs. Bertha Williams,

Committee.

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REPORT OF CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE.

The Iowa Conference Camp Meeting is passed, but we hope the spirit manifested there will never die. It was a time of refreshing when God's people were encouraged, sinners saved and freed from sinful habits, and believers cleansed from the spirit of Satan. For this precious time we thank our Heavenly Father and take great courage. Some failed to remain at the camp, which followed the Conference session, and they missed a time of spiritual uplifting.

Rev. W. W. Rolf, of Falconer, N. Y., was the evangelist in charge. Brother Rolf is a man given up to God's service. He labored untiringly for the salvation of his fellowmen. He brought forth messages with power and a tender spirit.

Rev. G. Edwin Ellis, our singing evangelist of University Park, Ia., had charge of the singing. Brother Ellis brought the message in song in an able way, which was uplifting and tender and full of the Spirit.

Our Editor, Rev. F. A. Butterfield, was with us some of the time and gave several good addresses, which were well received.

The Camp was located about six miles southeast of Sloan, and one-half mile north of the Albaton Church, on ground owned by the Hunter brothers. It is a beautiful place. Large shade trees added much to the convenience of the campers. We feel deeply indebted to the Hunter brothers for the use of these beautiful grounds.

The financial help for the expenses of the meeting was generously met by the people of the surrounding country. These are surely a big-hearted people. They ministered to our physical need in a very liberal way. We hope and pray that the Camp Meeting was a help to their spiritual needs.

May God bless the dear people of Albaton and cause them to press the battle onward for His cause and the building up of His kingdom on this earth.

C. S. Weigel,
Ulis Hekel,
Horace Williams,
Committee.

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REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Auditing Committee, submit the following report:

Item 1. That we have examined the books and accounts of the Conference President and find them correct and properly balanced.

Item 2. That we have examined the books and accounts of the Conference Treasurer and find them correct and properly balanced.

Walter D. Eastham,
G. Edwin Ellis,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISBURSEMENT OF THE BUILDING FUND.

1. We recommend that \$500.00 be appropriated from the Building Fund to the Church at Charles City, to be paid when the Church is completed and the property deeded to the proper authorities. Also that the Church property at Masonville be given to the Charles City Church to be applied on building the same Church at Charles City.

2. We recommend that \$100.00 be appropriated to the Albaton Church for the building of a barn.

3. We recommend that Conference appropriate \$200.00 from the Building Fund for use in Northern Minnesota under the direction of Rev. W. E. Reeve for building churches in Minnesota.

4. We recommend that the Hoover Church be given an extension of one year on the present loan and on the same terms.

Albert Johnson,
G. Edwin Ellis,
J. D. Williams, Jr.
Ulis Hekel,
Wm. Cretsinger,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINING PASTORS' STATISTICAL REPORTS.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following:

We have examined the pastors' statistical reports and find them correct and properly balanced.

C. P. Carkuff,
J. D. Williams, Jr.,
Committee.

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REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD.

We are pleased to report favorable progress in the Conference Missionary work. The field embracing Little Pine, Emily, and Bain, Minnesota, is still growing. Another appointment has been added by Brother W. E. Reeve, known as the White Elk School House appointment. This field was visited by the Conference President in November, also in May, and arrangements were made for the purchasing of a team for Brother W. E. Reeve with which to make his missionary rounds. A special summer campaign was planned and later arranged for. In June Prof. Jno. W. Leedy, W. E. Reeve and Sister Bush of the Little Pine Church began a tent meeting in Emily, Minn. Much good was accomplished and a church of seven members (with more to come in soon) was organized, and about \$115.00 subscribed towards a lot and a church building.

The tent was then pitched on the White Elk appointment and some were saved, others sanctified, and a church organization of twelve members was effected. The good accomplished is due largely to the faithful labors of Brother Reeve in sowing and watering the seed of the Word.

There are other open fields, and there is need, great need, for another man and wife for this work.

Farther north, near Williams, Minn., there is an open door for Gospel work. The Conference President has been on this field twice during the year. In May Sister Lottie Buttermore, of the South Troy Church, under the direction of the Missionary Board, began labors as a Home Missionary. She has organized a Sunday School of about twenty-five scholars, preaches to them, calls among them, nurses among them when needed, and has general charge of the field.

Other calls for meetings are coming in from various sources, and the fields are needy and ripe. We praise God for His favor, and for entrusting this field to our care as a Conference. The great need is men and means. Who is ready to go? Who is ready to give? The receipts for the Church Extension Fund for the year have exceeded previous offerings, and we are still expecting the coming year to surpass all previous receipts.

We have disbursed from this fund as follows:

1. October 5th—To Rev. W. E. Reeve	\$50.00
2. December 10th—To Rev. W. E. Reeve, for team....	150.00
3. April 18th—To Miss Lottie Buttermore, for traveling expenses to Williams, Minn.	15.00

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4. June 10th—To Rev. W. E. Reeve.....	\$30.00
And \$20.00 to pay board and labors of Prof. Jno. W. Leedy	20.00
5. June 11th—To Rev. A. M. Stephens, work at West Union, Iowa	15.00
6. August 5th—To Prof. Jno. W. Leedy, for six weeks' evangelistic labors in Minnesota	60.00
Total disbursements	\$340.00

By special action of the Conference (found on page 7 of the 1914 Conference Minutes) the Missionary Board was instructed to report on charges having no pastor. There are three names of churches still on the Roll with no pastors—Diagonal, Pilot Rock and Wayne. There is no church organization maintained in these churches. There are two (2) members in Diagonal, two (2) in Pilot Rock, and some eight (8) at Wayne. These are lapsed societies, having never been disbanded.

A class called the Concord, Nebraska, class has been taken from the Roll, but there are some who belonged to that class who are loyal members of the Church. These reside near Dixon, Nebraska, and number four. These, with those of Diagonal, Pilot Rock and Wayne, make a class of sixteen (16) scattered members.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Emerson,

C. S. Weigel.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts, hath again permitted us to assemble together; therefore be it

Resolved, That we acknowledge our gratitude to Him for His loving kindness and His blessings upon us both in this Conference and the past Conference year. Be it further

Resolved, That we beseech God that in these perilous times, which have fallen upon us to give us wisdom to carry on His cause to the glory of His name. Be it also

Resolved, That we put forth all diligence in bringing forth an awakening and the reverencing of God's holy Sabbath day, seeing we have become so lax as a people and a nation in this respect, having largely commercialized it; also made it a day of pleasure and reveling. Be it also

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Resolved, That in our attitude toward this present war that we acknowledge that our success depends not alone upon our army and navy, but in Him who hath said, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Be it also

Resolved, That in our attitude toward the dress question, that we urge and entreat the younger generation to adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety, not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array, but which becometh those professing holiness.

C. P. Carkuff,
B. J. Hoover,

Committee.

REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

Fairview	\$173.25
Bennezette	58.50
Dayton	159.75
South Troy	105.75
St. Charles	99.00
Emmanuel	137.25
Charles City and Howardville	108.00
Guthrie Center	101.25
Hoover	94.50
Albaton	69.75
Little Pine	67.50
Pleasant Hill	36.00
Dundee	78.75
Goon Rapids	18.00
Bethel	42.75
Diagonal	4.50
Pilot Rock	18.00
West Union	33.75
Homer	29.25

W. E. Reeve,
Grant Ayers,

Committee.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath School of today is held sponsor for practically all Christian training of the young people. Therefore, let us try and bring to our Sunday Schools all children of the community. Be sure and get a regular attendance beginning from the infant class and including even the Bible Class. For a child's mind is as clay in a potter's hand, easily moulded, and regularly holds the impression made upon the minds of children.

Then no teacher is a Sunday School teacher unless they are a devoted Christian, living their teaching. The best way to get such teachers is to have a teacher's training department in every Sunday School.

We are in hopes that we as a Church may awaken to the fact that our future Church is our Sunday School of today. So let us give of our efforts to its success by prayer and whole-souled consecration to Christ our Saviour.

Signed by the Committee:

Walter D. Eastham,
Lizzie M. Lortscher,
Raymond Hanson,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM.

As our first year has rolled around since we were engaged in this gigantic world's war, a greater portion of the monster of sin has been uncovered. How appalling is the fact that hundreds, yes, thousands of our young men have been rejected from the army because of their physical unfitness, caused so by the licensed evils of today, which are going on in their momentous progress of deteriorating physically, weakening mentally and blighting spiritually a great percentage of our present generation and a large per cent of the generations to come.

We know a number of States—twenty-eight at present—are on the honor roll of prohibition; but why mince matters? Let us have national war prohibition. Nevertheless, we thank God for such advancement in temperance.

Beware! We called China the opium fiend nation. She awoke to the evil and banished it. Our nation made a few billion cigarettes, most of the users got a dull mind, short breath and general

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physical unfitness. Doctors diagnosed the trouble and called it the effect of cigarettes. The fiendish smoke has dozed our nation and we are benumbing the soldiery efficiency of our boys by sending them unnumbered amounts of this hell-smoke.

Therefore, let us rise with all our might and by God's help dethrone these evils and all others that are attacking our nation on every side.

Signed by the Committee:

Walter D. Eastham,
P. A. Cameron,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS.

How many elders are on the Conference roll? 22.

Who of the elders are on the stationed list? W. R. Emerson, Charles City, Ia.; F. J. Wilson, Clarence, Ia.; C. S. Weigel, Marengo, Ia.; F. A. Butterfield, Syracuse, N. Y.; Ullis Hekel, Charles City, Ia.; D. F. Smith, Coon Rapids, Ia.; Frank Betzer, La Porte City, Ia.; G. E. Ellis and Bertha Ellis, University Park, Ia.; Albert Johnson, Guthrie Center, Ia.; C. P. Carkuff, West Union, Ia.; R. W. Pryor (elected to elder's orders, not ordained), Walker, Ia.; W. D. Eastham, Dundee, Ia.

Who of the licentiates are on the stationed list? B. J. Hoover, Hammond, Minn.; A. M. Stephens, La Porte City, Ia.; W. E. Reeve, Emily, Minn.; P. A. Cameron, Sloan, Ia.; Lottie Buttermore, Williams, Minn.; George and Ina Doty, Ira, Ia.

Who of the elders are on the unstationed list? C. M. Howe, West Union, Ia.

Who of the elders are on the supernumerary list? George S. Fry, Marengo, Ia.; R. W. Mack, Broughton, Kan.; A. W. Curry, Portland Oreg.; I. E. Bradley, Weblake, Wis.

Who of the elders are on the superannuated list? L. W. Easton, Santa Ana, Cal.; W. H. Riley, Upland, Cal.

Who of the elders have been deposited this year? None.

Who of the elders have withdrawn this year? None.

Who have joined the Conference this year? By transfer, W. D. Eastham, C. P. Carkuff.

Who of the elders have died this year? J. F. Platt, George J. Cameron.

Who of the licentiates have died this year? Miriam Day.

How is the work supplied?

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Bennezeette—J. W. Youngblood, when transferred from Oklahoma to Iowa Conference.

Bethel—George and Ina Doty.

Diagonal—In hands of the President.

Emanuel and Pleasant Hill—Frank Betzer.

Guthrie Center and Seeley—Albert Johnson.

Coon Rapids—D. F. Smith.

South Troy—B. J. Hoover.

West Union—C. P. Carkuff.

Little Pine, Emily and White Elk Circuit—W. E. Reeve.

Fairview—C. S. Weigel.

Hoover—R. W. Pryor.

Albaton—P. A. Cameron.

Dundee—W. D. Eastham.

St. Charles—Ulis Hekel.

Charles City and Howardville—To be supplied.

Dayton—F. J. Wilson.

Wayne—Dropped from the roll.

Homer Church—In hands of Missionary Board.

Pilot Rock—In hands of the President.

F. A. Butterfield—Editor of the Wesleyan Methodist.

G. E. Ellis—General Evangelist and Instructor in Central Holiness University.

Bertha Ellis—General Evangelist.

J. W. Leedy—Professor in Rochester School.

G. C. Houck—Missionary Evangelist.

D. W. Scott—Returned to his Quarterly Conference.

May Lord—Missionary in Africa.

Ruby Helen Paine, M. D.—Medical Missionary in Africa.

Alice Thomas, M. D.—Missionary on furlough.

Delia Howlett—Missionary-elect to Africa.

A. M. Stephens—Conference Missionary.

Lottie Buttermore—Home Missionary in Northern Minnesota, under direction of the Missionary Board.

Henry Weigel—Returned to his Quarterly Conference.

J. F. Hiner—General Evangelist.

W. R. Emerson—President of Conference, with instructions to travel.

G. E. Ellis—Vice-President.

Walter D. Eastham—Secretary.

Ulis Hekel—Treasurer.

W. R. Emerson,
C. S. Weigel,
D. F. Smith,
John W. Yancey,
J. D. Williams, Jr.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER, 1917.

Building Fund.

On hand at beginning of Conference year..	\$112.79
Receipts	1096.16
Total	1208.95
Disbursements	61.80
On hand August 23, 1917.....	1147.15

Conference Fund.

On hand	\$276.43
Receipts	951.32
Total	1227.75
Disbursements	1006.29
On hand	221.46

Conference Fund in Minnesota.

On hand	\$37.06
Receipts	None
Disbursements	None
On hand	37.06

Student Fund.

On hand	\$51.38
Receipts	None
Disbursements	None
On hand	51.38

Camp Meeting Fund.

On hand	\$257.12
Receipts	349.17
Total	606.29
Disbursements	397.30
On hand	208.99

Education.

On hand	\$130.74
Receipts	289.76
Total	420.50
Disbursements	330.74
On hand	89.76

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Mission Budget.

On hand	\$282.52
Receipts	496.21
Total	778.73
Disbursements	392.52
On hand	386.21

Missions for Africa.

On hand	\$5.00
Receipts	50.55
Total	55.55
Disbursements	10.00
On hand	45.55

Missions for India.

On hand	None
Receipts	\$100.00
Disbursements	100.00
On hand	None

Home Missions.

On hand	None
Receipts	\$16.00
Disbursements	5.00
On hand	11.00

Superannuated Ministers.

On hand	\$313.58
Receipts	140.53
Total	454.11
Disbursements	75.00
On hand	379.11

Church Extension.

On hand	\$126.42
Receipts	432.00
Total	558.42
Disbursements	340.58
On hand	217.84

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Undivided Budget.

On hand	\$41.26
Receipts	113.95
Total	155.21
Disbursements	46.26
On hand	108.95

Summary.

Total on hand and received during year....	\$5669.95
Total disbursements	2765.49
Total on hand according to Treas.'s books	2904.46
Surplus cash	19.80
Cash on hand	2924.26
	Ulis Hekel.

REPORT ON SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND.

Your Committee on Disbursement of the Superannuated Minister's Fund recommend the disbursements as follows:

Mrs. A. B. Cameron	\$40.00
Mrs. S. A. Gilley	40.00
Mrs. Thomas Hartley	40.00

W. E. Reeve,
H. L. Yarrington,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES.

We beg to submit the following suggestions:

That the new class near Homer, Nebraska, be known as the Homer charge.

That the Emmanuel and Pleasant Hill charges be placed together as Emmanuel and Pleasant Hill charge.

That the new work in Northern Minnesota, at Little Pine, Emily and White Elk, be placed in one charge, known as Little Pine, Emily and White Elk circuit.

W. E. Reeve,
W. R. Emerson,
Committee.

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VOTE OF THANKS.

Under the watchful eye of our Heavenly Father we have again been privileged to assemble for our Annual Conference.

After the conflict and victories of the year that has passed, we appreciate the blessings that come to us on this occasion.

We, therefore, tender our sincere thanks to the pastor and people of Albaton charge, also the people of the community for their kindness while we have been with them, and to the Hunter Brothers for the beautiful grounds we have occupied.

We are not unmindful of those who have had charge of the dining tent, also the Camp Meeting Committee for the provision that has been made for our temporal need while here.

The grace of God be with you.

Mrs. Bertha Williams,
G. Edwin Ellis,
Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

1917 and 1918.

With becoming gratitude to God for His manifest presence and blessing in the work of the past year; and with kindly recognition of the loyal support of the brethren and sisters throughout the Conference, we tender our sixth annual report.

1. Transferred Rev. W. D. Eastham from the Iowa Conference to the Kansas Conference, upon his request, August 21st.

2. Accepted the resignation of Rev. R. Wesley Mack as pastor of the Charles City and Howardville charge, September 5th.

3. Consented to the arrangement for the Rev. C. P. Carkuff to fill the pastorate of the Charles City and Howardville charge, upon receiving his transfer from the Wisconsin Conference to the Iowa Conference, September 5th.

4. Wrote letter of standing for Mrs. Margaret Fober, of the Masonville Church, as per order of Conference for lapsed churches, October 13th.

5. Received the transfer of Rev. W. D. Eastham from the Kansas Conference to the Iowa Conference, December 6th.

6. Received the transfer of Rev. C. P. Carkuff from the Wisconsin Conference to the Iowa Conference, December 17th.

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7. Issued certificate authorizing Rev. R. W. Pryor to administer the Sacraments, January 31st.

8. Received \$600.00 insurance for the Wayne parsonage, which burned to the ground, and turned the same into the treasury February 11th.

9. Sold the remaining buildings on the parsonage lot at Wayne to Mr. F. J. Carden for \$125.00, and turned the same into the treasury March 1st.

10. Sold an acre of ground at Wayne to Mr. Elmer Hooper for \$100.00 on March 1st, receiving ten dollars down, which was turned into the treasury, the remainder to be paid upon the execution of deed and abstract.

11. Sold church building at Wayne on March 4th, through Olson & Nelson real estate dealers, for the sum of \$150.00. Paid commission of \$15.00 for sale, and turned balance of \$135.00 into the treasury.

12. Shipped seats and stove from the Wayne church to the Dundee church, the Dundee church to use these and dispose of their seats, and turn the amount received for them into the Conference treasury. The transaction is not yet completed.

13. June 19th issued certificate authorizing Rev. W. E. Reeve to administer the Sacraments, he having completed the disciplinary requirements for the same.

14. May 20th purchased tent top 21 x 35, from the Fisher Tent & Awning Co., of Waterloo, to be used as a dining tent for Conference, also for field use in special meetings. Paid the purchase price of same, \$90.00, from the Camp Meeting Fund.

15. July 24th arranged with H. G. Bonebrake to build a sidewalk across the lot in front of the church at Diagonal, the Conference to pay for the material and three dollars (\$3.00) per day for his labor. Completed August 13, at a cost of \$27.50.

16. June 4th accepted the resignation of Rev. Henry Weigel as pastor of the Guthrie Circuit charge.

17. The general collections for the year have amounted to \$619.12. Salary received, \$700.00; traveling expenses, \$160.98.

18. The following orders were issued on the Treasury:

Dec. 28—Building Fund, for insurance on the Guthrie Center Church, for five years	\$11.20
Feb. 13—Conference Fund, for publishing Conference Minutes	60.92
March 7—Building Fund, insurance on the Diagonal Church for three years.....	8.10

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May 25—Camp Meeting Fund, for tent top..	\$90.00
Aug. 13—Building Fund, Diagonal sidewalk.	27.50
19. Rents from Church property:	
Jan. 2—Received six months rent from the Wayne parsonage	36.00
Paid out for repairs, wire, posts, and labor, \$9.00; turned the balance, \$27.00, into the treasury.	

20. It affords us much satisfaction to report the organization of three new church organizations during the year. Two in Minnesota under the labors of Rev. W. E. Reeve, and one in Nebraska under the labors of Rev. Albert Johnson.

We therefore present to the Conference the Emily church organization of seven members (7), the White Elk Church organization of twelve members (12), and the Hoover Church organization of thirteen members (13).

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Emerson, President.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

Elders.

W. R. Emerson, Charles City, Iowa.
G. Edwin Ellis, University Park, Iowa.
Bertha Ellis, University Park, Iowa.
F. A. Butterfield, 330 East Onondaga St., Syracuse, N. Y.
Ulis Hekel, Charles City, Iowa.
F. J. Wilson, Clarence, Iowa.
George S. Fry, Marengo, Iowa.
Albert Johnson, Guthrie Center, Iowa.
C. S. Weigel, Marengo, Iowa.
D. F. Smith, Coon Rapids, Iowa.
Ira E. Bradley, Webb Lake, Wisconsin.
Frank Betzer, La Porte City, Iowa.
L. W. Easton, Santa Ana, California.
W. H. Riley, Upland, California.
R. Wesley Mack, Broughton, Kansas.
C. M. Howe, West Union, Iowa.
C. P. Carkuff, West Union, Iowa.
J. F. Hiner, Houghton, South Dakota.

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- Walter D. Eastham, Dundee, Iowa.
R. Wesley Pryor, Walker, Iowa. Elected to elder's orders, but not ordained.
J. W. Leedy, Rochester, Minn. Elected to elder's orders, but not ordained.
A. W. Curry, Portland, Oregon.

Licentiates.

- B. J. Hoover, Hammond, Minnesota.
G. C. Houck, Independence, Iowa.
W. E. Reeve, Emily, Minnesota.
Aaron Cameron, Sloan, Iowa.
Ruby Paine, M. D., Kunso, Sierra Leone, West Africa.
May Lord, Kunso, Sierra Leone, West Africa.
Delia Howlett, Sierra Leone, West Africa.
Alice Thomas, M. D., Chicago, Illinois.
George H. Doty, Ira, Iowa.
Ina Doty, Ira, Iowa.
D. W. Scott, La Porte City, Iowa.
A. M. Stephens, La Porte City, Iowa.
Lottie Buttermore, Williams, Minn.

Delegates.

- Mrs. Bertha Williams, La Porte City, Iowa.
Mrs. Lizzie Lortscher, Hammond, Minnesota.
Mrs. Lucy Williams, Marengo, Iowa.
John D. Williams, Jr., Marengo, Iowa.
Grant Ayers, Aredale, Iowa.
John W. Yancey, Charles City, Iowa.
H. L. Yarrington, Elgin, Iowa.
Glenwood Hite, Emily, Minnesota.
Raymond Hanson, Sloan, Iowa.
William Cretsinger, Guthrie Center, Iowa.

Lucy Williams,
Glenwood Hite,
Committee.

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	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	No. Wesleyans Taken	S. S. Banners Taken	Teacher's Quarterlies	Scholar's Quarterlies	Junior Quarterlies	Primary Class Paper	Little Folks Cards
Fairview	12	1	1	18	20	6	45	15	10	10
Bennezzette	12	1	1	8		5	35	15	12	20
Dayton	12	1	1	24	15	6	65	10	10	10
South Troy	12	1	1	17	35	6	85		9	9
St. Charles	12	2	1	10	20	6	25	7	10	6
Emmanuel	12	1	1	10	20	5	35	30	16	16
Charles City and Howardville	12	2	2	17	18	4	20	15	10	18
Guthrie Center	12	2	2	12	40	20	7			40
Hoover	12	1	1	8	20	2	37		10	
Albaton	12	1	1	7	25	4	50			12
Little Pine	12	5	3	7		2				
Pleasant Hill	12	1	1	9	10	6	18		8	8
Dundee	12	1	1	16	48	6	48	15		15
Coon Rapids										
Bethel										
Diagonal										
Pilot Rock										
West Union	4	1	1	5	20	5	25		15	15
Totals	160	21	18	168	291	78	495	107	110	179

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	Members Received	Expelled	Died	Granted Letters	No. Reported Last Year.	No. at Beginning of Year	Present Number	Loss	Gain	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Licentiates	Membership Tithing
Fairview	4				73	73	77		4		3	1	4	15
Bennezette					26	26	26						1	
Dayton				3	74	74	71	3						2
South Troy	2				45	45	47		2				1	18
St. Charles			1	2	47	47	44	3			1		1	4
Emmanuel							61						3	7
Charles City and Howardville	11				45	45	48		3		5			14
Guthrie Center	6		1		35	35	45		10				1	
Hoover				1	43	43	42	1		1			1	
Albaton	2			2	41	31	31	6		13			1	
Little Pine							30							
Pleasant Hill	2			5	16	16	13	3		2			2	
Dundee	4			2	36	33	35		2		7	1		14
Coon Rapids							7							
Bethel							19							
Diagonal							2							
Pilot Rock							2							
West Union	4		1	3	11	11	15		4					2
Totals	15	12	69	7	130	476	663	488	21	17	12	6	191	192

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	No. of Sabbath Schools	Officers not Teach. or Schol.	No. of Teachers	No. Scholars in Home Dept.	No. Scholars in Cradle Roll	No. Scholars in Main School	Total No. in Sab. School	Average Attendance	No. Scholars Converted	No. Scholars Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts.	No. in Teach. Train. Course	Schol. in Adult Bible Class	No. of Books in Library
Fairview	1		6		9	57	57	40	2		2		20	
Benezette	1		4				60	33	3				15	20
Dayton	1	6	5		12	50	62	30					12	
South Troy	1	1	6	7	13	65	79	40			4		14	
St. Charles	1		6		12	50	68	40					14	47
Emmanuel	1	1	4		15	76	82	33	6		2	3	34	60
Charles City and Howardville	2		9		16		103	56		10	2	2	30	28
Guthrie Center	2		5				63	40						
Hoover	1		4				50	26					8	
Albaton	1	1	5			50	42	3	3				20	
Little Pine						12	16						6	
Pleasant Hill	1	3	4		11		40						8	
Dundee	1		6		40	74	76	46	6	3				37
Coon Rapids														
Bethel														
Diagonal														
Pilot Rock														
West Union	1		5		2	42	47	23	1	1	2	1	10	
Totals	15	12	69	7	130	476	663	488	21	17	12	6	191	192

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	No. of Church Buildings	Value of	Amt. of Indebtedness No. of Parsonages	Value of	Amount of Indebtedness	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Fairview	1	\$1275.00	1	\$1500.00		\$12.50
Bennezetette	1	1500.00	1	1500.00		2.92
Dayton	1	1800.00	1	1200.00		
South Troy	1	1600.00	1	1500.00		
St. Charles	1	1500.00	1	1800.00		
Emmanuel	1	1300.00	1	700.00		14.00
Charles City and Howardville	1	1600.00				
Guthrie Center	1	1800.00	1	2000.00		
Hoover	1	1400.00	1	1800.00	100.00	150.00
Albaton	1	1000.00	1	1600.00		80.00
Little Pine					450.00	
Pleasant Hill		1600.00				
Dundee	1	1200.00	1	1200.00		
Coon Rapids				350.00		
Bethel						
Diagonal	1	1000.00				
Pilot Rock	1	900.00	1	800.00		
West Union	1	2000.00	1	1500.00		
Totals	14	\$21475.00	12	\$17450.00	\$550.00	\$259.42

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	Pastors' Salary	Parsonage Rents	Fees, Marriage and Funeral	Gifts	Total Pastors' Receipts	Evangelistic Help
Fairview	\$532.40	\$100.00	\$5.00	\$348.70	\$986.10	\$132.67
Bennezette	423.75	120.00		26.00	569.75	47.71
Dayton	310.00	100.00		11.35	421.35	8.64
South Troy	578.05	120.00	51.00	205.61	954.70	226.28
St. Charles	500.00	100.00	10.00	70.70	680.70	7.52
Emmanuel	437.00	66.00	15.00	143.26	661.26	8.61
Charles City and Howardville	569.08	44.00		10.00	623.08	111.50
Guthrie Center	489.00	144.00	13.00		649.00	
Hoover	397.70	100.00	5.00	84.45	587.15	28.00
Albaton	302.56	100.00	5.00	75.00	482.56	75.00
Little Pine	334.99		3.00	163.60	501.59	
Pleasant Hill	348.50		10.00	117.08	475.08	71.66
Dundee	300.00	96.00	3.00	150.71	549.71	3.56
Coon Rapids						
Bethel						
Diagonal						
Pilot Rock						
West Union	37.50	18.00		21.50	77.00	3.15
Totals	\$5560.53	\$1108.00	\$123.00	\$1427.96	\$8219.03	\$724.30

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	Sabbath School Expense	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Total for Church	Undivided Budget	Missions
Fairview	\$27.00	\$275.00	\$73.45	\$508.12	\$1.00	\$312.07
Bennezette	28.00	93.25	21.59	190.55		68.08
Dayton	31.16		32.27	72.52		82.20
South Troy	42.19	35.00	63.64	367.11		804.93
St. Charles	28.00	23.80	26.83	116.15		72.21
Emmanuel	26.00		109.11	143.72	25.46	76.46
Charles City and Howardville	35.50		133.10	280.10		104.42
Guthrie Center	36.17	115.45	20.00	162.90	78.00	
Hoover	19.96		203.80	251.76	30.00	241.48
Albaton	30.00	450.00	33.05	588.05		12.50
Little Pine					18.45	5.00
Pleasant Hill		21.83	29.13	122.62		30.25
Dundee	34.44	48.00	35.00	121.00		35.10
Coon Rapids						
Bethel						
Diagonal						
Pilot Rock						
West Union	15.00		18.00			12.62
Totals	\$353.42	\$1012.33	\$798.97	\$2924.60	\$152.91	\$1857.32

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

	Education	Conference Work	Superannuated Min. Fund	Other Benevolent Objects	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
Fairview	\$120.00	\$173.54	\$31.00	\$357.44	\$995.05	\$2489.27
Bennezzette	34.00	61.16	7.21	5.00	165.40	925.75
Dayton	95.10	51.25	5.00	78.62	312.75	806.14
South Troy	80.05	53.35	13.00	4.00	955.33	2277.14
St. Charles	18.51	60.77	2.77	8.77	163.03	959.88
Emmanuel	5.75	55.19	10.60		173.46	978.44
Charles City & Howardville	48.25	190.29	7.89	129.96	480.79	1383.97
Guthrie		67.28	5.00	133.00	213.28	1025.18
Hoover	13.00	72.46	12.00	100.00	468.94	1307.85
Albaton		46.25	2.38		61.33	1131.94
Little Pine	2.00	13.03	2.62	5.00	46.10	549.69
Pleasant Hill	9.25	19.36	2.15		61.01	659.21
Dundee	17.00	80.02	5.00	44.75	181.87	852.58
Coon Rapids						
Bethel						
Diagonal						
Pilot Rock						
West Union	5.00	7.25				
Totals	\$436.91	\$951.00	\$106.60	\$866.54	\$4278.34	\$15345.05

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

	Budget Assigned	Budget Raised	Missions Assigned	Missions Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised
Fairview			\$87.50	\$312.07	\$70.00	\$120.00
Bennezette	\$58.50		26.00	68.08	32.50	24.00
Dayton			72.88	82.20	90.10	95.10
South Troy	101.25	984.98	56.25	804.93	45.05	80.05
St. Charles				72.21		18.51
Emmanuel		25.46	76.46			5.75
Charles City and Howardville	101.25			104.42		48.25
Guthrie Center	78.75	58.00				
Hoover						
Albaton				12.50		
Little Pine				5.00		2.00
Pleasant Hill				30.25		9.25
Dundee	157.75	132.12	36.00	35.10	45.00	17.00
Coon Rapids						
Bethel						
Diagonal						
Pilot Rock						
West Union						
Totals	\$497.50	\$1200.56	\$355.09	\$1626.76	\$282.65	\$419.91

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

	Conference Assigned	Conference Raised	Total Assigned	Total Raised	Y. M. W. B.	W. H. & F. M. S.
Fairview				\$605.61	\$47.27	\$88.08
Bennezette		\$61.16		153.24	19.87	33.85
Dayton				176.30	9.80	47.40
South Troy		53.35	\$101.25	938.33	45.58	41.65
St. Charles		60.77				
Emmanuel					52.29	24.17
Charles City and Howardville		190.29		337.96	11.77	35.55
Guthrie Center						
Hoover						35.01
Albaton		46.25				12.50
Little Pine		13.03		38.48		
Pleasant Hill		19.36		58.81		
Dundee		80.02	157.75	132.12	22.96	13.35
Coon Rapids						
Bethel						
Diagonal						
Pilot Rock						
West Union					10.62	
Totals		\$524.23	\$259.00	\$2340.85	\$220.16	\$331.59

WESLEYAN METHODIST CONNECTION

MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE FOR 1918.

Officers.

President.....	Mrs. Clara Wilson.
Vice-President.....	Mrs. Jennie Emerson.
Secretary.....	Mrs. Lavilla Eastham.
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Lucy Kirkpatrick.
Organizer.....	Miss Delia Howlett.
Y. M. W. B. Supt.....	Mrs. Olive Haymond.
Delegate to General Conf.....	Mrs. Jennie Emerson.
Alternate.....	Mrs. Lucy Williams.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

First Meeting, August 21, 1918.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society was called to order by Sister Delia Howlett, who was appointed for this work by Brother W. R. Emerson.

Meetings were held in the tabernacle.

Sister Weigel offered prayer.

The following officers were elected pro tem in absence of standing officers:

Secretary—Sister Bertha Williams.

Treasurer—Sister Lizzie Lortscher.

The President appointed Lavilla Eastham as a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials gave a partial report as follows: Mrs. Lizzie Lortscher, South Troy; Mrs. C. S. Weigel, Marengo; Mrs. Lavilla Eastham, Dundee.

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Moved and supported that this partial report of the Committee on Credentials be adopted.

Sister Weigel was appointed by the Chair as a Committee on Courtesies.

Sister Harvey, returned Missionary from India, was introduced to the Society.

Mrs. Weigel and Lavilla Eastham were elected as a Committee on Statistical Report.

A Program Committee consisting of Sister Lucy Williams and Sister Howlett was elected.

Sisters Bertha Williams, Mary Hawes, Fannie G. Harvey and Helen Cretsinger became members of our Conference Society by paying dues of fifty cents each.

Motion prevailed to adjourn at the call of the Chair.

Second Meeting, August 22, 1918.

Meeting was called to order by Sister Howlett.

Devotions were led by Sister Harvey, who read Isaiah 12th chapter and offered prayer.

Minutes of last meeting read, corrected and adopted.

Report of Program Committee arranged for a public meeting Thursday evening, August 22, 1918, to be conducted by Brother and Sister C. B. Harvey.

A Committee on Memorials was appointed by common consent, the Chair appointing Sisters Harvey and Eastham.

The Secretary was instructed to send letters of greeting to Dr. Paine and Sister Lord.

Motion was made and supported that we have the minutes recorded as usual in our Conference Minutes.

Sister Lucy Williams pledged \$10.00 for that purpose, and a motion prevailed that expense about that amount be drawn from the treasury.

Motion prevailed to adjourn at the call of the Chair.

Public Meeting, 8 P. M., August 22, 1918.

Opening song, "Bringing in the Sheaves."

John 4:36 read by Brother Harvey.

Prayer by Rev. Walter D. Eastham.

Song by Sister Harvey.

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A very interesting and instructive stereopticon lecture was given by Brother Harvey. The sum of \$614.00 was raised in cash and pledges.

Third Meeting, August 23, 1918.

The meeting was called to order by Sister Howlett.

Devotionals were led by Sister Howlett, who read the 121st Psalm and offered prayer.

The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Memorials was read and adopted. See report.

A motion prevailed that copies of the report of the Committee on Memorials be sent to Sister Miriam Day's parents and to the Editor of the Wesleyan Methodist for publication.

Communications from Sisters Wilson and Lottie Buttermore were read.

The following officers were elected by ballot for the coming year:

President—Sister Clara Wilson.

Vice-President—Sister Jennie Emerson.

Secretary—Lavilla M. Eastham.

Treasurer—Sister Lucy Kirkpatrick.

Organizer—Sister Delia Howlett.

Y. M. W. B. Superintendent—Sister Olive Haymond.

Delegate to the General Conference—Sister Jennie Emerson.

Alternate Delegate—Sister Lucy Williams.

Motion prevailed to adjourn at the call of the Chair.

Fourth Meeting, August 24, 1918.

Meeting was called to order by Sister Howlett.

The Society repeated the 23rd Psalm.

The roll was called and minutes read and adopted.

Partial report of the Treasurer pro tem was read.

A motion prevailed that the partial report be adopted, and inasmuch as we do not have the Treasurer's book, the report be sent to the Treasurer for completion.

A partial report of the Statistical Committee was read and adopted. The committee was instructed to add footing and the Secretary to correspond with the Societies not having sent reports and complete the Statistical Report.

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A motion prevailed that each member of the Local Societies be taxed the sum of 25 cents each to help defray the expense of our Delegate to the General Conference at Fairmount, Indiana.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father in His own providence has seen fit to permit the removal of our beloved sister and co-worker, Sister Miriam Day, we as a Conference Society do humbly acquiesce to God's will and pay our tribute of respect to her memory.

We would emulate her virtues, her faithfulness and unswerving fidelity to her Master and her heroic fortitude and loyalty to her call to the foreign field in Africa. We pray that many others may heed the call and take up her labors, "For the harvest fields are white and the laborers few."

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to those who mourn her loss and to those in the field from whose associations and activities she will be sorely missed. We pray that the God of all grace may comfort and sustain them and sanctify the affliction to their souls by proving more and more His abounding fulness as our protector and sufficiency in every time of need.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. B. Harvey,
Mrs. Lavilla Eastham,
Committee.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

From August, 1917, to August 24, 1918.

On hand August 20, 1918.....	\$35.87
Receipts during the year:—	
Bethel W. H. & F. M. Society.....	18.00
Howardville	14.15
Emmanuel	24.17
Dayton Valley	48.90
Fairview	21.30
South Troy	40.00
Charles City	22.22
West Union	7.31
Dundee	8.40
Benezette	29.00
Pleasant Hill	13.93
Membership fees to Conference Society	2.50
Johnston Memorial	25.60
Kunso House	10.00
Missions	64.00
Missions	58.00
Dayton Valley. for Soldier Testaments and Tracts	21.00
Total	\$464.35

Disbursements.

To Kunso House	\$10.00
Johnston Memorial	50.60
Missions on subscription	64.00
Missions on subscription	58.00
Testaments for Soldier Boys	19.00
Chinese Tracts	2.00
Total	\$203.60
Balance	260.75

Lucy Kirkpatrick, Treasurer.

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF W. H. & F. M. SOCIETY.

Name of Society	No. of Meetings	No. of Members	Amount Raised and on Hand	Amount Disbursed	Amount Sent to Conference Society	Balance in Treasury
Albaton	18	25	\$43.00	\$30.50	*	
Bethel	10	19	32.70	12.50	\$18.00	\$2.20
Bennezette	10	12	38.80	9.80	29.00	5.00
Charles City	12	19	23.48	3.65	22.22	2.26
Dundee	16	18	23.64	15.24	8.40	
Emmanuel	12	29	27.86		24.17	
East St. Charles	40	21	45.61	26.86	*	
Fairview	12	22	88.08	66.78	21.30	
Howardville	3	12	14.15		14.15	
Hoover	7	11	35.01	28.00	**	
Pilot Rock	21	12	23.74		**	
Pleasant Hill	13	12	16.93	3.00	13.93	
South Troy	8	22	46.00	4.35	40.00	1.65
Dayton Valley	10		118.02	69.62	48.90	
West Union	10	8	7.31		7.31	
	202	242	\$584.33	\$270.30	\$247.38	\$11.11

* Money sent to General Conference.
 ** Too late for report.