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OF THE

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OF THE

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of America

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Proceedings of the General Conference.

First Day.

The General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America convened for its seventeenth quadrennial session in the Wesleyan Methodist church at Fairmount, Indiana, Oct. 16th, 1907, at 2 o'clock P. M., with the President, Rev. E. Teter, in the chair.

Devotional services were conducted by Revs. P. B. Campbell of the Allegheny conference, and H. D. Cheney of the Michigan conference. Brother Campbell read the Word from Romans 12th chapter. Brother Cheney led in prayer, and the congregation joined in singing "Rock of Ages," and "How Firm a Foundation."

Revs. W. L. Northam and Grant Mann were appointed a Committee on Enrollment and sixty-two delegates presented their credentials and their names were placed on the roll. Their names and the conferences represented are as follows:

Rev. P. B. Campbell, Rev. D. P. Hampe, Fleming Perrine, C. P. Rank, Allegheny; Rev. A. J. Shea, Canada; Rev. Arthur W. Smith, Rev. L. L. Folger, F. A. McMillen, L. H. McMillen, Central Ohio; Rev. E. D. Carpenter, Rev. C. E. Hill, Rev. A. J. Allen, A. H. McKnight, F. H. Wright, Champlain; Mrs. Anna McGovern, Dakota; Rev. W. M. Lee, Rev. H. S. Dixon, W. A. Coleman, J. Lawrence, Georgia; Rev. E. Teter, Rev. W. J. Seekins, Rev. W. L. Northam, Rev. T. P. Baker, Rev. J. O. Baker, Rev. C. A. Billheimer, Rev. J. J. Coleman, Rev. A. Worth, J. L. Rigsbee, Emma C. Fall, Ada C. Coleman, G. W. Teter, G. W. Felton, C. Sears, I. Grunden, J. H. Pickett, Indiana; F. Ballou, Iowa; Rev. C. P. Carkuff, Rev. Grant Mann, T. A. Dimmitt, J. H. Jones, Kansas; Rev. S. A. Manwell, Rev. M. J. Badder, Frank Lawrence, E. J. Curtis, Michigan; Rev. H. W. Hawkins, Rev. I. O. Gray, North Carolina; Rev. V. H. Sibley, J. H. Loomis, North Michigan; Rev. A. T. Jennings, Rev. J. H. Bowen, Rev. Frank S. Lee, Rev. S. D. Wilcox, A. W. Brim, Jacob Post, Philinda S. Bowen, Wm. L. Norton, Rochester; Rev. P. C. Ramsey, R. G. Ramsey, North Georgia; C. B. Smith, South Carolina; Rev.

L. A. Grant, Syracuse; Rev. J. W. Robinson, Tennessee; Rev. O. S. Warner, Wm. Loomis, Wisconsin.

Following the adoption of the partial report of the Committee on Enrollment the President declared the conference open for business and made a very appropriate address in reference to the relation of the Church, as a body, to God, and how his will should govern all our deliberations as members of the General Conference.

The bar of conference was fixed to include the first four seats in front of the pulpit extending across the house. On motion it was decided to fix the time of meetings to begin at 8:30 A. M. and 2 P. M. and close at 11:30 A. M. and by vote in the afternoon.

Motion prevailed to appoint a committee of three on Courtesies of which Rev. W. L. Thompson, pastor of Fairmount church was elected chairman; Rev. W. L. Northam and J. L. Rigsbee were added to the committee.

The following order of business was adopted for the present session of the General Conference:

1st. Devotional service; 2nd, Roll call; 3rd, Reading and adopting minutes; 4th, Unfinished business; 5th, Presenting amendments to discipline, petitions, memorials or resolutions; 6th, Reports of committees; 7th, Miscellaneous business; 8th, adjournment.

The action of the President in appointing the chairmen of the various committees was indorsed and a motion prevailed that the President appoint a committee of three to fill out the several committees.

J. Lawrence of Georgia was elected official reporter of the conference.

Rev. W. L. Thompson, Rev. W. J. Seekins and F. Ballou were elected a committee on religious services.

The service for the opening sermon was by consent arranged to be held in the Friends' church in the evening at 7:30. On motion conference adjourned. Announcements were made and Rev. E. D. Carpenter, of the Champlain conference pronounced the benediction.

Second Day.—Oct. 17, 1907.—Morning Meeting.

Religious services were conducted by the Rev. S. A. Manwell of the Michigan conference.

The roll was called. The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Motion prevailed electing S. A. Manwell to respond to the address of the Fraternal delegate from the Free Methodist Church.

The President appointed C. H. Dow, O. S. Warner and E. G. Dietrich a committee on nominations of the various committees.

Moved to appoint a committee of five to submit a plan for districting the Connection with a view of facilitating the election of the Book Committee.

A further report of the Committee on Enrollment was presented as follows: Revs. L. G. Clayton and B. L. Padgett of South Carolina; Revs. C. H. Dow and H. W. McDowell, E. G. Dietrich and Charles Lindquist of the Lockport conference; Rev. J. B. Omerod and C. Friedly of the Miami conference; Daniel Pierce of the Syracuse conference; Rev. H. D. Cheney and Harry Van Keuren, of Michigan conference; Rev. C. K. Thompson of Dakota conference; Rev. J. L. Clark and O. N. Carnahan of Illinois conference; Rev. G. W. Jackson and Charles Striblin of the Central Ohio conference; Revs. F. J. Wilson and R. Wesley Mack and Charles P. Hovey of the Iowa conference.

The Committee on Districting the Connection was elected as follows: H. W. McDowell, A. T. Jennings, A. Worth, J. Lawrence and F. Ballou.

Motion prevailed to elect a committee of six on Statistics to bring in a report summarizing all the reports of all the conferences for four years.

The Missionary Secretary, E. Teter, made his report. The report was, by vote, considered item by item.

Item 1. Financial receipts.

2. Organization of a conference in Oklahoma recommended to be received into the Connection as a conference, referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

3. Referred to Committee on Boundaries; also items 4 and 5.

6. Home missions.

7. Work on Pacific Coast referred to Committee on Boundaries, as was also a petition from members of that locality.

8. Reference to New York conference, referred to Committee on Boundaries.

9. Missionary societies.

10. Foreign work, referred to Committee on Missions.

11. Miscellaneous.

12. Reference to the Southern School.

The Committee on Enrollment presented the following names of delegates: Rev. A. J. Shea, and J. A. McIntosh, of the Canada conference.

The report of the Missionary Secretary, not referred to the various committees, was adopted. (See report No. 1.)

It was moved that Saturday, 10 o'clock, be the order of the day for the election of conference officers.

Moved that Friday, 3 o'clock, be the order of the day to hear the report of the Connectional Agent and Secretary.

Moved that Saturday, 3 o'clock, be the order of the day to hear the address of the Editor.

Motion prevailed making Monday at 10 o'clock order of the day for the election of Connectional officers.

Upon motion of F. J. Wilson the rule for adjournment by limitation was suspended and it was moved to now adjourn. Motion carried.

Benediction by J. L. Clark.

Second Day. Afternoon Meeting.

Devotional services were conducted by E. D. Carpenter. Roll called. Minutes read, corrected and approved.

The Rev. W. B. Stoddard, of Washington, D. C., representing the National Christian Association, was introduced to the conference.

The Committee on Nominations made its report. The report as follows was adopted:

✓ **Education:**—F. J. Wilson, T. P. Baker, S. A. Manwell, H. W. McDowell, A. H. McKnight.

Societies of the World:—L. G. Clayton, O. S. Warner, A. Worth, F. S. Lee, J. H. Jones.

Prohibition:—S. A. Manwell, A. Worth, C. P. Rank, Wm. Loomis.

Course of Study:—A. T. Jennings, F. S. Lee, H. W. McDowell.

Book Concern:—W. J. Seekins, H. D. Cheney, J. H. Bowen, A. W. Brim, F. Perrine.

Boundaries:—E. D. Carpenter, L. G. Clayton, A. J. Shea, C. E. Hill, F. Wright, J. H. Loomis.

Sabbath-Schools:—W. L. Northam, R. Wesley Mack, J. L. Clark, L. A. Grant, C. Sears.

Conference Records:—J. J. Coleman, V. H. Sibley, E. G. Dietrich.

On the Sabbath:—H. W. Hawkins, M. J. Badder, Ada C. Coleman, H. S. Dixon.

State of the Country:—P. B. Campbell, L. L. Folger, A. J. Allen, J. A. McIntosh, Charles Lindquist.

State of the Church:—J. H. Bowen, A. T. Jennings, E. Teter.

Missions:—H. W. McDowell, C. P. Carkuff, J. Lawrence, S. D. Wilcox, Arthur W. Smith.

Statistics:—F. Perrine, Arthur W. Smith, C. B. Smith, W. L. Norton, Grant Mann, W. M. Lee.

Resolution of Thanks:—H. D. Cheney, Frank Lawrence.

Mrs. Anvie Northam, in behalf of the General Conference Woman's Home and Foreign and Conference Missionary Society, presented a petition asking to substitute a section of their own formulating to take the place of the one now in the Discipline as adopted by the General Conference of 1903. The subject suggested by the petition was referred to the Committee on Missions requesting that the Sisters appoint a committee to co-operate with said Committee on Missions in drafting what they might consider a better plan for the carrying on of the work than the Discipline now provides, the same to be presented to the General Conference for ratification.

L. L. Folger presented a memorial in regard to the consolidation of the Miami and Central Ohio conferences. The same was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

J. J. Coleman offered his resignation as chairman of the Committee on Conference Records. Resignation accepted and L. L. Folger was elected to the place.

The Book Committee, as a Committee on Revisals submitted a partial report.

Item 1, referring to the organization of churches was adopted.

Item 2, in reference to the manner of dealing with delinquent members, adopted.

Item 3, referring to the manner of dealing with elders having been convicted of adultery, adopted.

Item 4, giving an annual conference authority to extend time when elders shall be passed to the unstationed list, adopted.

Item 5, relative to lay delegates to an annual conference adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Roberts, pastor of the United Brethren church, of Marion, Ind., was introduced to the conference.

Item 6, concerning a church employing as pastor or stated supply a person not a member of some Wesleyan Methodist annual conference. Adopted.

Pending discussion of item 7 conference adjourned by vote. Benediction by A. J. Shea.

Third Day.—Oct. 18.—Forenoon Meeting.

Devotions by H. W. Hawkins. Roll call. Minutes read and approved.

R. Wesley Mack was by vote authorized to make a transcript of the Minutes for publication in the Wesleyan and for the printed minutes.

Committee on Enrollment presented the names of lay delegates, J. R. George of South Carolina and Wm. Olney of the Champlain conference, and their names were added to the roll.

The Committee on Boundaries made a partial report, recommending the acceptance of the mission conference of Oklahoma as a conference to be known as the Oklahoma conference and to comprise the state of Oklahoma. Said partial report was adopted. The delegates from said conference, Ivy Crofford and Rev. E. S. Higgins, presented their credentials, and their names were added to the roll.

Upon motion of P. B. Campbell it was made the order of the day to now hear the address of Rev. W. B. Stoddard of Washington, D. C., representing the National Christian Association, opposed to Secret Societies. Brother Stoddard's address clearly set forth the position of the Association he represented and was inspiring to our conference, whose position secures for us the opposition and persecution of many whose life and sympathies are with the lodge.

Rev. J. S. McGeary, fraternal delegate from the Free Methodist Church was introduced to the General conference, and in a beautiful address presented to the conference the fraternal greetings of the Free Methodist Church of North America. The address of our Brother McGeary was a clear description of the position of the Church he represented and was most interesting and inspiring.

To this address S. A. Manwell replied in behalf of the conference. A. T. Jennings also spoke briefly in reply, and upon motion of P. B. Campbell, a vote of thanks was tendered the Brother for the fraternal greetings, and the request made that the same be published in the General Conference Minutes.

The Committee on Revisals continued its report.

Item 7, referring to the manner of conducting the examination of ministers. Adopted.

Item 8, referring to carrying out conference resolutions. Adopted.

Item 9, referring to divorce. Adopted.

Item 10, referring to the election of the Book Committee. Adopted.

The President declared the meeting adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by Rev. J. S. McGeary.

Third Day.—Afternoon Meeting.

Religious service was conducted by A. J. Shea of the Canada conference. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Enrollment presented the name of B. J. Johnston of the South Carolina conference, lay delegate, and his name was added to the roll.

Rev. J. O. Baker, Superintendent, and the faculty and students of the Indiana Conference Bible Training School, were introduced to the conference.

Motion prevailed that Monday night be set apart as a time for a missionary service under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Dr. L. G. Clayton was introduced as a representative of the school of Central, South Carolina, and was accorded the courtesy of speaking in reference to the interests and work of the school.

The order of the day being called for, J. H. Bowen, Agent and Secretary, made the report of the Treasurer of the Connectional Societies for the quadrennial term from June 1, 1903 to June 1, 1907.

It was moved to adopt the report. It was then moved to postpone further consideration of the report until Saturday morning, immediately after reading and approving of Minutes.

The Committee on Revisals continued its report.

Item 11, referring to the Roll of Membership of an Annual Conference was submitted. Pending discussion the conference adjourned by vote.

Benediction by Rev. A. Worth.

Fourth Day.—Oct. 19.—Morning Meeting.

Devotional service was conducted by C. E. Hill of the Champlain conference. Roll was called. Minutes of the previous sitting were read and approved.

Rev. O. S. Warner was elected a committee to secure the post-office address of the members of the General Conference.

Fleming Perrine resigned as a member of the Committee on Book Concern. His resignation was accepted and D. B. Hampe was elected to the place.

W. J. Seekins presented the following resolution

which was adopted: Resolved that in approving the Agent's Report we do not pass upon unsettled questions that are now in the hands of the Book Committee.

G. W. Jackson presented a petition in behalf of the South Ohio conference in reference to the boundary of the South Ohio conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

In considering the report of the Agent and Secretary, the item in reference to the liabilities being incurred from the wearing out of the machinery at the Publishing House as suggested on page 2, item 1, was referred to the Committee on Book Concern.

Elders H. R. Smith of the Central Ohio conference and J. L. Benton of the Champlain conference were introduced to the conference.

The report of the Connectional Agent and Secretary was adopted. (See Report No. 3.)

The order of the day was called, the election of conference officers.

F. H. Wright, A. H. McKnight and S. D. Wilcox were appointed tellers.

On the first ballot for President, E. Teter received a majority of all the votes cast and was declared elected.

On the first ballot for Ministerial Vice-President, A. T. Jennings received a majority of all the votes cast and was declared elected.

For Lay Vice-President on the third ballot, J. Lawrence of Georgia received a majority of all votes cast, and was declared elected.

For Secretary, on first ballot, J. J. Coleman received a majority of all votes cast and was declared elected.

For Assistant Secretary, F. S. Lee was elected by acclamation.

A collection was taken for the Secretary, amounting to thirty-five dollars and six cents (\$35.06).

Motion prevailed that no amendments for the Discipline be received later than the close of the evening meeting.

Adjourned by limitation. Benediction by W. M. Lee.

Fourth Day.—Afternoon Meeting.

Devotions by C. K. Thompson, of Dakota conference.

Minutes read and approved. The Committee on Revisals continued its report.

Item 11, referring to the composition of an annual conference adopted.

President S. W. Bond of Houghton Seminary was introduced to the conference.

G. W. and Mary Lane Clarke, Sister Ayers and baby John, Sisters Imo Jones and Emma Oates, returned missionaries from Africa, were introduced to the conference.

Item 12, referring to duties devolving upon the Book Committee amending what is now Section XXXII., adopted.

The order of the day was called and our Connectional Editor, Brother Jennings, addressed the conference in reference to the work of editing the Wesleyan Methodist and the Sunday-school supplies. Upon motion conference adjourned.

Benediction by A. Worth.

Fifth Day.—October 21.—Forenoon Meeting.

Religious services were conducted by Grant Mann of the Kansas conference. Roll called. Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Item 13, concerning further duties of the Book Committee, adopted.

Item 14, amending Section XXXV., paragraph 2, in reference to the conditions for ordination, where persons may not make sufficient grades in the Course of Studies. Laid upon the table.

Item 15, defining the duties and privileges of an annual conference preacher, was presented. Pending discussion the order of the day was called for, the election of Connectional officers.

S. D. Wilcox, F. H. Wright and A. H. McKnight were appointed tellers.

On the first ballot for Connectional Editor, A. T. Jennings received a majority of all the votes cast, and was declared elected.

On the first ballot for Connectional Agent, J. H. Bowen received a majority of all the votes cast and was declared elected.

On the first ballot for Missionary Secretary, E. Teter received a majority of all the votes cast and was declared elected.

Rev. W. H. Clay, Editor of the Christian Conservator, was introduced to the conference, and pleased the conference with an address touching the necessity of loyalty to the Church's attitude against worldliness.

Rev. Walter E. Carrington, of Portland, Oregon, was introduced to the conference.

The item referring to the privileges of annual conference preachers was adopted.

The proposition amending Section XXXV., Paragraph 2, was taken from the table. The amendment, substituting seven years for ten, was lost. The entire amendment was laid on the table.

The South Carolina delegates were excused from the conference, owing to an epidemic of scarlet fever at Central.

Item 16, an amendment suggesting a new section in reference to the Educational Society, was presented and adopted.

A motion prevailed extending time five minutes.

Item 17, an item, Section XXII, paragraph 1, referring to practical benevolences, was presented.

Conference adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by Rev. W. H. Clay.

Fifth Day.—Afternoon Meeting.

Devotional services were conducted by O. S. Warner of the Wisconsin conference. The roll was called.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The President made a report of his action as President of the General Conference touching the care of the New York conference by the Champlain conference and of the Minnesota conference by the Iowa conference by mutual agreement until the next General Conference. Said report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

A motion to refer the proposed amendment, Item 17, to the Discipline, on Practical Benevolence, back to the committee, prevailed.

The Committee on Book Concern made report.

The Committee on districting the Connection for the purpose of electing the Book Committee made its report. Adopted (See No. 5).

Motion prevailed that the representatives from each district meet and nominate members for the Book Committee from their respective districts.

On motion conference adjourned. Benediction by R. Wesley Mack.

Sixth Day.—October 22, 1907.—Forenoon Meeting.

Devotions conducted by the Rev. A. J. Shea. Roll was called. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The conference ordered the names of Rev. H. T. Besse and H. Gifford placed on the roll as delegates elect from the Willamette conference.

The Committee on Book Concern resumed its report.

An amendment offered that each of the corporate societies of the Connection shall bear its proportional share of the administration expense. Adopted.

Rev. J. C. Valentine, pastor of the Radical United Brethren church, was introduced to the conference.

Rev. H. Hayes, evangelist of the Friends' church, was introduced to the conference.

A motion made to amend the report of the committee on Book Concern changing the name of the lesson helps from "More Abundant Life Series" to "Wesleyan Lesson Helps." Adopted.

A motion made to strike out the item referring to the buying of new machinery for the Publishing Association.

A substitute offered that this item be referred to the Book Committee. Adopted.

On motion the report was adopted as a whole except that part referred to the Book Committee. (See Report No. 4).

The Agent proceeded to make an appeal for money with which to purchase a new boiler and machinery for the Publishing House. The conference responded in subscriptions and cash to the amount of twelve hundred six dollars (\$1,206).

The Committee on the Sabbath made their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 6).

On motion the conference adjourned.

Benediction by A. J. Shea.

Sixth Day.—Afternoon Meeting.

Devotions by J. L. Clark. Roll called.

Minutes read, corrected, and approved.

Conference ordered the names of J. H. Moore and Beatrice Dalton, lay delegates elect, from the North Carolina conference placed on the roll.

The Committee on Revisals continued its report.

Item 17, concerning practical benevolence, was adopted.

A motion prevailed requesting the Editors of the new Discipline to eliminate the term "Dollar Plan" from the Discipline in harmony with the revision.

Item 18, concerning the duties of ministers was adopted.

Item 19, touching judiciary rules, was adopted.

Item 20, declaring the duties of the Annual Conference Committee on Vacancies, was adopted.

Item 21, in reference to the relation of annual conference preachers, was adopted.

Item 22, substituting the word "judgment" for the word "damnation" in scriptural quotation as found in section on the Lord's Supper, was adopted.

Item 23, requesting the Editors of the new Discipline to insert a formula for the dedication of churches was adopted.

Item 24, requesting the Editors to revise the form of the statistical report was adopted.

Item 25, changing question number three in Section XXXVI. to read, Who of the elders are on the supernumerary list? was adopted.

Item 26, a new section on annuities was adopted.

Item 27, referring to privileges given to small and mission annual conferences, was adopted.

A motion prevailed authorizing the Editors of the Discipline to leave out the term "and Secretary," wherever it occurs in connection with the term Agent.

For the complete report of the Committee on Revisals, as adopted, see Report No. 7.

The Connectional officials were elected a committee to edit the Discipline, A. T. Jennings being designated chairman of the committee.

It was moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 7:30 P. M. The motion carried.

The Committee on Missions submitted its report.

The first part of the report of said committee regarding the reference to it of a proposed change in the Discipline upon Woman's Home, Foreign and Conference Missionary Societies, was amended and adopted.

That part of the report, concerning what advice the General Conference should give the Missionary Board concerning returning Brother and Sister G. H. Clarke to the foreign field, was adopted, as to their being returned, but referred to the Book Committee as to determining what should be the nature of their work.

The paper on missions was adopted. The report as a whole, as amended and as referred, was adopted. (See Report No. 8).

Brother Jennings read a communication to the General Conference from our beloved missionaries in Africa.

A motion prevailed expressing the conference's appreciation of the letter, and the suggestions it contained,

and that we elect H. W. McDowell a committee to reply to the same, sending them the greetings, of the General Conference, and assuring them that our prayers will continue in their behalf.

A motion prevailed to reconsider the time unto which we shall adjourn.

It was moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 6:30 P. M.

A motion prevailed to now adjourn.

Benediction by J. W. Robinson.

Evening Meeting.

Conference convened as per adjournment, after a recess of one hour and thirty minutes.

A. J. Allen of the Champlain conference conducted devotional service, reading the 91st Psalm, and leading the conference in prayer.

The Committee on Education made its report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

The Committee on Conference Records made its report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 10).

The Committee on Boundaries made its report. The report was amended and adopted. (See Report No. 11).

The Committee on the State of the Country reported. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 12).

The Committee on Prohibition made its report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 13).

The Committee on the State of the Church made its report. Adopted. (See Report No. 14.)

The Committee on Resolution of Thanks made its report. The report was adopted with request that it be published in the local papers. (See Report No. 15).

The Committee on Sabbath-Schools made its report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 16).

It was moved to now proceed to elect the Book Committee. Motion carried. The following persons were nominated and elected: E. Teter, A. T. Jennings, J. H. Bowen, H. R. Smith, S. A. Manwell, J. R. Babcock, H. S. Abbott, W. J. Seekins, E. D. Carpenter, J. Lawrence, A. W. Brim, E. G. Dietrich, G. W. Teter, F. Ballou, and J. A. McIntosh.

Conference proceeded to elect five trustees for the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America. The first ballot resulted in the election of Arthur T. Jennings, Edward D. Carpenter, James H. Bowen, Alfred W. Brim and Edward G. Dietrich.

Motion prevailed that the Book Committee be authorized to act as a Committee on Revisals for the next General Conference, the same as for this session.

The chairman was authorized to appoint the chairman of the various committees for the next General Conference.

Motion prevailed that it be left with the Connectional officials to determine the place of holding the next General Conference.

The Committee on Course of Study made its report. Adopted. (See Report No. 17).

H. W. McDowell, J. O. Baker and A. T. Jennings were elected a Central Examining Board.

The Committee on Statistics made its report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 18).

Motion prevailed that where a difference occurs between the statistical report and the Agent's report, a note be inserted explaining the difference.

Motion prevailed that the Book Committee be authorized to elect a fraternal delegate to the Free Methodist General Conference, at its last regular meeting previous to the next General Conference of said Church.

A motion prevailed requesting that the annual conferences have their minutes printed at the Publishing House, and that the minutes of the several conferences be compiled, and published as a Denominational Year Book.

J. H. Bowen was elected to preach the opening sermon at the next General Conference, and E. D. Carpenter, reserve.

A. T. Jennings, S. A. Manwell, E. D. Carpenter, E. G. Dietrich and J. Lawrence were elected a Board of Review.

Conference affirmed its position on Societies of the World to be the same as four years ago. (See Report No. 19).

The chairman of the Book Committee announced that the Committee had appointed A. T. Jennings, E. Teter, J. H. Bowen, P. B. Campbell, and E. G. Dietrich as a committee to meet with a like committee from the Free Methodist Church with a view of considering a basis of possible union of the two bodies, and the promotion of the general interests of each Church by their united efforts.

Motion prevailed to elect an Invoice Committee with E. G. Dietrich, chairman. H. R. Smith and J. A. McIntosh were by vote added to the committee.

W. J. Seekins and S. A. Manwell were elected an Auditing Committee.

It was ordered that the report of the General Conference Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society be spread upon the General Conference Minutes if it was presented.

A ruling from the chair stated that the term of office of the Trustees elected at the General Conference of 1903 would terminate with the close of this session of the General Conference, and that the term of the new Trustees would begin immediately.

On motion, conference adjourned sine die.

EBER TETER, President.

J. J. COLEMAN, Secretary.

Reports of Committees.

REPORT No. I.

Report of Missionary Secretary.

1. Financial. During the last four years I have received and paid to the Treasurer of the various societies, money as follows:

1. Foreign missions	\$12,844.20
2. Home missions	5,622.10
3. Educational	1,389.34
4. Southern school	11,117.35

Total	\$30,972.99
Reported four years ago, from time appointed	5,627.76

Total amount for the six years	\$36,600.75
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All this has been audited, except from last June to Oct. 1st.

2. Four years ago, I was authorized to organize a mission conference in Oklahoma. I did so. I now present for reception as a conference, to be known as the Oklahoma conference, and to embrace the state of Oklahoma as to territory, twelve churches, with 251 members, and six elders. The work is in good condition, and better opportunities for work do not exist anywhere in the west than in Oklahoma. (By motion referred to the Committee on Boundaries.—Secretary.)

3. Four years ago, the North Georgia conference was created, and during the four years of its existence,

it has opened up a mission field in Alabama and now has a circuit there with 138 members known as Bibb circuit. I ask that the Missionary Secretary be allowed to organize a Mission Conference there, to be known as Alabama Mission Conference. (Referred to the Committee on Boundaries, and finally adopted.—Secretary).

4. For years, no opening seemed to open up for work among the colored people in the South, but I am glad to say, that at present there are doors opening for us, and I ask that the Missionary Secretary be allowed to organize a mission conference among them, to be known as the Central Alabama Mission Conference for the colored people. (Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.—Secretary).

5. I am glad to say that there has been marked improvement in the work of Home missions during the last four years. I have sought to have the conferences being helped by the Missionary Society to select and pay their own missionary evangelists as far as possible, and the plan is working well, and the work has been well sustained. Help in this way has been granted to the Canada, North Carolina, South Carolina, North Georgia, Georgia, Oklahoma and Miami conferences.

6. H. S. Abbott was sent to the Willamette conference to look after the work on the coast with instructions to look the work over and call the principal men together, or go and see them. He did so and reported. The report was signed by H. S. Abbott and the principal men and declared that such was the tangled state of the work, occasioned by differences of opinion and other causes, that in their judgment it would be useless to try to build up the work on the coast, and he was withdrawn. A petition is present from the existing churches, asking that this General Conference authorize the Missionary Secretary to organize a Mission Conference, whose territory should include the states of Washington and Oregon. (Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.—Secretary).

7. The New York and Minnesota conferences, having failed to maintain their existence, I as Missionary Secretary, recommended that the territory of the New York conference be cared for by the Champlain conference and that the territory and churches of the Minnesota conference be cared for by the Iowa conference, till this session of the General Conference; and as President of the General Conference, ruled that this was lawful provided the churches within the territory men-

tioned would consent to the same. Acting upon this advice the territories mentioned have been cared for by the conferences mentioned, pending the action of this body in the matter. (Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.—Secretary).

8. The Woman's Missionary Societies have been in existence for the last four years, though there were several annual conference societies in existence before the Constitution now in the Discipline was made. Under the work of the organizer and other persons, many annual conference societies have been organized during the four years, and have rendered good service to the cause of missions, and are destined, if they continue with the same zeal with which they have started out, to become real "help meets" to the Parent Society in carrying on the work of missions. Amendments to the Constitutions of both the Parent Missionary Society, and of the Woman's Missionary Society are pending, which, it is hoped, will give a better working basis for future operations by the cooperation of the two societies in the work of missions.

Foreign Field.

The following persons have been on the foreign field, located at Kunso, Sierra Leone, West Africa, either as officers, and visitors, or as workers. As officers, Rev. A. W. Hall, and Rev. W. H. Kennedy. Brother Kennedy visited the field twice, and the second time Sister S. A. Kennedy accompanied him, but not as a missionary, but to visit the work.

The following workers have been sent out since the work has been established:

Rev. H. W. Johnston and wife, Miss Alice Harris, who went as a Medical Missionary, Rev. J. B. Omerod, Rev. G. H. Clarke and Mrs. Anna J. Clarke, his wife, Rev. J. S. French and wife, Rev. J. W. Brown, Sisters May Travis and Miss Britton, Rev. J. M. Bell and wife, Rev. C. P. Holt, Miss Hattie Brooks, Miss Mary Lane, who afterwards became Mrs. Clarke, John M. Danner and Mina Danner, his wife, Rev. Willard Boardman and Anna Boardman, his wife, Miss Marie Stephens, Rev. Leonard Fagan and wife, Sister Emma Oates, Rev. Albert Macy, Miss Cora M. Cutshall, Miss Imo Jones, Rev. John Ayers and wife, Miss Hattie Crosby, Miss Nancy Barts, Rev. Vanus Smith, and Miss May Lord. The following persons returned to the field the second time: Miss Hattie Brooks, Miss Marie Stephens, Mrs. Anna

C. Boardman, and Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke. Rev. Geo. H. Clarke has been to the field three times. Rev. J. Hal Smith, the present superintendent, has been on the field about thirteen years, coming to us from the Christian Missionary Alliance. The following persons will sail next November: Miss Emma Oates, which will be her second time; Miss Lulu Tanner, who goes for the first time, and is well versed in medicine, and may be very helpful on this line; Miss Florence M. Yorton, who goes principally as a teacher, also for the first time; Rev. John W. Taylor, a colored man, will also go Nov. 14th to take up the work. I expect much from this brother.

The following are the names of the workers, who have died in the Lord, and are happy, while their works do follow them: Rev. H. W. Johnston, Mrs. Anna J. Clarke, Mrs. J. S. French, Miss May Travis, Rev. John M. Danner, Miss Marie Stephens, Rev. John Ayers, Rev. Willard Boardman, Miss Cora M. Cutshall. The bodies of some of these rest under the palm trees in Africa, and some in the homeland, waiting the coming of Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, and who gives to every believer eternal life here and now, and will raise their bodies immortal, spiritual and glorious, when he comes, and takes all his people to himself, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. If there are others who have gone whose names are not mentioned, or others who have died whose names are not mentioned, it is simply because I fail to call them to mind. At the present time the names of the following native workers are those in the employ of the Missionary Society:—Backus Manwell, John Seekins, Pa Bokari, Henry Johnston, Others are employed indirectly, as caretakers of the mission.

2. Two new buildings have been erected on the mission field during the year past, and also several out buildings. One at Kunso, and one at Masumbo. It is thought best to separate the boys and girls in the school, and educate the boys at Kunso, and the girls at Masumbo, hence the necessity for the new buildings. This will also require additional workers. A house has also been ordered for the "Old Women" in Africa. It is designed by this to have a place where the aged women can come and be cared for and helped, which can be better done in this way than any other. A chapel is asked for at Kunso, which will further help in caring for the work. A house will also be built for Brother

Vanus Smith at Tambiama, which is a new out station that has been opened up lately, with Brother Vanus Smith in charge, and good work is being done as will be seen by the published reports in the Wesleyan.

3. Brother Geo. H. Clarke and Mary Lane Clarke his wife have been asking to be returned to the work, but owing to the fact that both had to leave the field when there before the expiration of their time, on account of sickness, the Missionary Board has not seen its way clear to return them at this time. They live to bless the work here. The time of the present Superintendent expires next July, and I ask for instructions, with reference to the return of Brother and Sister Clarke. (Referred to the Committee on Missions.—Secretary).

4. The Missionary Board instructed the Missionary Secretary to see that the outgoing missionaries received some instructions as to how best to treat the diseases common in Africa, and has been doing so. I am glad to report that Miss Lulu A. Tanner has taken a limited course along this line, and will go out, "almost a Medical Missionary." She has been instructed to purchase the needed supplies, and to administer same as needed. Sister Imo Jones, who expects to return to the field, has a splendid opportunity to take a two years' course to fit herself as a "trained nurse," and has the privilege of studying medicine also, and of being taught in some lines of surgery. I have advised her to accept the opportunity, and make the needs of Africa, a specialty. If she does this, she will be qualified to go as a Medical Missionary when she returns. My mind is, that her training here will terminate in her having charge of the home for old women, as well as visiting the sick elsewhere. I recommend that a young man be elected as Medical Missionary, as soon as one can be found, and that the Parent Missionary Society see to it that he is educated as such. I trust that unceasing prayer will go up to the Lord that he will send forth laborers into his vineyard.

Our work in the foreign field was never in a better or more hopeful condition, than it is now. The blessings the gospel is bringing to that people will never all be known till it is revealed in eternity. The Young Missionary Workers' Band, an arm of the Parent Society, is doing a noble work. They have been supporting the work at Masumbo, and will be able to care for an additional worker in the near future. It was started

by order of the Missionary Society through the labors of Rev. G. H. Clarke about six years ago. The Limbah Workers' Band was also authorized by the Missionary Society some years ago, at the suggestion of Sister Anna Boardman, and has been doing finely. Sister Anna Boardman before leaving for Africa the second time, was employed to travel over the Connection in the interests of missions. After her departure Sister Mary L. Clarke was employed to continue the work, with excellent results. Sister Imo Jones was also instructed to visit all the churches she could, and the increased receipts for missions, where she visited the churches, prove the value of her labors. Sister Emma Oates also visited many of the churches and some conferences, and her labors were very acceptable, and profitable. Sister Ina Gaines has been visiting the churches in the Southern district with excellent results. Others no doubt have also done good work, whose names I do not recall.

The Southern School.

The necessity of an educational institution in the Southern district was so apparent that its necessity was not doubted, except by those who had rather see us die as a people than live. The matter was canvassed by the South Carolina conference several years before it was begun. A convention was finally called and a place selected with the view of asking the Educational Society to take steps at once to establish a school. At this convention, a site was selected near Central, S. C. At a meeting of the Executive Board, later, it was found that the Educational Society could not at that time undertake to start a school of any kind in the South or anywhere else, but it was voted to place the matter in the hands of the Missionary Society, and a loan of \$2,000 was authorized by the Educational Society for the purpose of purchasing the land and aiding the school, and I was instructed to buy the site and start the school. As the treasury was reported empty all the time, it seemed impossible to carry out instructions, till the matter was made possible by an appeal for funds by T. F. Blair. A friend in Illinois promised \$1,000, and as there was about \$1,000 worth of timber on the land, available for building purposes, it was decided to establish the school. The house was built. The school started Oct. 15, 1906, with 19 students, closing with 53. Last September it started with 51 students the first day and now has about 70 enrolled. Rev. L. J. Harrington and wife were

employed to teach the school, and afterwards Brother J. M. Hancock and wife were added to the list of teachers. This year Sister Grace Clayton has been added to the corps of teachers, and Sister Ina Gaines has been employed to take charge of the department of music. It soon became apparent that the students could not be taken care of as to rooms and board. Brother C. A. Dunwoody erected a house that would accommodate twenty or more girls, and it became apparent to the managers of the school, that a dormitory for boys was an absolute necessity. Appeals were made for this purpose, and several hundred dollars came in, and more promised. I was authorized at the last Board meeting to erect the building, which I proceeded to do. It was the intention to make it a two story building, and the estimated cost was \$2,000. It was found that by making it 24 feet high, and dropping the heights of the ceilings, that a three story building could be erected, to which has been added an ell 16 x 32 x 20 feet, which would furnish a kitchen and rooms for matron. This would give us accommodations for 54 students. This of course ran the cost over \$2,000, but the extra room secured by the extra cost will more than justify the extra expense. The subscription book for funds with which to pay for same is open. The rooms are furnished with plain iron bedsteads, good springs, and good mattresses, at a cost of about \$200. It was arranged to put a stove in each room, at a cost of about \$120 for stoves. Any one who cares to help warm the house by paying for one or more of these stoves, can have the opportunity. I wish to say, that the school has already been such a blessing to us as a Church, as to show that the Lord is in the movement. Souls are being saved during the terms of school, and the revival spirit predominates. Young men and women are there preparing for the work of the ministry, and as foreign missionaries. I do not know of any work the Missionary Society has undertaken of late years that will be of such untold value to the Church, if we keep in divine order. I trust that the prayers of the Church will ascend to the Lord for his blessings upon the work of the Church in missions, home, foreign and conference, and also upon the Southern school. I hope also that when the Lord prospers us as a people, and you hear the word "Southern school," that you will immediately obey the call of God, and send in your cash, along with your prayers.

E. TETER, Missionary Secretary.

REPORT No. 2.

General Conference Roll.

Indiana Conference:—Ministerial delegates: E. Teter, President of General Conference, Sheridan, Ind.; J. J. Coleman, Secretary of General Conference, Plymouth, Ind.; W. J. Seekins, Fairmount, Ind.; T. P. Baker, Sheridan, Ind.; J. O. Baker, Fairmount, Ind.; C. A. Billheimer, Westfield, Ind.; Aaron Worth, Fountain City, Ind.; W. L. Northam, Sheridan, Ind.

Lay delegates: J. L. Rigsbee, Arlington, Ind.; J. H. Pickett, Sheridan, Ind.; G. W. Teter, Sheridan, Ind.; G. W. Felton, Fairmount, Ind.; Clayton Sears, Marion, Ind.; Israel Grunden, New Castle, Ind.; Ada C. Coleman, Plymouth, Ind.; Emma C. Fall, Carthage, Ind.

Iowa Conference:—Ministerial delegates: F. J. Wilson, Marengo, Iowa; R. Wesley Mack, Charles City, Iowa.

Lay delegates: F. Ballou, Clarence, Iowa; Charles P. Hovey, Dumont, Iowa.

Illinois Conference:—Ministerial delegate: J. L. Clark, Stillman Valley, Ill.

Lay delegate: O. N. Carnahan, Aledo, Ill.

Allegheny Conference:—Ministerial delegates: P. B. Campbell, Harrison St., New Castle, Pa.; D. B. Hampe,

Lay delegates: Fleming Perrine, Stoneboro, Pa.; C. P. Rank, Cherrytree, Pa.

Champlain Conference:—Ministerial delegates: E. D. Carpenter, Lisbon, N. Y.; C. E. Hill, Glens Falls, N. Y.; A. J. Allen, Long Lake, N. Y.

Lay delegates: A. H. McKnight, Houghton, N. Y.; F. H. Wright, Houghton, N. Y.; *Wm. Olney, West Chazy, N. Y.

Canada Conference:—Ministerial delegate, A. J. Shea, Winchester, Ont.

Lay delegate: A. J. McIntosh, Winchester Springs, Ont.

Central Ohio Conference:—Ministerial delegates: L. L. Folger, Greersville, Ohio; Arthur W. Smith, West View, Ohio.

Lay delegates: L. H. McMillen, Marengo, Ohio; F. A. McMillen, Pataskala, Ohio;

Dakota Conference:—Ministerial delegate: C. K. Thompson, Northville, S. D.

Lay delegate: Anna McGovern, Aberdeen, S. D.

Georgia Conference:—Ministerial delegates: H. S. Dixon, Sparks, Ga.; W. M. Lee, Waycross, Ga.

Lay delegates: J. Lawrence, Ashburn, Ga.; W. R. Coleman, Alamo, Ga.

Kansas Conference:—Ministerial delegates: C. P. Carkuff, 219 Adams St., Topeka, Kan.; Grant Mann, Willis, Kan.

Lay delegates: T. A. Dimmitt, Lyons, Kan.; J. H. Jones, Lyons, Kan.

Lockport Conference:—Ministerial delegates, C. H. Dow, Houghton, N. Y.; H. W. McDowell, Houghton, N. Y.

Lay delegates: E. G. Dietrich, 820 Court St., Syracuse, N. Y.; Charles Lindquist, Falconer, N. Y.

Miami Conference:—Ministerial delegate: J. B. Omerod, Dunkirk, Ohio.

Lay delegate: C. Friedley, Dunkirk, Ohio.

Michigan Conference:—Ministerial delegates: S. A. Manwell, Rives Junction, Mich.; M. J. Badder, Waldron, Mich.; H. D. Cheney, Hickory Corners, Mich.

Lay delegates: Frank Lawrence, Cressey, Mich.; E. J. Curtis, Rives Junction, Mich.; Harry Van Keuren, Allegan, Mich.

North Carolina Conference:—Ministerial delegates: H. W. Hawkins, Gastonia, N. C.; I. O. Gray, Long Shoals, N. C.

Lay delegates: *J. H. Moore, Hickory, N. C.; *Beatrice Dalton, Gastonia, N. C.

North Michigan Conference:—Ministerial delegate: V. H. Sibley, Hart, Mich.

Lay delegate: J. H. Loomis, Cadillac, Mich.

North Georgia Conference:—Ministerial delegate: P. C. Ramsey, Blockton, Ala.

Lay delegate: R. G. Ramsey, Blockton, Ala.

Oklahoma Conference:—Ministerial delegatê: E. S. Higgins, Ringwood, Okla.

Lay delegate: Ivy Crofford, Alva, Okla.

Rochester Conference:—Ministerial delegates: A. T. Jennings, Syracuse, N. Y.; J. H. Bowen, Syracuse, N. Y.; F. S. Lee, Cattaraugus, N. Y.; S. D. Wilcox, 230 Prospect St., Canandaigua, N. Y.

Lay delegates: A. W. Brim, Seneca Falls, N. Y.; Jacob Post, Romulus, N. Y.; Philinda S. Bowen, Houghton, N. Y.; Wm. L. Norton, Forksville, Pa.

South Carolina Conference:—Ministerial delegates: B. L. Padgett, Central, S. C.; L. G. Clayton, Central, S. C.
Lay delegates: J. R. George, Piedmont, S. C.; B. J. Johnston, Central, S. C.; C. B. Smith, Central, S. C.

Syracuse Conference:—Ministerial delegate: L. A. Grant, Syracuse, N. Y.

Lay delegate: Daniel Pierce, Groton, N. Y.

South Ohio Conference:—Ministerial delegate: G. W. Jackson, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Lay delegate: Charles Striblen, Belpery, Ohio.

Tennessee Conference:—Ministerial delegate: J. W. Robinson, Bethel Springs, Tenn.

Wisconsin Conference:—Ministerial delegate: O. S. Warner, La Valle, Wis.

Lay delegate: Wm. F. Loomis, Baraboo, Wis.

Willamette Conference:—*H. T. Besse, San Jose, Cal.; *H. Gifford, Lent, Oregon.

W. L. NORTHAM, GRANT MANN, Committee.

*Not present. But their names were ordered placed on the roll.

REPORT No. 3.

Treasurer's Report of the Connectional Societies for the Quadrennial Term, June 1, 1903, to June 1, 1907.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—If we would make our work an honor to the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, the financial as well as the spiritual interests of the Church, must be under the direction and blessing of his assistance and grace; and we are sure that every member of this conference will approach the consideration of this report with prayer to the Lord that wisdom may be given in properly arranging all our financial interests, as well as with thanksgiving to him for all the many blessings that he has granted in the advancements that have come to us, both spiritually and temporally, during the four years just passed.

In making up the financial report we have given the figures showing the business done during each of the four years past, as well as a summary of these, in order

that the advancement made in the various departments of our work may be brought plainly before our attention.

1. The business of the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association shows encouraging gains in some of its departments and a falling off in some other lines of the work. The decrease in the price of the Wesleyan Methodist has resulted in an increase in its circulation so that we had, on June 1, 1907, 5,840 subscribers. This is an increase of less than a thousand during the four years. The resources derived from the paper have increased more than \$2,000 over that of the previous quadrennial term, and the income from the Sunday-School supplies has increased about \$4,000 in the same time. The decrease in the item of accounts and sales indicates that our people are not buying so many books of the Publishing House as in former years, and points to need of improvement in this line. The figures given by the invoice committee this year indicate a considerable falling off during the last four years of the holdings of the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association. This comes from two causes. The machinery of the printing plant has been gradually wearing out and its value decreasing, and the income has not been equal to the expenses, hence large liabilities have been incurred. This conference will need to devote sufficient time to this matter to devise plans for much needed relief. We desire to propose two lines of procedure to this end: First, that plans be devised to increase the interest on the part of the people in all lines of our publishing interests. Second, that arrangements be made to so equip the Publishing House with new and up-to-date machinery that the plan may be made to largely increase its income from job work.

2. The missionary interests of the Church have never seen a more prosperous period than during the four years just passed. The African work has had its share of hindrances on account of the deadly character of the climate, and several precious lives have been sacrificed in the work, and yet the work was never in a more prosperous condition than at the present, nor was the interest manifest in the work among the people of the Church ever greater than at the present time. The results of our efforts in the Home Mission field have been alike gratifying. By this work the Wesleyan Methodist Church has within the last few years been

firmly planted in several sections of this country, as well as in Canada, where it had not before been known, and during the last four years the work has been more firmly established in all the mission fields where it had existed and has been extended into new places. The Lord is looking with great favor upon our efforts to extend a knowledge of a pure clean gospel among men.

3. The educational interests of the Church have received their due share of attention during the quadrennial term just passed. The erection of the most excellent buildings at Houghton have added much to the convenience and utility of the school work. The fact that a considerable amount of indebtedness has been incurred in the building process will necessitate careful management of these interests in order to make their finances a success. The school deserves the greatest patronage possible from all our people. Our membership in the western section of the Church are anxious that their school interests be attended to as rapidly as possible, and the interests of the Church as a whole demand that they have a school just as quickly as the financial interests of the matter can be properly arranged. We should not take steps that cannot be based on safe monetary principles, and yet the interests of the work demand that every thing possible be done to make this line of the work a success.

The success of the Southern School has fully proven the wisdom of its establishment. It will be a great help to our work in the South, and we recommend it to all our people as well deserving all the assistance that they may be able to give it.

4. The donation of about \$51,000 to the Wesleyan Methodist Connection, made by our Brother, the Rev. H. T. Besse, and his wife, Mrs. H. T. Besse, deceased, adds much to the ability of the Church to extend its work, and has stimulated a great many of our people to add their smaller gifts to the advancement of the educational interests of the Church. Our thanks are due to Brother and Sister Besse for their generosity, to all others who have given as their means would permit, and especially to the Lord who has put so generous hearts in those who are thus assisting to advance his cause.

The report of the financial condition of the various corporations for the quadrennial term, 1903-1907, follows:

WESLEYAN METHODIST PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

Cash Receipts.

Wesleyan subscription	\$4,089.71	
	4,652.79	
	4,693.33	
	4,910.85	
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		\$18,346.68
Advertising	239.00	
	225.00	
	215.00	
	150.00	
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		829.00
Sunday-School supplies	3,569.90	
	4,565.99	
	4,591.62	
	5,295.27	
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		18,022.78
Rents	1,619.50	
	1,183.00	
	881.50	
	1,835.00	
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		5,519.00
Accounts and sales	4,802.76	
	4,312.42	
	4,251.64	
	5,954.15	
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		19,320.97
Bank interest	170.61	
	48.80	
	57.50	
	21.46	
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		298.37
Loans	1,404.00	
	3,440.26	
	2,400.00	
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		7,244.26
Connectional Societies on Agent's salary		775.00
Cash on hand June 1, 1903,		2,394.14
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		\$72,750.20

Disbursements.

Labor	\$6,157.38	
	6,196.87	
	6,768.68	
	6,439.22	
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		\$25,562.15
Editor's and Agent's salary	2,600.00	
	2,600.00	
	2,600.00	
	2,550.00	
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		10,350.00
Editor's and Agent's trav. exp.	184.30	
	173.37	
	284.48	
	223.96	
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		866.11

Taxes, state, county and city	322.03 404.64 361.31 350.48	
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Ink	21.64 42.87 59.61 50.14	1,438.46
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Binding	91.02 626.38 608.64 354.21	174.26
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Fuel and oil	726.69 652.24 710.34 870.83	1,680.25
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Freight, cartage and express	256.69 262.74 341.28 298.45	2,960.10
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Plumbing and repairs	296.40 72.95 486.11 440.44	1,159.16
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Board meeting expenses	75.64 62.92 66.04 120.00	1,295.90
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Telephone and telegraph	33.15 39.44 31.17 40.08	324.60
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Insurance	59.22 111.09 170.70 23.20	143.84
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Water and lights	448.57 397.41 367.25 423.35	364.21
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Books and supplies	2,873.16 1,840.90 3,194.04 4,357.05	1,636.58
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		12,265.15

Postage and exchange	745.24 701.74 870.56 926.93	
Paper	1,403.95 1,872.60 1,159.06 2,023.36	3,244.47
Machinery, type and fixtures	118.47 343.42 344.87 234.29	6,458.97
Loans		1,041.05
Interest on loans	24.00 159.35 131.08	200.00
Cash on hand June 1, 1907		314.43 1,270.51
		<hr/> \$72,750.20
Assets.		
Footings, invoice, 1907		\$67,207.53
Liabilities		17,623.87
Net assets		<hr/> 49,583.66
Footings of invoice of 1903		71,824.92
Decrease for the four years		<hr/> \$22,241.26

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METHODIST CONNECTION.**

HOME MISSIONS.

Cash Receipts.

Dollar Plan	\$ 597.27 717.99 774.18 647.75	
Southern school		\$2,737.19
All other sources	2,663.69 2,573.72 3,259.48 11,883.26	6,193.26
Cash on hand June 1, 1903		20,380.15 1,240.33
		<hr/> \$30,550.93
Disbursements.		
Board meeting expenses	\$37.82 35.83 41.32 84.12	
		<hr/> \$199.09

Taxes		7.25
Missionary Secretary's salary	520.00	
	520.00	
	520.00	
	520.00	
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Missionary Secretary's trav. exp.	236.12	2,080.00
	173.18	
	209.93	
	197.40	
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Canada work	75.33	816.63
	328.53	
	200.00	
	147.90	
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General work	783.16	751.76
	508.45	
	610.58	
	731.00	
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Printing and postage	1.50	2,633.19
	2.50	
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Thomas LaForte	72.00	4.00
	72.00	
	72.00	
	66.00	
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Treasurer's traveling expense	57.84	282.00
	4.80	
	23.00	
	2.39	
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Dollar Plan commission	284.95	88.03
	171.87	
	81.25	
	221.19	
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Southern work	1,620.93	759.26
	1,178.28	
	1,624.84	
	2,005.66	
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Hadley church		6,489.71
G. H. Clarke, salary and trav. expense.		103.00
Freight and cartage		242.03
Annuities	90.00	2.37
	30.00	
	30.00	
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Oklahoma work		150.00
Incidentals	4.20	120.00
	4.00	
	3.33	
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		11.53

Interest	211.83	
	42.27	
	105.95	
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Loans		350.00
Editor's and Agent's traveling expense in evangelistic work	63.03	
	140.56	
	<hr/>	203.59
H. D. Cheney, trav. exp.		8.30
W. M. P. A. Agent's salary		50.00
Southern school	239.59	
	8,819.60	
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W. M. C. loan		3,570.74
Attorney's fees		115.49
Cash on hand June 1, 1907		2,093.72
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		\$30,550.93

Assets.

Footings of invoice of 1907	\$9,782.52
Liabilities	549.92
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Net assets	9,232.60
Footings of invoice of 1903	8,185.88
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Increase for the four years	\$1,046.72

FOREIGN MISSIONS.**Cash Receipts.**

Dollar Plan	\$ 597.27	
	717.99	
	774.18	
	647.75	
	<hr/>	\$2,737.19
All other sources	4,933.42	
	4,934.53	
	8,610.60	
	7,771.77	
	<hr/>	26,250.32
Cash on hand June 1, 1903		3,162.70
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		\$32,150.21

Disbursements.

Board meeting expense	\$37.82	
	35.84	
	68.82	
	79.01	
	<hr/>	\$221.49
Missionary Secretary's salary	520.00	
	520.00	
	520.00	
	520.00	
	<hr/>	2,080.00
Mis. Sec. office and trav. exp.	187.21	

	172.43	
	207.51	
	197.39	
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Annuities	70.68	764.54
	37.34	
	4.00	
	4.00	
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Treasurer's traveling expense	6.37	116.02
	4.80	
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African work	4,971.85	11.17
	4,567.57	
	6,459.38	
	4,404.85	
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Printing and postage	39.22	20,403.65
	5.75	
	3.10	
	210.18	
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Dollar Plan commission	484.37	258.25
	171.87	
	369.46	
	530.39	
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Telegrams and exchange	17.21	1,556.09
	10.28	
	18.34	
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G. H. Clarke's salary and exp.	362.35	45.83
	479.78	
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Loans	100.00	842.13
	704.00	
	2,275.00	
	535.00	
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Incidentals	3.50	3,614.00
	10.00	
	10.24	
	2.95	
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Attorney's fees		26.69
Interest	86.83	5.00
	27.64	
	234.21	
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Freight and cartage	3.60	348.68
	64.09	
	22.15	
	12.06	
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Anna Boardman traveling expense		101.90
Trunk for Africa	46.33	96.17
	10.00	
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		56.33

W. M. P. A. Agent's salary.	100.00
Books, Daybreak	125.55
Paid workers	338.99
Missionary boxes	16.20
Cash on hand June 1, 1907	1,021.53
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	\$32,150.21

Assets.

Footings of invoice of 1907	\$9,496.00
Liabilities	172.12

Net assets	\$9,323.88
Invoice of 1903	10,218.70

Decrease for the four years	\$894.82
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Total Assets for Home and Foreign Missions.

Invoice, 1907,	\$18,556.48
Invoice, 1903,	18,404.58

Gain for the four years	\$151.90
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WESLEYAN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.**Cash Receipts.**

Dollar Plan	\$ 597.27	
	717.99	
	774.18	
	647.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,737.19
Loans	8,200.00	
	8,576.67	
	17,230.95	
	<hr/>	34,007.62
Tuition	1,804.35	
	1,601.85	
	2,016.35	
	2,320.75	
	<hr/>	7,743.30
Bequest, Mary Brown		509.00
All other sources	2,885.28	
	6,759.90	
	9,299.79	
	7,585.57	
	<hr/>	26,530.54
Cash on hand June 1, 1903		3,912.48
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\$75,431.13

Disbursements.

Janitor	\$60.00	
	90.00	
	110.00	
	224.56	
	<hr/>	\$484.56
Fuel	404.18	
	99.43	
	83.97	
	561.35	
	<hr/>	1,148.93

Interest	150.07	
	164.46	
	483.03	
	503.89	
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Loans	1,000.00	1,301.45
	1,500.00	
	2,344.77	
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Board meeting expenses	84.24	4,844.77
	69.82	
	78.79	
	138.62	
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Treasurer's traveling expense	62.44	371.47
	142.00	
	233.61	
	43.80	
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Printing, postage and telegrams	10.10	481.85
	20.71	
	63.55	
	80.31	
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Paid teachers	2,743.00	174.67
	5,170.28	
	3,952.92	
	5,992.92	
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Timber contract		17,859.12
Lumber and wood account	290.49	750.00
	741.00	
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Cutting wood, lumber and bark	235.60	1,031.49
	69.00	
	174.60	
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Sawing bill	233.50	479.20
	146.44	
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Dollar Plan commission	245.58	379.94
	171.86	
	129.95	
	320.10	
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Iowa meeting	179.52	867.49
	199.20	
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W. M. P. A. on Agent's salary	208.00	378.72
	104.00	
	425.00	
	100.00	
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Legal expenses	5.50	837.00
	10.00	
	85.54	
	21.50	
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		122.54

Hand with team		388.50
Extra team service		100.00
Freight and cartage	130.90	
	360.79	
	752.50	
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Feed for team	132.48	1,244.19
	331.09	
	170.49	
	68.14	
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Machinery		702.20
Harness		423.07
Diplomas	32.75	25.00
	32.00	
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Incidentals per S. W. Bond	118.35	64.75
	72.80	
	60.65	
	149.85	
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Incidentals per Treasurer	24.99	401.65
	28.14	
	10.20	
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Brick and other labor	1,957.29	63.33
	1,563.00	
	497.50	
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Architect's expense	25.00	4,017.79
	100.00	
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Endowment canvassing expense	654.85	125.00
	95.89	
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Supplies, material and labor	1,039.05	750.74
	6,808.71	
	14,361.74	
	577.50	
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Student expense	5.00	22,787.00
	15.00	
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Mary J. Landon note		20.00
Apparatus, pianos and fixtures	650.29	195.88
	2,345.19	
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Repairs		2,995.48
J. L. Benton, salary and trav. exp.	957.96	150.00
	969.56	
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Expense per S. W. Bond		1,927.52
Reservoir expense		191.00
Fourth of July expense		389.20
A. W. Hall, adm., to A. W. Hall, Agent		75.00
A. W. Hall, adm., to Home Missions		497.21
A. W. Hall, adm., to Sup. Min. Fund		151.88
Luther Hall		151.88
		374.00

Labor	449.17
Union Carbide Co.	107.50
Tuition returned by S. W. Bond	38.50
Scholarship fund	245.00
C. G. Wagoner on salary	360.00
C. G. Wagoner on building account	3,234.17
C. G. Wagoner on President's house	900.00
Cash on hand June 1, 1907	371.32
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	\$75,431.13

Assets.

Footings invoice, 1907	\$148,293.53
Liabilities	39,918.96
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Net assets	108,374.57
Footings invoice, 1903	37,243.10
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Increase for the four years	\$71,131.47

WESLEYAN METHODIST CONNECTION.**Cash Receipts.****H. T. Besse Fund.**

Principal of loans	\$ 6,125.44	
	4,793.68	
	16,603.48	
	18,517.95	
	<hr/>	\$46,040.55
Interest on Loans	2,102.62	
	2,380.12	
	2,099.87	
	4,912.47	
	<hr/>	11,495.08
Rents	470.00	
	445.00	
	448.00	
	596.00	
	<hr/>	1,959.00
Loaned		7,303.88
Sale of property		2,500.00
Refunded taxes		1.65
Cash on hand June 1, 1903		1,995.47
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		\$71,295.63

Disbursements.

Loans	\$ 6,195.73	
	4,448.34	
	11,655.58	
	18,592.16	
	<hr/>	\$40,891.81
Annuities	2,000.00	
	2,000.00	
	3,818.40	
	4,761.50	
	<hr/>	12,579.90

Repairs	168.52	
	50.12	
	128.65	
	77.98	
	<hr/>	425.27
Taxes	102.41	
	288.41	
	954.27	
	930.18	
	<hr/>	2,275.27
Interest	528.90	
	527.15	
	472.50	
	715.65	
	<hr/>	2,244.20
Commissions	20.54	
	8.55	
	430.42	
	283.76	
	<hr/>	743.27
Board meeting expense	75.64	
	62.92	
	66.04	
	120.00	
	<hr/>	324.60
Insurance	10.00	
	19.00	
	28.70	
	7.50	
	<hr/>	65.20
Clerical expense	100.00	
	100.00	
	<hr/>	200.00
W. M. P. A. on Agent's salary	312.00	
	200.00	
	150.00	
	<hr/>	662.00
Legal expense	20.75	
	68.00	
	75.00	
	<hr/>	163.75
Incidentals	10.60	
	24.31	
	<hr/>	34.91
Treasurer's trav. exp.	31.20	
	34.25	
	4.50	
	<hr/>	69.95
Recording and releasing	47.45	
	15.95	
	<hr/>	63.40
Interest returned		9.77
Office safe		22.00
Telephone, telegraph, incidentals	53.35	
	8.10	
	<hr/>	61.45

Exchange	16.92
Supplies	7.20
Returned on loans	7,653.88
Cash on hand June 1, 1907	2,780.88

\$71,295.63

Assets.

Footings invoice of 1907	\$94,408.15
Liabilities	2,449.50

\$91,958.65

**Net assets
Other Wesleyan Methodist Connection
Funds.**

Mary J. Landon Fund.	
Footings invoice, 1907	956.00

A. B. Wilkinson Fund.	
Footings invoice, 1907	12,925.00

Samuel R. Jackson Fund.	
Footings invoice, 1907	3,000.00

Total Assets Wesleyan Meth. Conn.	\$108,839.65
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Summary of Assets.

Total assets, 1907	\$108,839.65
Liabilities	5,860.40

Total net assets	\$102,979.25
Total net assets, 1903	54,135.80

Increase for the four years	\$48,843.45
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SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S AID SOCIETY.

Assets invoice, 1907	\$1,694.12
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Summary of Connectional Assets.

Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association	\$ 49,583.66
Missionary Society of the W. M. Church	18,556.48
Wesleyan Educational Society	108,374.57
Wesleyan Methodist Connection	102,979.25
Superannuated Ministers' Aid Society	1,694.12

Footings invoice, 1903	\$281,188.08
	181,608.40

Increase for the four years	\$99,579.68
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J. H. BOWEN, Agent.

REPORT No. 4.

Book Concern.

Your Committee on Book Concern submit the following report.

1. We praise the Great Head of the Church for his blessing and guidance in our Connectional interests during the last quadrennial period.

2. It is apparent to all, who have listened to the Agent's annual report and to his quadrennial report to this body, that the Publishing interests are being run at a loss. The liabilities of this Association as shown in the invoice of June 1st, 1907, and also in the Agent's quadrennial report, have not all been incurred during the last four years, but run into the previous quadrennial terms. We are pleased to note that this indebtedness is mostly due to other incorporations of the Church. This loss is due in part to the following causes:

(1) The Wesleyan Methodist is published at a loss at its present price. The receipts from its sale at the reduced price though, are greater than when the price was higher, so we could not advise that the price be advanced. We note with a great deal of appreciation that there has been an increase annually in the receipts from the sale of the Wesleyan Methodist and our Sabbath-school supplies, until the receipts are about double what they were ten years ago. This clearly shows that the liabilities incurred during this period are not due to this phase of our publishing interests.

(2) Our Book trade and income from rents has fallen off about one-half. Going back ten years and noting the total receipts received yearly from these branches of our business and we have in loss nearly, if not quite, enough to account for all the liabilities that have been incurred by this incorporation. This is due in part to the fact that many of our people buy books from other publishing houses, and in part to the absence of the Agent from the Publishing House a part of his time, and to the further fact that all the available space in the Publishing House has not been rented. We understand that at the present it is being rented and our receipts are increasing. We believe this General Conference should require the Agent to remain at the office and strictly attend to the business, unless called away on Connectional business.

3. We believe our Book trade can again be increased and urge all our people to purchase books from our own Publishing House. We further believe that the Agent should ascertain from our pastors and evangelists what books they can best handle and should supply them with the same to sell upon such terms as will be beneficial to all.

From available figures we are assured that if these branches of our business in the Publishing Association could be increased to their former volume, we would not

only be upon a paying basis, but in the course of time the present indebtedness would also be paid.

4. We endorse the Wesleyan Methodist and believe it is the best religious paper for Wesleyan Methodists to take and read. The clear enunciation of truth, and its fidelity to the doctrine and reforms of the Church, make it a powerful factor in building up our people in true Wesleyanism. We believe it to be as ably edited as any religious paper in the land. Shining truths descriptive of the glorious doctrine and experience of entire sanctification and clear bold truth in setting forth God's will in entire separation from the world adorning its pages from week to week, make it the desirable help meet of every preacher, and companion of every true Wesleyan.

5. We believe the change made in the Sabbath school papers both as to name and weekly publication to be a decided improvement and trust that all our pastors and Sabbath-school superintendents will seek to have every Sabbath-school in the Connection take them. We are further pleased with the proposed changes in our Sabbath-school Lesson Helps and Quarterlies in making the subject matter in the Intermediate Quarterly independent of the Scholar's and Teacher's Quarterly, and recommend that the name be changed from Iconoclast to the (By amendment) Wesleyan Lesson Series.

6. We recommend that the Publishing House now located in the city of Syracuse, N. Y., be continued there, unless incurred liabilities necessitate its sale, and even then it is our judgment we should either purchase cheaper property in the city of Syracuse, or remove it to some important center in the central west, but that neither of these things shall be done except by the order of the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America.

7. We direct the Executive Board through the Agent to add to the machinery of the Publishing House a cylinder press, linotype machine, and such type and fixtures as may be necessary to equip the Publishing Association to do first class job work, as well as to care for our own work. All machinery, etc., purchased by said Board of Managers shall be purchased upon such long term contracts as they may be able to make, that said machinery may be paid for as far as possible out of the profits of the work. The Executive Board of the Book Committee shall have power to borrow any money that

may be necessary. (By vote referred to the Board of Managers.)

8. The Agent is hereby authorized to install a new boiler in the Publishing House, and to make an appeal to the members of this body and to others to pay for the same.

W. J. SEEKINS, Chairman; D. B. HAMPE, H. D. CHENEY, J. H. BOWEN, A. W. BRIM.

REPORT No. 5.

Districting the Connection.

We, your Committee to whom was referred the duty of Districting the Connection, with the view to facilitate the election of the Book Committee, submit the following:—

Michigan, one ministerial member; Central Ohio, Miami, South Ohio and Tennessee, one ministerial member; North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, North Georgia, and Alabama, one lay member.

Champlain, one ministerial member.

Syracuse and Rochester, one lay member.

Lockport, one lay member.

Allegheny, one ministerial member.

Indiana, one ministerial and one lay member.

Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and Dakota, one lay member.

Kansas and Oklahoma, one ministerial member.

North Michigan and Canada, one lay member.

H. W. McDOWELL, Chairman; J. LAWRENCE, Secretary.

REPORT No. 6.

The Sabbath.

The position of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in reference to the Sabbath should be very pronounced. It is of divine origin, and its necessity is written in the very constitution of man's nature. The Lord's command is, "Thou shalt remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Six days were allowed man for secular toil and care, but the Sabbath was to be devoted to rest, and the worship of God. The judgments of God, which have always sooner or later followed a disregard of this law, not only evidence the Lord's disapproval of such disregard, but suggest as well the importance for our highest welfare of the strictest regard of the Sabbath law.

We deplore the general disregard of the Sabbath which is apparent all over our land to-day. A great many large corporations, and all kinds of commercial industries, incline to push their business with as great zeal on the Sabbath, as on other days. Not actuated by a desire to accommodate the public, but to "get gain," there is continued the revolving of the wheels of industry, removing of freight, the Sunday excursion, as also the regular passenger traffic on steam roads, and electric lines. Against this wicked disregard of God's holy day, our Connection urges a vigorous protest. As these Sabbath violations increase, the attendance upon divine worship decreases, the work of the Church becomes more difficult, and all manner of wickedness increases. Thus the kingdom of Christ is vitally affected, more souls are lost, and the advancement of truth retarded.

We would urge a prayerful study of this law as taught in the divine Word, and a conscientious regard for all its claims; for our soul's sake, for the church's highest good, for the glory of God and for the advance of his kingdom among men. For the Sabbath, let all secular care and toil be wholly abandoned, let amusements and recreations for pleasure be kept out of it, and give the day to the worship and service of God, and to such meditations as will nourish and strengthen the mind and heart in the way of righteousness and peace.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. DIXON, H. W. HAWKINS, M. J. BADDER, ADA C. COLEMAN, Committee.

REPORT No. 7.

Report of Committee on Revisals.

Item 1:

Section IV., paragraph 4. To take the place of the first eight lines of the paragraph:

"When any minister desires to organize a Wesleyan Methodist church or when any number of persons desire to be organized into a Wesleyan Methodist church said minister or number of persons, shall state in writing to the President of the Annual Conference within whose territory said church will be situated, the desire to be so organized, giving the number who so desire, and the probability of the church being self-supporting. If the President and his Advisory Board think the prospects are such as to warrant an organization he shall authorize the minister so reporting, or select some min-

ister or competent person, to proceed to organize a church as is herein afterwards provided for, and present said church to the President or Annual Conference, within whose bounds said church is situated, to be received and declared a Wesleyan Methodist church. If in the judgment of the President and his advisory board, it is not practicable to organize a church as requested, he shall state that fact to the parties, giving the reasons therefor. No President or Annual Conference shall receive a body of believers and declare them a Wesleyan Methodist church when there is no prospect of their being able to maintain an organization. When the President of an Annual Conference authorizes the organization of a church, then the elder in charge,"

Item 2:

Section IV. Following paragraph 12, to be numbered 13, and the rest to be numbered correspondingly, insert the following:

At a meeting of the membership of the church, when called as provided for on page 80 (84) each church shall appoint a committee of three persons, of undoubted piety and judgment, who shall examine the roll of members and shall visit and labor with all who may be delinquent, and seek to restore them by counsel, reproof, exhortation, or the use of any other reasonable helps necessary to restore them to harmony with the Word of God and the Discipline. Said Committee shall report its work at a meeting appointed for that purpose. Should it be necessary to recommend the dropping of any names from the roll, the reasons for so doing must be given, but no person's name shall be dropped from the roll except for cause, and the reason for so doing must be entered upon the Church Record as provided for in paragraph 14 of this section.

Item 3:

Section V., paragraph 5, add:

When an elder or a minister shall have been convicted of the crime of fornication or adultery he shall be expelled from the annual conference of which he is a member, and shall never be restored to membership in any Wesleyan Methodist Annual Conference; and no Annual Conference shall elect to Elder's Orders or receive from any other conference or Church any one who has been convicted of these crimes after entering the ministry. But this shall not prohibit membership in a Wesleyan Methodist church when the guilty person repents.

Item 4:

Section VII., page 51, seventh line from top of page, beginning with the words "Unstationed list," change to read:

"The unstationed list shall be composed of all elders who have no pastoral, or official, work assigned them for two consecutive years and their names shall be passed to the unstationed list by the Secretary, by virtue of that fact, unless the annual conference by vote extends the time."

Item 5:

Section VII., page 51, paragraph 2, beginning with "No elder" change to read:

No elder or annual conference preacher shall be eligible to be elected as a lay delegate, nor any licentiate recommended for elder's orders.

Item 6:

Section VII., page 58, sub-paragraph (4) change to read:

No Wesleyan Methodist Church shall be permitted to employ, as a pastor or stated supply, any elder who is not a member of some Wesleyan Methodist Annual Conference, nor any quarterly conference licentiate, or Annual Conference preacher unless said licentiate or Annual Conference preacher has been properly recommended as a suitable person to travel under the direction of an Annual Conference, and has been so received, and must at the time of such appointment have proper credentials. Provided, however, that the President of an Annual Conference may in cases of emergency consent to service by waiving the above restriction.

Item 7:

Section VII., page 62, sub-paragraph (7) change to read:

Have you in your relation to the charge, carried out all that the Discipline requires of a pastor, and have you used all proper influence to secure obedience to the Discipline on the part of your churches and members?

Section VII., page 62, sub-paragraph (8) substitute the following:

Have you faithfully presented the subject of missions to your charge? (a) Did your charge elect a missionary board? (b) Did you take offerings for foreign missions? (c) For home missions? (d) For conference missions? (e) Educational purposes? (f) Is there any territory within the bounds of your work that you consider a good field for missionary work?

Section VII., page 61, paragraph 9, first part of the paragraph to be changed as follows:

The Annual Conference shall obtain answers in writing to the questions given below, blanks for that purpose being furnished by the Publishing House and kept in hand by the Conference Secretaries. In the case of pastors these blanks shall be signed by both the pastor and the circuit delegate. In other cases the blanks shall be signed by the minister alone. These filled blanks duly signed shall be passed to a committee which shall be appointed early in the session of the conference, of said committee the President of the conference shall be ex-officio the chairman, with whom shall be associated one elder and one layman who shall be elected by the conference. This committee shall examine all of these reports; and all of them which are found regularly filled out and properly signed and show that the work reported has been done according to the Discipline shall be marked passed and returned to the person having signed it. When the name of the member is called he shall read his statistical report and in connection with it shall state that he has passed in the examination of his character and at the same time make a brief statement of his religious experience. Any of the reports which show that the answers are irregular or the work assigned has not been performed according to the Discipline, shall be marked accordingly and when the name is called and the statistical report is read the member shall report wherein he has failed and it shall require a vote of the conference to pass his character. All complaints against ministerial members of the annual conferences shall be made in writing and shall be placed in the hands of the Conference President not later than the first day of the conference session and shall be referred to this committee on examination of character, and when the differences cannot be adjusted between the accuser and the accused by this committee, the case shall be reported by the committee to the conference to be taken care of in the regular way.

Item 8:

Section VII., page 63, question (12) changed to read:

Have you a copy of the resolutions of this conference, and have you complied with the requirements of each of them? (The conference shall through its Secretary supply each stationed minister with a copy of its resolutions.)

Item 9:

Section XXXI., page 165, second answer to question, change to read:

We regard adultery as the only justifiable cause for divorce. In the case of a divorce for such cause the innocent party may marry again; but the guilty party has by his or her act forfeited membership in the Church. In the case of divorce for other cause neither party shall be permitted to marry again during the lifetime of the other, and violation of this law shall be punished by expulsion from the church.

Item 10:

Section XXXII., page 167, paragraph 1, substitute:

The General Conference at its quadrennial sessions shall elect a Book Committee consisting of fifteen persons, namely: The Connectional Editor, the Connectional Agent and Secretary, the Connectional Missionary Secretary, and twelve other persons, six of whom shall be elders and six laymen.

Item 11:

Section VII., page 50, paragraph 1, to take the place of the first twelve lines, ending with the word orders in the 13th line:

1. Annual Conferences shall be composed of all the elders on the stationed, superannuated, and supernumerary lists, of all licentiates elected to elder's orders, and of lay delegates to be elected as hereinafter provided for.

2. Every charge or circuit shall be entitled to a lay delegate to the Annual Conference. If the charge or circuit has a licentiate as a pastor, and one or more elders not on the unstationed list reside on the charge or circuit, not sustaining pastoral relations to any other charge or circuit, the charge or circuit shall be entitled to an additional delegate for each elder thus described. In every case lay delegates to the Annual Conferences must be elected to the Annual Conference of which the church forms a part, and where delegates are elected to Annual Conference on account of elders who are not pastors said delegates must be chosen in the Annual Conference of which the elder on whose account they are chosen is a member.

Section VIII., page 72, insert between the paragraphs as a separate paragraph:

When an elder takes work in another Annual Conference than the one of which he is a member his conference membership shall be transferred to the conference where he has taken work.

Section VI., paragraph 1, to be added to amendment of same section, found in item (11), above, on page eight of this manuscript:

When an elder holds his Annual Conference membership in one conference and resides in another conference the Annual Conference where he holds his conference membership may designate where a delegate shall be elected on his account, but any delegate elected on his account shall be chosen by some church within the conference where he holds his conference membership, to be sent to said conference.

Item 12:

Section XXXII., page 167, to take the place of the remainder of the entire section:

2. This committee shall be the Board of Managers of all the Connectional Societies, now incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, with offices located at Syracuse, N. Y., said societies now consisting of the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association of America, the Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America, the Wesleyan Educational Society, the Superannuated Ministers' Aid Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America. The Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America is managed by five trustees, consisting of three elders and two laymen, who must reside in the State of New York, and must be members of the Book Committee, and shall be subject to the supervision of the Book Committee as is herein afterwards specified.

The duties of said Book Committee are hereby defined as follows:

1. At its first meeting after being elected, it shall elect a President, Secretary, and Executive Board, consisting of five members. It shall meet annually in the month of June at Syracuse, N. Y., and as much oftener as the President or any three members of the Book Committee shall deem necessary. Notice of all meetings shall be published in the Wesleyan Methodist, and also be given in writing to the various members of the committee where they cannot be notified in person by the President or members of the committee calling said meeting. It shall have power to fill all vacancies and shall, if reasonably practicable, elect some one to represent the district from which the vacancy comes.

2. It shall determine the salary of the Connectional Editor, Connectional Agent and Secretary, the Mission-

ary Secretary, and the salaries of all other persons whom it may employ.

3. The Book Committee shall have power to remove the Connectional Editor, the Connectional Agent and Secretary, the Missionary Secretary, and all other persons whom it may have employed, when it judges that the interests of the Connection require such removal, and shall have power to fill all vacancies that occur among the officials and those employed by it, whether said vacancies occur by death or otherwise, and the persons so employed shall fill out the unexpired term of those whose places they are appointed to fill.

4. In the transaction of all business, eight members shall constitute a quorum, except in the removal of the Connectional Editor, the Connectional Agent and Secretary, the Missionary Secretary, when it shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members of the committee in favor of removal.

5. The Book Committee shall have supervision over all the Connectional societies, and shall review all the business of said societies, to see that each corporate society is transacting its business according to the laws of the State of New York, and Book of Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America. In order to this, it shall have power to require each Connectional Society to both invoice its assets and liabilities, and also to have said business audited. This invoice and auditing must set out in itemization, the nature of the assets, and if in notes the name of the giver, and also all liabilities, giving the name of the person to whom the money is owing, and shall also state by what authority said liability was incurred. When said business is reviewed by the committee it may require the Invoice Committee to read from its books such items, giving names and so forth and it shall require a statement from the Auditing Committee, that the money has not only been properly accounted for, but also that the items read by the Invoice Committee are correct, as to name and amount, and manner of incurring said liability.

If said Book Committee shall judge that any expenditure of any of the corporate societies has not been judiciously made, or that the laws of the State of New York have been violated, or that the wishes of the donor will be defeated by the acts of the corporate society having the funds in charge, it shall demand correction and on the failure of the person having such funds in charge to correct said violations, it shall be a sufficient

cause for removal. If the General Conference does not elect an Invoice Committee and also an Auditing Committee, then the Book Committee shall elect, said Invoice and Auditing Committee, and said committees shall consist of different persons, but nothing in this clause shall prevent the Book Committee or its Executive Board, from electing Special Invoice and Auditing and Investigating Committees, when in the judgment of either the Committee or its Executive Board, it is in the interests of the Connection to do so. If the Presidents of any three conferences think that the Book Committee is not properly supervising the business of the Connection as carried on through the Connectional Societies, they shall notify the President of the Book Committee of their fears, and he shall **at once** inquire into the matter and report to said Presidents. If in his judgment the business is properly carried on, he shall say so and if after this the Presidents so requesting shall insist on an examination of the business management, the President of the Book Committee shall order said Presidents to select a committee of not less than three persons, and shall at the same time call the Executive Board together, or obtain their consent in writing, and said Executive Board shall appoint a similar committee, and the two committees jointly shall examine the business thoroughly, and report to the Executive Board. If it shall appear that said business has been conducted safely, and according to the laws of the State of New York and of the Book of Discipline, then the Presidents demanding said examination, shall pay all the expenses connected therewith: but should it appear from the examination, that said business has not been properly conducted, then all the expenses of conducting said investigation shall be borne by the various Connectional societies, and the evils found corrected, and if the violations have been wilful, the violators removed from office.

6. The Book Committee shall have power to direct and review all the business transacted by the trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America, incorporate, and should it appear that said business is not being conducted properly, or that the laws of the State of New York are being violated or that the wishes of the donor are not being carried out, it shall have power to correct said mismanagement.

7. This committee shall make or cause to be made an annual exhibit of the state of all the Connectional

societies, including the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America, incorporate, to all the Annual Conferences, but in this report shall be required to only give the summaries of said business. It shall also cause said summary to be published in the Wesleyan Methodist. The Connectional Agent shall make or cause to be made to each Annual Conference an annual report of the conditions of the state of the Connectional societies. The committee shall also make a full report to the General Conference covering the four years interim.

8. The Book Committee shall see that the order of the General Conference requiring the publication of one religious newspaper to be known as the Wesleyan Methodist, and one Sabbath-school paper, to be known as the Sunday-school Banner, and also the Sunday-school Lesson Helps, known as the Iconoclast Lesson Helps, shall be carried out by said Publishing Association. It shall also determine what books, shall be printed for the Connection, and fix the prices of the same, and shall also determine what books shall bear the imprint of the Publishing Association, when published for other parties. It shall also see that as much job work is done as is possible, when said job work does not interfere with the publications of the Connection ordered by the General Conference or Book Committee.

9. The Executive Board of the Book Committee, consisting of five persons shall transact all the business referred to it by the full Board, during the interim of the meetings of the full Board, and shall transact any and all other business, the full Board may transact, except that of removing the Connectional Editor, the Connectional Agent and Secretary, and the Missionary Secretary.

The Executive Board shall ascertain the time that will best suit the various annual conferences to meet, and shall select some one of the officials to attend annual conferences where it is impossible for all to attend, and publish the same in the Wesleyan Methodist. Where all the officials attend an Annual Conference, each official shall present that portion of the work, of which he is the head, but where only one official attends an annual conference, he shall report on all the work of the various societies of the Connection. If Annual Conferences are held at such a time that no official can attend, or is so remote that it is impracticable for an official to attend, in the judgment of the Executive Board, then the Executive Board shall request the

President of the Conference to present the report of the Book Committee, and attend to such business of the Connection as the Connectional Agent and Secretary may need to have done.

It shall see that the pastors and evangelists and missionaries whose duty it is to extend the circulation of our books and periodicals and also to secure subscriptions for the Wesleyan Methodist and see that the same are renewed when a subscription expires, that said ministers perform their duties in this respect. The Connectional Agent and Secretary shall furnish every pastor, with a blank which can be filled with the name of every post-office, where the members of the church or circuit over which he is pastor, receive mail. The pastor shall fill this blank, and return it to the Connectional Agent and Secretary, and upon the receipt of same he shall forward to said pastors, the names of all the subscribers, receiving the Wesleyan Methodist at these post-offices. It shall then be the duty of each pastor to see said subscriber, and receive money for renewals, and forward the same to the Connectional Agent and Secretary. Every pastor or other person who sends in ten new subscribers, with the cash at the advertised price of the paper, during the year, shall have his subscription extended for one year. Every pastor who secures the renewal of all the Wesleyans taken by his members, shall receive his Wesleyan free for one year, provided said renewals do not fall below ten subscribers. If more than ten subscribers are secured, or renewals are sent in, the person so sending shall have the right to send the Wesleyan Methodist free to any person whom he may select, for one year, for each ten subscribers so secured, either in new subscriptions or renewals.

II. All property held by all the corporate societies of the Connection, including the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America, incorporate, shall be held in trust by Said Connectional societies, for the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America.

Item 13:

SECTION XXXIII.

The Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association of America.

The Book Committee shall be the Board of Managers of the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association of America.

1. At the first meeting of the Board of Managers of said Association after being elected by the General Conference, it shall elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Board, consisting of five members.

2. It shall meet annually during the month of June, at Syracuse, N. Y., and as much oftener as the President or any three members may decide to be necessary.

3. The Connectional Agent and Secretary, shall be considered the head of the business department of this Association, and shall conduct said business as directed by the Board of Managers.

4. The Publishing Association, through its Agent and Secretary, and Board of Managers shall print all papers and books, authorized by the General Conference and Book Committee, and should the facilities be inadequate to do so, the Agent and Secretary shall report that fact to the Board of Managers, or their Executive Board, together with estimates, of what it will cost to provide for carrying out the orders of the Book Committee and General Conference, and wait their instructions.

5. The Connectional Editor shall be the head of the Editorial Department. All improvements that may be needed in editing the paper and the other publications which come under his supervision shall be referred to him, and he shall present the same to the Board of Managers or to the Executive Board.

8. The Board of Managers shall cause the business of the Association to be invoiced and audited, said invoice shall set forth accurately all the assets and liabilities of the Association. If the assets consists in notes, the notes, with the name of the giver must be made a matter of record. If liabilities are reported, the names of the parties shall be given, and the authority given by the Agent and Secretary, for incurring said liability. No money shall be borrowed except upon the authority of the Board of Managers or its Executive Board, except in cases of emergency, when the Agent may borrow not more than \$1,000 dollars, but he must report the same within ten days, and no second loan shall be obtained, without authority, unless the first one is paid.

9. The invoice committee shall make an itemized statement of the business on the books, but the Agent and Secretary, in preparing his report for publication, may only give summaries of the business.

Item 14: Laid on the table.

Item 15:

Section IX, paragraph 2, page 73, paragraph 2 to become paragraph 3, and subsequent paragraphs numbered accordingly.

An Annual Conference preacher is a licentiate who has been accepted by the Annual Conference as a suitable person to travel under its direction and has been appointed to pastoral work by an Annual Conference, provided that no person shall be so appointed until he has held a quarterly conference license at least one year, and shall have successfully passed examinations on the Discipline and Binney's Compend as given in the First Year's Course of Study; and when so employed the President of the Conference appointing him shall authorize him to administer the sacraments. But such authority shall not be continued to any individual to exceed five years. Any licentiate leaving the pastoral work shall at once surrender his authorization to administer the sacraments. This authorization shall cease at any time when the holder thereof shall fail to pass two books in the Course of Study each year. Where the laws of the State permit any person employed and authorized as above-described shall be permitted to solemnize matrimony while so employed and authorized.

Item 16:

A new Section to be properly numbered by the Editors of the Discipline.

The Wesleyan Educational Society.

The Book Committee shall be the Board of Managers of the Wesleyan Educational Society.

1. At the first annual meeting of the Board of Managers after the General Conference a President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected, and an Executive Board to consist of five persons, all for a term of four years.

2. The Board of Managers shall meet annually in the month of June, at Syracuse, N. Y., and as much oftener as the President of the Board or any three members thereof may deem necessary.

3. The Treasurer shall pay out money as authorized by the Board of Managers or Executive Board, and shall not contract debts or borrow money except as authorized by the Board of Managers, or its Executive Board.

4. The Educational Society through its Board of

Managers shall have charge of all the educational interests of the Church, authorized by the General Conference or the Educational Society.

5. The Board of Managers may elect an Educational Secretary and define his duties.

6. The Board of Managers may provide for the local management of schools, but nothing in this provision shall be understood to authorize the Board to relinquish Connectional oversight of all schools under the care of and supported by the Connection.

7. The Treasurer shall keep a ledger account with each school under the management of this Board and said Board may elect sub-treasurers and define their duties.

Wherever the words Dollar Plan occur the Editors of the Discipline are required to substitute for them the words Connectional Fund as may best preserve the sense.

Item 17:

A revision of item 21, Section XXII, page 149, paragraph 1, change to read as follows:

There shall be in each Annual Conference a fund to be known as The Annual Conference Fund, which shall be for the use of the Annual Conference in carrying on its work, and the conferences shall have the right to adopt such methods for securing this fund as may be best adapted to each conference provided neither the Word of God nor the Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church be contravened. There shall also be an annual offering, or it may be made oftener if desired, in each church and all other scriptural means employed for securing missionary funds in accordance with the section of the Discipline on Missions. There shall also be a separate offering taken each year for educational purposes; and whenever the Publishing Association through the Book Committee shall deem it to be for the good of the cause a special offering shall be asked for for that work. In all of the foregoing the pastors of the churches shall be the responsible agent of the various corporations to preach upon and disseminate information and receive offerings as above indicated, except in such conferences as may appoint some special person to do such work. We most urgently press upon our people their privilege to pay for missions and educational work a sum amounting to not less than one dollar per member for every member of the denomination.

Item 18:

Section XVII., question 2, add to the answer the following:

To this end:

1. Let the ministers and laymen of the Annual Conferences meet at least quarterly in Holiness Conventions.
2. Where it is necessary for the convenience of the churches let the territory be districted by the conference.
3. Let each conference or district elect a chairman and make it his duty to arrange with the members in his territory, for such conventions, and to have the oversight of them.
4. The election of a chairman, secretary and a treasurer for the convention shall be held annually, or oftener as found necessary, and they shall constitute the Executive Board.

Item 19:

A new Judiciary Rule.

Amend Section V., by adding a new paragraph to be known as II:

The General Conference shall designate five members of the Book Committee, three elders and two laymen, who shall be thereby constituted a judiciary Committee to be known as the Board of Review, and this Board of Review shall have authority to hear appeals and to decide questions of law, subject to the Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America and of the General Conference of said Church, in the following cases and particulars: In all cases of the trial of an elder or an annual conference preacher where three elders who have served under conference appointment during the year last preceding the trial and appeal shall join the defendant in an appeal from the action of an Annual Conference under the judiciary rules for the trial of an elder or an Annual Conference preacher. In all cases involving the validity of the reception of members to an annual conference, either when such members are elected to elder's orders or are received from some other Wesleyan Methodist Annual Conference, or from some other religious body, whenever three elders qualified as in the last preceding provision, shall appeal from the action of the Annual Conference. In all cases of difference between any two or more annual conferences where there is a disagreement, and the aggrieved conference is unable to secure satisfaction by ordinary methods.

In all cases where three Annual Conferences shall unite in an appeal from any action of the Book Committee when acting with reference to the annual conferences; and the decision of the Board of Review in such cases shall be reported to the Book Committee at its next session, whether it be a regular or special session, and it shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Book Committee to reverse the decision of the Board of Review in these particular cases. In all cases brought before the Board of Review the entire case, including the charges or question or questions at issue, and all of the evidence shall be submitted in writing, and one or more persons may argue the case on each side under such regulations as the Board of Review shall establish, but in no case shall the Board of Review constitute a trial court, and it shall not hear or receive any new evidence, provided, however, that the fact that new evidence and what is intended to prove thereby may be submitted, and this may influence the Board of Review in determining the case when the question at issue is whether a new trial shall be ordered. The Board of Review shall have authority to affirm, reverse, or remand a case for a new trial. It shall select one of its number to act as chairman, and it may select a Secretary from its own number or employ some one else. When the Board of Review meets in connection with the meetings of the Book Committee it shall hear and act upon all cases submitted to it without charge to any one, but in cases of special meetings the parties bringing the action shall provide for the expenses of the meeting. In all cases the decisions of the Board of Review shall be made in writing and the principal parties to the case shall be furnished with a copy of the decision within ten days after the decision is rendered. A book of record shall be furnished at the expense of the Publishing House in which shall be recorded all cases acted upon and the decisions rendered, and all documents pertaining to cases brought before the Board of Review shall be kept on file. Four members shall constitute a quorum, and it shall require four votes to reverse any judgment rendered by a lower court. The records of this Board of Review shall be submitted to the General Conference at each regular session and when approved by the General Conference all decisions of this Board of Review shall become the law of the Church until repealed by the General Conference, and in the edition of the Discipline following each General Conference these decisions which have been

approved by the General Conference shall be made a part of the Discipline. In any case where any member of this Board of Review is an interested party to the case the remaining members shall consider objections to his sitting as a member of the Board and where justice demands may select some other member of the Book Committee to fill his place in connection with that particular case, but this shall not be deemed to cause a vacancy in the membership of the Board. All permanent vacancies shall be filled by the Book Committee.

Item 20:

Section VII., paragraph 3, page 52. Sub-paragraphs following line eight, substitute the following:

"The Annual Conference shall also appoint a committee of five persons, three ministers and two laymen, whose duty it shall be to appoint a President in case the office becomes vacant, by death, resignation, or otherwise, of the President and the Vice-President."

Item 21:

Section VIII., page 71, 10th line to page 72, 11th line, change to read as follows:

The quarterly conference shall have power to recommend suitable licentiates to the Annual Conferences to pursue the Course of Study, and to be employed under the direction of the Annual Conference, and the Annual Conference shall issue a license to all such persons whom it thus employs. Whenever a licentiate is not given work by the Annual Conference, he shall be returned to his quarterly conference to labor under its directions, and shall be recommended again to the Annual Conference when he purposes to take work at its hands. Every licentiate must have his license renewed once each year, but a recommendation to the Annual Conference need not be renewed so long as the licentiate is not returned to his quarterly conference, as above mentioned. The Annual Conference shall keep a list of all persons who have been recommended to study, whether they are or are not given work, and they may continue to take examinations without further recommendation from the quarterly conference. No licentiate who is delinquent in his efforts to prepare himself to pass the course of study, of which fact the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders shall be the judge, shall be considered worthy of employment at the hands of an Annual Conference.

Item 22:

Section XIII., page 113, 11th line from top of page, change word "damnation" to the word "judgment."

Item 23:

We recommend that the General Conference instruct the Editors of the Discipline to prepare and insert in its proper place a simple form for the dedication of churches.

Item 24:

That the Editors of the Discipline be instructed to prepare the blank forms described in the Discipline, inserting a new form for statistics.

Item 25:

Section XXXVI., page 200, question 3.

Change to read:

Who of the elders are on the supernumerary list?

Item 26:

Annuities.

To be a new section.

The Wesleyan Methodist Connection will receive donations to the amount of \$100 or more, and will pay annuities on the same, the per cent. of which shall be determined by the donor and the full Book Committee, when the contract governing the same is being made. The annuity agreed upon shall be paid according to the terms of agreement, which may include either annual or semi-annual payment. These funds shall be invested by the Board of Managers, who may select Agents and Special Boards, where necessary, to take care of the same, and said Board of Managers shall not allow the principal to decrease during the life time of the donor, unless so specified in the contract. The Board of Managers shall apply the income from these donations, as follows: First to pay the annuities to the respective donors, as provided for in their contracts, and any surplus to any of the institutions of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection, such as schools, missions, church buildings, or any other institutions of the Connection. At the death of the donor the annuity shall cease, and the donation shall be disposed of as is specified in the contract made with the donor. The Board of Managers shall issue a bond to each donor guaranteeing the payment of the annuity, as specified in the contract, and for the faithful carrying out of all the provisions of the contract and it shall be understood that this bond is backed up by the assets of the Connection. Providing however, that no proposition or donation shall be received and agreement entered into by any of our Connectional officers until the matter has been presented to

the full Book Committee, and by said Committee so ordered.

Item 27:

Where an Annual Conference or Mission Conference is so small that it cannot carry on its business with the number of elders belonging to the said Conference, it may petition the Executive Board of the Book Committee to authorize the President of the General Conference to grant a dispensation to said Conference to allow Annual Conference preachers, who have had pastoral work assigned them, to vote in conducting said business upon all questions except that of electing Conference officers, passing upon the character of elders, where a vote is required, the election of persons to Elder's Orders and delegates to the General Conference.

Item 28:

Strike out the words "and Secretary."

A. T. JENNINGS, President; H. R. Smith, Secretary.

REPORT No. 8.

Missions.

(First installment of report.)

On Revising the Discipline on Missions.

Your Committee to which was referred the matter of revising the Discipline on the subject of Missions would respectfully submit the following report:

We recommend the substitution of the following for what is now in the Discipline.

SECTION XX.

Missions. Parent Board.

1. The Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America shall be managed by the members of the Book Committee, and shall have its place of business in the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing House in Syracuse, N. Y. It shall hold its annual meeting in the month of June each year, and special meetings may be called by the President, or by any three members of the Board of Managers. Any person elected by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society shall be elected an honorary member of the Board of Managers with all of the privileges of any member except the right to vote.

2. At the first annual meeting of the Board of Man-

agers following the quadrennial sessions of the General Conference a President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected for a term of four years. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually belong to such officials, provided, however, that the Treasurer shall be the custodian of all of the funds and property of the Society, he shall be held responsible for all money which shall come into his hands, he shall not cancel or surrender any note or obligation held against any one except when paid upon order of this board or the Executive Board, nor shall he make any loans or borrow any money except as authorized by the Board of Managers or its Executive Board.

3. The Missionary Society shall have general charge of all the general missionary work of the Connection, may help such annual conferences as are not self-supporting, may enter into contracts with the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society for the care of work and the management of the same and the employment of workers. Contracts shall be binding only when signed by three members of the Executive Board, and when entered into with the Woman's Society must be signed by the President and Secretary of that Society in order to be valid. Written contracts shall be entered into with all missionaries in the employ of this Board.

4. Before new territory shall be entered upon and occupied by this board a thorough investigation shall be made and estimates furnished and full reports given to the Board or the Executive Board and the Missionary Secretary shall be instructed regarding the work to be done.

5. All appropriations shall be classified and where a conference is receiving help the appropriation shall be made to the conference and not to individuals, provided, however, that the Board may direct how the appropriations shall be used. Annual conferences receiving help from this board shall pay at least one-half of the money raised within its territory for missions into the treasury of this board, and where desired the conferences may pay all of their missionary money into the treasury to be disbursed under the regular rules.

6. When the Missionary Secretary cannot attend all of the sessions of the Annual Conferences he shall give the preference to the smaller and the mission conferences; he shall solicit and secure funds from all available sources; and he may recommend to the board the

organization of bands and the appointment of organizers and collectors, provided, however, that no collectors shall be appointed or continued for bands which are not self-supporting. He may also recommend the employment of returned missionaries to work in the churches and conferences and contracts with such workers shall be valid only when signed by three members of the Executive Board. The Missionary Secretary shall issue orders on the Treasurer for the payment of all appropriations and meeting the expenses of the board under all contracts; he shall report his receipts and disbursements each month to the Treasurer, and turn over the money remaining in his hands, provided, however, that when he is absent attending to his duties at conferences and in other regular work he may omit this monthly report by securing the consent of three members of the Executive Board.

7. There shall be an Executive Board consisting of five persons to be elected by the full board at its first regular meeting after the quadrennial sessions of the General Conference, for a term of four years, and this board shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the full board.

We recommend that under "Annual Conference Missionary Society," paragraph 1 end with the words "address on subject of missions." Paragraph 2 and paragraph 3 remain as they are. Paragraph 4 omitted. Paragraph 5 to remain and become paragraph 4. Paragraph 6 to end with the words "and oversight" at the bottom of page 137 of present Discipline and become paragraph 5.

Amended to leave in paragraph 5 the words "the annual conference may divide all moneys not specifically directed as to use, in such a way as they judge will best carry on the work of missions."

(Second Installment of Report.)

SECTION XXI.

Constitution of Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America.

Article 1. Name: This organization shall be known as the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America.

Art. 2. Purpose: The purpose of this Society is to extend the kingdom of God in the home and foreign field, by increasing the knowledge of missions, stim-

ulating interest therein, and encouraging a spirit of prayer and giving for the work.

Art. 3. Officers:

(1) The officers of this Society shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Organizer, and Superintendent of the Young Missionary Workers' Band, who may also be the Organizer.

(2) These officers shall be elected quadrennially by ballot.

(3) These officers shall constitute the Executive Board.

(4) These officers shall be members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Art. 4. Duties of officers:

(1) The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society and of the Executive Board, and shall have general oversight of the work. It shall also be the duty of the President to represent our organization as an advisory member of the Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America.

(2) In the absence of the President the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the office. She shall also assist the President in the management and work of the Society.

(3) The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society.

(4) The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the quadrennial session, and of the meetings of the Executive Board, and prepare a full report of the work of the Society quadrennially, which summary shall be spread upon the Society's records.

(5) The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all moneys of the Society reported to her and shall hold in trust the funds of the Society, subject to the order of the Society, such order to be in writing signed by the President and Secretary.

(6) It shall be the duty of the Organizer to visit the conferences for the purpose of organization where the woman's work is not already organized, to organize Young Missionary Workers' Bands, and to visit other conferences and local Societies needing assistance, provided the officer is both Organizer and Superintendent of the Young Missionary Workers' Band. It shall also be the duty of the Organizer to raise funds for missionary purposes and to deposit the same in the treasury of

the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church subject to the order of the Society.

(7) It will be the duty of the Superintendent of the Young Missionary Workers' Band to exercise general supervision of the work, in the way of organization, arranging studies, and giving instructions as to ways of working, to receive all moneys from conference superintendents and forward the same to the Connectional Treasurer or Missionary Secretary.

Art 5. Management:

(1) The management and general administration of the affairs of the quadrennial session shall be vested in the Executive Board and delegates from the annual Societies.

(2) The Executive Board shall have full power to transact business in the interim of the quadrennial sessions; three of these officers constituting a quorum.

(3) This Society shall work in harmony with the Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America. Points of difference shall be adjusted by the Executive Boards of both Societies.

Art 6. By-laws: This Society may have the power to enact by-laws which shall not be in conflict with the sense of this Constitution or the Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Constitution of the Conference Society.

Article 1. Name: This Society shall be called the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of conference.

Art. 2. Purpose: It shall be the object of this Society to secure systematic co-operation throughout the conference in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions.

Art. 3. Membership: The annual meeting shall be composed of the Conference Missionary Society officers, the presidents of the locals, and one delegate for each local society. Provided, the items of this article may be considered suggestive rather than compulsory.

Art. 4. Meetings: The meetings of this Society shall be held annually and may be held at the time and place of the annual conference.

Art. 5. Officers:

(1) The officers of this Society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Organizer and Superintendent of the Young Missionary Workers' Band who shall be members of the Wesleyan Methodist

Church, and who shall together constitute an Executive Committee to transact business in the interim of the annual sessions. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies in the offices of this society.

(2) The term of office shall be one year or until successors are elected.

Art. 6. Duties of Officers:

(1) It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings and supervise the interests and work of the Society.

(2) In the absence of the President the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the office. She shall also assist the President in the management and work of the Society.

(3) The Secretary shall keep a full record of all proceedings of the annual and executive sessions, and shall prepare a full report of the work of the Society for the quadrennial session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

(4) The Treasurer shall give receipts for all moneys received and shall disburse funds by vote of the Conference Society, or according to the desire of those contributing. She shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and shall render an annual statement of the same.

(5) The Organizer shall earnestly endeavor to extend the Woman's Missionary work to every church within the bounds of the Conference by personal visit or correspondence.

(6) It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of the Young Missionary Workers' Band to exercise general supervision of the work of the Band, arrange studies, give instruction as to ways of working, receive all moneys and lists sent by the local Superintendents and forward the same to the General Superintendent.

Art. 7. Funds: To defray the official expenses of the quadrennial session, each annual conference Society is requested to send quadrennially to the Treasurer of the General Conference Society a sum equal to ten cents for each member of its auxiliary Societies.

Art. 8. Delegates: At the last annual session preceding the General Conference Society, the Conference Society shall elect a delegate who together with the President shall be delegates to the quadrennial session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

BY-LAWS.

This Society shall have the right to enact by-laws not conflicting with this constitution and the Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Constitution of Local Societies.

Art. 1. Name: This Society shall be called the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist church of _____

Art. 2. Purpose: The purpose of this society shall be to arouse and give direction to a missionary spirit among the people, to devise lawful means to interest them in missionary work, to put forth systematic effort to raise money for the support of the gospel at home and in needy places and to do such other work as may be for the good of the souls and bodies of perishing humanity.

Art. 3. Membership:

(1) Active membership in this society is open to any woman signing these articles of organization and paying into the treasury the sum of one dollar annually.

(2) Any man may become an honorary member by a payment of the same.

(3) The item in this article regarding finance may be considered suggestive rather than compulsory.

(4) Any active member of a local society is eligible to election to any office in the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Art. 4. Meetings:

(1) This Society shall, if possible, hold regular monthly meetings.

(2) The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held the month preceding the conference session; and the official year shall begin at the close of said session.

Art. 5. Funds: This Society shall send to the Treasurer of the Conference Society such a portion of funds raised as it shall deem proper, and shall have a right to specify as to the division of said amount between Home and Foreign Missions.

Art. 6. Officers:

(1) The officers of this society shall consist of a President, who shall be a member of the Wesleyan Methodist church; Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Work Director, and Superintendent of the Young Missionary Workers' Band.

(2) These officers shall be elected annually by ballot.

Art. 7. Duties of Officers:

(1) The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society and shall have general oversight of the work.

(2) In the absence of the President the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the office.

(3) The Secretary shall keep a record of members, keep the minutes of all meetings, and make an annual report according to printed report blanks, to the Conference Society.

(4) The Treasurer shall receive all moneys raised by the Society and remit the same as directed by the Society.

(5) The Work Director shall have charge of the manual work performed by the Society.

(6) The Superintendent of the Young Missionary Worker's Band shall be responsible for the organization of bands, shall have general oversight of the Band work, and report the same to the Missionary Society. In case no Society exists, the Organizer or Conference Superintendent of Young Missionary Workers' Band shall appoint.

Art. 8. Delegates. At the last regular meeting preceding the session of the Annual Conference Society, the Society shall elect one person who together with the President, shall be the delegates to the annual session of the Conference Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Art. 9. Committees: There shall be a Program Committee, and such other committees as shall be deemed necessary.

Constitution of the Young Missionary Workers' Band.

Article 1. Name: The name of this Band shall be the Young Missionary Workers' Band of _____

Art. 2. Object: The object of this Band shall be to raise funds for the support of missionaries in the foreign fields and to create a greater missionary spirit among our young people and children.

Art. 3. Membership: Any person may become a member by paying not less than one cent a week.

Art. 4. Meetings: It is recommended that the meet-

ings of this Band shall be held on the _____ of each month.

Art. 5. Officers: The officers shall be a Superintendent, President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Band, save the Superintendent who shall be elected by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of _____.

Where no such Society exists the Superintendent shall be appointed by the Organizer or Conference Superintendent.

Art. 6. Duties of officers:

(1) It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to exercise general oversight, assist the other officers in arranging studies, programs, or whatever work the Band may desire to engage in for the furtherance of the Gospel in the Dark Lands.

(2) It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings and to perform the duties usually devolving upon a President.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to act in the absence of the President.

(4) The Secretary shall keep a record of members, keep the minutes of the meetings, give notice of meetings, and make an annual report of membership and moneys to the Secretary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of _____.

(5) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all dues, collections, etc., raised by the Band, to report the state of the treasury at each meeting, make annual report to the Secretary of the Band, and directly or through the Superintendent, send all moneys in the treasury with an accurate list of names and addresses and amount contributed by each member to the Conference Superintendent of Band work.

Art 7. Elections: The election of officers shall be held at the first meeting after January first.

Footnote to the entire set of Constitutions:—Methods for raising funds in all these organizations, shall be in harmony with the principles of Wesleyan Methodism.

(Third Installment of Report.)

In Reference to the Return of G. H. Clarke and Wife to Africa.

Your Committee to which was referred the matter of again sending Brother and Sister George H. Clarge to Africa, submit the following report:

Inasmuch as Brother and Sister Clarke feel that their call to work in the foreign field is still imperative and that they appear to be in good health, we recommend:

1. That they be returned to Africa at such time as may seem best to the Missionary Board.

2. That when they are returned, their work be the opening of a mission in the Limbah country if that is practicable, otherwise that they be left free to do itinerant work.*

3. That Brother and Sister Clarke be employed to travel in the interests of our missionary work until such time as the Board may see fit to send them to the foreign field.

H. W. McDOWELL, ARTHUR W. SMITH, C. P.
CARKUFF, J. LAWRENCE, S. D. WIL-
COX, Committee.

*Referred to Missionary Board.—J. J. C., Secretary.

(Fourth Installment of Report.)

Missions.

The watchword of that vast student army which is preparing itself for foreign conquest should be the watchword of every church and of every individual: "The evangelization of the world in this generation," which is the will of the Father who gave his Son and the Son who gave himself for the world's redemption. The divine will is always a possibility. Slowly as the church has moved toward the execution of the "great commission" the task of evangelizing the world could be more easily accomplished by this generation than by any other since the close of the first century of the Christian era. The large number of missionary organizations which are sending their representatives to all peoples, the host of young men and women in our colleges who are pledging themselves to the work, the laymen's movement which is attracting the attention and enlisting the co-operation of so large a number of business and professional men, the vast wealth in the hands of church members, the fact that millions of Bibles in hundreds of languages and dialects are distributed every year, the marked success which to-day attends the labors of faithful missionaries everywhere—all this is full of hope and promise and is a prophecy of better things to come. Yet what has been accomplished is but a small beginning. Vast fields with their uncounted millions of benighted souls have scarcely caught the first gleams from

the Sun of Righteousness who should long since have risen for them with healing in his wings.

The need is vast beyond our comprehension. The Christian Church which alone can meet this need counts its members by the millions. The fact that our Church constitutes so small a fraction of these numbers makes our part seem a comparatively unimportant one. Yet our very life as a Church depends upon our recognition and faithful performance of this part. The more recent years have brought to our people a partial missionary awakening and a commensurate degree of success and there are at present hopeful indications of increased interest and aggressiveness. But the spirit of Christianity is pre-eminently evangelistic. The true Pentecostal power of necessity manifests itself in evangelism. We stand for the highest type of Christian consecration and Christian life. The proof of our profession demands a greater devotion and activity in our missionary work. The manifold difficulties and the terrible crises which have been met by our workers in the foreign field have shown them to be possessed of a courage and a consecration unsurpassed by that of the heroes and martyrs of any age. Perhaps an equal heroism has been shown by the workers in the home field or by some who in poverty and obscurity have so nobly sacrificed for the financial support of the cause. But the Church as a whole has thus far failed to meet the full measure of its obligation and privilege. While our annual contribution for home and foreign missions averages only seventy-five cents a member can the Master say, "She hath done what she could?"

The first essential of the Church toward meeting her responsibility is the pentecostal baptism. This is fundamental and vital. It is not all. We believe our people possess a high type of piety and yet our missionary activity is not commensurate with our devotion. The cause for this we believe, lies in the lack of missionary education, which education is the second essential in successful missionary enterprise. After eight years under the full blaze of Pentecostal fire Peter had to be taught by vision and by his contact with Cornelius that the Gentiles are fellow-heirs in the gospel. Let the responsibility imposed by divine command be clearly and persistently laid before our people; to this add the appeal that comes from the presentation of the wretched condition and the crying need of the millions who are without the gospel; then add the peculiar interest and

zeal that result from thorough familiarity with missionary history and biography and there will come a response in men and money which will be worthy of our consecrated people.

God is calling us to enter and to occupy broader fields. Why confine our efforts so largely to the rural districts? Many of our people are moving into the larger towns and cities and are being lost to us because we have no churches there and so are unable to receive and care for them. Why not, like the great apostle, follow the multitudes to the centers of population. Those of our conferences which are pushing into these centers are meeting with success. Why not make the movement general?

Our work among the white people of the South is prosperous and promising. It should be rapidly enlarged. Doors stand open wide. We should quickly enter.

We note with gratitude what seems to be a "bow of promise" for work among the colored people of the South. The Wesleyan Methodist Church bears a peculiar relation to that unfortunate race. That peculiar relation increases the burden of our responsibility to that people. We should arise in the strength of the Lord and discharge our obligation.

Fields of great promise invite us to the southwest, the west and the northwest. We should bend every energy to enter these fields while they are open to us. "Let no man take thy crown."

We believe it is time for us to seek earnestly the mind of the Lord with reference to the establishment of work in other foreign fields. The proofs that the Master is pleased with the work we are doing in Africa are manifold. To withdraw from that work or even to fail to rapidly enlarge it would be to incur the divine displeasure. We believe more workers should be sent to the present stations so that greater opportunity would be given for itinerant work. Large districts adjacent to the territory we now occupy are untouched by missionary effort. The Mohammedans are aggressively pushing in. This makes it imperative that we speedily enter and occupy these fields. This means that we should immediately double the number of workers on the field and then continue the increase. But our African field is both difficult and expensive. Would it not please him whose servants we are to enter a field with a less trying climate where the term of service would be longer and to which some workers might go who

dare not return to Africa. We recommend this to your careful consideration.

Again we say the very life of our Church depends upon an advance in both the spirit and work of missions. It is imperative that we be made to feel more fully the measure of our obligation to God and to our fellow men. To this end we recommend that every pastor begin a careful study of the Scriptures with reference to their bearing on this great theme in order that he may lay the truth upon the hearts of his people. We recommend that all our churches and missionary societies earnestly pursue a systematic study of the history and present conditions of mission work and that the Board and the Woman's Society make use of every possible means to disseminate missionary intelligence.

In view of the abundant temporal prosperity received from the hand of our God and the liberal response that comes from our sister churches and societies, we are convinced that the least measure of our financial responsibility for the immediate future is an annual contribution for home and foreign missions equal to two dollars per member. We recommend that above all, fervent prayer be made by all our people that our God will so move upon all our hearts that workers may be raised up and means provided for the speedy fulfilment of the desire of our Lord in the evangelization of the world and thus the hastening of his coming.

H. W. McDOWELL, ARTHUR W. SMITH, S. D.
WILCOX, J. LAWRENCE, 'C. P. CARK-
UFF, Committee.

REPORT No. 9.

Education.

Your Committee on Education report the following:

The Wesleyan Methodist Church, believes in education, of the broadest, strongest and cleanest kind. It is one of our strongest factors in our development and up-building. Christian education enters into the development of our bodies, minds, and souls, effecting our entire denominational life as well as our individual home life, and the character of our citizenship. This is an age of the education of the masses, and if we hold and fill well, as individuals, our divinely appointed places in the social, political and commercial world, and as a church in the religious world, we must equip ourselves with an

education adequate to the times and to the places we are called to fill. Our education should embrace:

1. A physical training which eliminates the brutal games endorsed and encouraged by the nominal college, excused as "physical exercise," but which is in fact catering to the carnal desire, which inspired the ancient Olympian games and actuates the Spanish bull fight, and our horse race and prize fight.

2. It should embrace an intellectual training which adopts the best, most scientific, and up-to-date methods of instruction. We cannot afford to ignore what hard and honest study and practical work has done to improve the methods of teaching, since ours are among the best minds to be trained for the most noble work possible. We should be wise enough to employ the methods that will bring the best results.

3. Our spiritual education should embrace the most orthodox teaching and the deepest and richest Christian experience attended by the purest and most spiritual surroundings. The experience of holiness dominating the school life will better fit the faculty to teach and govern, and lessen the probabilities of the student to yield to temptation, make him more easily governed, better to assimilate and store up knowledge, and enable him better to keep in mind what God would have him be and do.

The nominal institutions of our land do not meet the requirements of our education. They do not give a quality of training that qualifies our young people in character and religious experience as well as religious life to cope with the evils and principles of darkness, confronting us, and to defend the doctrines and principles of the Church.

The theology of many of our religious institutions of learning is tinctured with criticisms of the Bible, and with Unitarianism, falling in with the general trend of the religious world, to the worship of a divine being of one Person, departing from the true God who is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who thought it not robbery to be equal with God. Our young people cannot attend these colleges and come away without being more or less influenced by this theology. The influence of secret societies in college life is not good for our children and they cannot be properly trained and preserved for effectual work in our churches if placed under those influences. The moral character of the student body, of the popular and even religious colleges is of a

quality injurious to our young people, while they are in the character forming period of life.

It gives us pleasure to know that in our own schools, there is a type of religious life that reaches, much of the time the spirit of revival; and we feel that it is safe for our young people to pursue their studies in these schools. We are glad to note the excellent proportions our educational enterprises have taken on in the last four years. The new college building and Dormitory at Houghton, the establishment of the Southern school and the theological seminary at Fairmount, the large increase in the endowment fund of the Educational Society, and the handsome gift of Rev. H. T. Besse and wife, all indicate the lively interest our people have taken in the education of our young people. We as a General Conference hereby express to all who have contributed to the effort that has brought these gratifying results, our hearty appreciation. It is gratifying to note that the registration of these schools, this term exceeds in number anything in the past. We urge our people everywhere to patronize and support these schools.

We are aware that there has been under advisement for the last four years the establishment of a Western College. We are also aware that a considerable sum added to the endowment of the Wesleyan Educational Society was to this end. We ask this General Conference, to take under the most serious and careful advisement this enterprise. In the consideration of this matter we wish to call attention to the following:

1. The section tributary to a Western College is separated from our Eastern school by from 800 to 2,000 miles, and still more if we include our churches on the Pacific coast.

2. This section contains a membership of from 2,000 to 3,000.

3. We believe there are splendid financial inducements awaiting our action in this matter.

4. That nearly all the endowment secured in the West on the "Besse proposition," was with the understanding that a Western school be established and if this does not materialize, a large part of this endowment and interest, will not be paid and if the school is not established, these notes and cash should, in justice, be offered back to the donors.

5. It is wise to consider whether the attendance will justify the establishment of a college. Also whether

we are financially able to establish and maintain a college in the West, and what is the best method of establishment and maintenance.

6. We recommend to your consideration the proposition made to the people of Diagonal, Iowa, and the advisability of making it an open proposition with the proper changes and modifications.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. WILSON, A. H. McKNIGHT, T. P. BAKER,
H. W. McDOWELL, S. A. MANWELL.

REPORT No. 10.

Conference Records.

Your Committee would report as follows on Conference Records.

Allegheny Conference:—Well written and arranged, and indexed in full, presenting a neat appearance.

Canada Conference:—Unindexed, and contained blots and erasures, but fairly clear in its recording.

Central Ohio Conference:—Clean, well written, and indexed throughout.

Champlain Conference:—Well written, few blots, not indexed. Minutes for 1907, missing.

Dakota Conference:—Not indexed. Incomplete, writing only fair, faulty reports.

Georgia Conference:—Only one blot, erasures few. Penmanship and general appearance good.

Illinois Conference:—Neatly kept, pages clean, few erasures; statistical report in long primer.

Indiana Conference:—Fairly written, not indexed, few blots and erasures.

Iowa Conference:—Well written, and neatly kept. The 1907 records missing, excepting Statistical Report. A note from the Secretary explains the reason satisfactorily.

Kansas Conference:—Minutes for 1907 missing, writing fair, but the general appearance faulty, owing to the printed minutes being pasted into the Journal, and only a small part written with pen and ink.

Lockport Conference:—1904 unevenly written, not indexed. 1905, 1906 well written, pages clean, but not indexed; few blots and erasures; 1907 unevenly written, no index, but few blots.

Miami Conference:—Fairly well written, and contains a few blots; not indexed, the statistical report for three years printed and pasted into Journal.

Michigan Conference:—Cleanly kept, but unindexed and with few mistakes and erasures.

Minnesota Conference:—Not reported.

New York Conference:—Not reported.

North Carolina Conference:—Well written and fairly well indexed, statistical report poorly arranged, and one statistical report being printed and pinned into the Journal.

North Georgia Conference:—Not reported.

Rochester Conference:—Clean and well written; and indexed throughout.

South Carolina Conference:—Well and clearly written; contains four small blots, is not indexed.

South Ohio Conference:—1904 and 1905 has an unkempt appearance; 1906, 1907 well kept, properly indexed, and pages clean.

Syracuse Conference:—Records neatly kept, pages clean, fully indexed; very few erasures.

Tennessee Conference:—Not reported.

West Tennessee Conference:—Not reported.

Willamette Conference:—Not reported.

Wisconsin Conference:—General appearance fair, a partial index, and few erasures.

Oklahoma Conference:—Very well written, a model for neatness, and fully indexed.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. FOLGER, E. G. DIETRICH, V. H. SIBLEY,
Committee.

REPORT No. II.

Boundaries.

We, the Committee on Boundaries submit the following report:

1. We recommend that the mission conference of Oklahoma be received as a conference to be known as the Oklahoma Conference, and to comprise the state of Oklahoma.

2. We recommend that the Miami and Central Ohio Conferences be united and be known as the Ohio Conference to include their mission in West Virginia, and all the state of Ohio not included in the Allegheny and South Ohio conferences. All other Wesleyan Methodist churches in West Virginia shall elect to which conference they shall belong.

3. We recommend that a mission conference be organized in Alabama which shall include the mission

near Blocton, to be known as the Alabama Mission Conference. And, that a Mission conference be organized in Alabama to be known as the Central Alabama Mission Colored Conference.

4. We recommend that the boundaries of the Syracuse Conference shall be as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of Jefferson county, following along the northern boundary of said county to the east line of Herkimer county, thence south along its eastern boundary to the southwest corner of Hamilton county, thence along a direct line to the eastern boundary of Madison county, thence following along the western boundary of Otsego and Delaware counties to Susquehanna county, Pa., including said county, thence following along the Susquehanna river back to state line, thence following along line forming western boundary of Tioga county and Lehigh Valley Railroad to Ithaca, thence along the eastern shore of Cayuga Lake and eastern boundary of Wayne County to Lake Ontario, following its southeastern shore to place of beginning.

5. We recommend that the Champlain Conference shall include the New England States and all that section of New York state lying north and east of the Syracuse Conference.

6. We recommend that a mission conference be formed of the states of Washington and Oregon, to be known as the Columbia River Mission Conference.

7. We recommend that our work in Africa be recognized as a Mission Conference, known as West Africa Mission Conference.

8. We recommend that the boundaries of the Iowa conference be such as will include the states of Iowa and Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. CARPENTER, Chairman; F. H. WRIGHT,
Secretary; C. E. HILL, A. J. SHEA, J.
H. LOOMIS.

REPORT No. 12.

State of the Country.

Viewed from the standpoint of comparison with what it was at the time of our last quadrennial meeting, we have good reasons for thanksgiving unto our God who "hath comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance."

The liquor traffic has within the last four years been

given the most sturdy and effective blows of any dealt out to it in many years. Principal among these is the general advance made by some of our Southern States in restrictive laws; the excellent decision of Judge Artman of Indiana, and the action of Oklahoma in adopting a constitution which sought to put to shame every older State in the Union. These with other dexterous strokes have so stirred up the liquor men that they are now doing all that money, time; and well directed effort can to overthrow every prohibitory and restrictive movement. We must follow up this well begun work or suffer a defeat greater than our present victories, and find our country more deeply engulfed in alcoholism in the next four years than it is now.

Another cause for gratitude is, that through the commendable work of the President, assisted by others, the godless, soulless, gormandizing corporations, trusts and monopolies have been brought to face, as never before in our nation's history, the existence of righteous but long disregarded law. In such good work as this every Wesleyan Methodist will keep his accustomed place in the front rank.

Among other conditions of enlarged good in our country is this: Business has never been more flourishing than now. Every laboring man in the United States can if he chooses have employment at a remunerative wage rate. There is no good reason why any child or wife should go hungry or naked as some are compelled to do in other countries. Let us thank God for these and many other good conditions now existing.

When we come to look at this subject from the standpoint of Biblical height, the scene changes. Existing evil so far overshadows the good as to cause observance of that requirement of the Word which says: "Rejoice with trembling." Not least of these is the divorce evil. In many of our states the laws are so lax as to tolerate impurity and crime to such an extent that the purity of the conjugal home life of our nation is threatened with undermining and destruction. We exhort our people everywhere to lift up their voice and pen against it. Business prosperity ought to be a foundation of great good in the religious, educational, and social world. But what do we find? Among the baser sort of men it is used to increase the number of houses of ill-fame, saloons, and gambling dens. By that part of society which considers itself the head, it is used for the gratification of pride and sensual appetite. From the bureau

of statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor for the fiscal year of 1906 we learn that the people of the United States purchased from abroad luxuries (so-called) to the estimated value of \$100,000,000. In the classification of these "luxuries" we find the following: Diamonds and other precious stones, \$40,000,000; laces, edgings, embroideries and ribbons, \$40,000,000; champagnes, \$6,000,000; tobacco, cigars and cigarettes, \$12,500,000. The appalling feature of all this is, that these so-called luxuries imported in 1906 were double the amount imported ten years before.

But passing these two grades of society it still remains to be told that many of the professed followers of the Lowly Man of Nazareth are using our present national prosperity selfishly to needlessly increase their broad acres, and to needlessly and unduly adorn their already most comfortable homes. In so far as we permit this to be done we become participants with those who are responsible for the present unrighteous state of the country. We may not fully sit in judgment upon our brethren in these matters, but at least it is true that each one must so order his deportment in these particulars as to plainly show that he loves his neighbor as himself and God supremely, or else stand self-condemned at the tribunal of righteousness.

The present prosperity of our land (its wealth, we are told, is increasing at the rate of \$10,000,000 per day) bids fair to become one of our greatest curses because of the use we as a nation are making of it. It is being used to contaminate politics, destroy virtue, despise religion, and to defy the overruling power of God. John G. Wooley voiced the principle which alone can keep a man innocent of all unrighteous complicity with unrighteous conditions in our country when he said: "There are 12,000,000 voters in the United States. I'll vote my fraction right, and every time I'll carry my share of the election as long as God is alive.....'My vote won't count,' you say! Listen! Abraham believed God, and it was counted."

We believe the state of the country to be good only so far as its citizens hate iniquity and love righteousness in the fear of God.

P. B. CAMPBELL, L. L. FOLGER, A. J. ALLEN,
CHAS. LINDQUIST, J. A. McINTOSH.

REPORT No. 13.

Prohibition.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Prohibition, submit the following report:

As representatives of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, we recognize the liquor traffic as one of the greatest, if not the greatest evil with which our government has to deal. It blights manhood and womanhood; destroys the bodies of men and damns their souls; destroys homes, debauches society; blocks the efforts of the church to save men; paralyzes industry; corrupts political parties and threatens the life of the nation. There is no good thing that this monster evil cannot wither and destroy. We congratulate Oklahoma and Georgia on the adoption of Constitutional and statutory prohibition, which indicates a rising tide of sentiment, prophetic we believe, of great good to our country.

We note also that the southern states are leading in the fight against this legalized traffic. Seventeen millions out of twenty-seven millions in the Southern states are under prohibition by local option laws. Even Kentucky, the home of Bourbon whiskey, has forty-nine counties under prohibition, and one of the fiercest political fights the state has ever known is now being waged on the temperance question as the main issue in the campaign. We hail with delight the legal decision recently given in the state of Indiana by Judges Artman and Christian which declare the legalized saloon unconstitutional, and, that by the fundamental law of our national constitution, no man has an inherent or constitutional right to engage in the accursed business.

We also note with pleasure that the great commercial and industrial interests are pitted against the traffic. The railroads; the great insurance companies; our public schools and great institutions of learning as well as the Church of Jesus Christ are all to be counted against the saloon. We hope and pray that these combined forces may crystalize into votes which will put a party in power that will enforce our constitutional right to banish the saloon from every foot of soil under the American flag. To this end we as a church are unalterably committed.

S. A. MANWELL, A. WORTH, W. T. LOOMIS,
C. P. RANK, Committee.

REPORT No. 14.

The State of the Church.

No proper representation of the condition of an institution can be had without taking into account the purpose for which that institution exists, for a proper representation must consider the question as to whether the institution is in a condition in which there is good hope that it will accomplish the purpose for which it was brought into existence. The Wesleyan Methodist Church, as one of the members of the great Church of our Lord, came into existence that it might be used of the Lord in freeing men from bondage and sin and in raising them up to the holiness of the Lord. It was needed because other churches, professing to do this work, were compromising with sin and defending the bondage of one part of our race to another part. It took great courage and fortitude to stand with the few against the masses of men and defend a down trodden people. But though victory has been reached on one point involved in the origin of our existence as a Church, sin and bondage are not banished and holiness it not yet attained, and the nominal church compromises with the world as surely and as extensively as ever. Never was there a day when greater courage, greater consecration to the divine will, greater assistance of divine grace were needed than at the present; never was there a day when there was greater need of power to resist worldly conformity so strongly entrenched as it is in the nominal church, never greater need of wisdom and divine direction in discerning the elements of fanaticism in the hundreds of counterfeit forms of holiness by which the enemy of all righteousness seeks to lead astray those who cannot be ruined by conformity to popular things.

The important questions in considering the present condition of the Church are, Have we courage, strength of character, fortitude, power of will to stand against all that is evil in the world and against all the tendency of the church to compromise with the world, to be puffed up with spiritual pride, or to depart from the truth into wild fanaticism? Have we wisdom to understand the truth of God so as to present it with such clearness and definiteness as to make it attractive, have we divine grace to accompany our efforts with such power as to captivate the hearts of men and make of them courageous, wise soldiers of the cross?

Wesleyan Methodists the country over have courage

to heartily champion the great reform movements of our time, unpopular though they are. Our ministry almost to a man, and the great body of the laity, stand to courageously defend and assist the only modern political party which presents to the people a great moral issue, the prohibition of the drink traffic. In every place that we have ever known where there is a Wesleyan Methodist church it is an important factor in the crusade against the curse of drink. We believe that in this we have the courage which makes for success.

Possibly a more unpopular reform than this is the crusade against organized secrecy. The secret place is the cover of sin of every nature, and he who would lift the covering cannot expect to stand in great favor with those whose evil deeds and ill-gotten gain are thus exposed. Yet on this great question Wesleyan Methodists have an increasing conviction that the underlying principle of the secret order is wrong, and the courage that goes with this conviction is so strong that one may travel the Connection over and scarcely hear a dissenting voice from the present policy of the Church on this subject. Moreover if such a word should be spoken here or there it is sure to be found that that sentiment has been an element of weakness in the past and that the work there has suffered for the lack of courage to stand true to the principles of the Church. At the same time it will be noticed that the greatest revivals have come to the churches where pastor and people have kindly but firmly kept from compromise with any sin and insisted on separation from all worldly conformity.

There is evidently a growing disposition throughout our borders to be free from all unscriptural methods of raising the finances of the church and from the use of ungodly methods in the development of the social life among us. Exceptions may be found to the rule, but as a general rule, and this righteous condition is increasing among us, our people support the Lord's cause by free-will offerings, not needing to be tempted thereto by food for the stomach or intoxication for the mind, and to this end the paying of the tithe is becoming more and more general. Great increase will come for the future by the general adoption of this scriptural method of caring for the finances of the church. In most communities where Wesleyan Methodists are found there is a class of people who care not for worldly conformity in dress. Less attention is given now than formerly to making the matter of dress a question of

legal conformity to rules, but we believe that more stress is placed on the clothing of the inner being with the "meek and quiet spirit" and thus regulating the appearance of the outer person.

We know of no time when there was a greater desire than at present on the part of the great body of the Church to possess holiness of character and to lead others into that condition and experience, and surely this is the great final purpose for which the Church exists. Within the last few years the doctrine of salvation from all sin has been more intelligently and more kindly taught among us than ever before, and the Spirit having awakened many hearts to see its benefits, they have entered in. Opposition to the blessed doctrine of perfection in love in this life and sanctification from all sin is waning and many who once opposed or doubted are bowing at our altars to seek the blessed experience. Here rests the hope of the Church. May we so hate sin and love righteousness that the Holy Spirit may abide within us in mighty power, and may we be able in his strength to push forward the great reforms that the Lord has committed to our hands.

The need of well-trained minds for the great work that the Lord has committed to us has not been forgotten, and the last four years has been a period of great activity in the development of our school interests. Our people have generously come forward with their means to supply the needs in this matter, and we have two centers of learning, one in the East and one in the South, where good work is being done for the Lord and the Church. The Indiana conference has established a school for the training of its ministry which is now and will continue to be a valuable element in the mental training of the young of the Church. The maintenance of these schools as centers of intellectual and spiritual light will mean much for the future of the Church. The need, and demand, for a school in the West is strong. Through its influence we might well look for a large increase of our work in all its homes in that part of our territory. May means be found to carry that project to a successful end.

The Lord has looked with special favor on our missionary work for the last four years. Our foreign work has grown on our hands beyond our ability to properly care for it, and we need, more than anything else, lives consecrated to this branch of the Lord's work. The gospel has spread more rapidly in the new fields

in the South and in Canada than in any other part of our territory, and in planning for the future we may well plan to push with all zeal the missionary interests of the Church.

The last innovation in the religious circles of the country is that popularly known as the "Gift of Tongues." In some places, we are glad to say that they are limited in number, this movement has brought an element of discord among us. We cannot accept these teachings as of divine origin because it is taught that the possession of this gift is the infallible and necessary evidence of the possession of the Holy Spirit. The apostles always taught that this was one of the lesser gifts of the Spirit and never made its possession a test in evidence of the possession of the gift of the Spirit himself. Moreover the apostle, in I. Corinthians 12th chapter, urges the error of striving to magnify one member of the body, making it equal the whole body and mentions this as one of the things that must not be thus magnified, and definitely informs us that in his day all did not have this power by asking, "Do all speak with tongues?" implying a negative answer. And he at once presents, in the 13th chapter, one of the fruits of the Spirit as far greater evidence of our being spirit-filled than any of the gifts mentioned.

We believe that every gift of the Spirit is bestowed because of some necessity for the advancement of the Lord's work. A man speaking to people of other nationality than his own, as the apostles often were, could well use this gift, but Paul often discouraged the use of the gift where this condition did not exist. It is making the Lord a God of foolishness to teach that, in a congregation where all understand the English language, he leads his people to make babbling noises which none, not even the speaker, can understand. We must discourage our people from accepting this error as truth for it is contrary both to sound reason and the teaching of God's Word.

The present condition of the Church is one of unity to an extent not before known among us. Our people are more fully one in doctrine along all the essential lines of belief than has before been the case. Never were we so free from all personal factions which arise from self-seeking individuals, and for this freedom from both sectional and personal differences we may well render our hearty thanks to our Heavenly Father. And

to this unity of belief needs to be added every where a unity of strong and earnest effort to spread abroad all the wonderful truths which our Lord has written on our hearts. We should be known as a people who are "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance." Prayer and perseverance, unity of the human and the divine, will without fail enable us to fulfil our divinely appointed mission, to accomplish the great work for the performance of which we are called to become separate from other branches of the Christian Church, and to press on, few in number, deprived of the assistance of the many, to fulfil our divinely appointed mission.

J. H. BOWEN, A. T. JENNINGS, E. TETER, Committee.

REPORT No. 15.

Resolution on Thanks.

We, the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, and visiting friends, do hereby express our heart-felt appreciation of the kindly manner in which we have been received and royally entertained, by the people of Fairmount and the country near by.

(1) To the Rev. W. L. Thompson, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church, for his untiring effort to make us feel at home.

(2) To the people of the Friends, Methodist, and Congregational churches for the use of their churches for missionary and committee meetings.

(3) And to all the churches of the town for invitations to preach in their churches.

H. D. CHENEY, F. E. LAWRENCE.

REPORT No. 16.

Sabbath-Schools.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to submit the following report:

Inasmuch as we believe the Bible to be the voice of God, and that it contains all that is necessary to be known in reference to God's will and the salvation of men, and living as we are in this wide awake and ag-

gressive twentieth century, it behooves us, as men and women of intelligence, to be fully awake to opportunity and privilege in Sunday-school work. Realizing that fact, in order to be devout and intelligent Christian workers, we must have the Word of God hid away in our hearts; and recognizing the Sunday-school as one of the best means for reaching this end, especially among the youth, whose minds are in a formative condition, and susceptible to early impressions, we most earnestly urge upon our churches and people, the organization and maintenance of Sunday-schools wherever opportunity offers.

Therefore: We believe that a properly organized school should embrace the following points:

1. None but persons of good Christian experience should be secured as superintendents or teachers.
2. Children should be properly graded as to age and ability.
3. So far as possible there should be separate rooms provided for the primary and junior grades.
4. While earth and hell are determined to capture and hold the men, we believe that Christian men can, and must, go out after the men, and under the leadings of the Holy Spirit secure and bring them into the school where they will be brought in touch with the saving truths of the gospel.

To this end we recommend the formation of what is known as The Men's Adult Class.

We further recommend the following departments with a suitable superintendent for each:

- (a) A Cradle Roll; (b) A Teacher's Training Class; (c) A Temperance Department; (d) An Evangelistic Department; and (e) A Home Department.

We urge the use of our own literature as we believe it to be the best for use in our schools, and free from the taint of so-called Higher Criticism, and other erroneous doctrines.

But we would suggest as an improvement, the enlargement of our quarterlies, for the Senior and Intermediate grades, and a separate quarterly for the Primary and Junior grades.

While we recognize the Sunday-school helps as being of great value in the preparation of the lesson, we recommend the use of Bibles in class work, that children may become familiar with the Book, and learn to recognize it, as the center of power in the salvation of men.

We recommend wherever possible a blackboard exercise, from time to time, by way of illustration, thus reaching the mind through the eye, and impressing the lesson more forcibly upon the minds of all present.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. NORTHAM, L. A. GRANT, R. W. MACK,
CLAYTON SEARS, J. L. CLARK.

REPORT No. 17.

On Course of Study.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

First Year:—Take out Volume I. of Wesley's Sermons, and put it into the Course of reading, and require the candidate to read the first twenty-five sermons. Put in "Theology of Holiness," by Dr. Dougan Clark.

Second Year:—Take out Blackburn's History, and Wesley's Sermons, Volume II., and put in Fisher's Church History, and "Philosophy of Christian Experience," by Foster. Wesley's Sermons, Volume II. to go in Course of Reading, and require twenty-five sermons to be read.

Third Year:—Take out Haven's Mental Philosophy, and Blackburn's Church History, and put in Elements of Intellectual Science, Porter, and Fisher's Church History.

A. T. JENNINGS, F. S. LEE, H. W. McDOWELL.

REPORT No. 18.

Statistics.

(The following recommendation was submitted by the Committee on Statistics and adopted.)

We beg leave to recommend that the Secretaries of the various Annual Conferences be required to furnish a summary of their statistics, to be presented with their several Journals at the beginning of each succeeding General Conference. Said summary to be entered upon each respective Journal in proper form.

Respectfully submitted,

FLEMING PERRINE, Chairman; ARTHUR W.
SMITH, Secretary; W. L. NORTON, W.
N. LEE, GRANT MANN.

(For Statistical Table see end of book.)

REPORT No. 19.

Societies of the World.

Your committee reports as follows:

1. We recognize the fact that organization per se is not wrong, but all righteous organization is of divine authority and when based on the principles of justice and equity may be effective in promoting the highest interests of community. On a true basis organizations of labor and capital become true yokefellows harnessed to the car of human progress going forward harmoniously.

2. There are societies of the world open in character that are strictly secular and devoid of all religious features that may be useful, such as societies for literary, educational, and scientific advancement or agricultural improvement.

The relation of our church members to these is largely a matter of individual taste and interest, unless these societies get on the border line of doubtful and wrong practices. Then we are to stand aloof from them.

3. There are societies of the world open in character for social purposes and amusement that have card features, wine glasses and punch bowls. Our relation to these from the Bible standpoint is that of entire separation.

4. There may be organizations of the world open in character for business purposes legitimate in themselves that are used for increasing wealth unduly, by watering stock, by cornering the markets for the necessities of life, compelling employes to labor on the Sabbath and for wages that do not justly remunerate for the work rendered. We most earnestly condemn these abuses.

We insist that capital and employers of labor have just, equitable and legal rights in the enjoyment of which they should be secured from meddlesome and illegal interference on the part of labor unions. We sympathize with honorable and Christian men whose business has been blacklisted and boycotted and in some instances destroyed because for conscience sake they could not yield to the unjust demands of some walking delegate.

5. There are societies of the world along labor lines, that are largely open, that require a condition of membership that deprives the individual of his freedom of action and involves an unscriptural pledged fellowship and subserviency to ungodly men and in some cases whose time of meeting for business is on the Sabbath day, and that make a breach in Christian fellowship

not allowing the church member who belongs to the union to labor with the Christian brother who is not a member of the union and seek in all ways to prevent him from getting work. We cannot approve of membership in these societies as thus constituted and advise all our members to keep aloof from them for Jesus' sake. We believe the gospel of Christ and the influence of the Holy Spirit alone will effectually cure the ills that afflict the world of labor and capital.

"Love worketh no ill to his neighbor." Love is kind and "seeketh not her own." We are "to look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

We also express our sympathy with all classes of workingmen who may be the victims of any injustice on the part of employers of labor. We concede to them the right to organize in an open way on the basis of God's Word and the Declaration of Independence to secure in a legal way or by arbitration and without violence a redress of their wrongs. We also sympathize with those noble Christian men who for conscience sake and loyalty to Jesus Christ could not join or continue in a union and on which account they have been ostracized, branded as a scab and unworthy of respect and hindered from getting employment.

There may be societies open and political in character whose aim and object is so in keeping with the gospel and the teaching of the pulpit with which we as Wesleyan Methodists may affiliate and it may even be our duty to do so.

When a political organization becomes merely a machine to advance the ambitious purposes of ungodly men and becomes a bulwark of defense for trusts and giant evils like the liquor traffic, it is the solemn duty of Wesleyan Methodists not to be partakers of their sins at the ballot box.

Our relation to societies secret in character is clearly defined by a provision of Discipline that excludes members of all secret societies and which cannot be changed except by an amendment submitted to the annual conferences and local churches. We believe this relation to these societies to be right and thoroughly Scriptural and should be adhered to. The forces are gathering in this nation led on by a spirit of oppression on the one side, and the spirit of anarchy and intolerance on the other that will redden the land with blood and fill it with confusion and destruction. When the issue comes let

the Wesleyan Methodist Church be found on the side of God and right and truth though it may not swell with numbers or abound in popularity. We recommend that the Connectional Agent have published a tract that will set forth in as clear and concise a manner as possible the Scriptural grounds for our position on secret societies.

Adopted from General Conference of 1903.

REPORT No. 20.

Fraternal Address Delivered by Rev. J. S. McGeary of the Free Methodist Church, Friday, Oct. 18, 1907.

Brethren of the Wesleyan Connection of America, I am glad of the privilege accorded me to-day to bring to you cordial greetings from the Free Methodist Church of North America.

My being among you to-day as a fraternal delegate bringing to you the greeting of our people is to me a complete surprise. Our General Conference held in June last elected our worthy Bishop Burton R. Jones to bear to you our salutation by the way and his genial confrere Walter A. Sellew as alternate. The press of other duties rendered it impracticable for either of these to attend your session, and, Bishops Jones and Sellew respectively having resigned because of this, I was, on last Monday, while busily engaged in the work of our annual board meetings, chosen by the Executive Committee to come instead. While appreciating the honor and privilege thus accorded me I would have much preferred that one of these more worthy representatives of our denomination should have stood before you to-day.

I bring you greetings in the name of 33,000 of the best people I know. For thirty-five years they have been "my people." I have "summered and wintered" with them during that period of time; I have seen them under every condition in life; in sorrow and in joy; in times of depression and in times of exaltation; in times of prosperity and in times of adversity; and I am prepared to say there are no better people in the world.

Do not misunderstand me. Not all our people are in every respect what we wish they were; we have doubtless made many blunders in our efforts to advance the work of God; no doubt we have sometimes "missed the law of kindness when we" have "struggled to, be-

"just;" some of our people have at times possibly mistaken an ultra radicalism for the Spirit and testimony of Jesus; in our administration there may have been some errors (for we are but men); but our people as a whole are loyal, faithful, true and are a unit in standing for and standing by the doctrine and experience of entire sanctification. On the subjects of vital piety and a Spirit baptized holiness, our pulpits, our press and our personal testimony give no uncertain sound. In the name of these people of pronounced convictions and high moral and spiritual ideals and aspirations I bring you greeting to-day.

I greet you in the name of men and women from thirty states of this great Union and from the Dominion of Canada. I greet you in the name of the brown men and women of India, in the name of the black men and women of Africa, in the name of the yellow men and women of Japan and China. From all of these, marshaled under the banner of "Holiness unto the Lord" which God has enabled us to hold up during these forty years or more, I bring you most hearty greeting to-day. I greet you as a fellow worker in the harvest field in the name of Him whose we are and whom we serve, at whose command we go forth to preach a full salvation to a lost world.

It might be truthfully said that we as a people had denominational existence thrust upon us. Our fathers and founders having been thrust out of their former church home where they had been very comfortably and satisfactorily domiciled, and, having had, so to speak, their baggage thrown after them saw no other alternative before them but to build a new house and set up housekeeping for themselves. This they did modeling the new house, as was natural, somewhat after the style of the old one which they loved so dearly and from which they had been so unceremoniously thrust out. The issue has proven that they were not mistaken in their convictions and that they did not build in vain.

The rise of our respective denominations was due to similar causes, i. e., an effort in each instance to advance a great reform. The rise of Wesleyan Methodism was in connection with the great anti-slavery reform. Right nobly did your founders strive to arouse the church to a sense of her duty and responsibility in relation to that great issue. All honor to them for the noble stand they took and maintained in the face of persecution and ecclesiastical oppression. The origin of

the Free Methodist Church is inseparably connected with the modern holiness revival. Our founders were the first to feel the iron hand of ecclesiastical oppression in latter years because of contending for the doctrine of a present salvation free and full and for all. The Free Methodist Church was the first organization in the field, the corner stone of whose ecclesiastical structure was the Wesleyan, and, as we believe, Scriptural doctrine of entire sanctification as an instantaneous work of grace wrought subsequently to conversion and received by faith. Heroically did our fathers contend for this doctrine and experience. For their fidelity to this they suffered the loss of all things, and we of the present generation of Free Methodists, their sons in the gospel, are endeavoring to preserve inviolate the heritage which they left us. Our mutual agreement regarding this great cardinal and distinctive doctrine of Methodism is a source of gratification to us as a people, and I believe it is to your people as well, and it also brings us into close fraternal relations and should serve to make those relations closer still. Born in the midst of the throes of moral conflict it is not strange that there should be among us in both organizations those who "love the fight," but all our fighting strength should be conserved to hurl against the common foe.

In the work in which we as a denomination are engaged God has been pleased to give us a goodly measure of success. We now have organized churches and conferences in about thirty of the states of the Union, our work has crossed the border line into Canada and is reaching out to the lands beyond the sea. We have missions in India, Africa, China, Japan and the West Indies. We have a conference organized in South Africa and our General Missionary Board at its late session took action looking toward the establishing of our work among the English-speaking people in South Africa.

Our growth in the homeland is steady and healthy. During the quadrennium preceding our late General Conference our increase of membership was about five per cent., and during the last year we have maintained about the same ratio. When it is considered as one expressed it that the issues we present,—like the flaming sword at the gate of Paradise—turn every way to keep the gate of the Church, this gain while not furnishing ground for self-gratulation is yet sufficient for encouragement. The following brief summary shows our denominational status:

Members, 33,000; Sabbath-school scholars, 50,000; Raised for Sabbath-schools last quadrennium, \$100,000; Value of churches, \$1,500,000; Value of parsonages, \$700,000.

We have one college doing full college work and seven seminaries valued at \$500,000.

We have enrolled in these schools 1,400 students.

Our Publishing House interests are valued at \$90,000.

The circulation of "The Free Methodist," our denominational organ, is about 7,000.

Our foreign missionary work is very encouraging. In South Africa it is increasing beyond our capacity to care for it. In India the work moves more slowly. In China souls are beginning to come to God and in Japan souls are being added to the church (and I believe to the Lord) daily.

During the quadrennium closing last June there was raised by our people for foreign missions, By the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$110,000; From other sources, \$30,000; Total, \$140,000. During the last year alone, \$55,000.

We have over fifty missionaries on the field and about twenty more ready to go and on the way. But above and beyond all this God is pleased to graciously manifest his presence among us. In a ministry of thirty-one years I have never seen more signal displays of God's presence and power than I have seen within the last four years in connection with the work on the district of which I have had charge.

Upon all questions of moral reform we still maintain our attitude. Our testimony against all oath bound secret associations still rings clear and true. In no denunciatory manner, but with unalterable conviction of its un-Christian and un-American character we still kindly but firmly declare ourselves unqualifiedly opposed to the whole secret empire, and have no members in the Church who are yoked up in fellowship with it.

We unhesitatingly adopt the motto of Clinton N. Howard, "The Little Giant" of Prohibition, "In the name of Jesus Christ the King the liquor traffic must die." To describe the horrors attendant upon this traffic one must have the tongue of a seraph or a pen of fire and then the half could not be told. To license a business which breeds crime and criminals, manufactures paupers and debauches the morals of the masses is an unspeakable crime against Christianity and civilization. We can

see but one remedy—absolute prohibition, state and national. Hence to meet a Free Methodist is to meet one who is not only a theoretical but a practical and voting Prohibitionist as well.

There has been some informal talk for some years past about a courtship and a possible marriage between the bodies which we represent here to-day. I might possibly be allowed here to suggest some things which would apparently make such a union proper. The two seem to be quite like-minded in all essential matters which is very important in entering into such a relation; they are about the same age, this also from our (my) point of view is a matter of some importance. I always tell my wife that had I not learned by surreptitiously consulting the family record that she was two years younger than I, I never should have asked her for her hand in marriage. Each is of sufficient age and experience to know its own mind and decide intelligently concerning the matter.

Your worthy representative to our late General Conference invited us to enter "seriously" upon the business of "courting" and intimated that when the time come we ought to "pop the question." I was always a little slow and somewhat bashful. I hesitated a good while before proposing the momentuous question to the queenly young woman who won my heart. Many times I had palpitation of the heart and the words trembled on my lips. At last I mustered up courage however and have never regretted it. It looks a little as though neither of us was as yet quite ready to "pop the question." Some things dear to each and which each must surrender in order to the prospective union must be considered and it would be well that these should all be thoroughly settled first.

Seriously brethren I think it is time that the various holiness organizations were brought into a closer unity. Although strictly organic union may not yet be possible and might not in all cases be desirable there should be such a unity that no two associations of holiness people should ever appear before the world as rivals or antagonists. Personally I am ready to adopt the sentiment of your fraternal delegate to our late General Conference and say, "I would not enter a community to organize a Free Methodist church where a Wesleyan Methodist church was already in existence." If we may not as yet have an organic union of these two bodies of Methodism may we not have at least such a federated

union as shall set us squarely before the world as harmoniously and unitedly working together for the spread of scriptural holiness over these lands.

Believing not only in the desirability but in the possibility of such a union between us our late General Conference held last June authorized the Executive Committee to designate a committee to confer with the committee spoken of by your fraternal delegate to our General Conference last June, to be appointed by your Book Committee. In harmony with this action of our General Conference the Executive Committee at its session in Chicago last week elected our four Bishops, Rev. Edward P. Hart, Rev. Burton R. Jones, Rev. Walter A. Sellew, Rev. Wilson T. Hogue, and Rev. T. B. Arnold as such committee, and I have the pleasure of now handing to your President a certified copy of the records of the Executive Committee relating to this matter.

In behalf of the people whom I represent I bring you words of hearty congratulation to-day not only because of your historical record, but because of the record you are making in the religious world to-day. It is a great thing to be able to point to the founders of our denominations as men of strong character and sterling integrity, but what will it profit the world if we their sons and successors become moral weaklings and time servers in our age? The toils, the sacrifices, the devotion of those who labored in the past to give to us our religious heritage should not be forgotten, but we cannot do the work God wants us to do by simply building monuments to them and eulogizing them and their deeds. God wants men of like strength and vigor of moral manhood to-day. You are to be congratulated upon having among you men of conviction and courage who are leading the way in the van of the conflict for vital religion and moral reform. May God greatly increase their number throughout your borders and throughout ours as well.

We rejoice with you brethren in all the success and prosperity that God has given you in the salvation of men and in the enlargement of the various departments of your work. The one supreme object for which we both labor is the salvation of sinners, the sanctification of believers and the building up of the church in holiness. Organization and association are necessary in order to successful work, but we should ever remember that these are not an end but simply a means to the accomplishing of the great end, viz., the hastening of the

time when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our God and his Christ. In every effort which you may make in harmony with the Word of God to bring this about I can assure you of the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the people in whose name I speak to you to-day.

Some very pleasant associations of my life are connected with the Wesleyan Methodist Church. For some time I sat under the ministry of one of your preachers and worshiped with your people. My soul was fed many times as I listened to his presentation of the truth and I had sweet fellowship with your people. Indeed had one not known he would have been unable to tell Wesleyans from Free Methodists as we sat "together in the heavenlies." That was in the days of my early manhood before entering upon my life work in the ministry, but my heart is still open to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

I am glad for these fraternal relations which have been entered upon by the representative bodies of our respective denominations. I trust we all may be drawn into more intimate union with him who prayed that all his people might be one as he and the Father are one. This is the true basis of unity. In union with him and thus only shall we be able to have that "unity of the spirit in the bond of peace" without which all mere federated or organic union is but an empty form.

And now, brethren, lest I weary you I must say farewell. I have in these later years longed with an intense longing to see a closer union between the various bodies which represent the holiness movement. We each need the help, the added strength, that the other can give. In some matters of polity and methods we shall never all see alike. Mutual concessions must be made. Personally I am ready for this. I believe most heartily that "that which is best administered is best." God grant that in the spirit of perfect love and mutual concession in things personal and non-essential we may seek to get closer together in order to more effectually drive the battle on.

Again for myself and for my people I bid you God speed and devoutly pray that we all may be able not only to preach but in our lives to exemplify the gospel of full salvation and may we all so labor that in the great final harvest time we shall come with rejoicing bringing our sheaves with us, and join in the glad acclamations of that day when "names and sects and parties shall fall and Jesus Christ shall be all in all."

ADDENDA.

We believe that all who were present during the seventeenth quadrennial session of our General Conference will concur with the testimony that it was an occasion of great victory, and full of promise for the Connection's future history. It was evident that the conference was composed of men of strong convictions and great seriousness. Not always did the brethren see alike as to the course that should be pursued, or the attitude that should be taken. But in such instances business was delayed long enough for light to come in, and when the final conclusion was reached all were satisfied, and believed the very best thing was done. The evidences of the presence of the Lord with us was most gratifying. Gales of heavenly glory would at times fill the room, and songs of praise and shouts of joy would occupy a part of the time of the business meeting.

Devotional services were held each evening, and were well attended, though many were not permitted to go, whose duties called them to committee meetings. The unction of the Holy Spirit was upon those who preached, and a good degree of victory prevailed in all the meetings. S. A. Mow, of Indiana, conducted the Sabbath morning love-feast. This was a most precious service, and was followed by a deeply spiritual sermon by P. B. Campbell of the Allegheny conference. All the other pulpits of the town were occupied by our ministers, at the same hour, and also in the evening. A few souls sought God, and many were helped to a larger faith, and a clearer conception of God and his will.

J. J. COLEMAN, Secretary.

SUPPLEMENT.

Summary of the First Quadrennial Session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.

First Day. Morning Meeting.

The General Conference Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society convened for its first quadrennial session in the Congregational church, of Fairmount, Indiana, October 17, 1907, at 10 o'clock. Meeting was called to order by the president Mrs. Mary P. Manwell who also conducted devotional services, after which the conference was declared open for the transaction of business.

Miss Imo Jones and Mrs. Anna Folger were appointed Committee on Credentials. The following persons presented credentials and their names were enrolled.

Allegheny conference, Miss Emma Oates.

Champlain conference, Mrs. E. D. Carpenter.

Central Ohio, Mrs. F. A. McMillan, Mrs. Anna Folger.

Indiana, Mrs. Libbie Teter, Mrs. W. L. Northam, Iowa, Mrs. L. A. Bishop, Mrs. Clara Wilson.

Kansas, Miss Imo Jones, Mrs. Jennie Taliaferro.

Lockport, Mrs. Jennie Ayers, Mrs. C. H. Dow.

Michigan, Mrs. Alice Badder, Mrs. Martha R. Cheney.

Rochester, Miss Alice Bowen, Mrs. Philinda Bowen.

South Dakota, Mrs. Anna McGovern.

Wisconsin, Mrs. Lizzie Ayers.

The society petitioned the General Conference to strike out of the Discipline the present constitution and allow the society to formulate a new constitution better adapted to the work.

The following committee was elected to formulate a new constitution: Mrs. M. P. Manwell, Mrs. M. L. Clarke, Mrs. F. A. McMillan, Mrs. Philinda Bowen, and Miss Imo Jones.

Adjourned by motion. Benediction by Mrs. Jennie Ayers.

First Day. Evening Meeting.

Religious services conducted by Mrs. L. A. Bishop of Iowa.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

Courtesies:—Mrs. W. L. Northam, Mrs. Libbie Teter.

Statistics:—Miss Alice Bowen, Mrs. Anna Folger.

Resolutions:—Mrs. C. H. Dow, Mrs. Alice Badder, Miss Imo Jones.

Plans of Work:—Mrs. Jennie Ayers, Mrs. M. R. Cheney, Mrs. Jennie Taliaferro.

The various annual conference societies reported through their delegates and the reports were very encouraging.

Benediction by Rev. George Clarke.

Second Day. Afternoon Meeting.

Devotional services conducted by Mrs. F. A. McMullan of Central Ohio conference.

The secretary was instructed to draw an order on the treasurer for the amount necessary to defray the traveling expenses of the officers.

A personal letter to Rev. S. A. Manwell from Backus Manwell—interpreter for Vanus Smith—was read.

Benediction by Mrs. Jennie Ayers.

Third Day. Evening Meeting.

Devotional services led by Mrs. Grace Sibley of North Michigan conference.

The vice-president was called to the chair and the president made her official report, which was ordered published in the Wesleyan Methodist.

The treasurer's report was read, showing cash on hand \$620.41, the larger part of which is for the medical missionary fund.

Reports from Mrs. Mina Danner Shannon and Mrs. Anna B. Smith, former organizers, were read, and the present organizer, Mrs. M. L. Clarke, was present and gave her report, showing that excellent work has been done by these faithful workers.

Benediction by Rev. Geo. Clarke.

Fourth Day. Morning Meeting.

Prayer by Mrs. Jennie Ayers.

The Committee on Constitution presented the new constitution which was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Crawford of the Congregational church was introduced.

Five of our returned missionaries namely: Rev. Geo. Clarke, Mrs. M. L. Clarke, Miss Emma Oates, Miss Imo Jones and Mrs. Lizzie Ayers were introduced; each one

spoke of their devotion to the missionary work, and their desire to return to the field. Adjourned by vote.

Fourth Day. Afternoon Meeting.

Devotional services conducted by Mrs. Philinda Bowen of the Rochester conference.

Mrs. Jennie Taliaferro was appointed reporter for the Wesleyan Methodist.

The secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy and appreciation to Mrs. Mina Danner Shannon, our first organizer, and one of appreciation to Mrs. Ida Hall, our retiring treasurer.

The order of the day was called and the conference proceeded to the election of conference officers. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Mary P. Manwell; Vice-President, Mrs. Jennie Ayers; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. A. McMillan; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Anna McGovern; Treasurer, Mrs. Clara Wilson; Organizer and Superintendent of Y. M. W. B., Mrs. Mary L. Clarke.

Prayer by Mrs. Martha R. Cheney.

Fifth Day. Morning Meeting.

Religious services conducted by Mrs. Jennie Ayers of Lockport conference.

Report of Committee on Statistics read and adopted. (See Report.)

Dr. Jacob Teter of the Physio-Medical College was introduced.

Committee on Resolutions offered the following which was adopted:

Resolved, that the hearty thanks of this society is hereby tendered to Rev. W. L. Thompson, pastor, and the members and friends of the Wesleyan Methodist church of Fairmount and vicinity for their royal entertainment.

Also to Rev. Mr. Crawford, pastor, and the members of the Congregational church of Fairmount for their kind greetings and the use of their church buildings.

Resolved, that the sympathy of this body is hereby extended to Mrs. Anna Boardman Smith and Miss May Lord, missionaries now in Africa, in the loss of their parents.

Also, to the friends of Miss Cora Cutshall, Miss Marie Stephens, and John Ayers in the death of these faithful workers.

The society ordered that a copy of these resolutions be sent to each of the bereaved families, and that Mrs. Clara Wilson write letters of sympathy to Mrs. Anna B. Smith and Miss May Lord.

Committee on Plans of Work recommended that a part of Thursday afternoon of each week be observed as the hour of prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the missionary societies; also that we press the arrangement for the training of a medical missionary and that we pray the Lord of the harvest to send the proper person.

The society appropriated \$25 toward the expense of purchasing a new boiler for the Publishing House.

A missionary rally was held Monday evening in the Friends' church. Mrs. Manwell presided and six of our returned missionaries assisted in the service.

Conference adjourned sine die.

Benediction by Mrs. L. A. Bishop.

MRS. MARY P. MANWELL, President; MRS.
ANNA McGOVERN, Secretary.

STATISTICS OF THE SOCIETY.

Annual Conference.	Society Presidents.	Date of organization	No. of members	Increase during 4 y's	No. of Local Societies	Increase during 4 y's	No. of members	Increase during 4 y's	Amount raised by	Amount raised by	Amount disbursed by	Number of Y. M. W.	No. of members.
			Conf. Society.		Local Societies.		Local Societies.		Conf. Society.	Local Societies.	Conf. Society.	Bands	
Michigan.....	Mrs. M. R. Cheney	1890	69	21	27	6	463	52	\$1600.09	\$3762.69	\$1328.02	5	110
Indiana.....	Mrs. Anvie Northam	1890	11	6	235	122	.....	2341.70	1652.96	14	219	
Lockport.....	Mrs. Jennie Ayers	1890	42	30	18	1	327	188	597.71	616.75	566.07	12	369
Central Ohio.....	Mrs. F. A. McMillan	1904	19	7	149	.....	197.27	152.00	192.00	8	214	
Iowa.....	Mrs. L. A. Bishop	1904	45	32	7	2	140	55	62.50	280.87	326.37	2	17
Rochester.....	Miss Alice E. Bowen	1905	42	42	7	5	115	76	192.42	640.17	162.42	6	217
Kansas.....	Mrs. H. J. Taliaferro	1895	103	20	12	4	125	50	400.00	133.95	581.00	12	221
Allegheny.....	Mrs. Junia Hubbard	1906	29	29	14	8	.....	20.00	657.08	25.00	12	324
Wisconsin.....	Mrs. George Wickersham	1906	6	6	2	2	23	32.85	30.33	32.85	1	23
North Carolina.....	Miss Beatrice Dalton	1907	13	13	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	188
South Carolina.....	Miss Ina Gaines	1907	16	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	247
Champlain.....	Mrs. E. E. Curtis	1906	3	3	.....	.....	232.00	.....	.....	.....	3	74
Syracuse.....	Mrs. A. A. Rathbun	1907	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	50
South Dakota.....	Mrs. J. F. Jenkins	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	13
Canada.....	Miss Minnie Summers	1907	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	31
North Michigan.....	Mrs. Jennie Thompson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	375
Oklahoma.....	1	19	

Miss Alice Bowen, Mrs. Anna Folger, Committee.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

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*The Agent's report, dated June 1, 1907, shows a total of 5,840 Wesleyan subscriptions.

FLEMING PERRINE, Chairman; ARTHUR W. SMITH, Secretary; C. B. SMITH, W. L. NORTON, W. N. LEE, GRANT MANN, Committee.