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**OF THE**

**SIXTY - THIRD ANNUAL SESSION**

**OF THE**

**DAKOTA CONFERENCE**

**OF THE**

**Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church)**

**of America**

**HELD AT**

**ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA**

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## THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

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President .....	J. F. Simpson
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### STANDING COMMITTEES

- Camp Meeting Board—J. F. Simpson, Pastor of Aberdeen Church, L. D. Harris, David Robertson, President of W. H. & F. M. S., President of W. Y. P. S., Treasurer of Camp Meeting Board.
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- Advisory Board—W. J. Leyh, H. B. Engel.
- Committee on Itineracy and Orders — A. M. Wiley, term expires in 1948; W. D. Shelor, term expires in 1945; Gordon Goodsell, term expires in 1946; S. J. McIntyre, term expires in 1947.
- Board on Church and Parsonage Building and Location—J. F. Simpson, William Ward, H. B. Engel, Pastor of Aberdeen Church, Dan Palmer.

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CONFERENCE ROLL

ELDERS

Thomas Bailie .....	Forsyth, Montana
Mrs. Thomas Bailie .....	Forsyth, Montana
W. C. Brannon .....	306 So. 32nd St., Billings, Montana
Mrs. W. C. Brannon .....	306 So. 32nd St., Billings, Montana
Charles Carter .....	Sierra Leone, West Africa
H. W. Cretsinger .....	105 So. Gaylord, Butte, Montana
Gordon Goodsell .....	501 East Kemp Ave., Watertown, S. D.
Mrs. Louise Goodsell .....	501 East Kemp Ave., Watertown, S. D.
Donald Gerriets .....	Norbeck, S. D.
L. D. Harris .....	Watford City, N. D.
Ralph Helle .....	501 S. Rowley St., Mitchell, S. D.
W. O. Howard .....	Flandreau, S. D.
John Hunter .....	Conner, Montana
Otto Jensen .....	Yankton, S. D.
W. W. Jeffers .....	Cincinnati, Ohio
Marvin E. Jones .....	623 N. Sanborn St., Mitchell, S. D.
Kenneth Knapp .....	Topeka, Kansas
L. L. Knapp .....	Ipswich, S. D.
Wesley Knapp .....	Miltonvale, Kansas
Minnie Knecht .....	Mission, S. D.
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Mrs. W. J. Leyh .....	Ipswich, S. D.
J. C. McGovern .....	423 N. Sanborn St., Mitchell, S. D.
S. J. McIntyre .....	Redfield, S. D.
Lester Myers .....	Northville, S. D.
Mrs. Grace S. Miller .....	Brentford, S. D.
Mrs. Laura Raymer .....	Bushnell, S. D.
Arthur Reisdorph .....	621 1st St., Rapid City, S. D.
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Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph .....	212 8th Ave. N. E., Aberdeen, S. D.
George Robbins .....	Tabor, Iowa
W. D. Shelor .....	
J. F. Simpson .....	Ipswich, S. D.
J. E. Spry .....	701 W. 2nd Ave., Mitchell, S. D.
Kenneth Shelley .....	Mobridge, S. D.
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George Thomas .....	Huron, S. D.
C. K. Thompson .....	Northville, S. D.
Mrs. Elizabeth Traver .....	Watertown, S. D.
William Ward .....	Mina, S. D.
A. M. Wiley .....	Almont, N. D.
John Winterberg .....	Artesian, S. D.

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### LICENTIATES

Romeo Baronia .....	Cincinnati, Ohio
Robert Bateman .....	Cavour, S. D.
Lester Bennett .....	Loyalton, S. D.
Archie Buell .....	Baker, Montana
C. W. Calhoun .....	
Mrs. C. W. Calhoun .....	
Wilbur Drown .....	Redfield, S. D.
Mrs. Wilbur Drown .....	Redfield, S. D.
Pauline Eisenbeis .....	Aberdeen, S. D.
Thomas Hersey .....	Marion, Indiana
Ralph Howard .....	Mt. Vernon, S. D.
Duane Janssen .....	Marion, Indiana
Markus Johnson .....	
Edith Jones .....	Watford City, N. D.
Isla Knight .....	
T. S. Lee .....	Willard, Montana
Robert McIntyre .....	Marion, Indiana
A. L. Mudgett .....	Avon, S. D.
Richard O'Conner .....	
Audrey Olson .....	Watford City, N. D.
Chester Reed .....	St. Paul, Neb.
Leslie Smith .....	Watford City, N. D.
Walter Simpson .....	Ipswich, S. D.
Ellis Sollie .....	Vale, S. D.
Frank Traver .....	Marion, Indiana
Elvie Turner .....	Artesian, S. D.
Bennie Veeder .....	Watford City, N. D.
Mrs. Rena Veeder .....	Watford City, N. D.
Mrs. William Ward .....	Mina, S. D.

### DELEGATES

Rachel Bateman .....	Cavour, South Dakota
Frank Burton .....	Buffalo, Wyoming
Mrs. Ruby Cox .....	Northville, South Dakota
Mrs. Wilbur Drown .....	Redfield, South Dakota
H. B. Engel .....	Ipswich, South Dakota
Barton Enos .....	Plevna, Montana
Thomas Edwards .....	Houghton, South Dakota
William Fessenden .....	Aberdeen, South Dakota
Harry Hopkins .....	Brentford, South Dakota
Pauline Howard .....	Mt. Vernon, South Dakota
Mrs. W. O. Howard .....	Mt. Vernon, South Dakota
Mrs. Glen Hudson .....	Billings, Montana
Mrs. Albert Johnson .....	Billings, Montana
Laura Judd .....	Bushnell, South Dakota
Mrs. Charley Ladeley .....	Mission, South Dakota

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Mrs. C. J. G. Larson .....	Mitchell, South Dakota
Mrs. William Lillibridge .....	Watford City, North Dakota
Mrs. J. C. McGovern .....	Mitchell, South Dakota
Frank Martin .....	Northville, South Dakota
Alice Nellis .....	Avon, South Dakota
Will Palmer .....	Mina, South Dakota
Mrs. A. W. Ransom .....	Mitchell, South Dakota
Charles Reisdorph .....	Houghton, South Dakota
Mrs. Anna Rose .....	Mobridge, South Dakota
Violet Schueller .....	
Mrs. J. F. Simpson .....	Ipswich, South Dakota
Mrs. Mabel Stindtman .....	Artesian, South Dakota
Mrs. F. L. Trovik .....	Almont, North Dakota
Gerald Wolter .....	Redfield, South Dakota

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## DAILY PROCEEDINGS

### OPENING OF CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Sixty-Third Annual Conference of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America held at Aberdeen, South Dakota, June 6 to 16, 1944.

**CONFERENCE SERMON**—The Conference opened with the preaching of the Conference Sermon by Rev. John J. Hunter, pastor of the Conner, Montana, church, on Tuesday evening, June 6, 1944.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING

**DEVOTIONS**—Rev. L. D. Harris conducted the devotional service, reading and commenting on Ephesians, Chapter two.

**CALLED TO ORDER**—The President, the Rev. J. F. Simpson, called the Conference to order.

**ROLL CALL**—The roll was called with 28 ministers and 14 delegates responding.

**MOTION**—Motion carried that Frank Burton of Buffalo, Wyoming, be seated as a delegate from the Buffalo charge.

**REPORT**—Report of the Conference Program Committee was read. Motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

**MOTION**—Motion carried that Prayer Hour be at 6:00 a. m., and breakfast at 7:00 a. m.

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**COURTESIES**—The Rev. W. A. Hardin of Wessington Springs was introduced as the Fraternal Delegate from the Free Methodist Church. The Rev. Hardin spoke a few words of greeting, and then spoke on the contemplated Church union of our two denominations.

The Rev. C. E. Oderman, pastor of the Free Methodist Church at Wessington Springs, South Dakota, was introduced and gave his testimony. He also spoke very earnestly in behalf of a project for a Holiness Radio Program sponsored by Holiness churches.

**MOTION**—Motion prevailed that a committee of two members be elected to formulate sentiments to send to the Free Methodist Assembly in session at Wessington Springs.

**MOTION**—Motion carried that the Committee on Resolutions be responsible for formulating statement to be sent to the above mentioned Assembly.

**BAR OF CONFERENCE**—Motion prevailed that the first ten seats in the center section of the Tabernacle constitute the Bar of Conference.

**ELECTION**—A nominating committee of five members was elected as follows: J. F. Simpson, L. D. Harris, R. D. Sausoman, Charles Reisdorph, William Fessenden.

**RECESS**—The President declared a recess to give the nominating committee time to do their work.

**CALLED TO ORDER**—The President called the Conference to order.

**REPORT**—The nominating committee read their report and it was accepted. (*See Report number one*).

**ELECTION**—William Fessenden was elected first lay member of the Itinerary and Orders Committee. Thomas Edwards was elected second lay member to said committee.

**COURTESIES**—Miss Minnie Lauerma (Rev.), of Iowa Conference was introduced to the Conference and gave her testimony.

**ADJOURNED**—Adjourned for Committee work.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

**DEVOTIONS**—Devotions were conducted by Rev. John Orkney, reading from The First Epistle of Peter.

**CALLED TO ORDER**—Called to order by the President.

**ROLL CALL**—The roll was called, to which 22 ministers and 18 Delegates responded. The Minutes were read and approved.

**MOTION**—Motion prevailed that we send a Fraternal Delegate to The Free Methodist Assembly at Wessington Springs.

**ELECTION**—The Rev. L. D. Harris was elected as our Fraternal Delegate to the Free Methodist Assembly.

**MOTION**—Motion carried that the Conference Secretary be paid ten dollars, and allowed five dollars for stenographic help each year. This to be a Standing Rule.

**TIME OF NEXT CONFERENCE**—Motion prevailed that Conference begin the evening of June 5, 1945.

**GREETINGS**—The President read greetings from the following Licentiates: Duane Janssen, Robert McIntyre, and Edith Jones.

**ADJOURNED**—We were adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

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### THURSDAY MORNING

**DEVOTIONALS**—The Rev. John Winterberg led the devotions, commenting on II Timothy 4:1-8.

**CALLED TO ORDER**—The Conference was called to order by the President.

**ROLL CALL**—In response to the roll call, 26 ministers and 20 delegates answered. The Minutes were read and approved.

**REPORT**—The Auditing Committee read their report and it was accepted. (*See Report number 2*).

**REPORT**—The President read his report and it was accepted with a rising vote of thanks and with prayer offered by the Rev. L. D. Harris. (*See Report number 3*).

**REPORT**—The Treasurer of the Ministerial Relief Fund read his report and it was accepted. (*See Report number 4*).

**REPORT**—A partial report was read by the Missionary Board, and on motion was accepted. (*Included in complete report of said Board in Minutes*).

**REPORT**—Report of Conference Treasurer was read and adopted. (*See Report number 5*).

**REPORT**—The Camp Meeting Treasurer read his report and it was adopted. (*See Report number 6*).

**REPORT**—The Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund read his report and it was adopted. (*See Report number 7*).

**MOTION**—A motion prevailed that we revise the Standing Rules of the Ministerial Relief Fund Plan.

**ELECTION**—A Committee of three was elected to recommend changes in said Standing Rules, as follows: Thomas Bailie, Arthur Reisdorph, John Hunter.

**MOTION**—Motion prevailed that all Treasurer's books be closed seven days before Conference, and this be a Standing Rule.

**MOTION**—Motion prevailed that the Charles Schreisbeis note be paid in full.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

**MOTION**—Motion carried that we accept the offer of a file for each pastor offered by Rev. Wilbur Drown, and that the Conference Secretary write a letter of appreciation for the gift. (*Explanatory Note: Brother Drown is having these Pastor's Files made up and is presenting one to each pastor in the Conference. These files are the property of the Church and are to be left on the Charge when a pastor moves. This gives the incoming pastor valuable information concerning the families of the parish, and puts the information at his fingertips. This file is to be open to inspection by members of the Church at any time*).

**ADJOURNED**—We were adjourned for committee work.

**RESOLUTION**—Resolution was submitted to the Conference by the Redfield Charge, and accepted. (*See Report number 8*).

**MOTION**—Motion prevailed that a Committee of two members be elected to bring in suggestions in regard to a uniform method of accounting for local churches.

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**ELECTION**—Elected to Local Church Accounting Committee: Rev. H. W. Cretsinger, Rev. A. C. Buell.

**MOTION**—Motion carried that we adopt the resolution of the Resolutions Committee relative to sending greetings to the Free Methodist Assembly. (*See Report number 9*).

**MOTION**—Motion prevailed that we accept the recommendation of the Special Committee in regard to the Emergency Extension Fund. (*See Report number 10*).

**REPORT**—The Committee on Church and Parsonage Building and Locations submitted their report and it was accepted. (*See Report number 11*).

**MOTION**—Motion prevailed that the Secretary send a message of sympathy to Rev. Otto Jensen, because of the recent death of his wife.

**REPORT**—The Chairman of the Committee on Minister's Railroad Expense gave his report and it was accepted. (*See Report number 12*).

**MOTION, RADIO COMMITTEE**—A motion prevailed that we elect a committee to be known as The Radio Advisory Committee, to meet with a similar committee from the Free Methodist Assembly in regard to a possible Holiness Radio Broadcast.

**ELECTION**—The following were elected to the Radio Advisory Committee: Rev. Marvin E. Jones, Rev. Gordon Goodsell, and Rev. A. L. Mudgett.

**PARTIAL REPORT**—The Committee on Itineracy and Orders gave a partial report and it was accepted. (*See Complete Report number 13*).

**MOTION**—Motion prevailed that Secretary of Itineracy and Orders Committee be instructed to write to all absentee Licentiates to inquire about their state.

**COURTESIES**—The Rev. Lester Bennett of Loyaltown, S. D., was introduced to the Conference and spoke briefly.

**APPOINTMENTS**—The Chairman appointed Rev. W. O. Howard and Rev. A. M. Wiley to the Committee on Resolutions.

**ADJOURNED**—We were adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

### FRIDAY MORNING

**DEVOTIONALS**—The Rev. William Ward conducted the devotions.

**CALLED TO ORDER**—Conference was called to order by President.

**ROLL CALL**—The roll call was made, to which 24 ministers and 18 delegates responded. The Minutes were read and approved.

**MOTION**—Motion prevailed that Mrs. Florence C. Arms of Flandreau be seated as a delegate to the Conference.

**COURTESIES**—The Rev. and Mrs. Ellis Sollie were introduced to the Conference, and both spoke words of testimony. The Rev. E. F. McCarty, acting Foreign Missionary Secretary, was introduced to the Conference and brought greetings from the Connection. The Rev. S. M. Yonally, of the Kansas Conference, was introduced, and gave a few words of greeting and testimony.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**—The Orders of the Day called for the Election of Officers.

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**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**—The election resulted as follows:

President ..... J. F. Simpson  
Vice President ..... W. C. Brannon  
Secretary ..... Marvin E. Jones  
Treasurer ..... S. J. McIntyre  
Trustee ..... J. C. McGovern  
Trustee ..... J. E. Spry  
Sunday School Secretary ..... W. J. Leyh  
Tithing Secretary ..... H. W. Cretsinger  
Transportation Secretary ..... J. F. Simpson  
Educational Secretary ..... Gordon Goodsell  
Representative to Miltonvale .... W. D. Shelor  
Secretary of Ministerial Benefit Fund  
..... Thomas Bailie

**REPORT**—The Nominating Committee gave its report and it was accepted with the addition of two names. (*See Report number 14*).

**REPORT**—The Committee on Passage of Character submitted their report and it was accepted. (*See Report number 15*).

**REPORT**—The completed report of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders was read and accepted. (*See Report number 13*).

**REPORT**—The report of the Statistical Committee was given and accepted. (*See Statistical Report*).

**REPORT**—The Committee on Resolutions submitted their report and it was accepted. (*See Report number 16*).

**ADJOURNED**—Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

### SATURDAY MORNING

**DEVOTIONALS**—The Rev. Arthur Calhoun conducted the devotions reading and commenting on Romans the first chapter.

**CALLED TO ORDER**—The President called the session to order.

**NOMINATIONS**—The President nominated Rev. W. J. Leyh and H. B. Engel to his Advisory Board.

**ELECTIONS**—Rev. W. J. Leyh and H. B. Engel were elected to the President's Advisory Board.

**REPORT & MOTION**—The Secretary reported prices from Aberdeen printers for printing of the Minutes. These prices seemed prohibitive, so motion was made and prevailed that printing of Minutes be put in hands of a Committee.

**ELECTION**—Members were elected for the Minutes Committee as follows: Rev. Marvin E. Jones, Rev. J. F. Simpson, Rev. S. J. McIntyre.

**MOTION**—Motion prevailed that Conference Secretary be instructed to convey our appreciation to the Railroad companies for their courtesy in granting passes to our Officials.

**MOTION**—Motion prevailed that the Conference President convey our thanks to Brother Larson, of Mobridge, for the splendid gift of beef made to our Camp this year.

**MOTION**—Motion prevailed we elect a Committee to suggest a plan of equalizing Minister's salaries.

**ELECTION**—The following were elected to said committee: Rev.

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L. D. Harris, Rev. W. J. Leyh, Rev. H. W. Cretsinger.

**REPORT OF FRATERNAL DELEGATE**—Our Fraternal Delegate to the Free Methodist Assembly, Rev. L. D. Harris, gave a brief report of his visit to the sister Church Annual Assembly.

**REPORT**—The committee on Revision of By-laws of Ministerial Benefit Funds gave their report and it was accepted with the following amendment: that the Death Benefit be raised from \$75.00 to \$100.00. and that assessment for death notice be raised to \$1.00. (*See Report number 17*).

**ADJOURNED**—Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 15, 1944**

**CALLED TO ORDER**—The closing session of the Conference was called to order with the President presiding. The Minutes were read and approved.

**REPORT**—The report of the Pastoral Relations Committee was read and accepted. (*See Report number 18*).

**REPORT**—The Missionary Board submitted their report and it was accepted. (*See Report number 19*).

**REPORT**—The report of the Pastor's Salary Adjustment Committee was read and accepted. (*See Report number 20*).

**MOTION**—Motion prevailed that the President send greetings to Rev. R. D. Reisdorph and to Rev. Allen R. Regan, Chaplains in our Armed Forces.

**NOMINATION**—The Camp Meeting Board nominated Rev. W. J. Leyh as Camp Meeting Treasurer.

**ELECTION**—Rev. W. J. Leyh was elected to the office of Camp Meeting Treasurer.

**REPORT**—The Committee on Accounting for Local Churches submitted their report and it was accepted. (*See Report number 21*).

Minutes for this session were read and approved.

**ADJOURNED**—The Conference adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

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### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### REPORT No. 1

##### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

*Nominating Committee*—J. F. Simpson, L. D. Harris, R. J. Sausoman, Chas. Reisdorph, William Fessenden.

*Pastoral Relations*—W. C. Brannon, John Hunter, S. J. McIntyre, Charles Reisdorph, Mrs. Albert Johnson.

*Passage of Character*—J. F. Simpson, Arthur Reisdorph, Miss Pauline Howard, Miss Alice Nellis.

*Auditing Committee*—Marvin E. Jones, H. W. Cretsinger, Gerald Wolters.

*Railroad Expense*—A. C. Buell, Frank Burton, Lester Meyers.

*Resolutions*—W. D. Shelor, J. C. McGovern, Mrs. A. W. Ransom.

*Committee on Courtesies*—W. C. Brannon.

*Conference Reporter*—W. D. Shelor.

*Statistical Committee*—Kenneth Knapp, Gordon Goodsell, Raymond Sausoman, Minnie Knecht.

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#### REPORT No. 2

##### AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the Conference Treasurer, the Camp Meeting Treasurer, the Ministerial Relief Treasurer, the Church Extension Treasurer, the Conference President, and have found them to be correct.

Marvin E. Jones,  
H. W. Cretsinger,  
Gerald Wolters

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#### REPORT No. 3

##### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This has been a historic year in the nations of the earth and in the Dakota Conference, as well as in the lives of many of our constituency. Events of a surprising and far-reaching influence have come. Eternity alone will reveal the full meaning and effects of them. These things should drive up to a greater faith, a more practical consecration, a deeper cry to God for Divine Resources.

The energy and time of our people are being taxed to the limit, owing to the many demands made upon them.

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We fear that there is a deadly peril in this as foretold by our Lord when He warned of the danger of "being overcharged" and there be a failure in our duty to God and man.

We have good reason to rejoice over the splendid way our people have given financial support to all branches of the Church and Conference work, also for the efforts put forth to attend the means of grace in these times of gas and tire rationing.

Many good revivals have been held during the year, among our Churches. We wish to emphasize the importance of this good work. It is the hope of the life and growth of the Dakota Conference. Let each pastor pray and plan for one or two revivals on his charge during the coming year.

We have heartening reports from our young men in the Armed Forces, and earnest prayer is requested for them.

God has entrusted our Conference with added responsibility by opening new and promising fields to us. It may tax our faith to accept the challenge, but we know that God has not failed us in the past and we are persuaded that if we catch the vision of the white harvest field, and cooperate with the leadership God shall give through your election for next year, that better and brighter days are ahead for our beloved Conference. "Who then will consecrate himself this day to the Lord".

This has been a year of building even though we are in a time of priorities and restrictions. God has enabled our people at Rapid City to get a government permit to build their beautiful Church. This has been a heroic task to build this Church and parsonage. Our pastor has made some deep sacrifices.

There is a beautiful spirit of co-operation in our Conference; one of our pastors went about one thousand miles and gave three weeks of work on the Rapid City Church. Other pastors and workers gave assistance to the work until almost 15,000 miles were travelled by consecrated workers to help get the Church built, and we wish to state that consecrated money has been given to help meet the bills. If this noble spirit is kept alive in our midst, then the gates of hell shall not prevail against us.

Our beautiful Church and parsonage at Watertown has been completed. It represents real sacrifice made by our pastor and people. It is a monument of faith, love and consecration.

Mobridge has secured a good Church building for their basement: better days are ahead for the work there.

Our new field at Conner, Montana, has some building plans for the near future.

God has honored our Conference with open doors. Macedonian Calls, Golden Opportunities, White Harvest Fields. He is asking for clear vision, willing and obedient hearts, love service, prayerful spirits, sacrificial toil and heroic faith, that the banner of full salvation be raised on these pioneer fields.

Yours for a finished task,  
J. F. Simpson.

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### OFFICIAL ACTS

Accepted the resignation of Rev. John Hunter as pastor of the Buffalo Church.

Appointed Rev. John Hunter as pastor of the Conner work.

Granted a letter of transfer to James Harris to the Oklahoma Conference.

October, 1943. Appointed Rev. Archy Mudgett as pastor of the Avon Church.

December 5. Appointed Rev. Mrs. Laura Raymer as pastor of the Bushnell Church.

May 19. Authorized Rev. John Hunter to organize a Wesleyan Methodist Church in Conner, Montana.

June 6. Received the Conner Church into the Conference.

Salary —

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Credited on salary from Quarterly Meetings .....	\$668.35
Received from Conference Treasurer on salary .....	799.43
Received on Parsonage rent .....	180.00
Received on Expense: telegraph, telephone, hotel, postage, meals, railroad and bus tickets .....	287.50

### TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY

Received from the Conference Treasurer on expense .....	3.00
J. F. Simpson.	

### REPORT No. 4

### MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND TREASURER

#### Receipts

Cash on hand at beginning of year .....	78.03
Mortuary assessment .....	10.00
Received on First Assessment .....	47.50
Received on Second Assessment .....	44.50
Received on Third Assessment .....	48.50
Received on Mortuary Assessment .....	20.00
Received on Fourth Assessment .....	50.05
Total .....	298.58

#### Disbursements

Lester Meyers .....	\$11.00
A. C. Buell .....	9.00
Lester Meyers .....	11.28
John Hunter .....	75.00
Gordon Goodsell .....	13.00
John Winterberg .....	14.82
J. E. Spry .....	26.34
J. C. McGovern .....	50.00
W. D. Shelor .....	50.00
W. D. Shelor .....	34.00
Total .....	294.44
Balance on Hand, June 1, 1944 .....	4.14
Total Receipts to June 1, 1944 .....	298.58

Thomas Bailie.

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## REPORT No. 5 CONFERENCE TREASURER

### Receipts

Balance Cash in Bank at beginning of year .....	\$2078.29
Received from Conference W. H. & F. M. S. ....	348.36
Received from churches and individuals .....	5677.45
Total .....	8104.10

### Disbursements

Miltonvale College .....	254.31
Credit by receipts .....	95.15
Home Missions .....	157.54
Orphanage .....	44.87
Foreign Missions .....	530.84
Watertown (Gordon Goodsell rent) .....	120.00
Watertown (Church Extension) .....	47.83
Rapid City Note .....	300.00
Rapid City Church Extension .....	502.02
J. F. Simpson (Rent) .....	180.00
Money used to cover checks by Frank Martin .....	553.76
Exchange on checks .....	3.30
Fullerton Lumber Co. ....	38.50
Conference Minutes .....	135.00
Darby, Church Extension .....	25.00
Charles Schreibeis, on principal on note .....	100.00
Charles Schreibeis, interest .....	15.00
Mobridge, Church Extension .....	105.53
Conner, Church Extension .....	107.05
General Conference President's Salary .....	2.50
Railroad Fares .....	198.29
Butte, note .....	50.00
Home Mission Note (Nicholson) cancelled .....	150.00
Car fares to General Conference .....	136.21
Incidentals .....	100.39
J. F. Simpson (President's salary) .....	799.43
Forsyth rent .....	123.96
Forsyth, Church Extension .....	50.00
Superannuated Minister's Fund .....	743.00
Superannuated Minister's Fund, interest on loans .....	57.26
J. F. Simpson, receipts from church .....	110.00
J. F. Simpson, expenses .....	289.00
Total Paid Out .....	6126.14
Balance .....	1977.96

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### SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND

#### Receipts

Balance at beginning of year .....	797.95
Received from Churches .....	409.27
Interest on Loans to Conference .....	57.26
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>1264.48</b>

#### Disbursements

Rev. J. C. McGovern .....	125.00
Rev. C. K. Thompson .....	50.00
Rev. Mrs. F. J. Traver .....	50.00
Series F War Bonds, First National Bank, Redfield .....	259.00
Series F War Bonds, Ipswich Bank .....	259.00
<b>Total Paid Out .....</b>	<b>743.00</b>

Balance on Hand in Fund .....	521.48
Total Balance in Conference Fund or Bank .....	1977.96
Balance in Superannuated Minister's Fund .....	521.48
<b>Balance of Funds for Conference .....</b>	<b>1456.48</b>

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS FOR SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND

Loan No. 1 to Conference .....	289.49
Loan No. 2 to Conference .....	349.39
Loan No. 3 to Conference .....	105.48
Loan No. 4 to Conference .....	210.00
Loan to Buffalo Church .....	50.00
Series F War Bonds .....	259.00
Series F War Bonds .....	259.00
Cash on Hand, June 2, 1944 .....	521.48
<b>Total Assets .....</b>	<b>2043.84</b>

S. J. McIntyre.

### REPORT No. 6

### CAMP MEETING TREASURER

#### Receipts

Balance brought forward, June 1, 1943 .....	448.31
Cash received during the year from all sources .....	1961.34
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>2409.65</b>
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>2116.23</b>
<b>Cash balance, June 5, 1944 .....</b>	<b>293.42</b>

#### Disbursements

#### Hired Personnel

Roy S. Nicholson (Camp worker) .....	125.00
C. I. Armstrong (Camp workers) .....	150.00
Kenneth Knapp (Camp worker) .....	80.00
Children's Worker .....	35.00
Mrs. Haviland (Camp cook) .....	35.00
Mrs. McNeary (Camp cook) .....	30.00
Office and other help .....	25.00
<b>Total for hired personnel .....</b>	<b>480.00</b>

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### *Buildings, Repairs and Improvements*

Payment of ½ mortgage held by Northville Wesleyan Methodist Church .....	350.00
Interest on mortgage .....	42.00
Insurance Premiums .....	36.20
A. E. Benson, cement walks .....	300.00
A. E. Benson, cement floor, Y. P. Tab. ....	280.00
Hardware, lumber, gravel, cinders, etc. ....	125.77
Total for buildings, repairs, improvements .....	1133.97

### *Miscellaneous Disbursements*

Groceries, etc. ....	231.64
Song Books .....	81.08
Printing, postage, etc. ....	50.51
Electric and telephone bills .....	31.95
Laundry bills .....	21.33
Watch for Rufus Reisdorph .....	42.00
Subscriptions to Wesleyan publications .....	36.00
S. R. Lipscomb, testing water .....	5.00
Lawn mower repair .....	1.50
Exchange on checks .....	1.25

Total miscellaneous disbursements ..... 502.26

Grand Total Disbursements ..... 2116.23

W. J. Leyh, Treasurer.

### REPORT No. 7

### CHURCH EXTENSION TREASURER

#### Receipts

Balance on hand, June 1, 1943 .....	148.84
Total receipts to June 1, 1944 .....	504.25
Total Receipts .....	653.09

#### Disbursements

John Hunter (moving expenses) .....	15.00
John Hunter (pastor's support) .....	20.00
Arthur Reisdorph (pastor's support) .....	25.00
Gordon Goodsell (pastor's support) .....	25.00
Wayne Cretsinger (pastor's support) .....	10.00
Minnie Knecht (pastor's support) .....	7.50
Kenneth Shelley (pastor's support) .....	15.00
John Hunter (emergency assistance) .....	100.00
Britton Building Fund .....	63.36
Miscellaneous items, check exchange, record book, postage .....	1.09

Total Disbursements ..... 281.95

Balance on hand, June 1, 1944 ..... 371.14

R. J. Sausoman, Treasurer.

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### *REPORT No. 8*

#### RESOLUTION BY REDFIELD CHURCH

Whereas, the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America has instituted a system of auditing for all departments of the church work, we therefore recommend that a uniform system of accounting be established. We further recommend that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the annual session of the Dakota Conference for their consideration.

Signed:

F. Wilbur Drown  
Gerald Wolter  
Mrs. S. J. McIntyre  
Auditing Committee, Redfield Church

### *REPORT No. 9*

#### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—PARTIAL REPORT

Whereas, the Conference, Wednesday afternoon elected L. D. Harris as Fraternal Delegate to the Free Methodist conference, now in session at Wessington Springs, S. D., and, whereas, such action makes unnecessary written greetings and resolutions from this body, Therefore, we, your Resolutions Committee, move that the action of the Conference on Wednesday morning concerning such resolutions to said sister denomination, be rescinded.

Committee: W. D. Shelor  
J. C. McGovern  
Mrs. A. W. Ransom

### *REPORT No. 10*

#### MINISTER'S COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

We recommend that the Conference sanction the Emergency Conference Extension Fund, with the Conference Treasurer handling said funds, and this recommendation be placed in the Standing Rules for information.

### *REPORT No. 11*

#### COMMITTEE ON CHURCH & PARSONAGE BUILDING & LOCATION

We, your Committee on Church and Parsonage Building and Location, submit the following report:

Approved sale of Parsonage at Ipswich, S. D.

Dec. 4 Approved sale of Parsonage at Mitchell, S. D., and the purchase of another parsonage closer to their Church.

January 15. Approved the purchase of a building in Darby, Montana, which is suitable for a church structure.

March 4. Approved the purchase of a church at Cresbard to be moved onto our church basement at Mobridge.

Committee: J. F. Simpson, W. J. Leyh,  
H. B. Engle, W. D. Shelor,  
Frank Martin.

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### REPORT No. 12 RAILROAD EXPENSE COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Railroad Expense, find the amount sent in by the various charges to be ..... 260.19  
Amount to be paid out ..... 190.85  
Unbalanced deficit from last year ..... 18.26

Total to be paid ..... 209.11  
Surplus from receipts ..... 51.08  
Balance to be paid ..... 158.03

This amount divided equally among the 28 charges makes  
the amount to be paid by each charge ..... 5.65

We recommend that this amount be sent to the Conference Treasurer by the first of August.

### REPORT No. 13 ITINERACY AND ORDERS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Itineracy and Orders, recommend the following:

That Duane Janssen, A. L. Mudgett be received to travel under direction of Conference and granted a license to preach.

That Archie Buell be continued in the studies of the second year and his license renewed.

That T. S. Lee be continued in studies of first year and his license renewed.

That Robert McIntyre, Walter Simpson, Thomas Hersey, and Ellis Sollie have their licenses renewed.

That Leslie Smith be advanced to the studies of the third year and his license renewed.

That Richard O'Conner be received to study, preparatory to travel.

That Isla Knight and Romeo Baronia be continued in first year and their licenses renewed.

That Pauline Eisenbeis be placed in second year studies and her license renewed.

That by request Hazel Carter's name be dropped from the Conference roll.

That Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Drown, Chester Reed and Elvie Turner be continued in studies of the fourth year and their licenses renewed.

That Beulah Hughes be continued in studies of third year.

That Mrs. William Ward be continued in studies of third year and license renewed.

That W. H. Nieuinhuis and Emil Hansen be continued in studies of first year preparatory to travel under Conference direction.

That Lester Bennett be placed in second year studies, and granted a license to preach.

That Markus Johnson, Bennie Veeder and Rena Veeder be received to study and travel under the direction of the Conference and granted licenses to preach.

That Kenneth Shelley be graduated from the course of study and ordained at this session of Conference.

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That Frank Traver be placed in the fourth year of study conditioned upon the completion of Bible and Theology in third year, and that his license be renewed.

That Mrs. C. W. Calhoon be continued in the second year, and that Mr. C. W. Calhoon be continued in second year of study and his license renewed.

That L. L. Knapp be recommended for ordination.

That the ordination service be held Sunday morning, June 11th, and that the Rev. H. K. Sheets deliver the ordination message.

Committee: W. D. Shelor, A. M. Wiley,  
S. J. McIntyre, Gordon Goodsell,  
William Fessenden, Thos. Edwards

### *REPORT No. 14*

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE — STANDING COMMITTEES

CAMP MEETING BOARD — J. F. Simpson, Pastor of Aberdeen Church, L. D. Harris, David Robertson, President of W. H. & F. M. S., President of W. Y. P. S., Treasurer of Camp Meeting Board.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE — Conference President, President of W. H. & F. M. S., Pastor of Aberdeen Church.

MISSIONARY BOARD—J. F. Simpson, W. J. Leyh, S. J. McIntyre, C. W. Reisdorph, H. B. Engel, Frank Martin, President of W.H. & F.M.S.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE—L. D. Harris, Marvin E. Jones, A. M. Wiley.

VACANCIES COMMITTEE—George Thomas, Arthur Reisdorph, John Winterberg, R. E. Jaquith, Harold Duffloth.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD—W. J. Leyh, Kenneth Shelley, H. W. Cretsinger.

ADVISORY BOARD—W. J. Leyh, H. B. Engel.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS—A. M. Wiley, term expires 1948; W. D. Shelor, term expires 1945; Gordon Goodsell, term expires 1946; S. J. McIntyre, term expires 1947.

BOARD ON CHURCH AND PARSONAGE BUILDING AND LOCATION—J. F. Simpson, William Ward, H. B. Engel, Pastor of Aberdeen Church, Dan Palmer.

### *REPORT No. 15*

#### COMMITTEE ON PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

We, your Committee on Passage of Character, have examined the reports of the Annual Conference Pastors and their characters have been passed.

Committee: J. F. Simpson, Arthur Reisdorph,  
Alice Nellis, Pauline Eisenbeis.

### *REPORT No. 16*

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

RESOLVED, that we express our thanks and appreciation to our Connectional Representative, Rev. E. F. McCarty, for his interest in

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our Conference work, for his inspiring addresses, and timely advice and instruction.

RESOLVED, that we express our thanks to our Sister Ruby Reisdorph, for her inspirational Missionary Address.

RESOLVED that we express our thanks to our Conference President, Rev. J. F. Simpson, for his untiring efforts as our Executive and leader, and that he be commended for the program of progress which he has so ably directed throughout the past Conference year.

RESOLVED, that we express our appreciation of all those who have contributed to our temporal needs, including those who have labored in the kitchen, in the dining room, and about the grounds. That we express our thanks to all who contributed food or money to purchase food.

BE IT ESPECIALLY RESOLVED, that we pray unceasingly for our Armed Forces and that God, Who is high over all, bring a speedy end to the terrible carnage and bloodshed which has been increasing in scope and terribleness.

RESOLVED, that we encourage every effort to re-establish Prohibition in our Nation.

Committee: W. D. Shelor, W. O. Howard,  
Mrs. A. W. Ransom, J. C. McGovern

### REPORT No. 17

#### COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF BY-LAWS OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND

We, your Committee on Revision of By-Laws of Ministerial Relief Fund, recommend the following changes:

That first paragraph under disbursements be omitted and read as follows: The Secretary shall on receipt of the worthiness of the case pay out of the Treasury forty per cent of the amount of the actual expense incurred provided the expense is more than twenty dollars, and further provided that no payment shall exceed fifty dollars, to any one family during the Conference year, possible exceptions being made in extreme cases with the approval of the Conference President and his Advisory Board, and the Treasurer of the Ministerial Relief Fund. (Normal Maternity cases excepted). In case of death the maximum of \$75.00 will be paid to the beneficiaries. That assessments be raised fifty cents in this particular case.

Committee: Arthur Reisdorph,  
John J. Hunter,  
Thomas Bailie.

### REPORT No. 18

#### PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Pastoral Relations, submit the following relations:

Aberdeen ..... R. J. Sausoman  
Almont ..... A. M. Wiley

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Arlesian .....	John Winterberg
Avon .....	Archy Mudgett
Baker .....	A. C. Buell
Billings .....	W. C. Brannon and Wife
Bradley .....	In hands of President
Buffalo .....	S. M. Yonally
Butte .....	H. W. Cretsinger
Bushnell .....	Mrs. Laura Raymer
Conner .....	John J. Hunter
Flandreau .....	W. O. Howard
Forsyth .....	Thomas Bailie and Wife
Houghton and Britton .....	Supply
Huron .....	George Thomas
Ipswich .....	W. J. Leyh and Wife
Knobs and Mill Iron .....	In hands of President
Loyalton .....	Lester Bennett
McIntosh .....	In hands of President
Medicine Rocks .....	T. S. Lee
Mission .....	Minnie Knecht
Mitchell .....	Marvin E. Jones
Mount Vernon .....	Ralph Howard
Mobridge .....	Kenneth Shelley
Northville .....	Lester Meyers
Pollock .....	In hands of President
Redfield and Calvary .....	S. J. McIntyre
Richland .....	William Ward and Wife
Rapid City .....	Arthur Reisdorph
Strool .....	Walter Simpson
Sturgis and Vale .....	Ellis Sollie
Watertown .....	Gordon Goodsell and Wife
Watford City and Johnson Corners ..	L. D. Harris
Webster .....	In hands of President
Supply Baptist Church, Norbeck ..	Donald Gerriets
Chaplain U. S. Army .....	R. D. Reisdorph
Conference President .....	J. D. Simpson
Gen'l President W.H. & F.M.S. ..	Ruby Reisdorph
Pastor Waterloo, Iowa ..	Paul Kindschi and Wife
Missionary Work ....	J. E. Spry, Isla Knight, C. W. Calhoon and Wife, Elvie Turner, Leslie Smith, Ralph Helle, Romeo Bar- onia, Pauline Eisenbeis, W. H. Nieunin- huis, Emil Hansen, Audrey Olson, Ed- ith Jones, Beulah Hughes, Duane Jan- ssen, Bennie Veeder and Wife, Robert Bateman, Markus Johnson, Richard O'- Conner, Mrs. Elizabeth Traver, W. D. Shelor.
American Sunday School Union .....	
.....	L. L. Knapp, Otto Jensen, Chester Reed

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Song Evangelist and Children's Worker .....  
..... Mrs. Alberta Kindschi  
Theological School .....  
... Thomas Hersey, Robert McIntyre, Frank Traver  
Teaching at Milonvale ..... Wesley Knapp  
Teaching at Tabor, Iowa ..... George Robbins  
Unstationed Elder ..... C. K. Thompson  
Missionary Evangelists .....  
..... J. C. McGovern, W. W. Jeffers  
General Evangelist ..... Kenneth Knapp

We also recommend that our Conference President take such steps as are necessary to secure all of our young men who are finishing school and ready to take work, to give our Dakota Conference first consideration.

We also recommend that the Houghton and Britton circuit be supplied by the Rev. R. J. Sausoman until arrangements are made for a pastor as supply.

We further recommend that in view of the fact of W. D. Shelor's weakened condition that he be not asked by the Conference to remove his household goods from the parsonage for a month or six weeks. That a pastor have the opportunity of using the Worker's Cottage on the Campgrounds until parsonage is available.

We further recommend that Rev. Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph act as supply in the Aberdeen pulpit until a pastor arrives in the field.

### REPORT No. 19 MISSIONARY BOARD

We, the Missionary Board, were called to order by the Rev. J. F. Simpson.

We recommend the following appropriations:

Approved assistance from Superannuated Fund to following elders: J. C. McGovern, \$125.00; C. K. Thompson, \$50.00; Mrs. Frank Traver, \$50.00.

January 20th. Approved investing \$518.00 from the Superannuated Fund into cashable Government Bonds.

That \$10.33 monthly be continued on parsonage rental at Forsyth, Montana.

That \$10.00 monthly be continued toward Watertown parsonage rental.

That we continue \$25.00 monthly payments on Rapid City note.

That Conference President's salary be set at \$32.50 per week, plus \$15.00 per month house rent and expenses, incidental to the work of the President, and that each charge raise as much money as possible to be credited on the President's salary, whenever he holds special meetings on the charge.

That the Conference Treasurer pay \$210.00, the amount of Loan number four, to the Superannuated Fund.

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That Rev. W. D. Shelor be paid \$30.00 per month toward Cottage rent, and \$30.00 per month for living expenses for three months.

That Rev. C. K. Thompson be paid \$10.00 per month from the Superannuated Minister's Fund.

That \$15.00 be given the Forsyth Church to help finance a revival in that place.

That we discontinue paying interest to the Superannuated Minister's Fund, and that at least \$100.00 per year be paid toward the principal on Loans to Conference.

That a lumber bill amounting to \$275.00 incurred by our Rapid City Church be paid from the Treasury.

That for the next three months we pay \$16.00 monthly for Hall Rent, and that we pay \$50.00 monthly for same length of time to the Rev. Arthur Reisdorph, the pastor, while he finishes the building of the Church; we further recommend that this amount be paid by the Camp Meeting Board from funds to be raised in next Sunday's offering.

That we authorize the Conference President to make the best possible arrangements for material required to finish the Rapid City Church, the amount not to exceed \$750.00.

That \$20.00 monthly be paid toward house rent at Butte, Montana, to pastor of said charge.

That the note owed to Charles Schreiber be paid in full.

That all the above items, unless otherwise specified, be paid by the Conference Treasurer.

Committee: J. F. Simpson, S. J. McIntyre,  
Mrs. W. J. Leyh, Charles Reisdorph,  
W. J. Leyh.

### REPORT No. 20

#### COMMITTEE ON PASTOR'S SALARY ADJUSTMENT

We, your Committee on Pastor's Salary Adjustment, wish to state that, having considered the proposition from various angles, we believe it to be impractical to recommend any action to be taken at this time.

### REPORT No. 21

#### CHURCH ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Accounting in the Local Churches, recommend that each Church of the Conference secure their Treasurer's book from our publishing house.

Committee: H. W. Cretsinger  
A. C. Buell

## Conference Standing Rules and Resolutions

### FINANCIAL PLAN FOR CONFERENCE WORK

Money for Conference Fund shall be obtained by each local Church paying 7½% of all money raised for all purposes, this to include local treasury, Sunday School, W. H. & F. M. S., W. Y. P. S., and Y. M. W. B., with the exception of finance for building and repairs. One-third of this fund shall be used for Church extension within the boundaries of

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the Dakota Conference, and the balance, two-thirds, shall constitute the regular Conference Fund.

This amount is to be sent to the Conference Treasurer, once a month.

The amount for Railroad Expense is \$5.65 per charge, and it is recommended that this amount be sent to the Conference Treasurer not later than August first.

### BY - LAWS

Presidents of the W. H. & F. M. S. and the W. Y. P. S. are members of the Camp Meeting Board by virtue of office.

The Local Church File, presented by Wilbur Drown, is to be left with the local Church by the out-going pastor so that the incoming pastor will have the data therein provided immediately upon his arriving on the new field. This file is to be open to the inspection of members of the Local Church.

The Emergency Extension Fund is sanctioned by the Conference, but it is understood that the Plan is not obligatory. This Fund is secured by the pastors sending one-half of their tithe each month to the Conference Treasurer, indicating that the amount sent in is for the Emergency Extension Fund. (*See Report number 10*).

Characters of pastors will NOT be passed unless the Superannuated Minister's Budget has been raised.

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

All officers hold office until the close of the Conference sessions in which they are retired.

All treasurers of the separate funds of the Conference are authorized to close their books seven days before the date of the opening of Conference.

The Conference Secretary is to be paid \$10.00, and allowed \$5.00 for stenographic help, each year.

### BY-LAWS FOR MINISTERIAL BENEFIT FUND

*Purpose:* To provide financial assistance for Elders and Conference preachers in times of serious illness or death in their families.

All Ministers and Licentiates shall become members on payment of first assessment. Those who desire to become members later, may do so by paying up all assessments made previously during that Conference year.

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

*Disbursements:* The Secretary shall, on receipt of the worthiness

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of the case, pay out of the Treasury forty per cent of the amount of the actual expense incurred, provided the expense is more than twenty dollars, and further provided that no payment shall exceed fifty dollars, to any one family during the Conference year, possible exceptions being made in extreme cases with the approval of the Conference President, his Advisory Board, and the Treasurer of the Ministerial Benefit Fund. (Normal maternity cases excepted). In case of death the maximum of \$100.00 will be paid the beneficiaries. The assessment in such an instance shall be one dollar.

Members who are delinquent in the payment of the last two assessments prior to claims for help, shall be ineligible. In case one is delinquent in two, or more, payments no benefits will be paid in emergencies, by paying of delinquent assessments. If assessments are paid by check, please add service charge.

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

Postage and necessary expense shall be deducted from said funds.

### BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

Foreign Missions .....	\$2.00 per member
Home Missions .....	\$1.00 per member
Orphanage .....	.25 per member
Education .....	\$1.50 per member
Superannuated Minister's Fund .....	.52 per member

(See paragraph 146 in Discipline)

### COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS EXAMINING BOARD

A. M. Wiley .....	term expires 1948
S. J. McIntyre .....	term expires 1947
Gordon Goodsell .....	term expires 1946
W. D. Shelor .....	term expires 1945

List of books and examiners:

Gordon Goodsell:

First Year—Study of Bible by Books, Sell; and Applied Business English.

Second Year—Bible and Homiletics, by Kearns.

Third Year—Bible and Christian Evidences.

Fourth Year—Bible and Bible Geography.

S. J. McIntyre:

First Year—Robert's Rules of Order.

Second Year—How to Prepare an Expository Sermon.

Third Year—System of General Ethics.

Fourth Year—Psychology.

A. M. Wiley:

First Year—Theological Compend, Perfect Love.

Second Year—Teacher Training, Theology.

Third Year—Theology.

Fourth Year—Theology.

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Charges	Item I. Pastor's Labors.										Item II. Periodicals.									
	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Wesleyan Missionaries Taken	W. Y. P. S. Journal	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart	Pupil's Lesson Stories, Etc.	Bible Lesson Stories, Etc.
Aberdeen .....	12	1	1	27	18	14	50	25	40	10	56	10	35	30	12	40				20
Almont .....	12	1	1	10	5	2	15	7	6	5	20	5	5	7	10		5		8	
Artesian .....	12	1	1	12	2	1	18	8	7	5	45		18	10		6		8		
Avon .....	10	2	1	6	5		10	8	5	2	9	5	8	5		6	5		5	
Baker .....	12	1	1	8	8	11	20	15	12	4	15		10	10		6	10	1	10	
Billings .....	12	1	1	18	24	45	45	20	13	45	17	17	42		6	15		24	10	
Brentford .....	12	1	1	9	9		8		6	2	8				4	8	6			
Britton .....	12			1	3															
Buffalo .....	2	2	1	5	13	11	20	6	12	8	16	1	6	10	3	5	8	11		12
Bushnell .....	5	1	1	3	3		6	10	10	3	6		10	6	10					
Butte .....	12	1	1	4	9		17	25	18	8	10	8	25	15		6				25
Calvary .....	12	2	2	2	4		8	3	3	3	3	3	2			8	2			
Conner .....	10	1	1	6	9	2	15	10		4	12	10	10			1				
Flandreau .....	1	1	1			10	3	3	2	5							5			
Forsyth .....	12	1	1	5	1		45	36	10	6	15	28	28	11	12	20		1		
Houghton .....	12	2	1	5	8	1	12	3	3	1			3	4		3				
Huron .....	12	1	1	10	2		20	10	8	4	15									
Ipswich .....	12	2	1	6	15	5	42	10	10	5	5	18	8	10		10	10			
Johnson Corners ..	12	11	1	14	12	14	24	24	20	10	45	10	10			15	15	1		
Knobs & Mill Iron ..	11			6	2	1	14	3	2						14					
McIntosh .....																				
Medicine Rocks .....	12	1	1	6	6	3	15	5	3	3	18		5	2		14	3			
Mission .....	11	1	1	4	5		12	7	7	7	6	5	7	10		10	10	1		
Mitchell .....	12	1	1	16	13	1	35	25	10	12	4	18	15	15		5				10
Mobridge .....	12	2	1	4	6	1	28	18	26	5	1	28	20			5	26			28
Mt. Vernon .....	12	1	1	7	1		9	8	5	5	22		6			5				1
Northville .....	12	1	1	9	6		15	5	5	5	25		5	5		5		1		
Pollock .....	1	1	1	1	2		8	5	10	3										
Rapid City .....	12	1	1	1	5	1	20	10	15	5	30	10	8	6		10	15	1		22
Redfield .....	12	2	2	7	13	5	20	12	4	6	30	8	12	15		10	4	1		
Richland .....	11	1	1	10	20	13	40	18	12	5	45	10	12	12		20	15	1		
Watertown .....	12	1	1	6	3		18	12	12	4	20	9	9	12		8	12		12	
Watford City .....	12	1	1	14	17		25	10	15	5	25	8	12			6	15	1		
Webster .....																				
Total .....	336	37	35	242	255	109	637	413	318	165	669	206	332	201	67	263	166	20	67	129

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Item III. Membership.														
Charges	Received	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	No. Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss	Gain	No. under 14 yrs. of age	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstated Elders	Local Preachers	Membership Tithing
Aberdeen	12			1	103	102	1			8	8			40
Almont			1	7	27	27						1		12
Artesian					54	46	8							9
Avon	5		1	1	20	23		3						5
Baker		1	1		35	33	2						1	8
Billings	6		1	6	98	97	1			5	3		1	40
Bradley					16	16								
Brentford	1		2		23	22	1			1	2			7
Britton														
Buffalo					21	21								
Bushnell			3	1	14	11	3				1			6
Butte			3		14	11	3			2	1			10
Caivary				3	18	15	3							7
Flandreau					8	8								
Conner	11				11	11		11	1	1	2			7
Forsyth					13	13			3					10
Houghton			2	4	32	26	6						1	24
Huron	9	13		2	38	32	6		2		11			6
Ipswich	19	8	1	4	49	55	6			1	5		1	25
Johnson Corners				2	69	67	2						2	30
Knobs & Mill Iron					14	14								
McIntosh					10	10								
Medicine Rocks	2				19	21		2			5		1	
Mission	4	11			17	10	7							6
Mitchell	13	1	2	7	77	80		3	2			2	1	18
Mobridge					13	13				1				11
Mt. Vernon					13	13							1	13
Northville	6	5	2	4	55	50	5			5			1	
Pollock					5	5								
Rapid City		3			19	16	3		1					11
Redfield					52	52								33
Richland			1	7	76	68	8		1					25
Watertown	1				20	21		1						12
Watford City	13	2			34	45		11	6		8			20
Webster					7	7								
Total	92	51	14	50	1083	1061	59	37	16	24	46	4	11	395

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### Item IV. Sunday Schools.

Charges	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers	Whole No. of Teachers	Whole No. of Scholars	Total Number in Main School	Average Attendance	No. Scholars Home Department	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	No. Scholars Converted	No. Scholars Joining Church	No. Departmental Superintendents	No. in Teacher Training Course	No. of Organized Classes	No. of Books in Library	No. Wesleyan Y. People's Soc	Total Membership of Societies	Enrollment in D.V.B.S.	Average Attend. in D.V.B.S.
Aberdeen	1	8	10	131	149	107	8	25	182			1			180	1	16		
Almont	1	10	5	29	34	20	17	15	66			2				1	9		
Artesian	1	7	4	50	54	35			54	21						1	9		
Avon	1	7	4	14	20	16		6	26			1		4					
Baker	1	4	4	34	42	30		10	52	1		1				1	12		
Billings	1	7	13	160	181	128	6	29	216	12	5	2			12	1	20		
Brentford	1	3	3		25	16									40				
Britton																			
Buffalo																			
Bushnell	1	2	2	26	30	16			30	2							16	15	
Butte	1	3	8	85	93	61		20	113										
Calvary	1	3	2	10	12	11			12										
Conner	1	5	4	28	32	27		13	45	1	9	2			40				
Flandreau																			
Forsyth	2	2	9	69	76	54	53	16	145	1									
Houghton	1	8	4	17	29	18		5	34			4		4	18	1	6		
Huron	1	7	5	34	46	28													
Ipswich	2	6	10	70	86	60	5	7	98		18	2				1	10	30	25
Johnson Corners	1	4	12	56	72	47										1	26		
Knobs & Mill Iron																			
McIntosh																			
Medicine Rocks	1	5	4	35		27			40		1			4	100	1			
Mission	1	2	4	27		19		1	35	1		1					9	7	
Mitchell	1	9	9	82	100	70		16	116			2		9	32	1	20		
Mobridge	2	4	5	93	75	38		18	75	2		1							
Mt. Vernon	1	1	3	25	10	20			25	1									
Northville	1	5	6			22		7				2				1			
Pollock																			
Rapid City	1	7	5	45	50	33		14	64										
Redfield	1	3	5	60	65	42		6	71						35	1	20	15	13
Richland	1	3	6	59	65	46			59			1				1			
Watertown	1	1	4	46	50	32		8	58										
Watford City	1	2	5	70	77	41		8		12	12	1							
Webster																			
Total	30	128	155	1355	1473	1064	89	224	1616	54	46	21		21	457	13	148	70	60

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### Item V. Church Property.

Charges	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Cash, or Other Values On Hand
Aberdeen	1	10,000		1	6,000		250
Almont	1	4,600					
Artesian	1	1,200		1	1,000	350	
Avon	1	5,000		1	1,000		
Baker	1	2,200	350	1	2,200	1,480	32
Billings	1	12,000		1	5,000		2,430
Brentford	1	750					
Britton			79				409
Buffalo	1	3,500	166	1	2,500	1,500	
Bushnell	1	1,300		1	500		
Butte	1	12,000	70				
Calvary							
Conner	1	500	150				260
Flandreau							
Forsyth	1	4,500	503	1			
Houghton	1	3,975		1	1,225		106
Huron	1	3,000					55
Ipswich	1	3,200					707
Johnson Corners	1	2,500					563
Knobs & Mill Iron							
McIntosh							
Medicine Rocks	1	1,500		1	1,500		
Mission	1	1,200					
Mitchell	1	5,000		1	3,750	1,475	257
Mobridge	1	1,000		1	1,500		493
Mt. Vernon							
Northville	1	2,500		1	1,000		700
Pollock							
Rapid City	1	7,000	3,000	1	1,200	250	
Redfield	1	4,000		1	750		189
Richland	1	3,500		1	2,500		
Watertown	1	8,000	1,220	1			200
Watford City	1	2,000		1	1,000		300
Webster							
<b>Totals</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>102,925</b>	<b>5,538</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31,625</b>	<b>5,055</b>	<b>6,951</b>

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### Item VI. Amount Contributed For Pastor.

Charges	Pastor's Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage & Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Aberdeen .....	1,693	300	31	110	2,134
Almont .....	720	200	13	7	940
Artesian .....	885	120	47	120	1,172
Avon .....	781	72		288	1,141
Baker .....	641		91	110	842
Billings .....	1,560	300	33	200	2,093
Brentford .....	755	96		200	1,051
Britton .....	318	54		24	396
Buffalo .....					
Bushnell .....	235	40	5	53	333
Butte .....	767	300	5	100	1,172
Calvary .....	434			78	512
Conner .....	550	66		363	979
Flandreau .....					
Forsyth .....	418	180	25		623
Houghton .....	787	53	25	98	913
Huron .....	950		40	61	1,051
Ipswich .....	1,150	20	73	20	1,263
Johnson Corners .....	1,040	90		160	1,290
Knobs & Mill Iron .....	253			4	257
McIntosh .....					
Medicine Rocks .....	642	50	10	140	842
Mission .....	381	35		30	446
Mitchell .....	1,300	325	15	86	1,726
Mobridge .....	352	140	5	391	888
Mt. Vernon .....	484		5	357	846
Northville .....	669	60		157	886
Pollock .....					
Rapid City .....	893			40	933
Redfield .....	1,024	96	20	238	1,378
Richland .....	2,203	100	10	80	2,393
Watertown .....	465	200	10	200	875
Watford City .....	1,040	90	20	50	1,200
Webster .....					
Totals	23,343	2,987	483	3,765	30,575

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### Item VII. Amount Contributed for Church.

Charges	Conference President's Sal	Conference Evangelist's Sal	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Total for Church
Aberdeen	16		370	434	669	533	2,022
Almont	80		362	58		79	579
Artesian	6	161	45		364	137	713
Avon	26		34	36		74	170
Baker	29		121	44	467	310	971
Billings	35	400	202	2,597	432		3,666
Brentford	23			11	11	11	56
Britton					514	44	558
Buffalo							
Butte	25		52	136	772	218	1,203
Bushnell	13		36	18	330	26	423
Calvary	4		50			11	65
Conner	31		91	53	239	132	546
Flandreau							
Forsyth	16		25	219	158	619	1,037
Houghton			24	48	75	94	241
Huron	8		15	81	199	46	349
Ipswich	15		100	60	53	81	309
Johnson Corners	25	135	10	66	62	64	362
Knoxs & Mill Iron	24			12			36
McIntosh							
Medicine Rocks	29		26	155	239	239	632
Mission	10		45	32	63	23	178
Mitchell	42		108	153	1,816	470	2,539
Mobridge	23		87	106	1,444	32	1,692
Mt. Vernon	6		17	51		31	105
Northville	23		75	26	7	121	252
Pollock							
Rapid City				104	3,558	225	3,887
Redfield	20		115	39	119	110	453
Richland	24		35	78	199	99	435
Watertown	10		80	11	2,219	140	2,460
Watford City	25		10	70	100	121	326
Webster							
Totals	588	135	2522	2317	16,226	4527	26,815

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### Item VIII. Amount Contributed for Benevolences.

Charges	Undivided Budget	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Church Extension	Conference Work	Superan. Minister's Fund	Connecional S' School Work	W. Y. P. S.	Orphanare	Other Benevolent Objects	Total For Benevolences	
Aberdeen .....		142	251	135		335	31	5	51	28	140	1,118	
Almont .....		46	202	58		127	14		7	12	116	582	
Artesian .....	18	26	58	27		80			8	5	41	263	
Avon .....		25	60	5		71	10	2		20	12	205	
Baker .....		86	97	80		72	15			27	164	541	
Billings .....	57	180	146	123		347	47	8	17	29	144	1,098	
Brentford .....		42	108	49		115	14	5		15	70	418	
Britton .....		17		6		45				5	3	76	
Buffalo .....													
Bushnell .....			7	15		23	5			5	7	62	
Butte .....							12					12	
Calvary .....		22	36	20						3		81	
Conner .....	5	9	9	12		18	1			5	27	86	
Flandreau .....													
Forsyth .....			20	4		40	7	3			8	82	
Houghton .....		50	60	66		175	15		5	5	140	516	
Huron .....		46	27	8		78	15			5	29	208	
Ipswich .....		37	153	96		199		2	10	10	73	530	
Johnson Corners .....		181	494	201		643	36	5	13	60	104	1,737	
Knobs & Mill Iron .....		2	35	6		3	6	1		1	26	80	
McIntosh .....													
Mission .....	11	14	26	20				2	3	7		83	
Medicine Rocks .....		132	404	31		118	9	2		14	167	877	
Mitchell .....	9	55	109	88		367	40	5		21	154	848	
Mobridge .....	10	27	82	27		60	7	2		5	3	223	
Mt. Vernon .....		7	26	20		53	7	1		3		117	
Northville .....		93	47	15		82	9	2		6	10	264	
Pollock .....													
Rapid City .....		21		5		5		3		5	166	205	
Redfield .....	189	20	74	56		147	48	3		11	158	706	
Richland .....		77	541	67		287	39	3		5		1,014	
Watertown .....		17	19	8		40	10	1		5	24	124	
Watford City .....		96	241	164		338	18	4		30	127	1,018	
Wehster .....													
Totals		299	1470	3332	1412		3663	415	59	114	347	1913	13 224

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### Item IX. TOTALS.

Charges	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
Aberdeen .....	2,134	2,022	1,118	5,274
Almont .....	940	579	582	2,101
Artesian .....	1,172	713	253	2,118
Avon .....	1,144	170	205	1,519
Baker .....	842	971	541	2,354
Billings .....	2,093	3,666	1,098	6,857
Brentford .....	1,051	56	418	1,525
Britton .....	396	558	76	1,030
Buffalo .....				
Bushnell .....	333	423	62	818
Butte .....	1,172	1,203	12	2,387
Calvary .....	512	65	81	658
Conner .....	979	546	86	1,611
Flandreau .....				
Forsyth .....	623	1,037	82	1,742
Houghton .....	913	241	516	1,670
Huron .....	1,051	349	208	1,608
Inswich .....	1,263	309	580	2,152
Johnson Corners .....	1,290	362	1,737	3,399
Knobs & Mill Iron .....	257	36	80	373
McIntosh .....				
Medicine Rocks .....	842	632	877	2,351
Mission .....	446	178	83	707
Mitchell .....	1,726	2,589	848	5,163
Mobridge .....	888	1,692	223	2,803
Mt. Vernon .....	846	105	117	1,068
Northville .....	886	252	264	1,402
Pol'ock .....				
Rapid City .....	993	3,887	205	5,025
Redfield .....	1,378	453	706	2,537
Richland .....	2,393	435	1,014	3,842
Watertown .....	875	2,460	124	3,459
Watford City .....	1,200	326	1,018	2,544
Webster .....				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30,578</b>	<b>26,315</b>	<b>13,224</b>	<b>70,117</b>

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### Item X. Budget.

Charges	Undivided Budget Raised	Home Missions Raised	Foreign Raised	Education Raised	Orphanage Raised	Conference Raised	Total Assigned	Total Raised
Aberdeen .....		142	251	135	28	323		879
Almont .....		46	202	58	12	118	114	436
Artesian .....	18	50	58	36	12	80		254
Avon .....		25	60	5	20	71	95	181
Baker .....		86	97	80	27	72		362
Billings .....	57	180	146	123	29	347		882
Brentford .....		42	108	49	15	115	99	329
Britton .....		17		6	5	45		73
Buffalo .....								
Bushnell .....			7	15	5	23		50
Butte .....	6	86	48	25	5	46	53	216
Calvary .....		22	36	20	3	45	61	153
Conner .....								
Flandreau .....		9	9	12	5	18		53
Forsyth .....			20	4		40		64
Houghton .....		50	60	66	5	175		357
Huron .....		46	27	8	5	78		164
Ipswich .....		37	153	96	10	199		495
Johnson Corners .....		181	494	201	35	613	233	1,554
Knobs & Mill Iron .....		2	28	6	1	3	60	40
McIntosh .....								
Medicine Rocks .....		9	34	26	4	118	73	191
Mission .....	11	14	26	20	7	12	60	90
Mitchell .....	9	55	109	88	21	367		649
Mobridge .....	10	27	82	27	5	60	31	211
Mt. Vernon .....		7	26	20	3	53	56	109
Northville .....		93	47	15	6	82		243
Pollock .....								
Rapid City .....		21		5	5	5	68	86
Redfield .....	189	20	74	56	11	117		467
Richland .....		77	541	67	5	283		972
Watertown .....	4	17	19	8	5	40	90	93
Watford City .....		96	241	164	30	338	153	869
Webster .....								
Totals		304	1470	3332	1441	324	3815	1246
								10,472

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(All reading books and grades are to be reported to A. M. Wiley).

W. D. Shelor:

First Year—Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.

Second Year—Philosophy of Plan of Salvation.

Third Year—Church History, System of Christian Evidence.

Fourth Year—Church History, and All About the Bible.

(Books in the course on which examination is to be taken can be secured by writing to the examiner. Please send a fee of ten cents when asking for any book). The books in the Reading Course will be in the hands of the Secretary, Rev. Marvin E. Jones, 623 North Sanborn St., Mitchell, S. D. The fee will be charged on these books also.

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RICHLAND—President, Mrs. Lucy Wolter, Ipswich, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. E. P. Sime, Mina, S. D.

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WATERTOWN—President, Mrs. Louise Goodsell, Watertown, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Nora Goodsell, 10th St. W., Watertown, S. D.

WATFORD CITY—President, Mrs. L. D. Harris, Watford City, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Olaf Muri, Watford City, N. D.

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### DELEGATES

Aberdeen—Mrs. Margaret Hollingsworth  
Almont—Mrs. Marjorie Downs  
Artesian—Mrs. Marie Winterberg  
Avon—Mrs. Joyce Mudgett  
Baker—Mrs. A. C. Buell  
Billings—Mrs. Erma Brannon  
Brentford—Mrs. Harry Hopkins  
Britton—Mrs. Nellie Sausoman  
Buffalo—No delegate  
Bushnell—Mrs. Mabel Patrick  
Butte—Mrs. Marion Cretsinger  
Calvary—Mrs. Ruby Larue  
Conner—Mrs. Amy Hunter  
Cresbard—Mrs. Luella Bardell  
Forsyth—Mrs. Lillian Bailie  
Houghton—Mrs. Nellie Sausoman  
Huron—Verda DuBro  
Ipswich—Mrs. Lee Wagner  
Johnson Corners—Miss Agnes Lillibridge  
Knobs—Mrs. T. S. Lee  
Medicine Rocks—Mrs. T. S. Lee  
Mission—Mrs. Esther Ladely  
Mitchell—Mrs. Francis McGovern  
Mobridge—Miss Hilda Hesselroth  
Northville—Mrs. Dorothy Nultemeier  
Rapid City—Mrs. Lillian Reisdorph  
Redfield—Mrs. John Noot  
Richland—Mrs. Pettigrew  
Sandstone—Edna Wheeler  
Watertown—Mrs. Louise Goodsell  
Watford City—Mrs. Olaf Muri  
Willow Lake—No delegate  
Mrs. Harriet Harris  
Mrs. F. L. Trovik  
Mrs. Vena Simpson  
Mrs. Elizabeth Traver

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### Daily Proceedings

WEDNESDAY, 9:30 a. m.

OPENING—Following united singing by the group, Mrs. Vena Simpson led the opening devotions, speaking on the subject, "The God of Hope and the Hoping Christian", based on Romans 3:15. Following an urgent request of our President, we continued a longer period in intercession in behalf of those of our number who were ill.

CREDENTIALS—Mrs. Goodsell and Mrs. Mudgett appointed Committee on Credentials.

BY MOTION—Mrs. Patrick was elected to act as delegate from Bushnell.

BY MOTION—Mrs. T. S. Lee was elected to act as delegate from Medicine Rocks.

BY MOTION—Mrs. Charles Ladely was elected to act as delegate from Mission.

ROLL CALL—Roll called to which 24 responded.

CONFERENCE BODY—Motion prevailed that Delegates, Presidents, Pastors' Wives, Y. M. W. B. Superintendents, and Lady Ministers constitute the Conference Body.

BAR OF CONFERENCE—Motion prevailed the first six rows on either side of tabernacle be called the Bar of Conference.

ELECTION—A Nominating Committee was elected as follows:—Mrs. Amy Hunter, Mrs. Vena Simpson, Mrs. M. Cretsinger, Mrs. M. Hollingsworth, Mrs. A. Buell.

ADJOURNMENT—Adjourned by motion to give time for Nominating Committee to compile their report.

10:45 a. m.

CALL TO ORDER—Called to order by President.

REPORT—Report of Nominating Committee read and accepted. (*See Report No. 1*).

ELECTION—Election of committees was made as reported by Nominating Committee.

BY MOTION—Mrs. Cretsinger was elected to act as Reporter to prepare a report for the local city newspaper and also the *Wesleyan Missionary*.

COURTESIES—Rev. Miss Lauerman introduced to body by Courtesy Committee and spoke a few words of inspiring testimony.

ADJOURNMENT—Adjourned by prayer to meet again at 1 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 1:00 p. m.

OPENING—Opened with a song, followed by prayer with Mrs. Drown. Roll call to which 27 delegates responded.

BY MOTION—Mrs. Lee was elected delegate to represent Knobs Society.

BY MOTION—Mrs. Goodsell was elected delegate to represent Wattertown Society.

ANNOUNCEMENT—By common consent, announcement was made by the Chair that Y. M. W. B. meetings would begin today on the grounds

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for the children, led by Mrs. Goodsell, and continued until the beginning of the Camp Children's Services.

REPORT—Partial report of Orders of the Day read and accepted as read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY—Local reports were called for by Orders of the Day, the following reports being given: Almont, Artesian, Avon, Baker, Billings, Brentford, Britton, Buffalo, Bushnell, Butte, Calvary, Conner, Houghton, Huron, Ipswich.

ADJOURNMENT—Adjourned by prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 4:00 p. m.

ROLL CALL—Roll was responded to by 21 delegates.

BY MOTION—Mrs. Pettigrew was elected as delegate to represent the Richmond Society.

BY MOTION—Mrs. Bardell was elected as delegate to represent the Cresbard Society.

REPORT—Aberdeen and Cresbard local reports were read.

COURTESIES—Mrs. T. S. Lee from Medicine Rocks, Montana, introduced to body, and spoke briefly.

REPORTS—Other local reports were read—Johnson Corners, Medicine Rocks, Mitchell, Northville, Redfield, Richland, Sandstone, Rapid City, Watford City, Watertown, Mission.

ELECTION—Motion prevailed that Miss Lillibridge act as *Wesleyan Missionary* Solicitor.

APPOINTMENT—Motion prevailed that the Chair appoint a Prayer Committee, whose duty is to organize prayer bands for prayer during the conference sessions. Mrs. Bardell and Mrs. Hunter were appointed to this Committee.

REPORT—Mobridge local report read.

## PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 8:00 p. m.

The congregational singing was led by Mrs. Cretsinger. Prayer was offered by Rev. Ortney. A male quartet sang, "Where Are The Reapers?" Mrs. Leyh introduced the speakers of the evening, the first one being Mrs. Reisdorph, our Connectional Missionary President, speaking on the subject, "The Keys of the Kingdom". Rev. E. F. McCarty, our Connectional Representative, was the second speaker, speaking on the subject, "The Importance of Foreign Missions and Its Hindrances". Following the addresses an offering and pledges were taken to be divided equally among Conference Home and Foreign Missions, in the amount of \$85.50 cash, and \$714.50 in pledges. The closing song was led by Mrs. Cretsinger, after which we were dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Brannon.

THURSDAY, 9:30 a. m.

OPENING—Devotionals were led by Mrs. Bailie, speaking from the text, Isa. 41:9-20. Roll was called to which 28 responded. Minutes were read and approved.

REPORT—Complete report of Orders of the Day read and accepted. (See Report No. 2).

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**REPORT**—Auditing Committee report read and accepted. (*See Report No. 3*).

**REPORT**—Treasurer's Report read and accepted. (*See Report No. 4*). A rising vote of thanks and a moment of intercession was given in behalf of our treasurer, Mrs. Larson.

**COURTESIES**—Rev. Miss Minnie Knecht was introduced to the body and responded with testimony. Rev. E. F. McCarty was introduced by Courtesy Committee and addressed the body. A short time was given for questions to be asked by the group. This proved to be profitable to all.

**READING CONTEST**—Mrs. Drown of Redfield shared with the group the reading contest sponsored by this society.

**DISBURSEMENT**—Motion prevailed that \$50.00 be disbursed from the Conference treasury to help in payment of the concrete floor in Young People's Tabernacle.

**ADJOURNED**—By motion.

THURSDAY, 1:00 p. m.

**ROLL CALL**—Roll was called to which 21 delegates responded.

**CHANGE IN ORDERS OF THE DAY**—Motion prevailed we change the Orders of the Day, substituting the report from General Conference by Mrs. Leyh, for Mrs. Reisdorph's address which will be given at a later date.

**GENERAL CONFERENCE REPORT**—Mrs. Leyh brought to the group a report of General Conference Missionary Society sessions. The booklet, "A Brief History of Foreign Missions of the Wesleyan Methodist Church" by Mrs. Perrine was introduced and sold.

THURSDAY, 4:00 p. m.

**OPENING**—Called to order by Chair. Following the singing of one congregational song, prayer was offered. 27 delegates were present.

**COURTESIES**—Mrs. Arthur Calhoon introduced to body and spoke inspiringly.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**—Orders of the Day called for General Conference Reports. As Conference Missionary Delegate, Mrs. Harris gave her report. Mrs. Simpson as Y. M. W. B. delegate, followed with her report.

**INSTRUCTION TO DELEGATES**—Motion prevailed that all monies be in the hands of the Conference Treasurer two weeks before the Conference convenes in 1945.

**REPORT**—President's message was read and accepted. (*See Report No. 7*).

**ELECTION**—The following District Organizers were elected: — Southern District, Mrs. Winterberg; Northwest District, Mrs. Baillie; Aberdeen District, Mrs. McIntyre.

**ADJOURNED**—By motion.

FRIDAY, 10:00 a. m.

**OPENING**—Following a song, devotions were led by Mrs. Traver. Roll call to which 24 were present. Minutes read and approved.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**—Orders of the Day called for the Y.M.W.B.

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service led by Mrs. Goodsell. Courtesy Committee introduced the General Conference President, Mrs. Reisdorph, who prefaced her address with the message of the recent death of the Gibbons' baby. A brief time of intercession was spent in behalf of Sister Gibbons.

**COURTESIES**—Mrs. Sheets was introduced to the group and responded with testimony.

**ADJOURNED**—By motion and prayer.

FRIDAY, 3:30 p. m.

**OPENING**—Scripture verses were recited, after which Mrs. Simpson led us in prayer. 22 delegates present.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**—Election of Officers was called for by Orders of the Day, which resulted in the following: President, Mrs. Viola Leyh; Vice-President, Mrs. Erma Brannon; Secretary, Mrs. Laverne Jones; Treasurer, Mrs. Blanche Larson; Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, Mrs. Louise Goodsell.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO SECRETARY**—Motion prevailed that letters of greetings be sent from the body by the Secretary to Mrs. Spry, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. R. Howard, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. McIntyre.

**REPORT**—Plan of Work Committee report read and accepted. (*See Report No. 6*).

**PRAYER PROGRAM**—The reviving and perfecting of the Prayer Program was urged upon the group.

**CLEANING CAMP BUILDINGS**—Motion prevailed that each local society be assessed 10¢ per member toward hired help to prepare and clean the buildings for conference and camp in 1945.

**MISSIONARY TRAVEL**—Motion prevailed we engage Mrs. Seekins to travel our conference this coming year.

**REPORT**—Resolutions Committee report read and accepted. (*See Report No. 5*).

**REPORT**—Statistical Report read and accepted with grateful thanks. (*See Report No. 9*).

**DISBURSEMENT**—Motion prevailed that the Executive Board be authorized to disperse the balance in the conference treasury according to present needs and their judgment. (*See Report No. 8*).

**ASSESSMENT**—Motion prevailed each society be assessed \$2.00 to help in the purchase of a car for the Henleys in Carlsbad, California.

**AUTHORIZATION**—Motion prevailed the President, Mrs. Leyh, be authorized to write Bro. Swauger, questioning the necessity to perform manual labor for a living by some of our Home Missionary workers.

SATURDAY, 1:00 p. m.

**OPENING**—Unitedly we sang, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name", led by Mrs. Reisdorph. Sister A. Calhoon related to the group her experience of healing last summer, at the close of which we united in earnest intercession in behalf of the healing of Mrs. Shreve's body. The Minutes were read and approved.

**DORMITORY**—Mrs. A. Reisdorph presented the needs of the dormitory to the group, especially mentioning towels, washcloths and bed

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sheets. Our President thanked the group for their large donations of foodstuffs to the kitchen.

**COURTESIES**—Courtesy Committee introduced to the body Mrs. Brannon from Texas, and Mrs. Sollee, a new bride within the conference. In behalf of the group, our Vice-President presented a gift to Mrs. Sollee.

**GREETINGS**—A card of greeting and encouragement was signed by the individuals of the group to be forwarded to Mrs. Viola Girard, who was ill in the Aberdeen hospital.

**VOTE OF THANKS**—A rising vote of thanks was given to Rev. T. S. Lee in behalf of the fine poster he made for our Conference Missionary Society for General Conference.

**ANNUAL REPORT BLANKS**—Pointers were given by the Statistical Committee in filling out the annual missionary local report blanks, which will enable each one to do it more accurately.

**ADJOURNED**—By motion.

### Reports of Committees

#### *Report No. 1*

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

**STATISTICAL**—Mrs. Lillian Bailie, Mrs. Harriet Harris.

**AUDITING**—Miss Minnie Knecht, Mrs. Joyce Mudgett.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**—Mrs. Erma Brannon, Mrs. Viola Leyh, Mrs. Grace Miller, Mrs. Frances McGovern, Mrs. Marjorie Downes.

**RESOLUTIONS**—Mrs. Elizabeth Traver, Mrs. Margaret Hollingsworth, Mrs. Katherine Drown.

**COURTESIES**—Mrs. Erma Brannon.

**PLAN OF WORK**—Mrs. Vena Simpson, Mrs. Aurel Lee, Mrs. Nellie Sausoman.

Signed: Mrs. Amy Hunter  
Mrs. Vena Simpson  
Mrs. Marion Cretsinger  
Mrs. Margaret Hollingsworth  
Mrs. Ella Buell

#### *Report No. 2*

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

We, the Committee on Orders of the Day, submit the following report:

Wednesday afternoon, Local Reports. Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, Public Meeting, speakers Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph and Rev. E. F. McCarty. Thursday morning, Treasurer's Report and Rev. McCarty to address the Society. Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, the Report of General Conference by Mrs. Leyh. At 4 o'clock a Report from General Conference by Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Simpson. Friday morning, at 9:30,

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Y. M. W. B. program, followed by an address to the group by Mrs. Reisdorph. At 3:30 o'clock, Election of Officers. Friday also to be observed as "Tag Day".

Signed: Viola C. Leyh  
Erma S. Brannon  
Marjorie Downes  
Mrs. J. C. McGovern  
Grace S. Miller

### Report No. 3

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the Treasurer's books and found them correct.

Signed: Miss Minnie Knecht  
Joyce Mudgett

### Report No. 4

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

##### Summary Report for the Year 1943-44

On hand at beginning of year .....	\$ 37.98
Received from all sources .....	4523.60
Total .....	4561.58
Disbursed .....	4368.62
Balance on Hand .....	\$ 192.96

Signed: Blanche A. Larson

### Report No. 5

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Inasmuch as our nation is involved in the greatest conflict of arms ever recorded in human history, and our Christian faith is being tested whether it will be able to weather this mighty tempest, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, dedicate ourselves anew to gird on the whole armor of God and stand against the powers of darkness to prove that our God hears and answers prayer.

Be it also resolved, that we call mightily on God to direct the leaders of the Allied Nations, that the free course of the Word of God be not hindered.

Be it further resolved, that a great volume of prayer be sent up for our men and women in the armed forces that the Holy Spirit will keep those whom are his, and bring to Christ the unsaved ones.

Be it resolved, that as Christian women, we prove our sympathy for the suffering mothers and children of both Allies and enemies, by our continual prayers and labors in their behalf.

Be it resolved, also, that we make intercession for our missionaries,

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we remember those of all nations who have been interned by our enemies, that through their suffering, God may be glorified and unbelievers shall be convinced of the reality of our Christ.

Be it resolved, that we express our appreciation to Brother McCarty and to Sister Reisdorph for their earnest and stirring messages on Home and Foreign Missions.

Be it resolved, that we express our gratitude to the pastors and wives on our pioneer fields for their faithful labors in building new missionary societies.

Be it resolved, that we offer our thanks to the Camp Meeting committee and their helpers for the fine entertainment in this difficult war year.

Be it further resolved, that as Christian women, we set before this rising generation, such an example of holy living in all manner of conversation, home life, and intercessory prayer, as shall lead them to turn from the things of this world to serve the Lord.

Signed: Mrs. Elizabeth Traver  
Mrs. Margaret Hollingsworth  
Mrs. Katherine Drown

### Report No. 6 PLAN OF WORK

We, the Committee on the Plan of Work, urge each Society to observe at least one night of prayer each month in the Conference Prayer Program, also that each local society cooperate with the Connectional Prayer Program, in addition to the following plan of work outlined by the General Conference:

1. Arrange with the pastor for one missionary prayer service each month.
2. A minimum of ten meetings during the year in which prayer service is held and business transacted.
3. Red Letter Days:
  - a. Harvest Day for Educational Work.
  - b. Easter Program, gifts and offerings for Home Mission work.
  - c. World Day of Prayer—that we cooperate in observing the World Day of Prayer.
  - d. May Day—to be known as gift day, bandages and such gifts as can be sent with outgoing missionaries or used on our Home Field.
  - e. *Wesleyan Missionary* Day—with program to secure subscriptions for our official organ.
4. One public meeting.
5. Correspond with missionaries.
6. The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 50% of membership to be subscribers to the *Wesleyan Missionary*.
7. A solicitor elected for the *Wesleyan Missionary*, gaining not less than two new subscribers a year.
8. A delegate elected to the Annual Conference of the W. H. and F. M. Society.
9. Report blanks properly filled out on time.

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10. At annual meeting instruct delegate the amount to pledge at Annual Conference session for the Society.

11. Officers elected at last meeting of Conference year.

12. All monies received as dues be sent to the Conference Treasurer, designating where 50% of same shall be applied on missions. (*See par. 293 of Discipline*).

13. A Superintendent and fully organized Y. M. W. B.

14. Every woman of the church a member of the Society, or a 20% gain in membership.

15. Money sent to Conference Treasurer on time.

Ten points each.

16. (a) The continued use of "Parliamentary Law at a Glance" by Utter, as a textbook in parliamentary usage. (5%).

(b) We also recommend that parliamentary drills have a place in the Plan of Work for the local society and be credited in the Standard of Efficiency. (5%).

In conclusion:

1. We would urge that each local society make much of the Prayer Clock and attempt to keep the circle of prayer as complete as possible each month.

2. We recommend that each local society especially remember our service men in prayer and the need of distributing Bibles among them.

3. Likewise, we recommend the reading of the Efficiency Standard quarterly. All societies making a grade of 100 points be placed on the Honor Roll. How will your Society be rated at the Annual Conference session?

Signed: Mrs. Vena Simpson  
Mrs. Aurel Lee  
Mrs. Nellie Sausoman

### Report No. 7

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Missionary Cause:

Greetings! Once more we are privileged to meet on the old Camp Grounds and enjoy the warm fellowship of the Saints! We are truly grateful to the Lord for the splendid cooperation of those who labored to provide for every comfort while here.

This encourages us to expect in answer to prayer, a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon this session and that our business deliberations shall be owned and blessed of God, Who said "If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not".

We wish to commend the Presidents and their Societies for the splendid work they have done. This proves to my mind that we have "good leaders". Announcers declare the greatest need of this invasion is good leaders and that no leader can inspire others until he is inspired himself. As we snuggle up to the great heart of God, we will be inspired and blest to lead others on to do valiant work in the Harvest Field.

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### OFFICIAL ACTS

Urged the organization of a Society at Forsyth, May 16.  
Accepted the report of the organization of a Society at Conner in October.

Presided at the World Day of Prayer Union Service in Ipswich.  
Societies visited are as follows: Aberdeen, Athol, Cresbard, and Mobridge.

Other duties and correspondence attendant to the office have been cared for.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Received for service at Mobridge.....	\$ 4.00
Received for service at Aberdeen .....	2.00
Received for service at Athol .....	4.00

Total ..... \$10.00

Respectfully submitted,

Viola C. Leyh

### *Report No. 8*

### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

The following action was taken:

1. Motion prevailed that each Society be requested to send in \$1.00 per month for the helping of the six new fields within our Conference, namely, Rapid City, Vale, Forsyth, Conner, Watertown, and Butte—total amount for the year per Society, \$12.00.

2. Motion prevailed the Southern District Organizer be reimbursed \$1.00 for expenses incurred in office this year.

3. Motion prevailed we use \$10.00 from Treasury to purchase needed supplies for the dining hall, namely, an ironing board and water glasses.

4. Motion prevailed a love gift of ten dollars be given to the Secretary for her labors.

5. Motion prevailed the Secretary be instructed to purchase a new Secretarial Minute Book for the Society.

6. Motion prevailed the Y. M. W. B. Superintendent of the Conference be reimbursed \$5.40 for expenses incurred in the office this past year, which were not met by Desk Fund.

7. Motion prevailed that \$5.00 be given to Mrs. A. Reisdorph for her work as Dormitory Superintendent.

8. Motion prevailed that \$10.00 be given to Rev. and Mrs. Sollec, to aid them in their new work.

Signed: Viola C. Leyh  
Erma S. Brannon  
Louise Goodsell  
Blanche A. Larson  
LaVerne Jones

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## W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Societies	Receipts											
	Active Members	Honorary Members	Members Gained	Members Loss	Regular Meetings Held	Special Meetings Held	Do You Use Missionary Programs ?	Number of "Wesleyan Missionary" Taken	Rank Under Efficiency Stand. Pct.	Cash On Hand From Last Year	Membership Dues	
Aberdeen	32	8	4		23	1	Yes	18	120	7.63	40.00	
Almont	8				15	2	Yes	5	90	.67	8.00	
Artesian	12	9	6		12	2	Yes	8	130	2.53	22.00	
Avon	10	3		1	11		Yes	5	90	2.88	13.00	
Baker	16	1			12	4	Yes	8	100	1.25	17.00	
Billings	40	17	32		22	8	Yes	24	100	12.51	57.00	
Brentford	9	3	4		12		Yes	9	100	11.00	12.00	
Britton	3			2	15	1	No	3	110	.56	3.00	
Buffalo	7	2		2	7	2	No	6		1.64	9.00	
Bushnell	5	2			4		No	3		26.84	7.00	
Butte	10	2			8	3	Yes	9	122	8.57	12.00	
Calvary	7	3			12	1	Yes	6	100	1.70	10.00	
Conner	8	2	10		8	1	Yes	9	70		10.00	
Cresbard	12	3	1		16		Yes	7	85	6.76	15.00	
Forsyth								1				
Houghton	8	4			11		Yes	8	125		12.00	
Huron	12				12	3	No	2		3.29	12.00	
Ipswich	26	9	31		15	2	Yes	15	145	6.76	35.00	
Johnson Corners	16	6	2		12	3	Yes	12	150	7.52	22.00	
Knobs	7		1		11		Yes	2			7.00	
Medicine Rocks	11	6	3		12	2	Yes	6		4.15	17.00	
Mission												
Mitchell	18		2		15	6	No	14	145	8.76	18.00	
Mobridge	15	8	11		12		No	6		.67	23.00	
Northville	11	3			11	1	Yes	6	100		14.00	
Rapid City	31		19		20		Yes	5	90		31.00	
Redfield	18	5	3		23	1	Yes	13	120	2.05	23.00	
Richland	15	6	5		12	1	Yes	12	100		21.00	
Sandstone	11	2	4		5	1	Yes	7	110	2.50	13.00	
Watertown	3	2		9	1			3			5.00	
Watford City	12	4		8	11	1	Yes	17	130		16.00	
Totals	394	110	138	18	360	46		254		120.24	504.00	

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### Receipts

Societies	Offerings	Labor	Clothing and Other Gifts to Home Work	Bandages and Other Gifts to Foreign Work	General Conference Delegate Fee	Other Sources	Total
Aberdeen .....	160.19	20.55	70.00	8.50			306.87
Almont .....	97.42		30.00				136.09
Artesian .....	91.68	20.63	27.00		2.20		166.04
Avon .....	147.92				1.30		162.22
Baker .....	98.77		50.00	2.00			169.02
Billings .....	176.80		75.00				321.31
Brentford .....	338.76		8.00				369.76
Britton .....	22.53		10.50				36.59
Buffalo .....	60.06		50.50				121.20
Bushnell .....	19.57	3.00					56.44
Butte .....	135.56		9.34				165.40
Calvary .....	172.67						184.37
Conner .....	31.01						41.01
Cresbard .....	75.60	3.00	55.00				155.36
Forsyth .....							
Houghton .....	106.75		16.00				134.75
Huron .....	60.69		27.15				103.13
Ipswich .....	286.26						328.02
Johnson Corners .....	320.25		7.00		2.20		352.97
Knobs .....	29.12	5.00			.70		42.82
Medicine Rocks .....	555.44	9.00	25.00				610.59
Mission .....	78.00						78.00
Mitchell .....	182.60	30.85	50.00		1.60	10.51	302.32
Mobridge .....	154.56		15.00				193.23
Northville .....	98.94				1.10		154.04
Rapid City .....	37.32	150.00	30.00	15.00			263.32
Redfield .....	72.26	8.90	60.40			25.00	191.61
Richland .....	264.22						285.22
Sandstone .....	107.57						118.67
Watertown .....	25.00					15.00	45.00
Watford City .....	271.62		19.00				306.62
Willow Lake .....							
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14279.14</b>	<b>250.93</b>	<b>634.89</b>	<b>25.50</b>	<b>9.10</b>	<b>50.51</b>	<b>5901.99</b>

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Disbursements.									
Societies	Undivided	Home --- Cash	Home Clothing and Other Gifts	Cash	Provisions	Foreign --- Cash	Foreign Bandages and Other Gifts	Medical Students	Cash
Aberdeen .....	16.00	52.83	60.00	5.00	10.00	37.00	8.50	3.00	22.60
Almont .....		26.50	30.00	5.00		40.00	14.00		
Artesian .....		15.00	20.16	5.00		58.10	10.45		
Avon .....		27.00		20.20		60.00	5.00		
Baker .....		9.50	50.00	5.00		15.00	6.00		
Billings .....		25.00	75.00	5.50		87.50	15.00		
Brentford .....		48.30	8.00	15.00		107.67	39.00		
Britton .....		6.00	10.50	5.00					
Buffalo .....		6.00	50.50	5.00		44.02			
Bushnell .....				5.00			5.00		
Butte .....	6.00	48.39	24.25	5.00	10.00			16.50	
Calvary .....		27.50		13.25	72.00	24.45			
Conner .....		8.50		5.00	9.00	5.00			
Cresbard .....	5.00	8.50	5.00	10.50	38.76			3.00	
Forsyth .....									
Houghton .....		26.35	16.00	5.17	46.44	17.20			
Huron .....	6.00	12.50	27.15	5.00	16.00				
Ipswich .....		37.20		10.00	142.40	42.90			
Johnson Corners .....		62.00	7.00	25.00	177.27	5.00			
Knobs .....					27.07				
Medicine Rocks .....	11.00	107.21	25.00	5.25	9.00	398.50	5.00	10.00	
Mission .....		14.00		7.00		26.00	20.00		
Mitchell .....		37.50	53.36	21.00		82.63	25.00		
Mobridge .....	6.50		15.00	5.00		82.39		19.50	
Northville .....		33.96	40.00	5.00	27.16	15.00			
Rapid City .....		21.50		5.00	30.00				
Redfield .....	13.00	35.95	54.40	6.00	6.00	12.49		5.00	
Richland .....		66.59		5.00		150.00	30.00		
Sandstone .....		11.25		10.00		52.00	7.00		
Watertown .....		11.50		5.00		5.38	3.00		
Watford City .....		59.50	3.00	15.00	16.00	135.80	10.00		
Willow Lake .....									
Totals		53.50	846.03	624.32	243.87	71.00	1960.58	28.50	3.00

# WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

## STATISTICAL REPORT (Continued)

### Disbursements.

Societies	Education, Provisions	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Conference Fund, 7½ pct. Included	General Conference Delegate Fee	Cash On Hand	Total
Aberdeen		7.61	20.00	23.13	53.08	4.00	3.12	306.8
Almont		3.77	4.00		12.82			136.00
Artesian		5.07	11.00	13.54	9.42	2.20	.53	166.04
Avon		9.02	13.00	.68	9.22	1.30	16.80	162.22
Baker		17.88	8.50	41.50	10.37	1.70	.57	169.02
Billings			57.00	21.61	16.10		18.60	321.31
Brentford		30.00	12.00		31.66		61.13	369.76
Britton	5.56		1.50	.56	6.41		.96	36.59
Buffalo		1.81	4.50	2.37	6.30	.70		121.20
Bushnell		20.00	7.00	3.70			15.74	56.44
Butte		8.00	6.00	10.30	19.97		11.06	165.47
Calvary		7.00	5.00	13.50	19.06	1.00	1.61	184.37
Conner			5.00	1.63	5.20	1.00	.68	41.01
Cresbard		5.50		4.85	20.75	1.50		155.36
Forsyth								
Houghton			6.00	3.48	12.00	.60	1.51	134.75
Huron		13.25	6.00	8.79	6.32		2.12	103.13
Ipswich		8.33	16.00	4.50	54.86	3.50		328.02
Johnson Corners				6.06	45.92	2.20	11.52	352.97
Knobs				7.00	2.60	.70	5.45	42.82
Medicine Rocks			8.50	5.54	36.59			610.59
Mission								78.00
Mitchell		4.01	9.00	18.57	30.03			302.32
Mobridge		18.00	11.50	22.38	11.74		1.22	193.23
Northville			7.00	8.32	16.50	1.10		154.04
Rapid City		150.00	15.50	21.90	4.42			263.32
Redfield			11.50	33.33	10.70	2.30	1.04	191.61
Richland		13.10	10.50	1.66			8.37	285.22
Sandstone			6.50	17.53	14.30	1.30	8.79	118.67
Watertown			2.50	5.00	12.50			45.00
Watford City			8.00	19.14	37.17	1.30	1.71	306.62
Willow Lake								
Totals	5.56	322.38	273.00	310.57	515.91	26.40	172.53	5901.99

# THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

## Y. M. W. B. STATISTICAL REPORT

Bands	No. of Members	No. of Meetings Held	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Total
Aberdeen	38	30	80.24	8.93	5.32	44.49
Almont						
Artesian	58	20	41.25	1.00	7.20	49.45
Avon						
Baker	8	19	18.06	24.25	5.05	39.56
Billings	12	24	6.24	15.00		21.24
Brentford						
Britton						
Buffalo	11	22	33.15			33.15
Bushnell	12	1	10.00			10.00
Butte			25.00			25.00
Calvary						
Conner						
Cresbard						
Forsyth	16	45	19.61			19.61
Houghton	9	12	45.94		20.40	66.34
Huron						
Ipawich	12	5	16.33			16.33
Johnson Corners	15	12	79.70	16.80	39.20	135.70
Knobs						
Medicine Rocks			136.26			136.26
Mission						
Mitchell	11	20	5.00	2.50	1.89	9.30
Mobridge						
Northville	8	12	38.67			38.67
Rapid City						
Redfield	15	18	33.61			33.61
Richland	25	12	83.13	15.00	5.00	103.13
Sandstone						
Watertown	12		13.22	5.00	5.00	23.22
Watford City	28	45	84.52	1.50	36.42	122.44
Willow Lake						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>714.93</b>	<b>85.98</b>	<b>125.59</b>	<b>927.40</b>

## Minutes of the Dakota Conference W. Y. P. S.

Young Peoples' Day, June 14, began with a prayer meeting in the tabernacle at 6:30 a. m. In the 9:00 meeting there were reports given by each of the district presidents. These reports gave us new ideas and inspiration for the coming year.

Rev. Sheets, our General Superintendent, gave the message at the 10:00 service. It proved very helpful and with the challenges given us, we ought to make definite progress the coming year. At this meeting the following were elected as the nominating committee: Marvin E. Jones, R. J. Sausoman, L. D. Harris, Rachel Bateman, Opal Mudgett.

The Annual Business Meeting convened at 1:30 p. m., with singing "Jesus Saves" and "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go". Rev. Thomas Bailie led in prayer.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Marvin Jones, in the absence of the president, Rev. John Hunter.

Minutes of the previous meeting of the conference W. Y. P. S. business meeting were read and adopted.

Minutes of the Executive Committee were read and adopted.

Partial report of the treasurer was read and adopted.

The nomination committee gave the following report:

PRESIDENT—Rev. R. J. Sausoman.

VICE PRESIDENT—Gordon Goodsell.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Southern District, Elvie Turner; Aberdeen District, Grace Knapp; Northwest District, Royal Bailie.

WESLEYAN YOUTH SOLICITOR—Kenneth Shelley.

ASSISTANT SOLICITORS—Southern District, Archie Mudgett; Aberdeen District, Marjorie Wagner; Northwest District, Irene Jones.

WESLEYAN YOUTH REPORTER—Opal Mudgett.

The following people were nominated from the floor: President, Rev. Gordon Goodsell; Wesleyan Youth Solicitor, Rev. Marvin Jones; Reporter to Wesleyan Youth, Kathryn Fessenden.

The following officers were elected:

PRESIDENT—Rev. R. J. Sausoman.

VICE-PRESIDENT—Rev. G. W. Goodsell.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Elvie Turner, Grace Knapp, Royal Bailie

WESLEYAN YOUTH SOLICITOR—Rev. Kenneth Shelley.

ASSISTANT SOLICITORS—Southern District, Rev. Archie Mudgett; Aberdeen District, Marjorie Wagner; Northwest District, Irene Jones.

REPORTER TO WESLEYAN YOUTH—Kathryn Fessenden.

The Journal Solicitor gave his report and it was accepted.

Motion made and carried that we recommend to the Executive Committee that the Conference W. Y. P. S. President's expenses be paid to one convention in each district annually. This to be taken from the Conference W. Y. P. S. funds.

Motion made and carried to adjourn.

## Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the Dakota Conference convened on June 17, at the call of the president, Rev. Sausoman.

Elvie Turner of Bowdle, South Dakota, was elected secretary and treasurer of the conference.

It was moved and seconded that (1) all designated and undesignated money for church extension be sent to the conference treasurer; (2) that conference treasurer acknowledge by receipt all money received; (3) that churches receiving designated offerings for church extension are to acknowledge it by letter to the society sending the money.

It was moved and carried that the Executive Committee plan the program for the coming year.

It was moved and carried that W. Y. P. S. Day be Tuesday of Camp Meeting week.

We recommend that our District President take steps to secure the Conference President for one convention during the year in each district. His expenses to be met by an offering and the deficit to be paid by the conference treasurer.

It was moved and carried to adjourn.

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## Standing Rules

1. That the second Sunday in September be observed as Church Extension Sunday.

2. That ten cents per member be assessed annually for General Conference Delegate.

Budget Apportionment:

50¢ per member for connectional W. Y. P. S.

25¢ per member for conference dues.

10¢ per member annually for General Conference Delegate.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

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## Treasurer's Report

### RECEIPTS

Balance brought forward .....	\$ 78.00
Watford City—Church Extension .....	4.38
Billings—Dues .....	5.00
Billings—General Conference Dues .....	2.00
Artesian—Dues .....	3.15
Almont—Dues .....	2.50
Almont—Connectional W. Y. P. S. ....	4.50
Almont—Church Extension .....	4.10
Almont—for 7½% Fund .....	1.87
Redfield—Connectional W. Y. P. S. ....	9.50
Redfield—Dues .....	7.50
Buffalo—Dues .....	2.50
Houghton—Dues .....	1.50
Houghton—Connectional Dues .....	3.00
Johnson Corners—Dues .....	6.50
Johnson Corners—Gen. Conference Delegate Fund .....	2.60
Mitchell—Dues .....	5.00
Mitchell—Connectional W. Y. P. S. ....	10.00
Mitchell—Gen. Conference Delegate Fund .....	2.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>155.60</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Church Extension .....	43.65
Pews for Watertown Church .....	10.00
Cement Floor for Y. P. Tabernacle .....	20.00
Telegram and bank exchange .....	.84
7½% Fund .....	1.87
Connectional W. Y. P. S. ....	27.00
General Conference Dues .....	2.00
Printing of Minutes .....	7.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>112.36</b>
Cash Balance on Hand .....	43.24
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>155.60</b>