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Please Note: Opening date of next Conference, Tuesday evening, June 2, 1953, Wesleyan Methodist Campgrounds, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

The Dakota Conference

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President—J. F. Simpson

Vice President—John J. Hunter

Secretary—Marvin E. Jones

Treasurer—S. J. McIntyre

Educational Secretary—Marvin E. Jones

Sunday School Secretary—Richard Rossow

Tithing Secretary—Clyde McCone

Transportation Secretary—J. F. Simpson

Card Call Secretary—Dallas Wadsworth

Promotional Secretary for Wesleyan Men's Fellowship—Marvin E. Jones

Representatives to Miltonvale College—Marvin E. Jones, A. L. Mudgett

Alternate Representative to Miltonvale College—Richard Rossow

Secretary-Treasurer Ministerial Benefit Fund—Thomas Bailie

Trustees—L. D. Harris, term expires 1955; H. W. Cretsinger, term expires 1954; J. E. Spry, term expires 1953; Harold Duflath, term expires 1954; Dan Palmer, term expires 1955

Temperance Secretary—W. J. Leyh

Treasurer Superannuate Pension Fund—H. R. Duflath (address: 520 So. Montana Street, Mitchel, So. Dakota)

Quarterly Conference Evangelist—S. J. McIntyre

STANDING COMMITTEES

Camp Meeting Board: Conference President, Conference W.M.S. President, Conference W.Y.P.S. President, Pastor of Aberdeen Church, Max Hansen, Wilbur Drown, H. H. Franklin

Auditing Committee: Henry Dufloth, Chairman

Conference Program Committee—Conference President, Conference W.M.S. President, Conference W.Y.P.S. President, Pastor of Aberdeen Church

Missionary Board: Conference President, Conference Treasurer, Conference W.M.S. President, H. W. Cretsinger, O. Theo. Beckman, Henry Dufloth, F. L. Boyington, David Robertson

Committee on Itineracy and Orders: John J. Hunter, term expires 1955; Lester Buckman, term expires 1954; H. W. Cretsinger, term expires 1953; Walter Simpson, term expires 1956

Judiciary Committee: W. O. Howard, Thomas Bailie, L. D. Harris

Sunday School Board: Conference Sunday School Secretary, Thomas Bailie, Robert Bateman

Board of Church and Parsonage Building and Location: Conference President, John J. Hunter, Bennie Veeder, L. L. Hildebrandt, Harold Yetter

Vacancies Committee: A. L. Mudgett, Richard Rossow, R. J. Sausoman, R. E. Jaquith, E. P. Sime

Committee on Evangelism: Quarterly Conference Evangelist, W. J. Leyh, Marvin E. Jones, Conference Sunday School Secretary

Committee on Superannuate Minister's Aid: Quarterly Conference Evangelist, Conference Secretary, Treasurer of Superannuate Pension Fund

President's Advisory Board: J. E. Spry, Harold Dufloth

Chairman Statistical Committee: R. J. Sausoman

Chairman of Committee on Railroad Expense: Lester Myers

Chairman of Committee on Resolutions: A. L. Cretsinger

Conference Representative to S. D. United Temperance League: W. J. Leyh

Conference Roll

ELDERS

Alma Aldinger (1950)Sierra Leone, West Africa
 Thomas Bailie(ph. 4172) Watford City, North Dakota
 Mrs. Thomas Bailie (1934)(ph. 4172) Watford City, North Dakota
 Robert Bateman(ph. 5471) Ipswich, South Dakota
 A. A. BeckerFreeman, South Dakota
 Ruth Bixler (1950)Sierra Leone, West Africa
 Lester Buckman (1942)(ph. 2293J) 616 1st St., Rapid City, S. D.
 Romeo BaroninaUrdaneta, Pagasinan, Philippine Islands
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 Elton ClydeSand Point, Idaho
 Walter E. Cook (1951)(ph. 5974) Garden City, South Dakota
 A. L. CretsingerLoyalton, South Dakota
 Mrs. Dorothy CretsingerLoyalton, South Dakota
 H. W. Cretsinger (1939)(ph. 312M) Redfield, South Dakota
 Mrs. Wilbur Drown(ph. 54) Redfield, South Dakota
 Earl Fessenden (1943)(ph. Bison 15F211) Strool, South Dakota
 Charles Fisher (1946)Pierre, South Dakota
 William Gale(ph. 579N) Rawlins, Wyoming
 Donald Gerrietts (1942)Flandreau, South Dakota
 B. I. GriffinFlandreau, South Dakota
 R. L. Gowan—
 Emil Hansen (1948)(ph. 2179) Mobridge, South Dakota
 C. J. Goodspeed—
 L. D. Harris(ph. Brainerd Indian Pay Sta.) Hot Springs, S. D.
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 R. M. KellyHot Springs, South Dakota
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 Minnie Knecht (1930)—
 Marion Koth (1943)513 Nelson St., Sedro Wooly, Wash.
 W. J. Leyh (1929)(ph. 3210) 320 Kansas Ave., N. E., Huron, S. D.
 Mrs. W. J. Leyh (1929) ..(ph. 3210) 320 Kansas Ave., N. E., Huron, S. D.
 Clyde McCone (1952)Willard, Montana
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 Lester Myers (1942)(ph. 250) Forsyth, Montana

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 R. D. ReisdorphHoughton, New York
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 R. J. Sausoman (1941)(ph. 3730 408 W. 6th St., Mitchell, S. D.
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 J. E. Spry (1929)701 W. 2nd Ave., Mitchell, S. D.
 Kenneth Shelley(ph. 1733) Miles City, Montana
 Harry ShreveCuba
 Mrs. Elizabeth Traver (1941)Grand Island, Nebraska
 H. J. Van VlietBillings, Montana
 Bennie Veeder (1950)(ph. 135) Baker, Montana
 H. VreugdenhillHoughton, South Dakota
 John Kearns(ph. 4352) Pierre, South Dakota
 Dallas Wadsworth (1950)(ph. Warner 2643) Mina, South Dakota
 George Warinner (1950)(ph. 11) Rocky Point, Wyoming
 A. M. Wiley617 4th St., Jamestown, North Dakota
 John Winterberg (1939)Miltonvale, Kansas
 John MickleyRapid City, South Dakota
 Mrs. H. VreugdenhillHoughton, South Dakota

LICENTIATES

- Wilbert BeckerHuron, South Dakota
 Lester BennettTolstoy, South Dakota
 Howard BoyleTuthill, South Dakota
 Evelyn ChapmanIpswich, South Dakota
 Wilbur Drown(ph. 43) Redfield, South Dakota
 Lee GoodellSundance, Wyoming
 Ralph HowardBrentford, South Dakota
 A. J. HouseConner, Montana
 Mrs. A. J. HouseConner, Montana
 Isla KnightIndia
 Allen GisselbeckWatertown, South Dakota
 Harold GriffinBelle Fourche, South Dakota
 Paul DavidsonHot Springs, South Dakota
 Ralph FrazierMission, South Dakota

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Godfrey Broken Rope	Rapid City, South Dakota
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Mrs. W. E. Moulton	Artesian, South Dakota
Paul Steward	Chelsea, South Dakota
Justus Strimple	Rawlins, Wyoming
Elvie Turner	Miltonvale, Kansas
Eugene Stanislaus	Missoula, Montana
Henry Vanderbush	Bushnell, South Dakota
Mrs. H. Vreugdenhill	Houghton, South Dakota
Dean Watson	Pierre, South Dakota
Darrell Wagner	Buffalo, Wyoming
Andrew Wilson	Deadwood, South Dakota

DELEGATES

Henry Dufloth	520 So. Montana St., Mitchell, South Dakota
Sam Row	Ridge, Montana
Mary Baker	Hot Springs, South Dakota
Mrs. Roy Ellis	Aberdeen, South Dakota
Mrs. Hortense Insley	Aberdeen, South Dakota
Mrs. Honor M. Kelley	Hot Springs, South Dakota
Mrs. L. D. Harris	Hot Springs, South Dakota
Mrs. Harold Yetter	Billings, Montana
Mrs. Rena Newburn	Flandreau, South Dakota
Mrs. Inez Hinds	Ipswich, South Dakota
Mrs. Esther Ladley	Mission, South Dakota
Mrs. R. E. Jaquith	Redfield, South Dakota
Thomas Edwards	Houghton, South Dakota
Voreta Simpson	Sturgis, South Dakota
Mrs. Della Hodson	Ipswich, South Dakota
Gloria Hayward	Avon, South Dakota
Mrs. Will Kingsley	Northville, South Dakota
Jake Kronwald	Mobridge, South Dakota
David Robertson	Brookings, South Dakota
Mrs. Lila Peterson	Rawlins, Wyoming
Joyce Strimple	Rawlins, Wyoming
Alice Nellis	Avon, South Dakota
Edwin Bonfoy	Garden City, South Dakota
Erwin Bailey	Mina, South Dakota
Mrs. Laura Kreager	Baker, Montana
Mrs. Charles Schmidt	Redfield, South Dakota
Mrs. Christine Stern	Loyalton, South Dakota

Henry Hystad	Watford City, South Dakota
William Greenberg	Deadwood, South Dakota
Mrs. Ingeberg Trovik	Almont, North Dakota
Charles Reisdorph	Houghton, South Dakota
Mrs. Chris Johnson	Buffalo, Wyoming
Mrs. Amy Brown	Sundance, Wyoming
Dasha Olson	Garden City, South Dakota
Bernard G. Carr	Strool, South Dakota
F. L. Boyington	Huron, South Dakota
Mrs. F. L. Boyington	Huron, South Dakota
H. H. Franklin	Watertown, South Dakota
August Kurth	Rapid City, South Dakota
Edward Reisdorph	Houghton, South Dakota
Goldie Peterson	Mount Vernon, South Dakota
Francis Fey	Brentford, South Dakota
Jacob Pfister	Artesian, South Dakota
Mrs. Winifred Clocksene	Willard, Montana

Daily Proceedings

Minutes of the Seventy-First Annual Conference of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, held at Aberdeen, South Dakota, June 3rd through June 11th, 1952.

Conference Sermon—The opening service of the Conference was held Tuesday evening, June 3rd, with a goodly number of ministers and delegates and friends in attendance. The Rev. S. J. McIntyre, pastor of the Billings, Montana Church, delivered the Conference Sermon, stressing the need of "a supernatural visitation of the Holy Spirit in Pentecostal power."

Wednesday Morning, June 4th, 1952

Devotionals—The Rev. S. J. Sausoman, pastor of the Mitchell Church, was in charge of the devotional period.

Called to Order—Conference was called to order by the President, the Rev. J. F. Simpson. Forty-two ministers and thirty-two delegates responded to the Roll Call.

Motion: to Seat Delegate—Motion prevailed that Mrs. Chris Johnson be acknowledged as the delegate from the Buffalo, Wyoming Church. The Pastor had left the field before Conference, so Mrs. Johnson had received no credentials.

Report of Program Committee—The Report of the Conference Program Committee was read and by motion accepted as read.

Motion: Bar of Conference—Motion prevailed that the first ten rows from the front of Tabernacle, in center section, constitute the Bar of Conference.

Motion: Regarding Bells—Motion prevailed that a Rising Bell be rung at 5:45 a. m., and that a bell be rung ten minutes before each Conference meeting, and then a bell rung on the hour of such meeting.

Election—The Rev. H. Vreugdenhill was elected official bell-ringer.

Greetings—A statement was made by the President to the effect that he had received greetings to the Conference from the following persons: J. E. Spry, Harry Shreve, George Robbins, Warren Pamp, L. L. Knapp, Ruth Bixler, Alma Aldinger, Romeo Baronia, Mrs. Grace Hoiem.

Motion—Motion prevailed that the Conference Secretary be instructed to acknowledge these, and other greetings that might come during the Conference.

Election—The following persons were nominated and elected to the Nominating Committee: John J. Hunter, Marvin E. Jones, H. W. Cret-singer, H. H. Franklin, F. L. Boyington.

RECESS FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO ACT

Conference was again called to order.

Report: Nominating Committee—The report of the Nominating Committee was read, amended, and accepted by motion as amended. (See Report No. 1.)

Courtesies—The Committee on Courtesies introduced the following brethren and they spoke briefly: R. M. Kelly, Hot Springs, S. D.; Neal Phipps, Gordon, Nebraska; James Blaine, Avon, S. D.; Ralph Frazier, Northville, S. D.; Andrew Wilson, Deadwood, S. D.; Lee Goodell and Dean Watson, Watertown, S. D.

Laymen on Committee on Itinerary and Orders—The President nominated William Greenberg and Francis Fey as Lay members of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders, and they were elected.

Motion—Motion prevailed that pastors and elders be required to answer the next Roll call by giving their telephone numbers, so that said numbers might be included in the Conference Roll in the Minutes.

Courtesies—The Rev. Schutz, Fraternal Delegate of the Dakota Conference of the Free Methodist Church, was introduced and spoke briefly. Rev. Gerald Overholt, National Chairman of the National Prohibition Committee of Winona Lake, Indiana, was also introduced and spoke briefly concerning his work.

The following brethren were introduced and testified briefly: Joe Thompson, Tuthill, S. D.; Harold Griffin, Belle Fourche, S. D.; B. I. Griffin, Flandreau, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Becker, Huron, S. D.

Adjourned by motion.

Wednesday afternoon, June 4, 1952

Devotionals—The devotional period was conducted by the Rev. Lester Bennett, pastor of the Tolstoy, South Dakota Church.

Courtesies—The Committee on courtesies introduced Darrel Wagner and he spoke briefly in testimony.

Partial Report Missionary Board—The Conference Missionary Board brought in a recommendation regarding the appointment of a Quarterly Conference Evangelist. By motion the recommendation was accepted. (See complete report of Missionary Board, report No. 2).

Courtesies—The committee on Courtesies introduced Dr. O. G. Wilson, Church Editor and denominational representative, and he brought greetings from our Syracuse headquarters.

Paul Davidson, of the Brainerd Indian School was then introduced and testified.

Motion: Number of Minutes—Motion prevailed that we have 450 copies

of the Minutes printed at our own Publishing House. Amended by motion to add the words, "Provided they can be printed and in the mails within 45 days of the submitting of copy."

Adjourned subject to call of chair.

Thursday Morning, June 5, 1952

Devotionals—The devotional period was led by the Rev. R. M. Kelly, pastor of Hot Springs, South Dakota Church.

Roll Call was made with 37 ministers and 35 delegates responding.

Partial Report: Auditing Committee—The Committee on Auditing read a partial report and it was accepted by motion. (See Reepert No. 3.)

Report: Ministerial Benefit Fund—The treasurer of the Ministerial Benefit Fund read his report and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 4.)

Report: Conference Treasurer—The Conference Treasurer read his report and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 5.)

Motion: Deficit in Pension Fund—Motion was made that in the event there is a deficit in receipts for the Superannuate Pension Fund that such deficit be paid out of the old Conference Superannuated Minister's Fund.

Motion then was made to lay the above matter on the table.

Motion to lay on the table prevailed.

Report: Camp Meeting Treasurer—The Treasurer of the Camp Meeting Fund read his report and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 6.)

Report: Treasurer of President's Advisory Board—The report of the Treasurer of the President's Advisory Board was read by the Conference Secretary in the absence of the treasurer. The report was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 7.)

Report: Conference Superannuate Fund Treasurer—The treasurer of the Superannuate Pension Fund read his report and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 8.)

Motion: Where to Send Budget Payments on Superannuate Pension FUND—Motion carried that the budget item for the Superannuate Pension Fund, i.e., \$1.50 per church member, be sent direct to the treasurer of that Fund, Mr. Henry Dufloth of Mitchell, South Dakota.

Motion: To take matter of Deficit from Table—Motion prevailed that we take from the table the matter of a deficit in the Superannuate Pension Fund and consider it now. After considerable discussion a motion was made to refer the whole matter of the deficit in this fund to the Missionary Board, and that said Board bring in a recommendation regarding the deficit before Conference closes.

Partial Report: Conference President—The Conference President read a partial report and his report was accepted by motion. (See complete Report No. 9.)

Partial Report: Committee on Itinerary and Orders—The Committee on Itinerary and Orders read a partial report and it was accepted by motion. (See complete Report No. 10.)

Motion: Change in Orders of Day—Motion prevailed that the Orders of the Day be changed to have the Denominational Address by Dr. O. G. Wilson at 1:00 p. m. today, instead of 11:00 a. m.

Motion—Motion carried that information regarding the above changes of hour be carried to the Woman's Missionary Conference. The President appointed A. L. Mudgett to carry the word to the Women's group.

Courtesies—The Committee on Courtesies introduced Godfrey Broken Rope, Rapid City, South Dakota. He testified briefly.

Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

Thursday Afternoon, June 5, 1952

Denominational Address—The Denominational Address was delivered by Dr. O. G. Wilson, denomination Editor, and representative to our Conference. His subject was, "Standing with God in the Crises."

Report—The Committee on Railroad Expense read its report, stating that each charge is to send to the Conference Treasurer the amount of \$11.67. Motion prevailed that this report be accepted. (See Report No. 11.)

Motion: Change Standing Rules—Motion prevailed that the following change be made in the Standing Rules: That rule number two, paragraph two, line 4 have word "co-operating" stricken out and that word "total" be inserted in its place, and that a period be placed after the word "church."

Motion: Addition to Standing Rules—Motion prevailed that the action taken in the morning session regarding "Where to send Budget item on Superannuate Pension Fund" be placed in the Standing Rules.

Courtesies—The Committee on Courtesies introduced Sister B. Barker who has been supply pastor of the Tuthill, South Dakota church for the past several months. She testified briefly.

Recommendation of Conference President—The President read a recommendation asking for a committee to make a study of the churches' activities during the past five year period. Motion prevailed that recommendation be adopted.

Election: Committee to Study—A committee to make a study as suggested in President's recommendation was elected as follows: Conference President, chairman; Conference Secretary; Conference Treasurer; H. H. Franklin; F. L. Boyington.

Motion—Motion prevailed that the results of the above study be printed, or mimeographed in pamphlet form.

Courtesies—The Committee on Courtesies introduced Clinton Farrell, an evangelist, and he spoke briefly.

Adjourned by motion.

Friday Morning, June 6, 1952

Devotionals—The devotional period was conducted by the Rev. James Blaine, pastor of the Avon, South Dakota church.

Called to Order—Conference was called to order by the President. Fifty-one ministers and thirty-two delegates responded to the roll call. The Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved as read.

Tellers Appointed—The President appointed the following persons as tellers for the election: James Blaine, Earl Fessenden, A. L. Mudgett, R. J. Sausoman.

Election: Conference Officers—Election of officers resulted as follows:

President—J. F. Simpson

Vice President—John J. Hunter

Secretary—Marvin E. Jones

Treasurer—S. J. McIntyre

Trustee (Elder)—term expires 1955—L. D. Harris

Trustee (lay)—term expires 1955—Dan Palmer

Partial Report: Nominating Committee on Conference Standing Committees—The Committee on Nominations read a partial report nominating Standing Committees. By motion the report was changed to add the Sunday School Secretary for the Conference to the Committee on Evangelism.

Motion was then made to refer back to the Committee the matter of the Conference Committee on Superannuate Pension Fund. Motion carried.

Motion then prevailed to accept the report as amended. (See Report No. 11.)

President's Advisory Board—The President nominated J. E. Spry and Harold Dufloth to his Advisory Board. They were elected.

Adjourned by limitation of time.

Friday Afternoon, June 6, 1952

Partial Report: Auditing Committee—The Auditing Committee read a partial report and it was accepted by motion. (See complete report of the Auditing Committee.)

Report: Treasurer Beckman Board—The Treasurer of the Beckman Board read his report and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 13.)

Motion prevailed that we have a Standing Vote of thanks for the above report, and for the splendid cooperation shown by the treasurer, O. Theo. Beckman for taking valuable time for such work.

Report: Conference President—The President read a partial report, i.e., financial report, and this report was accepted by motion. (See Complete Report of Conference President.

Report: "Forward Movement"—The President gave a financial report of the "Forward Movement," Conference paper. This report was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 14.)

Motion—Motion prevailed that the deficit incurred on the printing of the "Forward Movement" be paid out of the Conference General Fund.

Recommendation: Change of Articles of Incorporation—The President presented a recommendation to change the Articles of Incorporation of the Conference, to facilitate the doing of business transactions. (See Report No. 15 for details.)

Motion—Motion prevailed that the various recommendations regarding the above be considered item by item.

Motion—Motion carried unanimously that we amend the Articles of Incorporation.

Motion: Vote on Items of Recommendation to Change Articles of Incorporation—Motion prevailed unanimously that item number one of the recommendations above mentioned be adopted.

Motion prevailed unanimously that item number two of the above-mentioned recommendations be adopted.

Item number three was amended by motion, and then advice was sought from an attorney. Item number three was then adopted unanimously by proper parliamentary procedure. (See complete reading of recommendations in final draft under Report No. 15.)

Motion: Other Beckman Property—The motion carried that the property received by the Conference in an agreement between Conference and Willie E. Beckman, in the event said property should be sold the Conference President and the Conference Secretary—or the Conference Trustees—shall sign all legal papers.

Motion—Motion prevailed that we accept all recommendations brought in by the President on the above items, as amended.

Motion: Denominational Budget—The motion carried that the New Budget set up by the late General Conference be included under "Budget Apportionments" in the Minutes.

Motion: Change in Articles of Religion—Motion prevailed unanimously, i. e., fifty-seven votes in favor of changing the Articles of religion as stated in report number sixteen.

Motion: Local Churches to Vote on Change in Articles of Religion—Motion prevailed that the President send a letter to each Church stating what to vote on regarding the Change in Articles of Religion, when the vote is to be taken, and that the results of the vote are to be sent to the Conference Secretary.

Greetings—The President stated that he had received greetings to the Conference from the Rev. John Winterberg, General Evangelist.

Election: Fraternal Delegate—Rev. Wilbur Drown was elected Fraternal Delegate from our Conference to the Dakota Conference of the Free Methodist Church.

Adjourned by motion.

Saturday Morning, June 7, 1952

Devotionals—The devotional period was conducted by Rev. Walter Simpson, pastor of the Brookings, South Dakota Church.

Report: Statistical Committee—The Conference Statistical Committee read its report, and after some suggestions for corrections, it was accepted by motion. (See Statistical tables herein.) Ministers and delegates joined in singing the doxology for the splendid report, and for the gains listed.

Report: Joint Board—The joint Board of Pastoral Relations Committee and Missionary Board brought in their report regarding Quarterly Conference Evangelist. (See report No. 17.)

Report: Committee on Group Insurance—The special Committee on Group Insurance brought in a report of their findings, and recommendations. (See Report No. 18.)

Motion: Standing Vote—Motion prevailed that a Standing Vote of appreciation be given the Conference President for supplying the Pastors with copies of "What Makes a Leader Click," and "What Makes a Pastor Click."

Adjourned by motion.

Saturday Afternoon, June 7, 1952

Report: Church Building and Location Committee—The Committee on Church and Parsonage Building and Location gave a report and it was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 19.)

Partial Report: Missionary Board—A partial report was read by the Missionary Board and accepted by motion. See complete report.

Final Vote on Amending Articles of Incorporation—A motion to accept the final reading of the change in Articles of Incorporation, after consultation with an attorney, was made and passed unanimously with 47

in favor and none opposed. See report on recommendations for detail.

Partial Report: Committee on Itinerary and Orders—The Committee on Itinerary and Orders read a partial report to complete their work, and the report was accepted by motion. See complete report of said committee.

Partial Report: Nominating Committee—The Nominating Committee read a report completing the list of Standing Committees, and their report was accepted by motion. See complete report on Standing Committees.

Report: Committee on Resolutions—The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and by motion adopted as read. (See Report No. 20.)

Motion: Building Cottage—Motion prevailed that Conference recommend to the Camp Meeting Board that steps be taken to build a worker's Cottage on the grounds.

Motion: Books for Examiners—Motion prevailed that the Conference Secretary order books for any of the Course of Study examiners, as they may need, and that any new books in the Course, or in the Reading Course be also ordered.

Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

Wednesday Afternoon, June 11, 1952

Called to Order—The closing meeting of the Conference sessions was called to order by the President.

Report: Passage of Character Committee—The Committee on Passage of Character read their report and by motion the report was accepted as read. (See Report No. 22.)

Partial Report: Missionary Board—A partial report was read by the Missionary Board and accepted by motion. See complete report.

Final Report: Committees on Itinerary and Orders—The Committee on Itinerary and Orders read a final report, completing the work of said committee, and the report was accepted by motion. See complete report.

Motion: to Rescind Dues on Ministerial Benefit Fund—Motion prevailed that the increase of dues, as recommended by a special Committee for the Ministerial Benefit Fund, be rescinded and that the dues remain the same as last year.

Motion: Report from Pastors receiving Conference Aid—Motion carried that pastors receiving help from the Conference report amounts earned in outside work plus amounts received from the Charge and from Conference to the Conference officials. This information to be included in the regular quarterly report to the Conference President.

Motion: Interpretation of Above Motion—Motion prevailed that the above motion be interpreted to refer to monies received on Pastor's salary.

Motion: Rent Money Supplied by Conference—Motion carried that

rent money paid by Conference be applied, wherever possible, on purchase of parsonages, to be owned by the Conference.

Report: Evangelist's Labors—The Statistical Committee read a report on Evangelist's Labors, and the report was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 22.)

Report: Election of W.Y.P.S. Officers—A report of the election of officers for the Wesleyan Young People's Society for the Conference was read, and by motion approved as read. (See Report No. 23.)

Report: Pastoral Relations—The Committee on Pastoral Relations read its report and the report was accepted by motion. (See Report No. 24.)

Greetings—Greetings to the Conference had been received from Rev. and Mrs. R. D. Reisdorph, and the greetings were brought to the floor verbally. Other greetings were also reported from: W. D. Shelor, and H. J. VanVliet.

Minutes Read and Approved—The Minutes for the last sessions were read, corrected and approved.

Gift Presented—A gift of a new brief case had been ordered for the Conference President from contributions by men of the Conference. Presentation of the gift, which will come later, was made by Dean Watson.

Closing Remarks—The Conference President made fitting remarks in appreciation of the good spirit of unity and harmony that prevailed during the Conference, and urged that we go back to our churches to wage an all-out offensive against the forces of evil.

Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

Reports of Committees

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Nominations submit the following report in nomination for the conference committees:

Pastoral Relations Committee: Conference President, Emil Hansen, S. J. McIntyre, A. L. Mudgett, Erwin Bailey, F. L. Boyington, Charles W. Reisdorph

Passage of Character—Conference President, Minnie Knecht, Mrs. Chris Johnson

Auditing Committee—Henry Dufloth (elected previously), Walter Simpson, David Robertson, H. H. Franklin

Committee on Railroad Expense—Lester Myers (Elected previously), Francis Fey

Committee on Resolutions—A. L. Cretsinger, Mrs. Harold Yetter, A. M. Wiley

Conference Reporters—Marvin E. Jones, J. F. Simpson

Statistical Committee—R. J. Sausoman, Earl Fessenden, Mrs. Roy Ellis, Mrs. Ingeborg Trovik

Courtesy Committee—John Kearns, L. D. Harris

To Committee on Itineracy and Orders to fill Vacancy—Lester Buckman

Committee: John J. Hunter,
Marvin E. Jones,
H. W. Cretsinger,
H. H. Franklin,
F. L. Boyington.

Report No. 2

MISSIONARY BOARD

We, your Missionary Board submit the following report: A meeting of the Missionary Board was called by the Conference President, June 4, 1952. Because of the growth and size of the Dakota Conference, it is difficult for the Conference President to make more than one visit to the churches each year, therefore we recommend that the Conference take steps to elect a Quarterly Conference Evangelist to assist in Conference visitations and short revival meetings, his slate to be arranged by the Conference President and his Advisory Board. We further recommend that

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this office be filled by the joint action of the Pastoral Relations Committee and the Missionary Board.

A joint meeting of the Missionary Board and the Pastoral Relations Committee was held June 5, 1952, to elect a Quarterly Conference Evangelist in compliance with the action taken by the Conference body. Rev. S. J. McIntyre was elected to this office.

June 6, 1952. The following recommendations were made:

1. That we continue to pay \$25.00 per month on the Rapid City note.
2. That we continue to pay \$15.00 on the Flandreau note, per month.
3. That we pay \$70.00 per week to the Conference President and that his travelling expenses be paid.
4. That at the time of his vistration, the churches endeavor to raise a liberal offering for either the Conference President or the Quarterly Conference Evangelist, to apply on his salary, thus reducing the amount to be paid from the Conference treasury.
5. That \$20.00 per month be paid toward parsonage rent at Garden City.

That \$50.00 per month be paid Romeo Baronia for salary unless information from the field warrants reduction of same.

6. That \$50.00 per month be paid Romeo Baronia for salary unless information from the field warrants reduction of same.

7. That \$75.00 per month be paid toward the salary of John Mickley, as Pastor of the Sioux Community Chapel.

8. That we pay \$30.00 per month for rent to the Belle Fourche pastor, and that \$100.00 per month for three months salary be paid, and that their problem be again considered at the September meeting.

9. That \$40.00 monthly for house rent be paid to the Missoula pastor.

10. That we pay the Quarterly Conference Evangelist \$60.00 per week.

11. That we pay the Quarterly Conference Evangelist \$40.00 per month for house rent.

12. That the travelling expenses of the Quarterly Conference Evangelist be allowed.

13. That we delegate to the Quarterly Conference Evangelist the authority to hold quarterly business meetings in our churches.

14. That we cancel the \$500.00 loan to the Rawlins, Wyoming church.

15. That we pay the balance of the note to the Free Methodist Conference in the amount of \$900.00.

16. That we apply the Pioneer Pastor's Fund to the Pierre work.

17. That we list the property of the former Deadwood church and

parsonage for sale at \$4,000.00, and upon sale of same immediate payment of mortgage be made.

18. That we give \$75.00 per month for pastor's salary at Missoula, Montana.

19. That we pay \$30.00 per month house rent for Sundance parsonage.

20. That we authorize the Conference President and Conference Secretary to sign the note and legal papers necessary to secure a loan of \$3,000.00 for the Redfield Church, the papers to be countersigned by the local trustees, this note to be paid by the local church.

21. That all unfinished business be considered at the September meeting.

Committee: J. F. Simpson,
S. J. McIntyre,
H. W. Cretsinger,
David Robertson,
O. Theo. Beckman,
H. R. Dufloth,
Mrs. LaVerne Jones.

Report No. 3

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee, have studied the books of the following treasurers and have found them to be correct: Conference Treasurer, Treasurer of the Advisory Board, Treasurer of the Ministerial Benefit Fund, Superannuate Pension Fund Treasurer, Camp Meeting Treasurer, the report of the Conference President, and the Beckman Board Treasurer.

Committee: H. R. Dufloth,
E. David Robertson,
H. H. Franklin,
Walter Simpson.

Report No. 4

TREASURER MINISTERIAL BENEFIT FUND

Financial report of the treasurer of the Ministerial Benefit Fund to the Dakota Conference:

Receipts

Cash on hand June 1, 1951	\$ 14.77
Received on first assessment	98.20
Received on second assessment	105.65
Received on Emergency assessment	101.70

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Received on third assessment	130.75	
Received on fourth assessment	98.90	
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Total Receipts		\$549.97

Disbursements

Ellis Sollie	\$ 50.00	
J. E. Winterberg	50.00	
A. L. Mudgett	13.93	
A. A. Becker	50.00	
W. O. Howard	50.00	
H. W. Cretsinger	50.00	
R. L. Bateman	50.00	
Thos. Bailie	34.60	
A. L. Mudgett	10.70	
Mrs. Laura Raymer (balance)	25.00	
W. E. Moulton	47.67	
Earl Fessenden	50.00	
Ralph Howard	21.00	
Banking	8.90	
Postage90	
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Total Disbursements		512.70
Balance on hand June 1, 1952		37.27
Total Receipts June 1, 1952		\$ 549.97

Thos. Baile, Secretary-Treasurer

Report No. 5

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance cash on hand June 1, 1951	\$ 2572.62
Received from 7½% item, oil leases, gifts, one-third of pledges	7725.03
Pension	308.05
Pioneer Pastor's Fund and Emergency Relief	944.15
Romeo Baronia, Philippine Islands	485.10
Sioux Chapel	400.10
Crop money	9068.65
Railroad Carfare	385.09
General Administrative Budget	300.50

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Conference Sunday School Assessment	121.70
General Conference Delegates Expense	151.41
General Conference Sunday School Assessment	145.95
Foreign Missions	1550.58
Home Missions, Church Extension, Australia	628.12
Miltonvale College	972.10
Orphanage	130.53
Conference Minutes	329.56
On sale of Butte Church	231.00
On Sale of Britton Church and lots	1757.51
Missoula Church, First Nat. Bank, Hunter, Craven, Escrow	220.00
American Bible Society	10.00
National Assoc. of Evangelicals	10.00
Sale of Vale, S. D. Community Church	109.29

Total Receipts	\$28,557.04
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Disbursements

Rapid City note	\$ 300.00
Flandreau Church, Sinking Fund	180.00
Richard Rossow, Sturgis Church, salary	150.00
For Sturgis Church, sale of Vale Community Church	109.29
Sturgis Church	75.00
Marie Kronwald Note and interest	153.75
A. Wilson, Deadwood Church, salary	288.00
Pension, H. R. Dufloth, Treasurer	308.05
J. F. Simpson, salary	2690.00
J. F. Simpson, refund for expense Britton Church sale	125.00
J. F. Simpson, refund, exp. Britton Church sale (phone)	15.00
J. F. Simpson, last year expense balance due	137.00
J. F. Simpson, Expense to Leader's Conference	58.00
J. F. Simpson, Expense	997.00
Sundance, Wyoming Church	500.00
Romeo Baronia, Philippine	660.00
John Mickley, Sioux Chapel, salary	900.00
John Hunter, Missoula, salary	1300.00
John Hunter, Missoula, house rent	480.00
William Gale from Pioneer Pastor's Fund	60.00
Lester Buckman, salary from Pioneer Pastor's Fund	560.11
Harold Griffin, Belle Fourche, salary	1200.00
Harold Griffin, rent	240.00
Incidental expense	322.46

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A. J. House, Conner, salary	180.00	
Brookings Church	150.00	
Railroad fares	291.32	
Gen. Adm. Budget, to F. R. Eddy, Syracuse	300.50	
Conf. Sunday School Secretary, Kenneth Shelley	4.00	
General Conference Expense	6.60	
General Conference Sunday School Assessment	145.95	
Foreign Missions	1550.00	
Home Missions, Church Extension, Australia	628.12	
Miltonvale College, from sale of McIntosh church ..	385.00	
Miltonvale College	972.10	
Orphanage	130.53	
Conference Minutes, Publishing House	334.00	
Garden City, parsonage rent	240.00	
Redfield, Church	1000.00	
Pierre, S. D. Church	1200.00	
Free Methodist Church Conference	300.00	
Missoula, Montana Church	2254.70	
Hot Springs, S. D. Church	573.27	
Sioux Chapel, Rapid City	70.00	
John Kearns, travel expense	167.80	
Conference Treasurer, honorarium	150.00	
Conference Secretary, honorarium	50.00	
Rawlins, Wyoming	300.00	
American Bible Society	10.00	
National Assoc. of Evangelicals	10.00	
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Total disbursements		\$23213.13
Total Receipts	\$28,557.04	
Total Disbursements	23,213.13	
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Balance in funds June 1, 1952		\$5343.91

PIONEER PASTOR'S FUND AND EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

Balance on hand June 1, 1951	\$ 280.55	
Receipts	944.15	
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Total		\$1224.70
Disbursements		620.11
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Balance on hand June 1, 1952		\$ 604.59

ROMEO BARONIA FUND

Balance on hand June 1, 1951	\$ 393.76	
Receipts	485.10	
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Total		\$ 878.86
Disbursements		660.00
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Balance on hand June 1, 1952		\$ 218.86

SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND (Pension)

Balance on hand June 1, 1951	\$ 348.68	
Receipts	308.05	
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Total		656.73
Disbursements		308.05
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Balance on hand June 1, 1952		\$ 348.68

CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND

Balance on hand June 1, 1951	\$ 123.95	
Receipts	121.70	
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Total		\$ 245.65
Disbursement		4.00
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Balance on hand June 1, 1952		\$ 241.65
General Conference Delegate's Expense Receipts	\$ 151.41	
Disbursement	6.60	
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Balance on hand June 1, 1952		\$ 144.81
Pioneer Pastor's Fund balance	\$ 604.59	
Romeo Baronia Fund balance	218.86	
Superannuate Minister's Fund balance	348.68	
Conference Sunday School Fund balance	241.65	
General Conference Delegate's Fund balance	144.81	
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Total balance in (5) Funds		\$1558.59
Balance in 7½% Fund, Crop money, etc.		3785.32
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Balance in full		\$5343.91

STATEMENT OF ASSETS OF SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND

Loan number one to Conference	\$ 289.49
Loan number two to conference	249.39
Loan number three to Conference	348.68
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Total Assets in Fund	\$ 887.56

S. J. McIntyre, Treasurer

Report No. 6

CAMP MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Cash balance on hand at beginning of year	\$ 197.53
Pledges and gifts	1312.08
Tabernacle offerings	1547.35
Dining hall registration and meals	760.91
Surplus Food	71.97
Snack room	52.94
W.M.S. for cleaning	123.66
Phone calls	10.42
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Total Receipts	\$4076.86

Disbursements

Northwestern Public Service Co.	\$ 51.67
Bell Telephone Co.	139.72
City Water	16.00
Groceries for Camp	889.45
Building and repairs	93.81
W.M.S. ladies for cleaning	98.00
Evangelistic help	590.00
Kitchen cook and helpers	185.00
Registrar	35.00
First National Bank, loan and interest	224.50
Dining Hall Supt.	25.00
Personal of a Camp friend	1052.50
Insurance	350.00
Printing materials and postage	49.10

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Propane gas	39.59
Laundry	39.48
Refrigeration	14.00
Travel expense paid to Mrs. M. E. Jones	9.00
(to supervise cleaning Camp)	
Check charges .....	.80
Total disbursements	<u>\$3902.62</u>
Cash balance on hand	\$ 174.24

R. L. Rossow,
Camp Meeting Treasurer

Report No. 7

TREASURER OF PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY BOARD

Amount in bank May 15, 1951	\$ 122.57
Received from Beckman farm	3103.35
Total Receipts	<u>\$3225.92</u>

Disbursements

May 31—Paid Lester Bennett, rent	\$ 35.00
July 6—Paid Lester Bennett, rent	35.00
Aug. 6—Paid Lester Bennett, rent	70.00
Sept. 10—Paid Flandreau, for paint	15.00
Sept. 18—Paid Lester Bennett, rent	70.00
October 15—Kenneth Shelley, moving expense	70.00
October 15—R. M. Kelly, moving expense	50.00
October 15—R. M. Kelly, on salary	60.00
October 19—J. F. Simpson, refund for insurance on Sioux Chapel, Tuthill church and misc.	53.43
October 19—Paid Al's Const. Co., Church basement.	500.00
October 19—J. F. Simpson, deficit on Forward Move- ment paper	50.00
October 19—Curtis Shreve, interest on note	100.00
October 23—Darrell Wagner, expenses at Pierre	100.00
November 5—Merrill Scharf, Lbr. Artesian church ..	148.00
November 5—To bank for personalized checks	1.35
November 5—R. M. Kelly, salary	60.00
December 3—R. M. Kelly, salary	60.00
December 18—Kenneth Shelley, salary	50.00

December 11—R. M. Kelly, salary	60.00
January 11—Kenneth Shelley, salary	50.00
January 29—John Kearns, salary	60.00
February 5—Kenneth Shelley, salary	50.00
February 7—R. M. Kelly, salary	60.00
February 7—R. M. Kelly, fuel bill	40.00
February 7—A. Gerleman, gift	25.00
February 7—John Kearns, salary	60.00
February 7—J. F. Simpson, Forward Movement	100.00
February 21—John Kearns, house rent	25.00
March 11—John Kearns, house rent and salary	85.00
March 11—R. M. Kelly, fuel and salary	80.00
April 1—John Kearns, rent and salary	85.00
March 11—Kenneth Shelley, salary	50.00
April 1—R. M. Kelly, salary	60.00
April 1—Kenneth Shelley, salary	50.00
May 3—John Kearns, rent and salary	85.00
May 3—R. M. Kelly, salary	60.00
May 3—Kenneth Shelley, salary	50.00
May 10—J. F. Simpson—Refund for money paid to Rev. A. Gerleman and abstract, deed, flooring and mis. expense Church property at Pierre	184.12
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Total Disbursements	\$2846.90
May 15—Cash in bank	379.02
	\$3225.92

J. E. Spry, Treasurer

Report No. 8

SUPERANNUATE PENSION FUND TREASURER REPORT

For year ending April 30, 1952

Pastor's Income Assessments:

W. O. Howard	\$ 15.26	Marvin E. Jones	8.83
Lester Buckman	28.72	Ellis Sollie	19.77
Thomas Bailie	22.20	S. J. McIntyre	36.49
Ralph Howard	13.71	Lester Myers	32.78
L. D. Harris	10.02	A. L. Mudgett	32.01
W. J. Leyh	33.25	A. M. Wiley	6.01
J. F. Simpson	22.82	B. I. Griffin	23.60
Total			\$ 305.47

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From Woman's Missionary Societies:

Aberdeen, S. D.	\$ 20.00	
Brentford, S. D.	19.50	
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Total		\$ 39.50

Church Budget:

Aberdeen, S. D.	\$ 30.00	Baker, Mont.	78.00
Watertown, S. D.	72.00	Mt. Vernon, S. D.	19.50
Loyalton, S. D.	30.00	Flandreau, S. D.	9.00
Hot Springs, S. D.	33.00	Ridge, Montana	9.00
Huron, S. D.	73.50	Ipswich, S. D.	43.50
Artesian, S. D.	34.50	Rocky Point, Wyo.	3.00
Calvary, S. D.	10.50	Webster, S. D.	1.50
Conner, Mont.	16.50	Billings, Mont.	102.00
Strool, S. D.	39.00	Richland, (Mina, S. D.).	76.50
Watford City, N. D.	76.50	Mobridge, S. D.	60.00
Almont, N. D.	33.00	Knobs, Montana	12.00
Rapid City, S. D.	28.00	Houghton, S. D.	28.50
Avon, S. D.	57.00	Redfield, S. D.	30.00
Mitchell, S. D.	138.00	Buffalo, Wyo.	33.00
Johnson's Corner, N. D..	67.50	Missoula, Mont.	10.00
		Medicine Rocks, Mont. .	13.50
Total received			\$1268.00

Total amount received on Church budget	1268.00
Total amount received from Pastor's Income	305.47
Total amount received from W.M.S.	39.50

Grand total received \$1612.97

Jan. 2, 1952, to David A. Rees, Gen. Treas.	\$ 150.73
Mar. 13, 1952, to David A. Rees, Gen. Treas.	640.55
May 31, 1952, to David A. Rees, Gen. Treas.	821.69

Total remittances \$1612.97

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. Duffloth, Treasurer

Report No. 9**CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

It is with gratitude that we are able to report to the Seventy-first session of the Dakota Conference of the state of our churches. This year has been filled with storms, floods, blocked roads and trials, but in the midst of these there has come a deeper interest, and a greater attendance in our Sunday schools and worship services. In some cases our churches have been crowded to capacity and steps are being taken to enlarge some of our churches, so our Sunday schools will have ample class rooms.

There is coming an awakening of the Spirit among our people for which we are thankful.

Three new fields have been opened this year, namely: Miles City, Montana; Pierre, South Dakota; Sundance, Wyoming. The work in each place is making progress. A church property has been erected or purchased on each field.

The Brookings Church has been organized and received into the Conference.

The future of our Conference looks bright as we learn to draw more heavily upon the Holy Ghost, as it is "not by might or power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." God has a distinctive work for our church and it is our firm belief that He has set before us an open door that no man can shut, if the Holy Ghost is given His rightful place in our midst.

J. F. Simpson, President

Official Business

June 17, 1951—Appointed Rev. Eugene Stanislaus supply pastor at Northville.

June 19, 1951—Appointed Rev. Darrell Wagner supply pastor of the Pierre work.

June 26, 1951—Received a letter of transfer from the Indiana Conference for Rev. Andrew Wilson.

August 21, 1951—Granted a letter of transfer to Rev. Royal Bailie to the Wisconsin Conference.

August 30, 1951—Accepted the resignation of Rev. George Warinner from the Tuthill church.

August 30—Appointed Rev. George Warinner pastor of the Rocky Point Church.

September 10, 1951—Appointed Rev. R. M. Kelly pastor of the Hot Springs Church.

September 11, 1951—Appointed Rev. Ralph Frazier pastor of the Northville Church.

September 21, 1951—Granted letters of transfer to Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Goodsell to the Nebraska Conference.

Received letter of transfer for Rev. James Judy from the Indiana Conference.

Received letters of transfer for Rev. R. M. Kelly, Rev. A. L. Cretsinger, Rev. B. I. Griffin of the Iowa Conference.

Granted letter of transfer to Rev. Floyd Metz.

J. F. Simpson.

President's Financial Report

Salary received from churches	\$ 141.98	
Salary received from Conference	2690.00	
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Total		\$3131.98
Paid on expense—meals, telephone, railroad and bus fare, hotel, etc.		\$1151.36
Received from Conference Treasurer for Expense ..	997.00	

J. F. Simpson.

Report No. 10

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders submit the following report:

We recommend that Robert Bateman and Clyde McCone having completed the Course of Study and the required time of service under direction of the Conference be ordained to Elder's Orders at this session of the Annual Conference.

We recommend that the Ordination service be at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning, June 8th, and that Dr. O. G. Wilson bring the Ordination sermon.

We recommend that Mrs. H. Vreugdenhill, having taken the examination on the Discipline, her Elder's Orders be accepted and that her name be placed on the Conference roll of Elders.

We recommend that the licenses of Elvie Turner, Isla Knight and Justin Strimple be renewed.

We recommend that Harold Griffin, Andrew Wilson, Ralph Frazier and Eugene Stanislaus be placed in the fourth year of Study and that they be granted licenses to preach.

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We recommend that B. I. Griffin, having transferred his credentials from the Iowa Conference, be placed in the roll of Elders.

We recommend that A. L. Cretsinger and Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger, Elders from the Iowa Conference in good standing, be received into the Conference.

We recommend that James Judy, an Elder in good standing in the Indiana Conference, be received to travel under direction of the Conference.

We recommend that James A. Blaine, Darrell Wagner, Dean Watson, and Lee Goodell, having completed their courses of study, be received to travel under the direction of the Conference, and that they be granted licenses to preach.

We recommend that A. J. House be continued in the third year of study, and that Mrs. A. J. House be continued in the second year of study, and that their licenses be renewed.

We recommend that Paul Stewart, having completed another year of college at Wessington Springs, be placed in the third year of study.

We recommend that Wesley McIntyre and Evelyn Chapman be continued in the fourth year of study and that their licenses be renewed.

We recommend that Lester Bennett be continued in the third year of study and his license renewed.

We recommend that Allen Gisselbeck be placed in the third year of study, and be granted a license to preach.

We recommend that Godfrey Broken Rope, having been recommended by his pastor, John Mickley, and testifying before the committee of a remarkable transformation in his life by the grace of God, be received to study under the direction of the Conference, and be granted a license to preach.

We recommend that Wilbert Becker and Henry Vanderbush be advanced to the third year and their licenses be renewed.

We recommend that R. M. Kelly, an Elder in good standing in the Iowa Conference, having transferred to Dakota Conference be received.

We recommend that W. E. Moulton and Mrs. W. E. Moulton be continued in the second year of the Course of Study, and that their licenses to preach be renewed.

We recommend that Ralph Howard be advanced to the fourth year of study, and that his license to preach be renewed.

Motion made and carried that Rev. A. M. Wiley, in view of twenty years of service given in the Committee on Itineracy and Orders, be given a sincere vote of thanks.

We recommend that Paul Davidson be placed in the fourth year of study, and be granted a license to preach.

We recommend that Howard Boyle be placed in the third year of study and be granted a license to preach, provided he appear before the Committee on Itineracy and Orders at next Annual Conference.

We recommend that R. L. Gowan, an Elder in good standing in the Nebraska Conference, be received as an Elder in the Dakota Conference upon receipt of proper credentials.

Committee: John J. Hunter,
H. W. Cretsinger,
A. M. Wiley,
Wm. Greenberg,
L. R. Buckman,
Francis Fey.

Report No. 11

COMMITTEE ON RAILROAD EXPENSE

We your Committee on Railroad Expense, find the assessment per charge to be \$11.76.

Committee: Lester Myers,
Francis Fey.

Report No. 12

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ON STANDING COMMITTEES

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following nominations for Conference Standing Committees:

Camp Meeting Committee—Conference President, Conference W.M.S. President, Conference W.Y.P.S. President, Pastor of Aberdeen Church, Max Hansen, Wilbur Drown, H. H. Franklin.

Auditing Committee—Henry Dufloth, Chairman.

Conference Program Committee—Conference President, Conference W.M.S. President, Conference W.Y.P.S. President, Pastor of Aberdeen Church.

Missionary Board—Conference President, Conference Treasurer, Conference W. M. S. President, H. W. Cretsinger, O. Theodore Beckman, Henry Dufloth, David Robertson, F. L. Boyington.

Committee on Itineracy and Orders—Walter Simpson, term to expire 1956.

Judiciary Committee—W. O. Howard, Thomas Bailie, L. D. Harris.

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Sunday School Board—Conference Sunday School Secretary, Thomas Bailie, Robert Bateman.

Board of Church and Parsonage Building and Location—Conference President, Bennie Veeder, John J. Hunter, L. L. Hildebrandt, Harold Yetter.

Vacancies Committee—A. L. Mudgett, R. L. Rossow, R. J. Sausoman, R. E. Jaquith, E. P. Sime.

Committee on Evangelism—Conference Evangelist, W. J. Leyh, Marvin E. Jones, Conference Sunday School Secretary.

Chairman Statistical Committee—R. J. Sausoman.

Chairman of Railroad Expense Committee—Lester Myers.

Chairman of Committee on Resolutions—A. L. Cretsinger.

Conference Representative to South Dakota United Temperance League—W. J. Leyh.

Conference Sunday School Secretary—Richard Rosow.

Tithing Secretary—Clyde McCone.

Transportation Secretary—J. F. Simpson

Educational Secretary—Marvin E. Jones.

Ministerial Benefit Fund Secretary-Treasurer—Thomas Bailie.

Temperance Secretary—W. J. Leyh.

We recommend that a Board of Superannuate Minister's Aid be elected as required by the Discipline, Article 146, with duties as therein specified. We submit the following nominations as members of said Board:

Quarterly Conference Evangelist, chairman; Conference Secretary; Conference Superannuate Pension Fund Treasurer.

Superannuate Pension Fund Treasurer—H. R. Duffloth.

Conference Promotional Secretary of the Wesleyan Men's Fellowship—Marvin E. Jones.

Conference Card Call Secretary—Dallas Wadsworth.

Committee: John J. Hunter,
Marvin E. Jones,
H. W. Cretsinger,
H. H. Franklin,
F. L. Boyington.

Report No. 13

TREASURER OF BECKMAN BOARD

The following report constitutes the ranch business transactions of the Beckman Board from June 1, 1951 to May 1, 1952. The last day of

May was found to be too late for the yearly cut-off so April 30 was adopted this year.

Only the proceeds from the former Estate holdings are handled by the treasurer. Consequently the proceeds from the farm land at Strool is not included; these grain checks are forwarded to the Conference President, who, after recording and classifying, sends them to the Conference Treasurer, Rev. S. J. McIntyre.

Of these 2800 acres at Strool the cultivated land amounts to about 2500 acres. The crop last year yielded from 4 to 17 bushels per acre. The crop monies as reported by the Conference Treasurer comes from this Strool land, and is in no way a duplication of reporting proceeds with that handled by this Board.

The Treasurer's report should contain an inventory. To have done this would have necessitated counting the cattle, and appraising the machinery and other property. The ranches where this property is held are widely separated and some fifty miles from Strool. You will find an inventory in the Annual Journal of 1951. One taken April this year would be very similar except about 4 cattle have died, but there is an addition of 19 yearling steers. Some \$800.00 in haying machinery was added. No land was sold, but a quarter section was purchased for \$1600.00. Action was taken to cancel \$5,000.00 advanced to the Strool church, hence those quick assets are reduced by that amount.

There is considerable amount of interest in oil development in the area where the ranches under the jurisdiction of the Beckman Board are located. The latest well, "Herb Veal No. 1," is at present going down in a cornering township from one of these ranches. Oil men have shown an ever-increasing interest and have made the Conference offers for both leasing and the buying royalties. Possibly preachers, like farmers, are at a disadvantage when dealing with experienced lawyers of the oil interests. We ought, therefore, to hold our Conference officials up in prayer, lest an unfortunate contract be entered into.

Balance Sheet for Year Ending May 1, 1952

Cash on hand June 1, 1951 in First National Bank ... \$ 931.10

Receipts

Grain sold	4686.84
1951 Calf crop, less 22 held	15,337.29
Land rentals	89.00
Received on account	957.70
Refund on field spraying	189.00

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Cashier's check returned	1000.00
Loan from First National bank	8500.00
Total Receipts	\$31,692.93

Disbursements

Feeds, grain, hay	\$ 683.90
Wages, Virgil Worm and Dode McGinnis	4850.00
Taxes	11,330.30
Real Estate	1600.00
Hauling	125.00
Rent for Hay and grazing land	275.00
Buildings and fence	1569.37
Notes and interest	5022.00
To Dakota Conference, various fields	14,225.00
Haying machinery	819.57
Legal fees and insurance	127.98
Miscellaneous (gas, oil, vaccine, combining)	577.96
Total disbursed	\$31,206.08

Total Receipts	\$31,692.93
Total Disbursements	31,206.08

Balance on hand	\$ 486.85
Outstanding checks	733.48

Bank Balance April 30, 1952	\$ 1220.33
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Prayerfully submitted,

O. Theo. Beckman, Treasurer.

Report No. 14

"FORWARD MOVEMENT" EXPENSES

Received from Churches	\$ 17.50
Received from Conference Advisory Board	150.00
Total received	\$ 167.50

Disbursed

Paid on one issue of 3,000 copies	\$ 102.00
Postage, etc.	16.70
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Total	118.70
Deficit on last year	59.00
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Total Expense and deficit	\$ 177.70

Signed, J. F. Simpson.

Report No. 15**RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

We recommend that we amend the Articles of Incorporation of the Dakota Conference as follows:

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

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

3. That the Beckman Board of the Dakota Conference be known as the DIRECTORS of the Beckman Estate, with power to transact all legal business in the Estate in keeping with the provisions of the will of Willie E. Beckman.

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

That the said Beckman Board, as above described, shall have power to sell any, or all, of the land hereinafter described, and that the President and Secretary shall have power to execute such conveyances. Said land being described as follows: to-wit: S.W. 1/4 North half of 28, all of section 21 and the S.W. 1/4 of 9, all in Township 18, Range 11, in Perkins County, South Dakota.

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

Report No. 16

CHANGE IN ARTICLES OF RELIGION

The revised Article as it is proposed to have it read:

V. THE SUFFICIENCY AND FULL AUTHORITY OF THE SCRIPTURES

12. The Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary to salvation; so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation. In the name of the Holy Scriptures, we do understand the books of the Old and New Testaments. These Scriptures we do hold to be the inspired and infallibly written Word of God, fully inerrant in their original manuscripts and superior to all human authority.

The canonical books of the Old Testament are:

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I Samuel, II Samuel, I Kings, II Kings, I Chronicles, II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.

The canonical books of the New Testament are:

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, The Acts, Romans, I Corinthians, II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I Thessalonians, II Thessalonians, I Timothy, II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, I Peter, II Peter, I John, I John, II John, III John, Jude and Revelation.

Psalm 19:7; Luke 24: 27; John 17: 17; Acts 17: 2, 11; Rom. 1: 2; 15: 4; 16: 26; Gal. 1: 8; I Thess. 2: 13; II Tim. 3: 15-17; Heb. 4: 12; James 1: 21; I Peter 1: 19-21; Rev. 22: 14, 19.

Report No. 17

JOINT COMMITTEE—MISSIONARY BOARD, PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A Joint Meeting of the Missionary Board and the Pastoral Relations Committee was held June 5, 1952, to elect a Quarterly Conference Evangelist in compliance with the action taken by the Conference body. Rev. S. J. McIntyre was elected to this office. Note: Action of this Joint Committee is also recorded in the complete report of the Missionary Board.

Report No. 18

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GROUP INSURANCE

We, your Committee on Group Insurance, submit the following report:

We have examined two respective Hospital Insurance Plans and both seem to be priced too high for the average Wesleyan minister.

Cost ranges for such a type of insurance are from \$85.00 to \$100.00 annually.

Due to the fact that premium costs could not be met on the basis of the average minister's salary, we therefore recommend: that every pastor join the Conference Ministerial Benefit Fund.

We recommend that the quarterly assessment of \$1.50 be raised to \$2.50 per pastor and per church. That the mortuary assessment of \$1.00 be raised to \$1.50 per church and per pastor, and that all other Conference not serving charges be assessed \$3.00.

We recommend that the payment for expenses incurred be increased to 50% rather than 40%, and that the maximum payment be \$60.00 instead of \$50.00.

We recommend that the mortuary benefits be raised from \$100.00 to \$125.00.

We recommend that if this report is accepted that the proper changes be made in the By-Laws in the Standing Rules of the Conference Minutes to comply.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Bailie,
R. J. Sausoman,
Marvin E. Jones.

(Please note: By Conference action the items having to do with increase in assessments and benefits was rescinded. So the assessments suggested above will not be in force, nor will the increased benefits be available.)

Report No. 19

BOARD OF CHURCH AND PARSONAGE BUILDING AND LOCATION

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

June, 1951—Approved the building program at Miles City, Montana.

June, 1951—Approved the building program at Pierre, South Dakota.

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August, 1951—Approved the building program at Sundance, Wyoming.
Approved building site of Loyalton, South Dakota Church.

Signed: J. F. Simpson,
A. L. Cretsinger,
L. D. Harris.

Report No. 20

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Be it resolved, therefore, that we give thanks to Almighty God, for His blessings which have been upon the Dakota Conference during her past, and for His continued presence to this hour; the Seventy-first session having been marked by the largest attendance in her history. We say in humble gratitude: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (I Samuel 7: 12).

To insure success in evangelizing our wide area, and in building for the future, we are reminded that "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Psalm 127: 1; also, that spiritual accomplishments are to be "By my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4: 6).

Be it resolved, that we do hereby declare and reaffirm our faith and adherence to those doctrines that have been held as fundamental in the Word of God, and as have been epitomized and written in the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline. Again we are told, "Remove not the ancient landmark(s), which thy fathers have set" (Proverbs 22: 28).

We express our appreciation to the following Railway Companies: The Chicago and Northwestern; The Chicago; Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific; the Great Northern; and the Northern Pacific lines, for special rates and passes granted to those traveling on Conference business.

We express our appreciation to Mrs. Dora Kilzer, Mrs. Clyde McCone, Brother McIntyre and Brother Buckman, and all helpers who have been in charge of the kitchen and dining hall, for their labors of love; also to those who responded to the call, to help clean and improve the Camp grounds.

To those who have suffered bereavement, severe sorrow or loss, we extend to these our deepest sympathy, and pray that GOD will give to them His everlasting consolation, and good hope through grace." II Thess. 2: 16.

To Rev. A. L. Mudgett, the Conference wishes to thank much, for the use of his Public Address System, which greatly aids in the work and worship of the Conference; also to those of our number who are preaching

the gospel by radio, and who have helped to advertise the Conference and Camp meeting, also revivals and other important meetings during the year.

Be it further resolved, that we express our thanks to Brother Erwin Bailey of the Richland Church, and to Brother Kenneth LaRue, of the Calvary Church, for their donations of beef to the Conference; to Brother Wilbur Drown, and to every Church, and to all others who have made contributions to the Dining Hall.

To Brother and Sister Emrys Jones, caretakers of the grounds, and to Miss Marie Brannon, Registrar, and her staff in charge of the Camp office and rooms, we express our Christian appreciation.

We wish to express gratitude to our Conference President, Rev. J. F. Simpson, for his wise leadership and persistent efforts, for the building and advancement of the Conference, and to all Conference officials for their labors to this end.

While the forces of evil are boldly violating laws governing liquor, tobacco, and other social evils, be it resolved that we use our influence in every manner to combat, also to cooperate with all legitimate forces in resisting and destroying the same.

We record our appreciation for the stirring and helpful message made by Rev. Gerald Overholt, of Winona Lake, Indiana, Chairman of the National Prohibition Committee.

We express our sincere appreciation to Dr. O. G. Wilson, our Denominational representative, for his wise counsel, and for his inspiring denominational address, representing the different branches of the Church; also to Rev. Ralph Coleson, returned Missionary from India, for his splendid missionary address; also to our Free Methodist brethren, for their kindly gesture in sending to us their Fraternal Delegate, Rev. E. R. Schultz.

To all who have given their help in any way to the Conference, we say, Thank you every one!

Again, we give thanks to GOD, for the New Testament spirit manifest in the Conference.

Be it finally resolved, that we give ourselves to our God-given task of EVANGELIZING this great Northwest, and to the SPREADING of BIBLE HOLINESS over these lands.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee: A. L. Cretsinger,
A. M. Wiley,
Mrs. Harold Yetter

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Report No. 21

COMMITTEE ON PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

The reports of the Pastors to the Annual Conference have been examined and have been approved.

Committee: J. F. Simpson,
Minnie Knecht,
Mrs. Chris Johnson

Report No. 22

EVANGELIST'S LABORS

Abraham Becker Report:

Item I Labors:

Time employed—12 months

Revivals held—16

(1) In Local Conference—6

(2) In Other Conferences—8

(3) In Other Denominations—2

Quarterly Meetings held—0

Other services held—3

Item II Receipts:

Offerings, or salary	\$1916.76
Marriage, Funeral Fees	00.00
Gifts	125.00
Travelling expenses	404.60
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Total Net Evangelist's salary	\$1637.16

Report No. 23

ELECTION OF W.Y.P.S. OFFICERS

Report of Election of W.Y.P.S. Officers:

President—A. L. Mudgett

Vice President—James Blaine

Secretary—Beverly Christensen

Treasurer—Mrs. Harold Griffin

Report No. 24

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Aberdeen—Marvin E. Jones
Almont—Ellis Sollie
Artesian—W. E. Moulton and Wife
Avon—James Blaine
Baker and Knobs—Bennie Veeder
Belle Fourche—Harold Griffin
Billings—John J. Hunter
Bradley—In hands of President
Brentford—Ralph Howard
Brookings—Walter Simpson and Wife
Buffalo—Darrell Wagner
Conner—A. J. House and Wife
Deadwood—Andrew Wilson
Flandreau and Bushnell—B. I. Griffin
Forsyth—Lester Myers
Garden City—Walter E. Cook
Hot Springs—R. M. Kelly
Houghton—H. Vreugdenhill and Wife
Huron—W. J. Leyh and Wife
Ipswich—Robert Bateman
Loyalton—A. L. Cretsinger and Wife
McIntosh—In hands of President
Medicine Rocks and Mill Iron—Clyde McCone
Miles City—Kenneth Shelley
Mission—Ralph Frazier
Missoula—Eugene Stanislaus
Mitchell—R. J. Sausoman
Mount Vernon—W. O. Howard
Mobridge—Emil Hansen
Northville—Dallas Wadsworth to supply
Pierre—Dean Watson
Rapid City—Lester Buchman
Rawlins—William Gale
Redfield and Calvary—H. W. Cretsinger
Richland—Dallas Wadsworth
Ridge and Biddle—To be supplied
Rocky Point—George Warinner
Sioux Community Chapel—John Mickley
Strool—Earl Fessenden

- Sturgis—Richard Rossow
 Sundance—Lee Goodell
 Tolstoy—Lester Bennett
 Tuthill—Howard Boyle, supply
 Watertown—A. L. Mudgett
 Watford City and Johnson's Corner—Thos. Bailie and Wife
 Webster—in hands of President
 Sierra Leone, West Africa—Alma Aldinger, Ruth Bixler
 Philippine Islands—Romeo Baronia
 Unstationed Elders—Ruth Helle, Donald Gerrietts, W. W. Jeffers,
 Mrs. Grace Miller Hoein
 Brainerd Indian School—L. D. Harris
 American Sunday School Union—L. L. Knapp
 General Evangelism—John Winterberg, A. M. Wiley, A. A. Becker
 Supply Pastor California Conference—James Judy
 Supply Pastor in Washington—Marion Koth
 Missionary Work—Otto Jenses, Wilbur Drown and wife, H. J. Van
 Vliet, Elton Clyde, Isla Knight, Mrs. Laura Raymer, Charles Fisher,
 Wesley McIntyre, Paul Steward, C. J. Goodspeed, Evelyn Chapman, A. T.
 Reisdorph, H. A. Cottrill
 Missionary to Cuba—Harry Shreve
 General Sunday School Secretary—R. D. Reisdorph
 General W. M. S. President—Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph
 Conference President—J. F. Simpson
 President's Assistant and Quarterly Conference Evangelist—S. J. Mc-
 Intyre
 Missionary Evangelist—Warren Pamp
 Teaching in Miltonvale Wesleyan College—Elvie Turner, George Rob-
 bins, Jr.
 Attending College—Henry Vanderbush, Richard O'Conner, Allen Gis-
 selbeck
 Indian Missionary Work—John Kearns, Minnie Knecht, Paul David-
 son, Godfrey Broken Rope, R. L. Gowan

Committee: J. F. Simpson
 A. L. Mudgett
 Emil Hansen
 S. J. McIntyre
 Erwin Bailey
 F. L. Boyington
 Charles Reisdorph

Report No. 25

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

We recommend that we ask each church to strive to reach the goal as set by our General Conference of a ten per cent gain in each department next year.

We recommend that each pastor call a meeting of his officers and teachers of church and Sunday School and Youth Department, as soon after Conference as possible and prayerfully plan for enlargement and advance in 1952-1953.

We recommend that each of our pastors seek to lead his people to a fuller understanding and yieldedness to the Holy Spirit, that we may be able to see in our day, some of the fruitage given to the Early Church.

We recommend that each church and Pastor that reaches the goal as set by the General Conference, that SPECIAL mention be made of same at Conference time, and that a record be made in the Conference of those who have made gains.

We recommend that the Missionary Board study each Pioneer field, which receives assistance from the Conference and present to the Conference a Statement of Policy when grants will be reduced.

We recommend that any church that receives Conference aid for two consecutive years and does not show a gain, in at least some department that the case be studied by the Missionary Board.

We recommend that a Special Board be set up to study each church over a Five Year period.

1. The amount invested in the church, in pastor's salary, evangelists, and General Expense.
2. The amount paid to the Conference on Budget items.
3. The loss and gain over a five year period in Sunday School, Youth, and membership.
4. Suggestions as to ways and means of future progress.

We recommend that each Pastor take steps to set up such a Board in his church that greater efficiency may come to our Church.

J. F. Simpson, Conference President

CONFERENCE STANDING RULES, RESOLUTIONS AND

1. **Financial Plan for Conference Work**—Money for Conference work shall be obtained by each local Church paying an amount equal to 7½% of all monies raised for all purposes, this to include local treasury, Sunday School, W.M.S., W.Y.P.S., and Y.M.W.B., with the exception of finance for building and repair. One-third of this fund shall be used for Church

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extension within the bounds of the Dakota Conference, and the balance, two-thirds, shall constitute the regular Conference Fund. This amount is to be sent to the Conference Treasurer once a month.

2. **Railroad Expense**—The amount of the Railroad Expense Assessment this year is \$11.76, and it is recommended that this amount be sent to the Conference Treasurer as soon as possible. The Committee shall reimburse the pastors for railroad expenses on the basis of four cents a mile, one way for distance travelled.

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

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

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

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

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

7. **Honorarium, Secretary**—The Conference Secretary shall be paid an honorarium of fifty dollars each year.

8. **Honorarium, Treasurer**—The Conference Treasurer shall be paid an honorarium of one hundred fifty dollars each year.

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

10. **The Auditing Committee**—Shall be one of the Conference Standing Committees.

11. **Instructions to Treasurers**—The treasurers of the various Conference Funds shall hold such funds in some bank that is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in the name of the Dakota Conference, and checks drawn on such account shall be signed by the treasurer as treasurer of said fund.

(a) Each treasurer shall have in hand bank statements at the begin-

ning and at the close of the Conference year involved, and said bank statement shall be submitted with the treasurer's account book to the Auditing Committee of the Conference at the Annual Conference session, on the first day of the session.

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

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

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

The pastor receiving aid from this fund shall send a monthly statement of salary received on the charge to the Conference Treasurer, who upon receipt of same, shall by check, make up from the Fund any deficit in salary, as agreed previously by the Missionary Board and the pastor.

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

13. Closing Date of Conference Year—Shall be April 30th.

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

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

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

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

18. We recommend that each Church allow the pastor a two weeks vacation with pay, inclusive of two Sundays.

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

All ministers and licentiates shall become members upon payment of

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first assessment, but no one shall be eligible to receive benefits until four consecutive assessments have been paid.

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

Disbursements: The Secretary shall upon the receipt of the worthiness of the case, pay out of the treasury 40% of the amount of the actual expense incurred, provided that the expense is more than twenty dollars, and further provided that no payment shall exceed fifty dollars to any one family during one Conference year, possible exceptions being made in extreme cases with the approval of the Conference President and his Advisory Board, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Ministerial Benefit Fund. (Normal Maternity cases excepted.)

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

In case of death a maximum of \$100.00 shall be paid the beneficiaries. The assessment in each case shall be \$1.00 for pastor, and \$1.00 for church, and \$1.50 for all others.

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

Postage and necessary expenses shall be deducted from the fund.

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

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

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

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

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

25. All trasurers of the separate Funds of the Conference are instructed to close their books on the 15th of May each year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. It is requested that this agreement become a part of the Standing

Rules of the Conference, and printed accordingly in the Conference Minutes.

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

10. It is prayerfully requested that the Dakota Conference keep the spirit of unity, a missionary spirit, and the confidence in your leaders.

(Note. See report No. 15, herein, for action taken at this session in regard to part of the above agreement.)

Items of Vital Importance

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

BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

Foreign Missions	\$2.00 per member
Home Missions	1.25 per member
Education	2.50 per member
Orphanage .....	.25 per member
Superannuate Pension Fund	1.50 per member
Pioneer Pastor's Fund	1.00 per member
General Conference Sunday School Budget .....	.10 per S. S. member
General Conference Sunday School Budget .....	.05 per S. S. member
General Conference Expense Fund .....	.15 per S. S. member
General Conference Administrative Budget .....	.40 per S. S. member
Australia (a separate item) .....	.25 per member

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS

John J. Hunter	term expires 1955
Lester Buckman	term expires 1954
Walter Simpson	term expires 1956
H. W. Cretsinger	term expires 1953

The Secretary was not given information as to which courses would be examined by the various examiners, nor which of the examiners is now acting as Registrar for our Conference Licentiates. We would suggest therefore, that when any licentiate is ready to take an examination on any course that you write to one of the above named Examiners and ask for information in regard to the course involved.

(The Examiners are to have the books for the Course of Study, and the Conference Secretary will have the books in the Reading Course on hand. Any of these books may be secured by a licentiate by sending for same, and sending a fee of fifteen cents for postage and handling.)

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STATISTICAL REPORT

Item I. Pastor's Labors. Item II. Periodicals

Charge	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	Organized Ch. Appointments	Wesleyan Methodists taken	Wesleyan Missionaries taken	Wesleyan Youths taken	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	12	23	8	70	30	20	12	65	30	30	30	6	30	...	20	...	
Almont	12	1	1	15	15	15	20	8	8	4	30	...	...	...	...	...	8	8	...
Artesian	12	1	1	14	11	5	16	4	7	5	20	...	5	5	...	...	5	...	...
Avon	10	1	1	5	13	6	46	15	1	7	44	2	14	20	5	8	...	...	19
Baker	12	1	1	29	43	20	25	12	15	10	45	...	15	...	...	6	...	18	...
Belle Fourche	10	1	...	5	12	5	14	8	15	10	10	7	12	...	6	...	20	15	2	
Biddle	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Billings and Boyd	12	2	1	47	30	20	40	40	24	15	40	12	40	...	...	10	...	4	36
Bradley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brentford	12	1	1	3	7	3	8	3	4	4	12	...	5	6	...	8	6	1	...	
Brookings	12	1	1	9	16	8	35	12	...	8	33	8	12	...	...	15	...	...	...
Buffalo	11	1	1	12	14	14	28	8	15	7	30	...	8	...	2	6	5	10	1	
Bushnell	10	1	1	3	12	...	15	5	15	5	15	6	...	10	4	...	15	...	...
Butte	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calvary	4	1	1	4	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Conner	12	1	1	10	7	3	12	...	12	5	12	10	10	12	...	5	15	...	15	
Deadwood	10	1	1	11	11	2	8	10	20	8	10	15	25	...	...	10	...	...	...
Flandreau	10	1	1	7	8	2	14	4	8	4	13	1	3	8	...	8	...	...	...
Forsyth	12	1	1	6	10	1	25	20	...	3	7	...	24	...	...	4	...	...	...
Garden City	12	1	1	6	11	6	16	4	5	6	15	1	5	...	1	12	5	...	5	
Hot Springs	8	1	1	6	15	3	25	12	10	10	25	...	25	...	...	25	...	...	8
Houghton	12	1	1	19	15	2	15	6	6	4	10	5	8	4	3	6	...	1	18	
Huron	12	2	1	50	37	20	50	30	40	11	60	18	16	18	8	25	20	...	...
Ipswich	12	1	1	35	17	15	25	2	4	...	36	...	3	2	...	6	4	...	...
Johnson Corners	12	1	1	17	17	30	48	28	23	9	32	...	8	9	27	6	12	...	...
Knobs	12	1	1	3	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lake Wilson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Loyalton	12	1	1	30	21	26	18	12	6	10	35	10	7	10	20	...	...	...	10
Medicine Rocks	12	1	1	5	6	...	12	3	...	4	15	7	...	...	...	...	6	...	...
Miles City	7	1	...	5	2	1	10	8	25	6	10	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mission	12	1	1	...	9	...	10	6	10	3	10	10	6	10	...	6	8	...	6	
Missoula	12	1	1	14	6	1	20	12	12	5	10	8	20	12	5	6	...	...	15
Mitchell	12	1	1	57	37	24	57	16	13	15	66	12	12	13	...	15	...	1	10	
Mobridge	12	1	1	22	34	6	25	25	20	2	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...
Mount Vernon	12	1	1	21	6	3	11	11	5	3	8	3	...	...	4	4	2	...	...
Northville	8	1	1	6	9	2	10	2	...	4	10	...	2	...	...	6	...	...	...
Pierre	3	1	...	1	2	1	15	15	6	7	8	12	...	...	8	10	...	...	...
Rapid City	12	1	1	13	19	5	30	13	15	10	25	12	13	...	4	15	...	1	30	
Rawlins	12	2	1	10	8	3	19	10	17	8	12	4	6	2	3	11	9	3	...	
Redfield	12	1	1	42	38	20	40	10	10	12	30	6	...	...	10	8	...	...	3
Richland	12	1	1	24	24	13	30	...	15	5	30	...	12	...	...	15	...	...	...
Ridge	3	1	1	3	...	...	8	4	4	4	10	6	...	6	...	10	...	1	...
Rocky Point	8	1	...	3	3	...	8	8	6	3	17	...	8	10	...	...	...	...	...
Sioux Chapel	12	1	2	1	...	20	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Strool	12	2	1	26	18	20	25	10	...	8	20	15	15	10	6	10	8	...	10	
Sturgis	12	1	1	12	8	10	15	10	20	6	20	...	10	15	...	8	15	30	...	
Sundance	9	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tolstoy	12	1	...	4	9	2	18	8	5	4	10	9	7	...	1	10	5	...	...
Watertown	12	1	11	1	21	13	60	12	32	17	68	22	15	27	...	10	18	2	24	
Watford City	12	1	11	8	31	26	64	32	21	16	60	26	17	1	14	18	32	...	...
Totals	495	50	41	660	671	384	1068	491	494	299	1038	277	422	254	133	359	248	23	181	134

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Item III. Membership

Charge	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Total Membership	Lost	No. Reported Last Year	Present Membership	Members Lost	Members Gained	No. Mem. Under 14 Years	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstated Elders	Local Preachers	No. of Family Altars	Membership Tithing	No. Card Call Subscribers
Aberdeen	3				8	8		79	74	5			2	1			7	24	5
Almont	3				2	2		24	22	2							6	9	
Artesian	2				4	5		41	38	3		1				1	10	12	7
Avon			1		4	5		41	38	3							19	18	7
Baker			2	2	2	6		52	46	6							4	3	9
Belle Fourche								73	73				7	1			58	60	4
Billings and Boyd	8		3	1	4	8		16	16					3		2	9	10	
Bradley								9	13		4				1	1	9	10	
Brentford	4							6	6		6			6			8	6	13
Brookings	6							24	25		1		6				10	15	8
Buffalo	2			1		1		12	12							1	5	3	
Bushnell								10	10										
Butte								7	7										
Calvary			1			1		11	10	1						2	5	10	
Conner	8				1			17	22		5	1				1	9	22	1
Deadwood	2		2					6	8		2				1	1	6	6	1
Flandreau					1	1		11	10	1							2	2	1
Forsyth	4							18	22		4					1	6	16	
Garden City	6				3	3		22	25		3		1			10	12	4	
Hot Springs	3				1	1		19	21		2				2	10	16	5	
Houghton	3				1	1		49	48	1					2	17	32	3	
Huron	5			1				29	33		4					2	14	19	3
Ipswich	2							45	47		2	2				2	10	24	24
Johnson Corners								9	9								3	3	1
Knobs								12	12										
Lake Wilson	17							19	36		17	4	1	5		1	11	30	19
Loyalton								10	10										
McIntosh								9	9								5	8	
Medicine Rocks	4							6	10		4	2					4	5	2
Mission	5							6	11		5		2				6	10	
Missoula				1	3	4		92	88	4			3		2		23	73	
Mitchell			2	1	3	40		37	3							1	7	14	
Mobridge	1							12	13		1						4	13	5
Mount Vernon	8				2	2		11	17		6					1	6	18	1
Northville								2	2										
Pollock			3	2		5		18	27		9	3	4	2			12	18	1
Rapid City	14		3		2	5		23	21	2		4	5				6	3	2
Rawlins	3		3		2	5		57	56	1			1			2	15	30	16
Redfield				1		1		51	54		3					1	12	49	4
Richland	4				1	1		14	14				1				4	4	
Ridge																	6	6	2
Rocky Point														2					
Sioux Chapel								26	26				9	5			12	20	6
Strool	2							21	23		2	1					8	15	2
Sturgis	12			1		1		48	59		11			13		2	19	43	5
Watertown	2				2	2		53	53								14	26	22
Watford City								1	1										
Webster																			
Totals	130	17	12	36	65	1137	1202	29	94	18	42	46	4	25	403	709	186		

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Item IV. Sunday Schools

Charge	No. of Sunday Schools																	
	Whole No. of Officers and Teachers	Whole No. of Scholars in Main School	Total No. in Main School	Average Attendance	No. Schol. in Home Dept.	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	No. of Scholars Converted	No. Schol. Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts.	Teacher's Training Course	No. of Organized Classes	No. of Books in Library	Enrollment V.B.S.	Average Attendance V.B.S.	No. W.Y.P. Societies	Total Membership of Soc.	
Aberdeen	1	10	144	154	6	22	182	107	6	3	3	300	105	17	11	1	28	
Almont	1	7	41	48	8	7	63	26	1	1	1	12	10	32	30	1	4	
Artesian	1	7	25	32	5	13	32	29	1	1	1	10	32	30	1	6	1	
Avon	1	9	66	75	58	13	146	57	1	1	1	6	8	72	51	1	13	
Baker	1	12	74	86	5	33	124	68	3	2	2	5	69	50	1	29	1	
Belle Fourche	1	5	60	65	6	14	85	37	10	2	2	30	35	28	1	10	1	
Billings and Boyd	1	21	131	152	18	170	88	18	8	4	4	166	20	12	1	15	1	
Brentford	1	7	21	28	2	30	24	6	3	1	1	30	35	28	1	5	1	
Brookings	1	10	60	70	2	13	85	45	1	1	1	135	28	16	1	17	1	
Buffalo	1	10	61	71	10	15	96	42	2	3	3	6	22	16	1	10	1	
Bushnell	1	5	27	32	4	19	46	25	1	2	2	79	53	45	1	10	1	
Conner	1	8	45	53	15	68	42	1	1	2	2	20	20	12	1	17	1	
Deadwood	1	9	78	87	1	47	135	56	7	6	1	6	20	12	1	17	1	
Flandreau	1	4	24	28	3	31	22	1	1	1	1	23	25	49	34	1	25	
Forsyth	1	2	36	38	10	48	30	2	3	1	1	5	154	19	18	1	13	
Garden City	1	7	41	48	1	10	59	30	2	3	3	25	25	22	1	11	1	
Hot Springs	1	9	52	61	12	73	56	23	3	3	2	6	19	18	1	11	1	
Houghton	1	6	28	34	15	7	56	23	3	3	2	23	25	49	34	1	25	
Huron	1	7	142	149	11	32	192	106	1	1	1	5	154	19	18	1	13	
Ipswich	1	11	36	47	50	7	104	35	6	1	5	154	19	18	1	11	1	
Johnson Corners	1	5	49	54	111	34	199	43	4	4	4	3	101	14	12	1	18	
Loyalton	1	15	35	50	20	13	83	37	4	4	4	3	101	14	12	1	18	
Medicine Rocks	1	7	13	20	5	54	104	36	4	1	1	25	22	1	1	1	1	
Miles City	1	5	43	50	4	34	17	4	4	2	2	1	24	130	40	30	1	45
Mission	1	6	24	30	12	23	97	38	5	3	3	1	24	130	40	30	1	45
Missoula	1	6	56	62	12	23	97	38	5	3	3	1	24	130	40	30	1	45
Mitchell	1	11	98	109	16	125	87	1	1	2	7	6	14	8	21	1	21	
Mobridge	1	8	73	81	38	119	49	15	1	1	1	1	47	8	21	1	21	
Mount Vernon	1	3	12	15	4	19	15	1	1	1	1	1	47	8	21	1	21	
Northville	1	5	10	15	15	14	15	14	1	1	1	1	115	1	1	1	1	
Pierre	1	10	38	48	10	58	28	12	3	5	4	25	1	1	1	1	1	
Rapid City	1	12	90	102	4	10	116	72	9	7	1	10	25	1	1	1	1	
Rawlins	1	12	68	80	3	11	94	43	6	2	2	25	6	13	12	1	16	
Redfield	1	7	56	63	7	8	78	40	4	4	3	3	10	9	1	1	1	
Richland	1	6	44	50	5	55	44	4	4	4	3	3	13	12	1	1	20	
Ridge	1	4	18	22	22	23	23	23	2	2	2	25	3	10	9	1	1	
Rocky Point	1	5	23	28	28	28	28	28	2	2	2	25	3	10	9	1	1	
Sioux Chapel	1	4	45	49	63	112	35	5	1	1	1	4	35	40	30	1	30	
Strool	1	8	50	50	30	14	102	50	17	3	3	75	43	38	1	1	16	
Sturgis	1	8	53	61	10	71	48	5	1	1	1	5	46	38	1	1	16	
Tolstoy	1	7	33	40	2	2	44	34	2	2	2	28	22	1	1	1	1	
Watertown	1	18	144	162	9	171	97	11	10	2	18	9	55	43	1	1	1	
Watford City	1	16	114	130	40	43	213	83	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	
Totals	43	354	2383	2737	410	657	3804	1867	156	59	70	65	97	1633	722	576	25	402

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Item V. Church Property

Charge	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Aberdeen	1	\$12,000		\$8,500	1	\$10,000		\$8,000	
Almont	1	4,600		2,800	1	3,500		2,000	\$ 192
Artesian	1	2,800		1,500	1	2,500		2,000	
Avon	1	10,000		5,000	1	3,800		2,500	
Baker	1	6,000		3,625	1	6,000		4,000	
Belle Fourche	1	20,000	\$5,100	15,500					
Biddle	1	2,500							
Billings and Boyd	1	15,000		6,000	1	8,000		4,000	550
Brentford	1	7,000		3,500					
Brookings	1	7,000		4,000	1	10,000		8,000	
Buffalo	1	5,000		1,800	1	6,000		3,000	
Businell	1	6,500		5,000	1	4,000		3,000	
Conner	1	6,000		2,500	1	5,000		2,500	236
Deadwood	2	18,000	475	8,000	2	8,000	\$4,000	8,000	22
Flandreau	1	9,000		7,200	1	7,000	2,672	6,000	
Forsyth	1	4,000		2,500	1	3,000		1,500	
Garden City	1	6,000		4,500	1	6,000	400	3,500	200
Hot Springs	1	11,000	2,500	8,000	1	8,000	500	8,000	228
Houghton	1	8,000		5,000	1	4,000		3,000	
Huron	1	6,000		5,500	1	4,500		4,500	935
Ipswich	1	7,000		4,000	1	4,500		4,000	134
Johnson Corners	1	8,000		6,000					
Lake Wilson	1	1,500							
Loyalton	1	3,000	1,700	2,000	1	2,000		2,000	
Medicine Rocks	1	4,000			1	3,000			
Miles City	1	10,000		7,500	1	6,000		3,000	
Missions	1	2,500		1,500	1	3,000		3,000	
Missoula	1	8,000	7,034	6,000		4,000		3,500	72
Mitchell	1	9,000		6,500	1	8,000		6,500	3,294
Mobridge	1	10,000		7,500	1	6,000		500	303
Mount Vernon	1	5,000		4,000					
Northville	1	8,000		5,500	1	2,500		2,000	700
Pierre	1	15,000	2,500	10,000					
Rapid City	1	14,000	1,385	8,000	1	7,000		5,000	
Rawlins	2	3,500		2,500	1	2,000		1,500	
Redfield	1	30,000	6,000	20,000	1	12,000		7,000	
Richland	1	5,000		3,000	1	5,000		3,000	
Ridge									1,345
Rocky Point	1	1,200			1	1,500	215		
Sioux Chapel	1	9,500		6,000					50
Strool	1	20,000	5,000	15,000	1	7,000		2,650	
Sturgis	1	10,000		9,000	2	17,000		9,000	24
Sundance	1	6,000	1,500						
Tolstoy	1	10,000	2,000	10,000	1	3,500	1,500	3,500	
Watertown	1	6,000		3,500	1	4,000		2,500	800
Watford City	1	8,000		5,000	1	3,500		3,000	
Totals	46	\$399,280	\$35,194	\$242,925	36	\$200,800	\$9,287	\$135,150	\$9,085

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Item VI. Disbursed for Pastor

Charge	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Aberdeen	\$2,740	\$660	\$35	\$225	\$3,660
Almont	1,200	180	...	426	1,806
Artesian	1,060	250	7	348	1,665
Avon	1,767	120	10	726	2,623
Baker	1,820	420	145	509	2,894
Belle Fourche	1,588	120	10	86	1,804
Billings and Boyd	2,590	660	35	362	3,647
Brentford	1,104	100	...	262	1,466
Brookings	1,555	720	...	90	2,365
Buffalo	1,193	240	5	244	1,682
Bushnell	1,120	...	...	55	1,175
Calvary	161	...	25	189	375
Conner	1,275	300	95	254	1,924
Deadwood	1,612	300	...	127	2,039
Flandreau	840	240	10	110	1,200
Forsyth	516	180	60	73	829
Garden City	1,383	240	40	847	2,510
Hot Springs	855	480	10	646	1,991
Houghton	1,325	360	...	122	1,807
Huron	2,885	480	40	250	3,665
Ipswich	2,080	300	35	164	2,579
Johnson Corners	1,300	...	55	800	2,155
Knobs	478	...	...	72	550
Loyalton	2,090	200	15	618	2,923
Medicine Rocks	1,431	100	10	280	1,821
Miles City	471	320	5	440	1,236
Mission	719	300	40	90	1,149
Missoula	1,816	480	60	182	2,538
Mitchell	2,860	480	10	117	3,467
Mobridge	2,088	240	5	278	2,611
Mount Vernon	1,310	...	...	348	1,658
Northville	799	240	...	29	1,068
Pierre	190	...	...	50	240
Rapid City	2,025	400	55	90	2,570
Rawlins	1,802	420	15	250	2,487
Redfield	1,932	500	15	426	2,873
Richland	2,210	300	...	850	3,360
Ridge	840	...	...	33	873
Rocky Point	1,202	120	...	240	1,562
Sioux Chapel	900	...	...	77	977
Strool	2,150	360	50	450	3,010
Sturgis	1,765	720	30	200	2,715
Tolstoy	849	210	15	160	1,734
Watertown	2,340	600	57	204	3,201
Watford City	1,820	300	20	500	2,640
Totals	\$66,177	\$12,682	\$1,019	\$12,899	\$92,777

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Item VII. Disbursed for Church

Charge	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expense	Total for Church
Aberdeen	\$179	\$444		\$59		\$1,003	\$1,685
Almont	29	80		129		335	573
Artesian	100	73		255		223	651
Avon	225	367		314		493	651
Baker	193	269	\$375			143	980
Belle Fourche	160	168			\$1,750	477	2,555
Billings and Boyd	285	425		451		1,064	2,325
Brentford	200	48				53	301
Brookings	85	272		94		730	1,181
Buffalo	100	142	65	29		233	569
Rushnell	272	124		288		204	888
Calvary	15					18	33
Conner		229		38		164	431
Deadwood	187	149		352	94	329	1,111
Flandreau	125	92		38		127	382
Forsyth	100	126		226		299	851
Garden City	180	94	947		665	527	2,413
Hot Springs	70	120		276		840	1,306
Houghton	69	50		180		175	474
Huron	351	423	727	297		615	2,413
Ipswich	230	93	613	42		231	1,209
Johnson Corners	200	284	31	18		598	1,131
Loyalton	43	144	150	130	925	325	1,717
Medicine Rocks		60				46	106
Miles City	151	92	13,521			247	13,811
Mission	219	112				46	377
Missoula	168	125	68	105	2,079	150	2,695
Mitchell	388	191		101		959	1,639
Mobridge	900	286		305		745	2,236
Mount Vernon	66	79		28	210	197	580
Northville		58	95		165		318
Pierre		57	8,150			717	8,924
Rapid City	70	325		237	401	312	1,345
Rawlins	221	234		239	100	401	1,195
Redfield		238	4,000			309	4,547
Richland	200	339	569	750		91	1,951
Ridge	101	40				36	177
Rocky Point		120	450	25	125		720
Sioux Chapel	240	60	30	40		162	532
Strool	295	275				660	1,230
Sturgis	210	123	374	50		289	1,046
Sundance	50		2,975				3,025
Tolstoy	182	100	750	166	25	293	1,516
Watertown	352	650	211		621	238	2,572
Watford City	225	299	2,804			600	3,928
Totals	\$7,421	\$8,094	\$36,905	\$3,264	\$7,160	\$16,204	\$81,048

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Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget

Charge	Undivided Budget	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Superannuate Pension Fund	Orphanage	Administrative Budget	Gen. Conf. Travel and Entertainment Fund	General Sunday School Budget	Australia	Total General Budget
Aberdeen		\$1,233	\$157	\$56	\$68	\$105	\$28	\$14	\$8		\$1,669
Almont	\$6	100	17	52	33	5	10	3	5		231
Artesian		62	39	59	35	11	9	3	2	\$6	226
Avon		76	48	95	57	10	17	13	6	10	332
Baker		278	145	141	78	13	21	8	5		689
Belle Fourche		79	33	7				19			138
Billings and Boyd		353	179	195	102	22	17	14	10		892
Brentford		44	22	35	20	5	5	4			137
Brookings		99	91	27		5			2		227
Buffalo		118	55	68	41	7	11	4	7		311
Bushnell		28	7			5			3		43
Calvary		29	48	19	11	7	5	1			120
Conner		43	11	20	17						96
Deadwood		28	25			5	3		13		74
Flandreau		37	18	20	9	3	3	1	1	2	94
Forsyth	15	3	10								28
Garden City		64	77	35		5	4		2		187
Hot Springs		163	84	71	33	17	15	5	11		398
Houghton	22	97	78		28	5	6	6	3		245
Huron	3	194	214	131	74	12	20	9	6		663
Ipswich		119	188	86	44	12	7	11	4		471
Johnson Corners	48	581	734	113	68	21	18	2	3	100	1,693
Knobs		31	11	17	12	3					74
Loyalton	16	255	330	51	30	9	15	3	3	5	719
Medicine Rocks		131	67	28	14	10	6	1	2		259
Mission	43								9		52
Missoula	3	28	16	7	10	6	1		7		78
Mitchell	26	1,337	201	227	138	23	49	19	21	23	2,064
Mobridge		447	95	220	60	10	18		8		858
Mount Vernon		26	20	33	20	3	5	12	1		120
Northville	40	26	26	3		5	3		1		104
Rapid City		41	39	45	57	5	4	5	9		205
Rawlins		27	21	4	4	4		5			65
Redfield		135	76	143	30	14	7	9	6		420
Richland		266	341	51	77	5					740
Ridge		12	6	12	9	2	3		1		45
Rocky Point		8	26								34
Strool		145	75	96	26	12	6	5	10		375
Sturgis		55	49	88	32	5	8	3	6		246
Tolstoy		39	47	3		5	3		2		99
Watertown		115	76	120	72	12	19	7	10	12	443
Watford City		1,290	684	133	77	36	20	8	22	13	2,283
Totals	\$222	\$8,242	\$4,486	\$2,511	\$1,386	\$449	\$365	\$199	\$216	\$171	\$18,247

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Item VIII. Disbursed for Conference Budget

Charge	President's Salary	Conference Work	Conference Missions	Conf. Sunday School Budget	Total Conference Budget	Total Budget Raised
Aberdeen		\$450	\$159		\$609	\$2,278
Almont	\$10	133	12		155	386
Artesian		95	42		137	363
Avon	18	22	38	\$3	81	413
Baker	20	175	52		247	936
Belle Fourche		6			6	144
Billings and Boyd	25	386	185	10	606	1,498
Brentford	14	126	61		201	338
Brookings	5	34			39	266
Buffalo		136	27		163	474
Bushnell	30	5	12		47	90
Calvary		68	37		105	225
Conner	10	112	11		133	229
Deadwood		15	14		29	103
Flandreau	25	5	13		43	137
Forsyth		46			46	74
Garden City	18	128		2	148	335
Hot Springs		140			140	538
Houghton		168	19		187	432
Huron		446	141		587	1,250
Ipswich	16	155	66	1	237	708
Johnson Corners		510	45	6	561	2,254
Knobs		71			71	145
Loyalton	6	324	20		350	1,069
Medicine Rocks		130	9	1	140	399
Mission	12				12	64
Missoula	11	72	9		92	170
Mitchell	110	573	92	5	780	2,844
Mobridge		177	40		217	1,075
Mount Vernon	5	140			145	265
Northville	10	47	47		104	208
Rapid City	15	113			128	333
Rawlins	18	6			24	89
Redfield		291	57		348	768
Richland		346	81		427	1,167
Ridge		6			6	51
Rocky Point		13			13	47
Sioux Chapel		3			13	13
Strool	20	236	22		278	653
Sturgis	10	75	7		92	338
Tolstoy	21	15	2		38	137
Watertown	20	449	98		567	1,010
Watford City	30	466	117		613	2,896
Totals	\$482	\$6,921	\$1,533	\$29	\$8,965	\$27,212

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Item IX. Disbursed for Benevolences

Charge	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	W.Y.P.S.	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences
Aberdeen		\$25					\$188	\$213
Almont	\$49	90	\$2			\$4	1,055	1,200
Artesian		15			\$21	8	205	249
Avon	28	9		\$25			142	204
Baker					26			26
Belle Fourche	100	100	32	75				307
Billings and Boyd	5						140	145
Brentford		5				100	368	473
Brookings	90	35			17	38	13	193
Buffalo	10	5	30		3			48
Bushnell	15	10					25	50
Calvary	17	126		10	20		10	183
Conner	40	6					29	75
Deadwood	3						79	82
Flandreau	28	5			5		12	50
Forsyth		1	3	5			46	55
Garden City	18	8					16	42
Hot Springs		50	35			25	170	280
Houghton							18	18
Huron					186	35	356	577
Ipswich			95		45	51	66	257
Johnson Corners		94	855		100	11	284	1,344
Loyalton	52	333	129		53	103	383	1,053
Medicine Rocks	140						198	338
Mission	5	3	15	5				28
Missoula	9	11	5		6	4	8	43
Mitchell	52	163	477	20	76	56	523	1,367
Mobridge	106	110	35					251
Mount Vernon	49	35	3	5	20	63	10	185
Northville		16					10	26
Rapid City		26	50		12	3	25	116
Rawlins	8		40					48
Redfield	52	219	54					325
Richland			400			34	138	572
Ridge	54	96						150
Rocky Point							33	33
Sicux Chapel							27	27
Strool	1,841							1,841
Sturgis	18		17			28	69	132
Tolstoy	188						20	208
Watertown		18	24			120	836	998
Watford City		225	175		70	22	534	1,026
Totals	\$2,977	\$1,839	\$2,476	\$145	\$660	\$705	\$6,036	\$14,838

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Item X. Disbursed Totals

Charge	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
Aberdeen	\$3,660	\$1,685	\$2,278	\$213	\$7,836
Almont	1,806	573	386	1,200	3,965
Artesian	1,665	651	363	249	2,928
Avon	2,623	1,399	413	204	4,639
Baker	2,894	980	936	26	4,836
Belle Fourche	1,804	2,555	144	307	4,810
Billings and Boyd	3,347	2,325	1,498	145	7,615
Brentford	1,466	301	338	473	2,578
Brookings	2,365	1,181	266	193	4,005
Buffalo	1,582	569	474	48	2,773
Bushnell	1,175	888	90	50	2,203
Calvary	375	33	225	183	816
Conner	1,924	431	229	75	2,659
Deadwood	2,039	1,111	103	82	3,335
Flandreau	1,200	382	137	50	1,769
Forsyth	829	851	74	55	1,809
Garden City	2,510	2,413	335	42	5,300
Hot Springs	1,991	1,306	538	280	4,115
Houghton	1,807	474	432	18	2,731
Huron	3,655	2,413	1,250	577	7,895
Ipswich	2,579	1,209	708	257	4,753
Johnson Corners	2,155	1,131	2,254	1,344	6,884
Knobs	550	.....	145	.....	695
Loyalton	2,923	1,717	1,069	1,053	6,762
Medicine Rocks	1,821	106	399	338	2,664
Miles City	1,236	13,811	.....	.....	15,047
Mission	1,149	377	64	28	1,618
Missoula	2,538	2,695	170	43	5,446
Mitchell	3,467	1,639	2,844	1,367	9,317
Mobridge	2,611	2,236	1,075	251	6,173
Mount Vernon	1,658	580	265	185	2,688
Northville	1,068	318	208	26	1,620
Pierre	240	8,924	.....	.....	9,164
Rapid City	2,570	1,345	333	116	4,364
Rawlins	2,497	1,195	89	48	3,819
Redfield	2,873	4,547	768	325	8,513
Richland	3,360	1,951	1,167	572	7,050
Ridge	873	177	51	150	1,251
Rocky Point	1,562	720	47	33	2,362
Sioux Chapel	977	532	13	27	1,549
Strool	3,010	1,230	653	1,841	6,734
Sturgis	2,715	1,046	338	132	4,231
Sundance	163	3,025	.....	.....	3,188
Tolstoy	1,234	1,516	137	208	3,095
Watertown	3,201	2,572	1,010	998	7,781
Watford City	2,640	3,928	2,896	1,026	10,490
Totals	\$92,777	\$81,048	\$27,212	\$14,838	\$215,875

Minutes

of the

Forty-Seventh Annual Session

of the

Woman's Missionary Society

of the

Dakota Conference

Held at

Aberdeen, South Dakota

June 4-7, 1952

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

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- Aberdeen—Mrs. LaVerne Jones, 308 N. Lincoln St., Aberdeen, S. D.
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 Boyd—Mrs. Ray Cammack, Belfry, Mont.
 Brentford—Mrs. Mamie Anderson, R. 1-49, Cande, S. D.
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 Missoula—Mrs. Eugene Stanislaus, 601 N. 4th St., Missoula, Mont.
 Miles City—Mrs. Curtis Shreve, 1017 Orr, Miles City, Mont.

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Mobridge—Mrs. Theo. Kronwald, 707 1st Ave. W., Mobridge, S. D.
Mt. Vernon—Miss Genevieve Howard, Mt. Vernon, S. D.
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Rawlins—Mrs. Sylvia Mann, Box 59, Sinclair, Wyo.
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Sturgis—Mrs. Leola Rossow, Sturgis, S. D.
Tolstoy—Mrs. Lester Bennett, Tolstoy, S.D.
Watertown—Mrs. Maurice Broad,
Watford City—Mrs. Daisy Bergerson, Watford City, N. D.

DELEGATES

Aberdeen—Miss Florence Hughes
Almont—Miss Gwen Trovik
Artesian—Mrs. Victoria Moulton
Avon—Mrs. Wandalou Blaine
Baker—Mrs. Margaret Noftsker
Belle Fourche—Mrs. Honour May Griffin
Billings—Mrs. Ruth McIntyre
Boyd—Mrs. Ruth McIntyre
Brentford—Mrs. Chris Anderson
Brookings—Mrs. Margaret Robertson
Buffalo—No delegate
Bushnell—Mrs. Loreen Griffin
Calvary—No delegate
Conner—Mrs. A. J. House
Cresbard—No delegate
Deadwood—Mrs. Elsie Wilson
Flandreau—Mrs. Loreen Griffin
Garden City—Mrs. Violetta McGillivray
Hot Springs—Miss Minnie Knecht
Houghton—Mrs. Loretta Richardson
Huron—Mrs. Marie Becker
Ipswich—Mrs. Emma Poole
Johnson Corners—Mrs. Ella Buell
Knobs—No delegate
Loyalton—Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger
Medicine Rocks—Mrs. Angeline McCone
Mission—Mrs. Adora Borszick

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Miles City—Mrs. Lois Mengle
Missoula—Mrs. Amy Hunter
Mitchell—Mrs. Darlene Hersey
Mobridge—Mrs. Anna Knecht
Mt. Vernon—No delegate
Northville—Mrs. Fred Nutimeier
Rapid City—Mrs. Eleanor Buckman
Rawlins—Mrs. Mary Alice Gale
Redfield—Mrs. Lettie Ketzback
Richland—Mrs. Lorraine Palmer
Strool—Mrs. Mary Peck
Sturgis—Mrs. Leola Rossow
Tolstoy—Mrs. Leona Bennett
Tuthill—No delegate
Watertown—Mrs. Inez Gisselbeck
Watford City—Mrs. Ruth Taylor
Mrs. Viola Leyh
Mrs. Marian Cretsinger
Mrs. Joyce Mudgett
Mrs. Fern Davidson
Mrs. Katherine Drown
Mrs. Harriet Harris
Mrs. George Warriner
Mrs. Oattie Boyington
Mrs. Nellie Sausoman
Mrs. Eunice Breugdenhil
Mrs. Rena Veeder
Mrs. Curtis Shreve
Mrs. Hazel Shelley
Mrs. Lillian Bailie
Mrs. Emma Cook
Mrs. John Kearns
Mrs. Anne Bateman
Mrs. R. M. Kelly
Mrs. Emil Hanson
Mrs. Mable Wadsworth
Mrs. Marvel Fessenden
Mrs. LaVerne Jones
Mrs. Madalyn Simpson

Daily Proceedings

Wednesday, 9:15 A. M.

Opening—The Forty-Seventh Annual Session of the W.M.S. of the Dakota Conference was called to order by our Vice President, Mrs. Viola Leyh. The initial keynote melted our hearts as we all joined singing, "Welcome, Welcome Holy Ghost," led by Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger. Our attention was called to the program theme "I Sent You to Reap" and "What Hast Thou Gleaned Today" depicted by the drawings of Miss Florence Hughes. Mrs. Rena Veed brought devotions on the theme "I Sent You to Reap—In Jerusalem," using the scripture Psalm 126: 5, 6.

Roll Call—After a warm welcome offered by our Vice President, credentials of the delegates were presented and roll was called.

Program Committee—Programs were distributed and presented with corrections by Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger. It was adopted as Orders of the Day for this session of Conference.

Bar of Conference—A motion prevailed that the first seven rows on either side of the tabernacle (excluding the first row) be called the Bar of the Conference.

Conference Body—Motion prevailed that Delegates, Presidents, Pastor's Wives, Y.M.W.B. Superintendents, constitute the Conference Body.

Nominating Committee—The Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Amy Hunter, Mrs. Ruth McIntyre, Mrs. Marion Cretsinger, Miss Florence Hughes, Mrs. Rena Veeder.

Recess—A recess was declared that the Nominating Committee might compile their report after which we were called to order by the Vice President.

Report of Nominating Committee—The Report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted.

General Conference Report—Very interesting reports of General Conference were given by Mrs. Ruth McIntyre and Mrs. Marion Cretsinger. Adjourned with prayer.

Wednesday, 1:00 P. M.

Opening—After singing by the group, Mrs. Victoria Moulton led in prayer. As the roll was called delegates answered by introducing themselves. Impromptu reports on "Win 2 in '52. What are you doing?" were given.

Literature Table—Mrs. Rena Veeder presented the material available on the Literature Table.

Report of Magazine Solicitors—The report of the Magazine Solicitor shows a total of 637 magazine subscriptions. The Baker Society received the prize for gaining the most new subscriptions.

Report of Prayer Partner Secretary—Mrs. Amy Hunter presented the report of the Prayer Partner Secretary, showing a total of 640 prayer partners.

Report of Membership Committee—The report of the Membership Committee shows a total of 809 members.

Report of the President—The President read her report. Accepted. (See Report No. 2.)

Local reports—Local reports from all the charges were read.

Tag Day Solicitors—Mrs. Inez Gisselbeck and Mrs. Fred Nultimeier were elected Tag Day Solicitors, to continue their work throughout conference.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING

Wednesday, 7: 30 P. M.

With Mrs. Viola Leyh presiding, the Public Missionary Service opened by singing "Jesus Saves" and "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" led by Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger, with Mrs. Joyce Mudgett as pianist. Rev. John Kearnes led in prayer, after which a mixed octette sang "Lord, Send Me There." The speaker of the evening was Rev. Ralph Coleson, who has spent five and one-half years in India as missionary. We were favored with a chalk drawing and solo by Miss Florence Hughes. Pledges were made in the amount of \$901.51 and a cash offering in the amount of \$191.10, making a total of \$1092.60. Rev. L. D. Harris, President of Brainerd Indian School, dismissed us with prayer.

Thursday, 9: 30 A. M.

Opening—Following united singing of "Love Lifted Me" and the chorus, "I Know the Lord Will Make a Way for Me" Mrs. Eunice Vreugdenhil brought devotions on the theme "I Sent You to Reap—In All Judea." Mrs. House led in prayer.

Roll Call—Roll Call was answered by the question, "Did You Observe the May Prayer Chain?" Minutes were read and approved.

Report of Y.M.W.B.—The report of the Y.M.W.B. was given by the Superintendent and accepted. Miss Marie Brannon had charge of a program presented by the children.

Courtesies—Mrs. Honour May Griffin, Mrs. Fern Davidson, Mrs. Wandalou Blaine, Mrs. Elsie Wilson, and Miss Minnie Knecht were presented to the Conference and gave words of testimony.

Report of the Huron Missionary Rally—Mrs. Katherine Drown gave the report on the Huron Missionary Rally held in April. Mrs. Leyh brought greetings to the body from Dr. and Mrs. Reisdorph and told us the latest developments for their world tour.

Instructions to Secretary—The Secretary was instructed to send letters of greeting to each of the following: Mrs. Reisdorph, Mrs. Spry, Mrs. Sollie, Mrs. McGovern, Mr. Howard and daughters, Mrs. Ralph Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Emry Jones, Mrs. Ludeen, Alma Aldinger, and Ruth Bixler.

Thanks—A Rising vote of thanks was given to Miss Florence Hughes for her work on the posters displayed.

Courtesies—Miss Mary Baker and Miss Viola Barker from the Brainerd Indian School were presented, and gave words of testimony.

Miltonvale Area Rally Report—A very inspiring report of the Miltonvale Area Rally was given by Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger.

Courtesy—Rev. Ralph Coleson was presented and gave us information concerning the building of the hospital in India.

Adjourned.

Thursday, 1:45 p. m.

Opening—Mrs. Moulton led in singing, after which Mrs. Marion Cretsinger led in prayer.

Courtesy—Dr. O. G. Wilson was presented and gave us a brief all-over picture of our missionary fields, and especially stirred our hearts to back the Armed Service Men's Commission. Mrs. B. I. Griffin, Mrs. Lee Goodell, Mrs. Dean Watson were presented with words of testimony.

Report of the Auditing Committee—The report of the Auditing Committee was read and accepted. (See Report No. 6.)

Treasurer's Report—The Treasurer's report was read and accepted with a rising vote of thanks for her faithful, efficient service throughout the year. (See Report No. 7.)

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

Testimony—Words of testimony were brought by our Sister L. D. Harris, after which we were adjourned.

Friday, 10:00 a. m.

Opening—After singing "He Keeps Me Singing," Rev. John Kearns brought devotions on "I Sent You to Reap—In Samaria," making it a parallel with our Indian neighbors. Our hearts being stirred, a special love offering of \$50 was taken for Rev. Kearns.

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Courtesy—Mrs. R. M. Kelly, pastor's wife from Hot Springs, was presented with a word of testimony.

Report of the Resolutions Committee—The report of the Resolutions Committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

Report of District Chairmen—The Chairmen of Northwest, Southern, and Aberdeen districts brought interesting reports of their activities this past year.

Discussion period—Mrs. Eleanor Buckman led the group in an open discussion period on the Y.M.W.B.

Adjourned.

Friday, 2:15 P. M.

Opening—After a verse of song, Mrs. Emil Hanson led us to the throne in prayer.

Report of the Committee on Goals—The report of the Committee on Goals was read and adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

Courtesy—Mrs. Robert Wallace, our song evangelist's wife, was presented to the body.

Report of the Executive Board—The report of the Executive Board was read and approved.

Black Hills Chairman Report—The report of the Black Hills Chairman was given. Motion prevailed to accept all the reports of the Chairmen.

Election of officers—The report of the Nominating Committee was read and the election of officers for the coming year was held, the following officers being elected:

President—Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger

Vice President—Mrs. Marian Cretsinger

Secretary—Mrs. Madalyn Simpson

Treasurer—Mrs. Joyce Mudgett

Y.M.W.B. Superintendent—Miss Marie Brannon

Prayer Partner Secretary—Mrs. Amy Hunter

Conference Study Chairman—Mrs. Lillian Bailie

District Chairmen were elected as follows:

Aberdeen—Mrs. Leona Bennett

Black Hills—Mrs. Leola Rossow

Northwest—Mrs. Ruth McIntyre

Southern—Mrs. Loreen Griffin

Memorial Service—A Memorial service was held with Mrs. Mable Wadsworth. Mrs. Honour May Griffin led in singing and devotions were

given by Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger. Tender memories of departed members of the local societies were brought to us. They were as follows: Mrs. Alfred Olin, Mrs. Eliza Young, Mrs. Frank Stanhope, Mrs. Gertrude North, Mrs. Wm. Wilkinson, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Katie Fessenden, Mrs. Howard Perry, Flora Madsen, Mrs. Helen Follette, Mrs. Backer, Mrs. M. C. Smith, Mrs. Rosena Haberly, Mrs. W. O. Howard.

Saturday, 8:30 a. m.

Opening—Following group singing, we were led in devotions by Mrs. Honour May Griffin, who spoke on "I Send You To Reap"—Unto the Uttermost Part" as shown in John 17:18.

Roll Call—The Roll Call was answered by inspiring testimonies.

Testimony—Mrs. Lillian Bailie, who had been ill and unable to be with us, gave her testimony and gave a few facts in regard to the study plan.

Report of the Tag Day Solicitors—The report of the Tag Day Solicitors showed they had gained three new subscriptions.

Literature Sales—The report of the Literature Sales made during Conference was given.

Report of Plan of Work Committee—The report of the Plan of Work Committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

Installation Service—A beautiful and sacred Installation Service was conducted by Rev. O. G. Wilson.

Project Table—Mrs. Cook presented the work on the project table. Motion prevailed that the project plan be carried on next year and every society bring their project to Conference, if possible.

Presentation—Although Mrs. Jones, our out-going President, was unable to be present for public presentation, the committee told the body of the lovely gift that had been purchased as a love-gift for her.

Prayer—Special prayer was offered for Miss Minnie Montoux.

Adjourned

Reports of Committees

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Auditing—Mrs. Ottie Boyington, Mrs. Honour May Griffin

Resolutions—Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger, Mrs. Leola Rossow, Miss Florence Hughes

Courtesies—Mrs. Eleanor Buckman

Plan of Work—Mrs. Marion Cretsinger, Mrs. Loreen Griffin, Mrs. Effie Reisdorph

News Reporter—Mrs. Wandalou Blaine

Goals—(acting) President of the W.M.S., Chairman of Membership and Magazine Solicitor Committees.

Standing Committees

Program—President of W.M.S., Mrs. LaVerne Jones, Mrs. Marion Cretsinger

Membership—Mrs. Nellie Sausoman, Mrs. Rena Veeder

Magazine Solicitors—Mrs. Leola Rossow, Mrs. Eleanor Buckman

Statistical—Mrs. Anna Bateman, Mrs. Mable Wadsworth

Memorial—Mrs. Angeline McCone, Mrs. Harriet Harris

Signed: Mrs. Amy Hunter
Mrs. Ruth McIntyre
Mrs. Marion Cretsinger
Miss Florence Hughes
Mrs. Rena Veeder

Report No. 2

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we meet once again as we are today in our 47th annual session of the Dakota Conference W.M.S. Truly God has been good this past year, and His blessings have been manifold. As we draw closer to the great advent, His second coming, may each one of us take inventory to make sure we have on the whole armor of God, that we may be counted worthy in that day.

As your new President takes office for the new year, may you give her

that loyal and hearty support that you have given your present one, for only then will it make her task enjoyable and fruitful. May the blessings of the Triune God rest upon this session of our conference.

Official Acts

Authorized the Vice President, Mrs. Leyh, to organize the Missoula, Montana missionary society in October.

Authorized Mrs. Kenneth Shelley to organize the Miles City, Montana Missionary society in January.

Sent our World Day of Prayer booklets for the local societies' use on World Day of Prayer.

Cared for correspondence incident to the office.

Respectfully submitted,

LaVerne Jones

Report No. 3

REPORT OF MISSION STUDY

Number of societies sending in annual reports	29
Number of ladies working for Quadrennial certificates	50
Societies with outstanding Bible reading record	4
Societies using Study Books	
"We Americans North and South"	18
"DeShazer"	16
Members reading	
"Israel Returns Home"	89
"Under the Thatched Roof"	60
"An Irish Saint"	45
"Passion for Souls"	28
"Sand and Stars"	32
"The Moffats"	32
Number of other books read	80

Signed: Mrs. Lillian Bailie,

Conference Study Secretary

Report No. 4

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We the Committee on Resolutions submit the following:

Be it resolved that we humbly give thanks to God for the consciousness of His presence and guidance in this Conference session.

Be it resolved that we carefully honor the Holy Spirit in our individual lives and all the endeavors of our Society in order that through His anointing we shall be enabled to make definite gains in each phase of the work.

Be it resolved that we pray earnestly for India while her doors are yet open and for Rev. William Wager and the new work to be started in Formosa; that we also remember the suffering Christians and new converts in China, Korea, and South America.

Be it resolved that we encourage the ingathering of additional funds through the Penny-a-Meal plan, the monthly Thank Offerings for Home Missions and the "In Remembrance" folders.

Be it resolved that our families be exemplary in modesty in dress and in Sabbath-keeping.

Be it resolved that we express our appreciation to all who contributed to our devotional services; to Rev. Ralph Coleson, returned missionary to India, to Dr. O. G. Wilson, Connectional Editor, for their information and inspiration; to those present from Brainerd Indian School; and to each of our officers for their faithful service.

Be it resolved that we thank all who have contributed to the success of our annual gathering and to the comfort of those attending.

Signed: Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger,
Miss Florence Hughes,
Mrs. Leola Rossow.

Report No. 5

COMMITTEE ON GOALS

We submit the following:

1. Realizing the salvation of souls as our main objective, may we as societies endeavor to work the connectional slogan—"Win 2 in '52."

2. That we gain 101 new members, increasing our total membership to 910 members.

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3. That we gain 100 new subscriptions to the Magazine, increasing the total number of subscriptions to 742.

Signed: Mrs. Viola Leyh,
Mrs. Leola Rossow,
Mrs. Nellie Sausoman.

Report No. 6

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the W.M.S. treasurer and the Y.M.W.B. Superintendent for the year 1951-1952, and have found them correct.

Signed: Mrs. Ottie Boyinton
Mrs. Honour May Griffin

Report No. 7

TREASURER'S REPORT

Old Balance May 15, 1951	\$ 412.60
Total Cash received	12,407.74
Total Voucher Receipts	1146.57
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GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 13,966.91
Total Disbursements	13,632.10
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Balance on Hand May 23, 1952	\$ 334.81

Signed: Joyce R. Mudgett, Dakota Conference W.M.S. Treasurer

Report No. 8

Y.M.W.B. REPORT

Total number of Bands reporting 26
Total number of members reporting 680
Three new bands reporting were Knobs, Tolstoy, and Medicine Rocks.
Ipswich and Huron rated 100% in the Efficiency Standard.

Financial Report

Balance on hand	\$ 13.34
Total Receipts, 1951-52	1313.62
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Total	\$ 1326.96

Total Disbursements	\$ 1324.79	
Balance on hand	2.17	
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Total		\$ 1326.96

Signed: Mrs. Eleanor Buckman, Y.M.W.B. Superintendent

Report No. 9

PLAN OF WORK

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

1. Arrange with pastor for one missionary prayer service each month.
2. A minimum of 10 meetings to be held during the year, in which prayer is given a prominent place, and business is transacted; and at least one public meeting.
3. Recognizing the power of prayer, let us diligently observe the following:
 - a. The formation of Prayer Partner Circles in each society with a Prayer Partner Secretary, who shall send a report to Conference Prayer Partner Secretary within 60 days after adjournment of the Annual Conference.
 - b. The observance of a Prayer and Fast Day by each Society once a month according to the plan of the District Chairman.
 - c. Cooperation in the World Day of Prayer services under the direction of the District Chairman.
4. a. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and 75% of the active membership to be subscribers to THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY.
 - b. A Magazine Solicitor to be elected, who will faithfully endeavor to obtain all renewals and will gain not less than two new subscriptions a year.
5. a. Each society to be represented in Annual Conference by the new President and Delegate.
 - b. Delegate to be instructed by local society regarding the amount to be pledged by that society at the Annual Conference Session.
 - c. Statistical Report blanks filled out on time. Send one copy to Mrs. Anne Bateman, Ipswich, S. D. by May 15th.

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6. a. All monies received as dues to be sent to Conference Treasurer, designating where 50% of same be applied on missions.
- b. All monies and vouchers to be sent to Conference Treasurer quarterly and final quarterly remittances not later than May 1st, using blanks sent out by Conference Treasurer.
7. Every woman in the church a member of the society or a 10% gain in total membership.
8. Standing rules to be observed are as follows:
 - a. An amount equal to 7½% of all monies raised, except funds for building and repairs and dues, be paid for Conference Work.
 - b. \$10.00 per society be paid for Home Missions. This may apply on budget.
 - c. \$5.00 per society be paid Hephzibah Orphanage. This may apply on budget.
 - d. 10¢ per member be paid for Conference expense fund.
 - e. That honorary members as well as active members be included in all our assessments, unless otherwise specified.
 - f. 25¢ per active member be paid for a General Administrative Fund, not to apply on budget.
 - g. \$3.00 or more per society be paid to the Medical Student Fund, not to apply on budget.
9. a. \$1.25 per member be paid towards the support of our Conference Missionary. This may apply on budget.
- b. Stress the use of Card Call Plan. Not to apply on budget.
- c. Use of "Penny-a-Meal" jar and/or Thank Offering envelopes, the same to be turned in to local Treasurer monthly.
- d. Use of Pre-Easter Self Denial Folders, said money to be used as directed at that time.
10. The Efficiency Standard to be read in the society at least once a year.

4% credit for each of the 25 items. Total 100%, Honor Roll 80%.

We recommend the following:

1. That there be continued reference to the Plan of Work as guide for the year's work.
2. That a missionary offering be taken at the monthly prayer meeting.
3. That finances be provided for each representative to Annual Conference.

4. That we urge use of "In Remembrance Folders."
 5. That Thank Offering monies be used for Home Missions.
 6. That we include all men in the church in our membership goal.
 7. That local societies inquire into the needs of Home Mission stations and orphanage before sending used clothing and that no monetary value be placed on same; that such boxes be reported merely as to the number sent; that boxes of new merchandise be reported as to monetary value and that the sending society evaluate and fill out receipt for same. That to be sent to the missionaries for their signature after which it should be forwarded to Conference Missionary Society Treasurer for proper receipting.
 8. That gift subscriptions to the Magazine be encouraged.
 9. That our Prayer Partners be remembered by letters.
 10. That our local societies make bandages and that these be forwarded promptly to the Missionary Home, 32 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, New Jersey, to await outgoing missionaries, the number of pounds to be reported with no value attached.
 11. That we promote the Mission Study and Reading Course; the use of the study book designated each year; also Program Calendars and other helps.
 12. That the Resolutions report be read before the Society upon receipt of the new minutes.
- May we, as "Labourers together with God," determine to keep under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, as we work the works of Him that sent us. "Except the Lord build . . . they labour in vain." Psalms 127: 1.

Signed: Mrs. Marian Cretsinger
Mrs. Loreen Griffin
Mrs. Effie Reisdorph

Report No. 10

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

That the Public Missionary offering be divided equally three ways, for Home, Foreign, and Conference missions.

That the expenses and a \$10 love offering be given to Rev. Ralph Coleson for his services.

That the expenses of Mrs. Leyh, incurred in her office and that of the Program Committee be paid by the treasurer.

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That the budget apportionment for Alma Aldinger be raised to \$1.25 per W.M.S. member.

That the following be standing rules: 25¢ per member for the administrative fund, and \$3.00 or more per society be designated for medical missions.

That the following be a Conference Standing Rule: That we follow the procedure of the General Conference in that the Nominating Committee present two nominees for each Conference office.

That a Conference Y.M.W.B. Workshop be held during this Conference year.

That plans be made to raise the expenses next year of our Y.M.W.B. delegate to General Conference.

That we present a love gift of \$25.00 to Mrs. Joyce Mudgett, our treasurer.

Signed: Mrs. Viola Leyh,
Mrs. Madalyn Simpson,
Mrs. Joyce Mudgett,
Mrs. Eleanor Buckman,
Mrs. Leola Rossow,
Mrs. Katherine Drown,
Mrs. Ruth McIntyre,
Mrs. Nellie Sausoman.

REPORT OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD

We, the Executive Board for 1952-53 wish to make the following recommendations:

That \$5.00 per society be sent to redecorate Abbot Hall, to be due by the end of the second quarter.

That the Conference Membership Chairman send out the Membership Receipt Booklets to every society, and their prompt use recommended to each local Membership chairman.

That the petition to divide the North East District from the Southern District be accepted, to include the following societies: Watertown, Garden City, Bushnell, Flandreau, Brookings, and any other that may be organized in that vicinity. We further recommend that Mrs. Nellie Sausoman be appointed District Chairman of the Southern District.

Believing that the W.M.S. has an important mission at Jerusalem, as well as to Samaria and the uttermost parts, let us seek to win others in our home communities by: personal work, inviting others to our meetings, calling on new families, tract ministry, thoughtful deeds and loving service to others, and by any other means which God may lay upon our

hearts, as we earnestly seek to become "fishers of men." Our goal is "Win 2 in '52."

Signed: Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger,
Mrs. Marion Cretsinger,
Mrs. Madalyn Simpson,
Mrs. Joyce Mudgett,
Miss Marie Brannon.

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W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Receipts

Name of Society	Active Members	Honorary Members	Members Gain	Members Loss	Total No. Meetings Held	Wesleyan Missionarys taken	Rank Under Efficiency Standard %	No. Missionaries Supported	Membership Dues	Offerings
Aberdeen	26	5	...	25	23	23	158	...	\$31.00	\$1,601.06
Almont	10	1	...	1	3	14	...	...	12.10	244.50
Artesian	15	5	...	1	14	11	175	...	21.60	101.38
Avon	15	2	...	9	12	13	145	...	17.00	183.03
Baker	29	8	...	2	23	43	182	...	37.00	154.33
Belle Fourche	12	...	...	3	4	12	145	...	12.00	102.10
Billings	32	4	...	...	31	30	167	...	36.00	492.47
Boyd	9	6	...	...	11	10	...	...	12.00	27.45
Brookings	9	7	8	...	5	15	148	...	16.00	213.57
Brentford	7	5	...	1	12	8	...	...	12.00	207.44
Buffalo	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	263.77
Bushnell	9	1	...	17	12	...	...	...	10.00	43.31
Calvary	6	2	...	1	13	9	124	...	9.00	182.71
Conner	9	5	...	4	14	7	140	...	14.00	74.00
Deadwood	10	1	1	...	13	11	119	...	11.00	61.28
Flandreau	6	2	2	...	11	8	...	...	8.00	75.23
Fo'syth	5	2	2	...	12	10	...	...	7.35	57.33
Garden City	15	4	...	10	10	...	...	...	19.00	112.55
Hot Springs	17	5	2	...	19	15	160	...	22.00	215.22
Houghton	13	9	...	1	14	15	85	...	22.00	114.86
Huron	27	15	18	...	24	37	182	...	43.90	369.34
Ipswich	19	9	...	13	17	...	...	...	28.00	430.71
Johnson Corners	19	9	4	...	14	19	95	...	33.60	573.99
Knobs	9	1	...	10	7	...	...	...	10.00	32.96
Loyalton	17	15	1	...	17	20	146	...	32.00	436.14
Medicine Rocks	5	3	...	2	6	5	...	...	8.00	211.84
Mission	9	...	...	8	9	...	...	...	9.00	14.08
Missoula	4	2	6	...	9	6	...	...	6.00	44.02
Miles City	5	2	7	...	5	4	...	...	7.00	9.19
Mitchell	31	22	5	...	17	36	172	1	52.00	1,675.50
Mobridge	22	7	...	9	12	34	...	...	26.00	578.79
Mount Vernon	7	4	...	2	10	5	156	...	11.00	109.64
Northville	10	...	...	4	12	9	...	...	10.00	86.92
Rapid City	30	...	...	3	2	19	...	...	30.50	154.31
Rawlins	7	2	2	...	2	6	...	...	7.00	73.84
Redfield	20	14	...	1	21	38	150	...	34.00	169.29
Richland	16	13	...	1	10	24	108	1	29.00	406.44
Strool	12	2	...	12	11	18	118	1	14.00	100.11
Sturgis	9	...	...	12	8	115	...	...	9.00	143.32
Tols'oy	12	7	11	...	9	9	...	...	19.00	159.20
Watertown	27	16	22	...	14	...	...	...	43.00	432.51
Watford City	21	...	...	9	15	31	170	...	21.00	596.85
Totals	592	217	91	119	514	637	3160	3	\$812.05	\$11,326.68

W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Receipts

Name of Society	From Labor	Memorials	Voucher Receipts	Other Sources	Total Receipts for Year	Old Balance From Last Year	Grand Total
Aberdeen	\$20.50			\$23.09	\$1,675.65	\$2.99	\$1,678.64
Almont		\$14.80			271.40		271.40
Artesian			\$28.50	26.20	177.68	7.05	184.73
Avon			28.79	70.63	299.45	5.58	305.03
Baker		232.15		181.46	604.94		604.94
Belle Fourche			280.00	77.95	472.05		472.05
Billings	9.00	47.25	88.35	3.35	676.42	7.92	684.34
Boyd				52.22	91.67	10.50	102.17
Brookings		3.00	51.00		283.47	4.59	288.16
Brentford					219.44	.43	219.87
Buffalo					263.77		263.77
Bushnell		3.00		38.77	95.08	11.20	106.28
Calvary			60.00	58.47	310.18	17.30	327.48
Conner			19.00	33.50	140.50	10.55	151.05
Deadwood				29.27	101.55	5.45	107.00
Flandreau					83.23	7.50	90.73
Forsyth				19.70	84.38	8.13	92.50
Garden City		15.00	7.22	124.31	278.08	1.94	280.02
Hot Springs				77.75	314.97	1.23	316.20
Houghton			24.15	37.76	198.77		198.77
Huron		38.90	41.78	158.83	652.75	13.48	666.23
Ipswich		21.00	39.29	45.00	564.00	7.16	571.16
Johnson Corners					607.59	12.80	620.39
Kno's				77.64	120.60		120.60
Lake Wilson							
Loyalton	21.60		254.51		741.25	1.38	745.63
Medicine Rocks					219.84		219.84
Mission				20.79	43.87		43.87
Missoula			3.82	15.00	68.84	.05	68.89
Miles City					16.19		16.19
Mitchell			17.79	73.00	1,808.29	27.10	1,835.39
Mobridge				42.50	647.29	117.11	764.40
Mount Vernon		4.50			125.14		125.14
Northville		25.97		2.97	125.86	7.24	133.10
Rapid City				72.20	257.11		257.11
Rawlins					80.84		80.84
Redfield		16.50	133.71	166.22	519.72	.83	520.55
Richland			553.97	8.00	997.41	14.24	1,011.65
Strool					114.11	16.16	130.71
Sturgis			15.00		167.32		167.32
Tolstoy			8.22		186.42	14.13	200.55
Watertown		19.75	22.00	38.85	556.11	.08	556.19
Watford City		61.75	9.07	222.20	910.87	35.25	946.12
Totals	\$51.10	\$503.57	\$1,686.17	\$1,797.63	\$16,177.20	\$369.81	\$16,547.01

W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Name of Society	Disbursements						
	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Medical Student Missions	Hephzibah, Cash	Hephzibah, Provisions	Education, Cash	Education, Provisions
Aberdeen	\$157.34	\$1,192.93	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$10.00
Almont	29.45	116.70	3.00	5.00		49.60	
Artesian	19.96	31.95	3.00	5.00		13.65	
Avon	73.01	76.50	3.00	6.50		9.50	
Baker	140.90	178.49	3.00	7.50		58.11	
Belle Fourche	44.35	44.35		75.00			5.00
Billings	119.00	303.35	5.00	5.00		25.00	
Boyd	21.70	37.25	3.00	5.10			
Brookings	78.27	83.26	3.00	5.00		17.00	
Brentford	20.50	32.00	3.00	5.00		32.50	
Buffalo	100.40	73.09				24.46	
Bushnell	6.33	24.58	3.00	5.00			
Calvary	105.00	28.00	3.00	5.00	10.00	18.50	
Conner	17.00	27.00		5.00		19.15	
Deadwood	11.00	15.00	3.00	5.00			
Flandreau	14.39	47.35	3.00	3.00		5.00	
Forsyth	17.35	7.35	3.00	5.00			
Garden City	88.62	85.19	3.00	5.00			35.35
Hot Springs	47.46	146.03	5.00	5.00		5.97	
Houghton	47.15	79.87	3.00	5.00			
Huron	179.32	108.16	3.00	12.25		22.71	
Ipswich	126.84	36.74	3.00	5.00		58.49	7.50
Johnson Corners	262.60	121.77	3.00	31.00		25.00	
Knobs	10.55	30.55	4.58	2.50		16.92	5.50
Loyalton	348.20	255.19	3.00	8.50		6.76	
Medicine Rocks	48.01	38.41	5.00	10.00		10.00	
Mission	3.00	5.00		5.00		15.50	
Missoula	18.82	16.30		6.00		6.48	
Miles City							7.00
Mitchell	258.52	1,202.76		23.00		63.22	
Mobridge	93.25	425.00	25.00	9.75		40.00	
Mount Vernon	18.59	62.35	3.00	5.00		3.34	
Northville	26.50	22.27	3.00	5.00			
Rapid City	28.50	39.50	3.00			38.16	
Rawlins	11.15	12.75	3.00	4.34		3.94	
Redfield	58.37	78.64	3.00	5.00		54.25	
Richland	469.77	183.36	3.00	5.00		250.00	8.00
Stroud	26.67	41.37	3.00	5.00		22.36	
Sturgis	10.00	38.45	3.00	5.00		28.00	
Tolstoy	42.37	35.35	3.00	5.00			
Watertown	98.80	97.27	3.00	12.00		120.00	4.00
Watford City	453.48	179.67	3.00	35.77		60.77	5.75
Totals	\$3,754.56	\$5,659.10	\$134.58	\$367.21	\$35.00	\$1,150.34	\$88.10

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Disbursements

Name of Society	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	7½ %	Total Disbursements	New Balance on Hand	Grand Total
Aberdeen	\$2.00	\$15.50	\$131.66	\$101.75	\$1,670.18	\$8.46	\$1,678.64
Almont	24.42	6.05	5.73	30.35	256.30	15.10	271.40
Artesian	16.76	10.00	69.25	10.09	179.66	5.07	184.73
Avon	34.44	8.50	71.14	17.61	300.20	4.83	305.03
Baker	185.15	18.50			591.72	13.22	604.94
Belle Fourche	41.70	12.00	235.25	14.40	472.05		472.05
Billings		36.00	129.12	41.80	664.27	20.07	684.34
Boyd	5.82	6.00	12.95		91.82	10.35	102.17
Brookings	36.97	8.00	10.00	37.60	279.10	9.06	288.16
Brentford	4.00	6.00	86.21	15.56	204.77	15.10	219.87
Buffalo		21.00	38.67	6.15	263.77		263.77
Bushnell		5.00	34.51	3.25	81.67	24.61	106.28
Calvary		4.50	115.56	13.90	303.46	24.02	327.48
Conner		14.00	64.18		146.33	4.72	151.05
Deadwood	37.56	11.00	19.84	4.60	107.00		107.00
Flandreau		4.00	5.95	5.00	87.69	3.04	90.73
Forsyth	36.46	7.35	16.00		92.51		92.51
Garden City		18.00	27.59	16.30	279.05	.97	280.02
Hot Springs	18.95	11.00	51.03	21.97	312.41	3.79	316.20
Houghton	8.83	22.00		28.39	194.24	4.53	198.77
Huron	145.02	42.00	74.56	65.24	652.26	13.97	666.23
Ipswich	43.25	12.25	261.80	12.48	567.35	3.81	571.16
Johnson Corners		14.00	104.30	42.36	604.03	15.36	620.39
Kno's		10.00	30.00	10.00	120.60		120.60
Loyalton		16.00	74.58	30.01	742.24	3.39	745.63
Medicine Rocks		4.00	79.27	25.15	219.84		219.84
Mission	3.87	9.00	2.50		43.87		43.87
Missoula		3.00	14.73	3.25	68.58	.31	68.89
Miles City				8.39	15.39	.80	16.19
Mitchell		26.00	217.98	34.97	1,826.45	8.94	1,835.39
Mobridge		13.00	22.52	42.01	670.53	93.87	764.40
Mount Vernon	13.90	11.00	7.96		125.14		125.14
Northville		5.00	58.50	6.16	126.43	6.67	133.10
Rapid City	115.28	11.00	7.70	13.97	257.11		257.11
Rawlins		7.00	34.56	4.10	80.84		80.84
Redfield	103.00	17.00	167.11	19.38	505.75	14.80	520.55
Richland	10.82	14.50	23.81	30.48	998.74	12.91	1,011.65
Strool		7.00	23.06		128.46	2.25	130.71
Sturgis	37.23	4.50	34.40	6.67	167.25	.07	167.32
Tols ov	9.07	9.50	79.90		184.19	16.36	200.55
Watertown		21.50	158.47	36.63	551.67	4.52	556.19
Watford City		10.50	126.53	34.19	909.56	36.46	946.12
Totals	\$930.50	\$512.15	\$2,728.88	\$784.16	\$16,144.58	\$402.43	\$16,547.01

Madalyn Simpson, Conference W.M.S. Secretary.

Dakota Conference W.Y.P.S.

OFFICERS FOR 1952 W. Y. P. S.

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Treasurer—Mrs. Harold Griffin
Youth Solicitor—Rev. Richard Rossow

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

Northwest District—Rev. John Hunter
Black Hills District—Paul Davidson
Southern District—Rev. James Blaine
Aberdeen District—Rev. Robert Bateman
Northeast District—Rev. Walter Simpson

W. Y. P. S. PRESIDENTS

Aberdeen—Colleen Blake
Almont—
Artesian—Miss Ila Hamm, Artesian, S. D.
Avon—Burnell Pudwill, Dante, S. D.
Baker—Mrs. Erna Jordan, Rt. 101 Little Beaver, Baker, S. D.
Belle Fourche—James Donald, Belle Fourche, S. D.
Billings—Grace Anderson, 320 S. 37, Billings, Montana
Buffalo—Miss Della Johnson, Box 383, Buffalo, Wyoming
Brentford—Francis Fey, Conde, S. D.
Brookings—Myrl Jones, 810 9th Ave., Brookings, S. D.
Huron—Wilbert Becker, 1152 Nevada W. W., Huron, S. D.
Ipswich—Joy Holz, Ipswich, S. D.
Johnson's Corners—Alice Jones, Keene, N. D.
Loyalton—Mrs. Ivan Holsing, Wecota, S. D.
Mitchell—Mr. Alan Hersey, 1101 S. Rowley, Mitchell, S. D.
Mobridge—Jonathon Knecht, Mobridge, S. D.
Northville—
Rawlins—
Redfield—
Richland—Arvid Sime, Mina, S. D.
Strool—Norris Brixey, Strool, S. D.
Sturgis—Mrs. Richard Rossow, 1636 Junction, Sturgis, S. D.
Watertown—Miss Helen Emmert, 309 4th Ave. S. E., Watertown, S.D.
Watford City—Gene Huston, Alexander, N. D.
Mt. Vernon—Pauline Howard, Mt. Vernon, S. D.

DELEGATES

Aberdeen—Beverly Christensen, Violet Hormon
Artesian—Robert Moulton, Frances Geddas
Avon—Alice Nellis, Gloria Hayward
Baker—Julia Ann Noftsker
Belle Fourche—Rev. Harold Griffin
Billings—Betty Gore
Brentford—Donna Bruce
Bushnell—Henry Vanderbush
Conner—Robert House
Deadwood—Mrs. Wilson
Flandreau—Alice Hayward
Forsyth—Patricia Satherwaite
Garden City—Violetta McGillivray
Hot Springs—Rev. Paul F. Davidson
Ipswich—Anna Marie Beckman, Marion Vreugdenhill
Johnson's Corners—Ralph Jones
Loyalton—Mrs. Ivan Holsing
Mitchell—Leslie Hildebrandt, Robert Hersey
Mobridge—Doris Wahl, Jonathon Knecht
Rawlins—Joyce Strimple
Redfield—Wesley Cretsinger, Dale Drown
Richland—Elois Bailey, Bobby Davis
Sturgis—Vareta Simpson
Sundance—Mrs. Evelyn Hames
Tolstoy—Elaine Strouckel
Watertown—Patty Alden, Gary White, Bryl Waite
Watford City—Thelma Melby

Daily Proceedings

The first meeting of the Young People's conference for the year 1952 was opened by Rev. Raymond Sausoman on Monday June 9. Devotions were led by Rev. Marvin Jones.

A Motion was made that Mrs. Alan Hersey be elected to serve as secretary in the absence of Velma Hughes. Motion was seconded and carried.

Roll call was taken by calling towns establishing delegates.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the first six rows of seats on both sides of the Young People's tabernacle constitute the bar of conference. Members took seats accordingly.

A motion was made that the following people be seated in the bar of conference to serve as delegates. Pastor of Almont to represent Almont, Marilyn Hunter to represent Missoula, Rev. Griffin to represent Belle Fourche, and Rev. Simpson to represent Brookings. Motion was seconded and carried.

Program for the conference was read by the secretary. It was adopted by a motion which was seconded and carried.

Election of committees resulted as follows:

Auditing Committee:

Rev. Walter Simpson, chairman
Rev. Richard Rossow
Beverly Christensen

Statistical Committee:

Rita Simpson, chairman
Harold Griffin
Betty Gore

Four boys, Johnathon Knecht, Leslie Hildebrandt, Robert Moulton, and Byrl Waite were appointed to make ballots and to act as tellers for the election. The meeting was then adjourned.

Monday, 4:00 p. m.

The second meeting of the young people's conference was held Monday at 4:00 p. m. in the Young People's tabernacle. The meeting was called to order by President, Rev. Sausoman and prayer was offered. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Officers were elected as follows:

President—Rev. A. L. Mudgett
Vice President—Rev. James Blaine
Secretary—Beverly Christensen

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Treasurer—Mrs. Harold Griffin

The new president was brought in and introduced to the group, after which a rising vote of thanks was given to past president, Rev. Sausoman.

Rev. Richard Rossow was elected as Youth Solicitor and Rev. Raymond Sausoman as Reporter.

Nominations and election for various conference chairmen resulted in:

Northwest district—Rev. John Hunter

Black Hills district—Paul Davidson

Southern district—Rev. James Blaine

Aberdeen district—Rev. Robert Bateman

A motion was made and carried that the meeting adjourn.

Tuesday, 9:00 A. M.

The third meeting of the conference opened with the singing of "Sweet Hour of Prayer," followed by devotions led by Rev. John Hunter. Rev. Mudgett offered prayer. Roll call was taken and the minutes were read and adopted. It was moved to leave officers from former offices in office until installation service.

Auditing committees report was given by Walter Simpson and was adopted. Report of the treasurer was given and accepted.

Mrs. Griffin stated that we should send all money except our local to conference treasurer, not any to Rev. Sheets.

Rev. Hunter, Northwestern district chairman, gave a report on youth camp and Black Hills district chairman, Rev. Rossow, told of their youth camp in Custer. The Southern district report was given by Rev. Davidson. He extended an invitation to districts not having camp to come to theirs.

President's report was given and stressed service men's commission being supported by each local society. Prayer was offered for service men.

Walter Simpson recommended that we add a Northeast district to the conference districts. It was moved and carried that it be received. Meeting was adjourned for the 10:30 service.

Tuesday, 1:00 p. m.

Meeting began by the singing of "Spirit of the Living God" after which Harold Griffin led in prayer and Rev. Rossow in devotions.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and stood approved after the president called the meeting to order.

The Wesleyan Youth Solicitor's report was given by Rev. Rossow in the absence of the regular reporter, Ivan Palmer. Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the report be adopted.

The report of the statistical committee was given by Varetta Simpson. The question of membership drop was discussed and the report was adopted.

The report of the Executive Council was not available at the time of the meeting, so a motion was made and seconded that we have an additional session Wednesday at 1:00 to hear the reading of the Executive Council report. Motion was carried.

Nomination for the Northeast district chairman was Rev. Walter Simpson. He was elected to the office.

The suggestion of having a rest period during the daytime beginning next camp, was discussed but no action was taken regarding the motion.

A motion that the meeting adjourn was seconded, and carried.

Wednesday, 1:00 p. m.

The last session of the Young People's conference was called to order and prayer was offered by president, Rev. A. L. Mudgett.

The Executive Council report of Tuesday, June 10 was given by Rev. Mudgett. It was moved that the report be adopted as a whole with a correction as to the money appropriated for a Belle Fourche revival. There was discussion on the report after which there was a motion that it be accepted. Motion was seconded and carried.

The minutes of the June 10 and June 11 meetings were read, corrected, and stood approved as read.

Motion was moved and carried that the conference session adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Christensen

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

A meeting of the Executive Council was called by the new president, Rev. A. L. Mudgett, at the close of the Tuesday afternoon young people's conference session.

Plans were discussed for the purchasing of a gift of appreciation for the past president, Rev. Raymond Sausoman.

It was decided that further investigation into the matter of the gift be made by Rev. Mudgett and Rev. Blaine.

Meeting was adjourned for the 2:30 afternoon service.

Wednesday, June 11

Prayer was offered by Rev. James Blaine after which projects for the coming year were discussed.

Motions were made and carried that we give Pierre \$100.00 for classrooms and that \$200.00 be used out of the church extension fund for seating for the Sundance church.

When money is appropriated from youth department for evangelistic service, it was moved that the pastor, where such funds are appropriated, notify the president of the youth conference when said meetings will be conducted. The president in turn will send a notice to each of the societies of the said meeting. The motion was seconded, and carried.

(Since appropriations of \$50 were made for Pierre and Sundance last year and not used, it was suggested that these revival meetings be held this year.)

Motions were made and carried that \$50.00 be pledged for revival meetings at Tolstoy, \$25.00 at Mission, and \$50.00 at Belle Fourche.

By common consent, the crusader will be continued.

A motion stating that we have letterheads printed, was moved, seconded, and carried.

The motion moved, seconded, and carried, that the Executive Council meeting be adjourned.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

June 9, 1952

We, the auditing committee have audited the books of the conference W.Y.P.S. treasurer and have found them to be correct.

Walter E. Simpson, Chairman;
Richard Rossow,
Beverly Christensen.

According to Section 27, Article 4, Sub-section 1 of the Discipline, we, the undersigned pastors request and recommend the immediate formation of a new district of the Dakota conference W.Y.P.S. to be known as the Northeast District of the Dakota Conference. This District shall comprise the following charges, namely: Watertown, S. D.; Garden City, S. D.; Bushnell, S. D.; Flandreau, S. D.; Brookings, S. D.; and any other churches in this area.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of June, 1952 to the Dakota Conference W.Y.P.S. Convention:

Walter E. Simpson,
Walter Cook,
Bert Griffin,
A. L. Mudgett.

STANDING RULES

1. The second Sunday in September will be observed as church extension Sunday.
2. Tuesday of camp week is Young People's Day.

BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

\$1.00 will be assessed to each member for connectional dues and \$.25 per member for conference dues.

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TREASURER'S REPORT, 1951-1952

Items	Balance on Hand 1951	Receipts	Expenses	Balance on Hand 1952
Crusader	\$.93	\$120.33	\$ 92.18	\$ 29.08
Conference Dues	149.03	112.03	250.00	11.06
General Dues		280.67	280.67	
Church Extension	129.12	247.27	150.00	226.39
Education		150.97	150.97	
Foreign Missions		120.22	120.22	
Home Missions		75.79	75.79	
7½ %		180.92	180.92	
Youth Week Offering		179.32	179.32	
Miscellaneous	31.42	6.71	35.27	2.86
Missionary Project		397.16	397.16	
	<u>\$310.50</u>	<u>\$1871.39</u>	<u>\$1912.50</u>	<u>\$269.39</u>

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Name of Society	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youth	General Dues	Conference Dues	Church Extension	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Local Work	Youth Week Offering	Miss. Project	Crusader	Other Objects	Total Receipts Plus Balance	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
Aberdeen	15	13	5	\$15.00	\$11.94	\$19.22	2.80	\$32.00	5.60	\$40.63	\$127.15			\$6.25	\$263.98	\$252.19	\$11.79
Almont	4	1	5	1.50	1.00	3.00		5.60	\$3.90	21.26					39.06	39.06	
Artesian	6		5	6.00	5.08	10.00		5.00	5.00	9.13					59.44	40.21	19.23
Avon	13		8	7.00	8.50	14.48	14.40	15.83	11.44	63.48					139.78	135.13	4.65
Baker	14	15	20	14.00	3.50	22.48	15.00		4.38	53.72	10.00	\$20.00	\$3.00	5.00	173.71	161.08	12.63
Belle Fourche	12	3	5	12.00	3.00		3.00	3.00		44.50					65.50	65.50	
Billings and Boyd	15	4	20	15.00	4.75	6.98	8.45	25.00	3.85	12.50			10.00	64.17	158.90	150.70	8.20
Brentford	5		3	5.00	1.25	11.10	2.50	7.04	2.50	67.00			2.00	1.50	99.89	99.89	
Brookings	17		8	17.00	4.25	14.82	10.00	18.12	18.13	46.01	12.00	7.50	5.00		174.55	152.83	21.72
Buffalo	7	3	14	7.00	1.75	3.00	3.00	3.30						.23	27.16	18.28	8.88
Conner			3														
Deadwood			2														
Flandreau			2														
Forsyth			1														
Garden City			6														
Hot Springs			3														
Houghton			2														
Huron	25		20	25.00	17.00	17.00	25.00	3.00	161.00				10.00		274.00	258.00	16.00
Ipswich	13		15	13.00	3.25	5.00	10.00	4.00	2.00	7.93	10.00	10.00		40.25	106.88	105.23	1.65
Johnson Corners	11		30	11.00	2.75	55.79	82.61	4.32	4.32	29.70	47.63	50.00	5.00	10.00	304.86	303.12	1.74
Loyalton	12	6	26	15.00	4.50	22.30		11.35	9.65	77.34	19.25		4.00	2.00	172.67	165.83	6.84
Miles City	12		1														
Missoula			1														
Mitchell	22	23	24	31.00	21.00	28.62	3.65	57.30	53.66	48.41	21.00		4.40		289.20	269.04	20.16
Mobridge	17	4	6	14.00	7.00	87.00	3.00	22.00	2.00	19.00					163.00	154.00	9.00
Mount Vernon	5	2	3	5.00	1.75	2.00	4.51	2.00	3.37	4.72	4.25		7.66	27.66	62.92	62.92	
Northville			2														
Pierre			1														
Rapid City			5														
Rawlins	4		3														
Redfield	16	22	20	27.00	4.00												
Rehland	25		13	18.75	12.50	22.15	40.00	32.55	2.00	9.75			10.00	13.75	198.58	161.45	37.13
Sioux Chapel			20														
Strool	20	10	20	8.00	14.00	10.60	16.00	32.00	16.00	19.00	7.00		5.00		152.78	127.60	25.18
Surgis	14	3	10	5.00	1.25	13.01		11.61	5.00	10.61			5.75	5.00	96.63	57.23	39.40
Tolstoy			2														
Watertown	25		13	25.00	6.25	17.73		7.26	7.26	93.26					178.78	156.76	22.02
Watford City	16	2	26	16.50	4.50	35.64	26.74	3.37	3.37	59.04		25.00			239.53	239.53	