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CONFERENCE ROLL

ELDERS

Thomas Bailie	Avon, South Dakota
Mrs. Thomas Bailie	Avon, South Dakota
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J. F. Simpson	Sturgis, South Dakota
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Harry Shreve	China
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Robert Bateman	206 E. College St., Wilmore, Ky.
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Wilbur Drown	Redfield, S. D.
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W. H. Nieuwenhuis	Mission, S. D.
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Thomas Edwards	Houghton, S. D.
Charles Reisdorph	Houghton, S. D.
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M. L. Kingslien	Watertown, S. D.
Chris Johnson—	

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

OPENING OF CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Sixty-Sixth Annual Conference of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America held at Aberdeen, South Dakota, June third through June ninth, nineteen hundred forty-seven.

Conference Sermon—The initial service of the Conference was held Tuesday evening, June third with the Rev. Marvin E. Jones of Mitchell, South Dakota delivering the Conference Sermon. The text for the message was Psalm 11:3, stressing this version, "When the foundations were being removed, what were the righteous doing?" The attendance at this first service was larger than usual for an opening service.

Wednesday Morning, June 4th, 1947

Devotionals—The devotionals were conducted by the Rev. L. D. Harris reading and commenting on Galations 5 and 1 Corinthians 13.

Conference Called to Order—Conference was called to order by the President, J. F. Simpson, after which the roll was called. Thirty-one ministers and thirty Delegates responded to the roll.

Nominating Committee—The following persons were elected to the Nominating Committee: L. D. Harris, S. J. McIntyre, H. W. Cretsinger, Walter Shook, Henry Dufloth.

Bar of Conference—The motion prevailed that the first ten rows in the center section of the Tabernacle constitute the Bar of Conference.

Report of Program Committee—The Conference Program Committee read its report and said report was accepted on motion.

Motion Regarding Educational Service—Motion prevailed that the time of the Educational Service be set at 2:00 p. m. Saturday afternoon.

Memorial Service—The motion prevailed that we have a Memorial service at 1:15 p. m. Friday afternoon.

Motion Pastors' Reports—Motion carried that we have Pastors' Reports read this year as time allows, Conference sessions to be extended to give time for such reports.

Recessed subject to call of Chair.

Called to Order—The Report of the Nominating Committee was submitted, amended, and accepted on motion as amended. (See Report No. 1.)

Motion As to Auditing Committee—Motion prevailed that the Auditing Committee brought in by the Nominating Committee be empowered to act. This action was due to fact that we already had a Standing Committee, but two members had resigned from said committee, namely Kenneth Shelley and Gordon Goodsell.

Motion Closing of Conference—The motion prevailed that the date of

closing of the Conference Year be included in the Standing Rules in the Journal.

Motion—The motion prevailed that the closing of Conference Year be May 31st, and that this date be a Standing Rule.

Motion Greetings—Motion carried that the Secretary send greetings to Rev. Miss Bertha Meyer. Greetings were brought to the Conference Bar from Ruth Bixler, Bertha Meyer, W. C. Brannon and wife, and W. D. Shelor

Motion prevailed that each of the above be sent greetings from the Conference by the Secretary.

Laymen to Itinerary and Orders Committee—The President appointed Mrs. E. E. Parish, Mrs. Henry Dufloth and Barton Enos to the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

Construction Chairman—The President appointed Rev. John Hunter as Chairman to choose his own committee to construct a cottage on the grounds.

Motion Time of Conference—Motion prevailed that Conference convene on the first Tuesday of June, 1948.

Page Appointed—The President appointed Emil Hansen as page for the Committee on Pastoral Relations, and Ralph Howard page for the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

Number Copies of Minutes—The motion prevailed that we have 400 copies of the Minutes printed.

Committee to Investigate Costs—Motion made that a committee of three members be elected to investigate costs of printing Minutes this year. Motion then passed to amend the above motion to read "the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Conference will be said committee."

Plan of Financing Minutes—Motion prevailed that the same plan of financing printing of Minutes as used last year be used again this year, i. e., the Secretary to apportion each charge according to membership and send statement of amount to the charges.

Motion prevailed that this method of Financing Printing of Minutes be made a Standing Rule.

Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

Wednesday Afternoon, June 4th, 1947

Devotionals—The devotionals were conducted by the Rev. Kenneth Shelley reading from Deuteronomy 31:1-8 and commenting on same.

Recessed—Conference was recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

Thursday Morning, June 5th, 1947

Devotionals—The Rev. Bennie Veeder led the devotional period using Proverbs 22:28 as a basis for his comments.

Called to Order—Conference was called to order after which the

Minutes of the last session were read and approved. The roll was call to which 29 ministers and 31 laymen responded.

Courtesies—Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Logsdon of Anderson, Indiana, Youth evangelists were introduced and testified briefly.

Courtesies—Rev. Calvin R. Stopp of the Middle Atlantic States Conference was introduced and spoke briefly.

The Bloom Sisters of Indiana, and Brother Bloom, husband of one of the ladies were each introduced and testified briefly.

The Rev. and Mrs. Walter Simpson were introduced and testified to the blessings of the Lord in their lives.

Free Methodist Fraternal Delegate—The Rev. Kenneth Parks, Fraternal Delegate from the Dakota Conference of the Free Methodist Church was introduced and spoke of the similarity of spiritual aims of their Church and ours. The Conference Secretary was then called upon to give a response.

Report, Auditing Committee—The report of the Auditing Committee was read and on motion accepted. (See Report No. 2.)

Report, Conference President—The Conference President, the Rev. J. F. Simpson, read his report including his Official Acts and his Financial Statement, and said report was accepted on motion. (See Report No. 3.)

Ministerial Relief Fund Report—The Treasurer of the Ministerial Relief Fund read his report and it was accepted. (See Report No. 4.)

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

Report, Camp Meeting Treasurer—The report of the Camp Meeting Treasurer was read and accepted by motion as read. (See Report No. 6.)

Memorial to Conference—The Redfield Church sent the following Memorial to the Conference: "That the Dakota Conference elect a committee to take full charge securing clear, undisputed titles to church and parsonage properties in the Dakota Conference."

Motion Regarding Memorial—The motion prevailed that the above memorial be accepted and that the committee asked for in said memorial be elected.

Election Committee on Deeds, Titles, Etc.—The motion was made that each pastor make a check on the legal status of the property on his charge as soon as possible, and make sure that the abstract is up-to-date.

The motion was then amended to include the following thought: "that the Conference President with the pastor make the check on legal standing of properties on charge the pastor serves."

Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Thursday Afternoon, June 5th, 1947

The Connectional Address was delivered by the Rev. O. G. Wilson,

Connectional Sunday School Secretary, and Representative from the Connection to our Conference.

Called to Order—After the Connectional Address we were called to order by the President.

Motion—The motion prevailed that the Rev. O. G. Wilson be seated in the Bar of Conference as a matter of courtesy.

Report, Committee on Passage of Character—The Committee on Passage of Character read its report and on motion the report was accepted.

Greetings—Greetings were brought to the Conference from Rev. Romeo Baronia, and Lester Bennett.

Motion Greetings Be Acknowledged—Motion prevailed that the Secretary acknowledge the greetings of the above-mentioned brethren.

Report, Committee on Church and Parsonage Building and Location—The Chairman of the Committee on Church and Parsonage Building and Location read a report from his committee and on motion the report was accepted. (See Report No. 8.)

Partial Report Itinerary and Orders Committee—A partial report was made by the Committee on Itinerary and Orders recommending Duane Janssen, Walter Simpson and Thomas Hersey to Elders Orders, and that the Ordination service be held Sunday morning, June 8th, with the Rev. O. G. Wilson delivering the Ordination Sermon.

Election—Fraternal Delegate to Free Methodist Conference—The Rev. R. J. Sausoman was elected Fraternal Delegate to the Dakota Conference of the Free Methodist Church. The Rev. H. W. Cretsinger was elected Alternate Delegate.

Report, Committee on Railroad Expense—The Committee on Railroad Expense read its report and the report was accepted. (See Report No. 9.)

Motion Item to Standing Rules—The motion prevailed that the rules first printed in 1945 Minutes regarding Pioneer Pastor's Fund be placed in full in Standing Rules.

Motion Regarding Numbering Standing Rules—The motion carried that the Secretary be instructed to number each separate item of the Standing Rules and Resolutions.

Motion, Recommendation to Standing Rules—The motion prevailed that each pastor be paid by the Church he has served during the past year for the two Sundays he is at Conference and Camp Meeting, and that this recommendation be placed in the Standing Rules.

Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Friday Morning, June 6th, 1947

Devotionals—The Rev. Gordon Goodsell led the devotions reading from and commenting on the 10th chapter of Hebrews.

Called to Order—The President called the session to order. The

Roll Call was made to which 27 ministers and 27 laymen responded. The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Election of Officers—The Orders of the Day called for the election of Conference Officers. The election resulted as follows:

Conference President—J. F. Simpson

Vice-President—L. D. Harris

Secretary—Marvin E. Jones

Treasurer—S. J. McIntyre

Lay-Delegat-at-Large to General Conference—Harold Dufloth

Alternate Lay-Delegate-at-Large—Miss Marie Brannon

Trustee (Elder)—J. E. Spry, term to expire 1950

Trustee (Elder)—A. T. Reisdorph, term to expire 1949

Sunday School Secretary—Gordon Goodsell

Tithing Secretary—Emil Hansen

Transportation Secretary—J. F. Simpson

Secretary-Treasurer Ministerial Relief Fund—Thomas Bailie

Educational Secretary—Marvin E. Jones

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

Motion, General Conference Expense—An amended motion prevailed that the matter of General Conference Expense for Delegates be referred to a special committee.

Election of Committee—The following persons were elected to the special Committee on General Conference Delegates Expenses: S. M. Yonally, S. J. McIntyre, John Hunter.

Report Itinerary and Orders—The completed report of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders was read and accepted. (See Report No. 10.)

Report of Statistical Committee Referred Back—The Statistical Committee read their report and by motion the report was referred back to the Committee.

Report, Committee on Resolutions—The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and adopted by motion.

Motion to Elect Committee to Revise Standing Rules—The motion prevailed that a committee of three members be elected to Revise, Edit, or Add to the Standing Rules and Resolutions.

Election—The following were elected to the above committee: Marvin E. Jones, R. J. Sausoman, Gordon Goodsell.

Motion—Motion prevailed that a note of sympathy be sent to Mrs. A. C. Buell and that a similar statement be included in the resolutions.

Adjourned—A motion to adjourn prevailed.

Friday Afternoon, June 6th, 1947

Memorial—A memorial service was held in memory of our deceased brother A. C. Buell, who was to have been ordained at this Conference, but death claimed him a few weeks prior to opening of Conference.

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Called to Order—The President called the meeting to order.

Motion Greetings to Be Sent—Motion prevailed that the Secretary send greeting to Rev. C. K. Thompson, and that flowers be sent also.

Report, Committee on General Conference Expense—The report of the Committee on General Conference Delegates' Expense was read and motion to accept was made. Motion prevailed that report be referred back to committee.

Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

Saturday Morning, June 7th, 1947

Devotionals—The Rev. J. F. Simpson led the period of devotions reading from Philippians the 2nd chapter. The prayer time resulted in a gracious refreshing visitation of God's spirit, with the shouts of the saints ringing out in the tabernacle.

Called to Order—We were called to order by the Chairman.

Courtesies—The Committee on Courtesies introduced the following persons to the President and he in turn to the Conference Body: Rev. W. D. Correll, Camp Meeting Evangelist; Mrs. Marvin E. Jones, the new W. H. & F. M. S. President.

Each one of the above mentioned testified briefly.

Recommendation from Missionary Society—Mrs. A. L. Mudgett presented a recommendation from the Women's Missionary Society to the effect that said organization be not assessed for Printing of Minutes, inasmuch as they help in raising all funds in the local churches.

Motion to Accept Recommendation—A motion to accept the above recommendation was made and carried.

Report, Nominating Committee—The report of the Nominating Committee on Standing Committees was read and amended as follows: The Rev. Gordon Goodsell was elected to the Camp Meeting Board in place of the Rev. William Ward; Rev. S. J. McIntyre was elected to the Missionary Board.

The report was then accepted on motion as amended.

Representative to Miltonvale College—Motion prevailed that Marvin E. Jones be nominated to the Book Committee as Representative of the Conference to Miltonvale Wesleyan College.

Sunday School Service—The Rev. Gordon Goodsell, Conference Sunday School Secretary conducted a service in the interests of the Sunday School, with Rev. O. G. Wilson, Connectional Sunday School Secretary bringing the main talk of the service.

Tithing Service—The Rev. A. L. Mudgett, Conference Tithing Secretary was in charge of the Tithing Service. The Rev. O. G. Wilson brought a challenging message in this service also.

Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

Saturday Afternoon, June 7th, 1947

Educational Service—The Rev. R. D. Reisdorph, President of Miltonvale College, conducted a service in the interests of our school. A report was made in this service regarding the Building Project now in progress at Miltonvale.

Called to Order—We were called to order by the Chairman.

Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

Monday Morning, June 9th, 1947

Called to Order—Conference was called to order by the Chairman. We were led in prayer by Rev. L. D. Harris.

Adjourned—Adjourned for committee work.

Monday Afternoon, June 9th, 1947

Called to Order—The President called the session to order.

Report, Pastoral Relations Committee—The report of the Committee on Pastoral Relations was read and by motion accepted. (See Report No. 14.)

Partial Report Missionary Board—A partial report of the Missionary Board was read and on motion accepted. (See complete Report No. 15.)

Motion, Correction Statistical Report—A motion prevailed that the Secretary be empowered to make necessary corrections in the Membership Item of the Statistical Report.

Report, General Conference Expense Committee—The Committee on General Conference Delegates Expense gave a verbal report to the effect that each Delegate be given \$55.00 for expenses to go to General Conference. Motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

Motion, Regarding Filling Out Statistical Blanks—Motion prevailed that all monies recorded under 7½% Fund as Conference Work, be included under "Conference Missions" on Statistical Reports.

Report, Rules Revision Committee—The report of the Committee on Revising, Editing and Adding to the Standing Rules was read and by motion accepted. (See Report No. 16.)

Motion, Appropriation for Tithing Secretary—Motion prevailed that an appropriation of Twenty-five dollars from the Conference Treasury be used for the Conference Tithing Secretary.

Motion, Budget Item for Sunday School Secretary—A motion carried that we have a Budget Item of .05¢ per Sunday School Member to be appropriated for the use of the Sunday School Board of the Conference, said assessment to be sent to the Conference Treasurer.

Motion, Pocket Credentials—Motion prevailed that each pastor be supplied with Pocket Credentials signed by the Conference President and the Conference Secretary and stamped with the Conference seal.

Motion, Authority for President and Trustees to Act—The motion

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prevailed that the Conference President and the Conference Trustees be authorized to act in regard to sales of land given Conference by Will Beckman, and that money from such sale be held in trust for Conference Missions in bounds of Dakota Conference.

Motion, Stove for Kitchen—A motion carried that the balance needed to buy a bottle-gas kitchen range be equally divided between the Conference Treasury and the Camp Meeting Treasury, and that said stove be installed in Wilbur Drown's name.

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

Motion—Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

Special Session, Wednesday Afternoon, June 11th, 1947

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

Partial Report Missionary Board—A partial report of the Missionary Board was read and on motion accepted.

Request from Youth Organization—The Conference W. Y. P. S. President read a request from the Young People's Society asking that their organization be not assessed for their share of the costs of Printing the Annual Minutes. Motion prevailed that the request be granted.

Motion, Reports Asked from Standing Committees—The motion prevailed that each Standing Committee have a book of records, and at the next Conference be prepared to report on work done by each Committee.

Minutes Read—The Minutes of this session were read and approved.

Adjourned by motion.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, nominate the following members for the Conference Committees:

Pastoral Relations Committee—J. F. Simpson, William Ward, Gordon Goodsell, Harold Yetter, Henry Dufloth, Walter Shook, Kenneth Shelley.

Passage of Character—Earl Fessenden, Charles Reisdorph.

Auditing Committee—A. L. Mudgett, Duane Janssen, Mrs. Frances Ellis.

Railroad Expense Committee—Lester Meyer, John Winterberg, W. H. Nieuenhuis.

Resolutions Committee—W. J. Leyh, Emil Hansen, Mrs. Lillian Griffith.

Committee on Courtesies—John J. Hunter.

Conference Reporter—W. J. Leyh.

Statistical Committee—R. J. Sausoman, Tom Hersey, Alice Nellis, Oleta Leyr, Pearl Dufloth.

Signed: L. D. HARRIS,
S. J. McINTYRE,
H. W. CRETSINGER,
H. R. DUFLOTH,
WALTER SHOOK.

Report No. 2

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the Conference Treasurer's books and the Ministerial Relief Treasurer's books and found them to be correct. We have also examined the books of the Camp Meeting Treasurer and found them to be \$106.48 long.

Signed: A. L. MUDGETT,
DUANE JANSSEN,
MRS. FRANCES ELLIS.

Report No. 3

PRESIDENT

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God that we are able, through the providence of God, to come to you with a report of the conference work for the past year.

God has marvelously answered prayer and poured out His Spirit in

revivals on many of our charges. It is our burning desire that this spirit of evangelism will increase until all of our churches will be set afire. The call of God seems to be on some of our ministers to enter the evangelistic field. We pray that they will be kept busy.

The spirit of the age is against us, but if we claim the heritage provided for the Church at Pentecost, the desert shall blossom as the rose, the lame will take the prey, the weak will become strong, the gates of brass and the bars of iron will be broken, and the shout of victory will be heard on each field of battle.

God has raised up loyal supporters of the Forward Movement in the Conference. Last July, Brother Will Beckman, deeded to the Dakota Conference 1580 acres of land with the share crop on it. The proceeds of the crop was earmarked to assist with the following projects: Britton, Sturgis and the purchase of our church in Rawlins, Wyoming. His brother, Ted Peckman, and wife, have joined him in making substantial contributions toward the Sturgis work and the support of our Camp in Aberdeen.

We thank God for such loyal friends whom God is raising up who have a vision of the lost and a burning desire to see God's cause advanced.

It is my conviction that is pleasing to God for His people to not only tithe their income but to also make a place in their will for God's cause.

Owing to a vacancy in the church at Rapid City, which was difficult to get a pastor to fill, the Advisory Board felt that your President should supply the work for the balance of the conference year, which he has sought to do.

The future of the Dakota Conference is bright if our vision remains clear, our heart warm, our consecration complete, our spirit humble, and our cry is "Others."

Official Acts

June 17, appointed Rev. Dallas Wadsworth pastor of the Ipswich church and received him into the Conference.

June 19, granted letter of transfer to Rev. W. D. Shelor to the Middle Atlantic Conference.

October 1, accepted the resignation of Rev. Harold Cottrill, pastor of the Rapid City church.

October 2, appointed Rev. Alton Balderson pastor of the Rawlins, Wyoming work.

January 20, your President took the pastorate at Rapid City as supply until Conference time.

January 30, accepted the resignation of Rev. William Judkins as pastor of the Butte church.

February 1st, accepted the resignation of Rev. Balderson as pastor of the Rawlins church.

April 30, received a letter of transfer for Rev. Mrs. Walter Simpson, elder in the Oklahoma Conference.

June 1, received W. D. Shelor from the Middle Atlantic Conference.

June 2, granted letter of transfer to Miss Bertha Meyer to the Kansas Conference.

Financial Statement

Salary

Received from Churches	\$ 604.82	
Received from Conference Treasurer on Salary	1140.00	
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Total Salary		\$1744.82
Received on House Rent	\$135.00	

Expenses

Paid on expense for meals, hotel, telephone telegraph, bus fare, railroad fare	\$385.78
Received from Conference Treasurer	\$360.77

Report No. 4

MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND TREASURER

Receipts

Cash on hand beginning of the year	\$ 155.87	
Received on first assessment	51.65	
Received on second assessment	59.50	
Received on third assessment	48.55	
Received on four assessment	64.50	
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Total Receipts		\$380.07

Disbursements

W. O. Howard	\$ 13.20	
William Judkins	14.00	
D. L. Wadsworth	10.90	
John Hunter	21.60	
H. W. Cretsinger	50.00	
J. E. Winterberg	34.13	
Ralph Howard	21.12	
For supplies	1.28	
Postage	1.52	
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Total Disbursements		\$167.75
Balance on hand, June 1, 1947		\$212.32
Total Receipts, June 1, 1947		\$380.07

THOMAS BAILIE, Secretary-Treasurer.

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Report No. 5

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Receipts

Balance cash in bank, June 1, 1946	\$4739.55
Received from 7½% Fund	4690.54
Superannuated Ministers' Fund	389.59
Emergency Relief Fund	330.97
Romeo Baronia	404.22
Railroad Carfare	179.41
Home Missions	479.37
Rapid City Bus	15.72
Deadwood Church	215.00
Conference Minutes	255.27
Camp Book Stand	44.69
Sturgis Church	236.20
Pioneer Pastor's Fund	787.00
Foreign Missions	763.84
William Beckman's gift	9747.38
One-third Camp pledges	758.31
Orphanage	74.81
Miltonvele College	615.45
W. H. & F. M. S.	280.43
Total Receipts	\$25007.75

Disbursements

Superannuated Ministers' Fund	\$120.00
Emergency Relief	440.00
Romeo Baronia	10.00
Railroad Fares	230.01
Home Missions	479.37
Incidentals	424.20
J. F. Simpson's Salary	1140.00
J. F. Simpson for Expense	515.77
J. F. Simpson for Rent	135.00
Rapid City for material	250.00
Rapid City bus	15.72
Rapid City church (note)	300.00
Flandreau church	180.00
Huron church	219.00
Deadwood church and Pastor K. Shelley	1180.00
Forsyth church	51.65
Butte church	467.21
Story church	120.00

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

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Britton church	75.00	
Conference Minutes at Publishing House	276.72	
Book Stand Expense	9.75	
Sturgis church	315.98	
John Hunter, pioneer pastor fund	400.00	
Tom Hersey		
Foreign Missions	763.84	
From William Beckman's gift	9671.85	
Orphanage	74.81	
Miltonvale College	615.45	
Connor church (material)	150.00	
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Total Disbursements		\$18631.33
Total Receipts	\$25007.75	
Total Disbursements	18631.33	
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Balance in Funds		\$6376.42

PIONEER PASTORS' FUND

Receipts

Received from churches	\$787.00	
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Total Receipts		\$787.00

Disbursements

John Hunter	\$360.00	
Tom Hersey	40.00	
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Total Disbursements		\$400.00
Balance on Hand, June 1, 1947		\$387.00

ROMEO BARONIA FUND

Receipts

Balance on hand, June, 1947	\$1089.53	
Amount Received	404.22	
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Total Receipts		\$1493.75

Disbursements

Romeo Baronia	\$10.00	
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Total Disbursements		\$10.00
Balance on hand, June 1, 1947		\$1483.75

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SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND

Receipts

Balance on hand, June 1, 1947	\$1474.81	
From churches	389.59	
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Total Receipts		\$1865.40

Disbursements

C. K. Thompson	\$120.00	
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Total Disbursements		\$120.00
Balance on hand, June 1, 1947		\$1745.40

STATEMENT OF ASSETS OF THE SUPERANNUATED
MINISTER'S FUND

Loan Number One to Conference	\$ 289.49
Loan Number Two to Conference	249.39
Series F War Bonds	259.00
Series F War Bonds	259.00
Cash on Hand June 1, 1947	1745.00
Total Assets	2802.28

CONFERENCE EMERGENCY FUND

Receipts

Balance on Hand June 1, 1947	\$ 652.99	
Pastors' ½ Tithes	330.97	
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Total		\$983.96

Disbursements

William Judkins	\$175.00	
Thomas Bailie	20.00	
Lester Meyres	20.00	
Kenneth Shelley	15.00	
Duane Janssen	15.00	
Thomas Hersey	50.00	
Alton Balderson	145.00	
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Total		\$440.00
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Balance on Hand June 1, 1947		\$543.96

TOTAL CASH ON HAND IN FUNDS

Superannuated Ministers' Fund	\$1745.40
Emergency Relief Fund	543.96

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

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Romeo Baronia Fund	1483.75
Conference Fund	2603.31

Total Cash on Hand June 1, 1947 \$6376.42
S. J. McINTYRE, Treasurer.

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CAMP MEETING TREASURER

Cash Balance on Hand June 1, 1946	\$1770.74
Received contributions, pledges, etc.	2098.66
Received from Tabernacle Offerings	1040.79
Received from Dining Hall, Office, etc.	555.97
Payment on Telephone calls	34.85
Cash Donation for Kitchen	22.00
Cash from sale of Surplus Groceries	16.03
Cash for sale of Song Books	13.75
Refund on freight charges	1.53

Total Receipts \$5554.32

Disbursements

Britton church monthly pledge on debt	\$ 10.00
Rev. H. R. French (Evangelist)	175.00
Mrs. H. R. French (Children's Worker)	50.00
Rev. George Failing (Youth and Camp Evangelist)..	175.00
Rev. Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph (Song Leader)	125.00
Mrs. Ozann (Cook)	75.00
Rev. John Orkney (Assistant Cook)	75.00
Rev. S. J. McIntyre (Assistant in Kitchen)	25.00
Mrs. Lillian Reisdorph (Services rendered)	10.00
Cleaning Campgrounds	111.50
Aberdeen Broadcast Co., advertising	37.05
McKeever Press for Printing	20.60
Telephone and Light bills	120.60
D. L. Davies repairing Tabernacle, building chimney .	401.99
Electric Supplies, minor repairs	12.87
Hardin's Studio for aerial pictures of Campgrounds .	9.69
Clem McLean, Painting Signs	12.00
Cleaning, repairing well	31.00
Tiffany's Laundry, laundering linen	17.31
Insurance Premiums	58.75
Trucking, freight on tents, cots, building, etc.	282.36
Government Buildings, Rapid City Airbase	655.00
Expense involved in salvaging above buildings and shipping to Rapid City	150.00

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Beds, bedding, supplies for Camp	106.14	
U. S. Government for Tents, Cots	316.15	
Kitchen Supplies, groceries, etc.	588.03	
Miscellaneous	149.75	
Conference Treasurer for Pioneer Fund ($\frac{1}{3}$ of Offerings)	1026.09	
Exchange on checks	2.55	
Rev. Kenneth Shelley, donation to help on Public Address System	50.00	
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Total Disbursements		\$4879.78
Cash in Aberdeen National Bank	\$1554.80	
Outstanding checks	273.78	
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Balance on Hand June 1, 1947	\$781.02	
Book Balance	675.54	
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Long		\$105.48
W. J. LEYH, Treasurer.		

Report No. 7

PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

We, your Committee on Passage of Character, have carefully considered the reports of their pastors and their characters have been passed.

We would urge each pastor to a greater loyalty to our Church and to be faithful in following Church discipline and in observing the Conference Standing Rules and Resolutions.

Committee: J. F. SIMPSON,
CHARLES W. REISDORPH.
EARL FESSENDEN,

Report No. 8

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH AND PARSONAGE BUILDING AND LOCATION

June 20—Approved the purchase of a lot adjoining the Huron church.

August 20—Approved the purchase of a church in Rawlins, Wyoming.

Approved the purchase of lots in Brentford for a new church location.

Committee: J. F. SIMPSON,
WILLIAM WARD,
W. J. LEYH,
DAN PALMER,
H. B. ENGEL.

Report No. 9**RAILROAD EXPENSE COMMITTEE**

We, your Committee on Railroad Expense, find that the amount sent in by the various charges is \$179.41. Amount to be raised \$283.61. This amount divided by the 35 charges makes the assessment against each charge \$8.10.

We recommend that this amount be sent in as soon as possible.

Committee: LESTER MEYERS,
WALTER NIEUWENHUIS,
J. E. WINTERBERG.

Report No. 10**COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS**

We, your Committee on Itineracy and Orders, recommend that:

Thomas Hersey, Duane Janssen and Walter Simpson be elected to Elder's Orders.

That the Ordination service be held Sunday morning, June 8th, and that the Rve. O. G. Wilson preach the Ordination Sermon.

That the following persons have their licenses renewed: Robert Bateman, Ruth Bixler, Isla Knight, Richard O'Conner, Leslie Smith, Emil Hansen, Wilbur Drown, Mrs. William Ward, Mrs. S. M. Yonally.

That Bennie Veeder and Elvie Turner be listed in the Fourth year of the Course of Study and their licenses renewed.

That George Warinner and Mrs. Rena Veeder be listed in the Third year of Study and their licenses renewed.

That Ralph Howard and Lester Bennett be listed in the Second year of the Course of Study and their license renewed.

That T. S. Lee and W. H. Nieuwnhuies be listed in the First year of the Course of Study and their licenses renewed.

That Audrey Olson, Marcus Johnson and Pauline Eisenbois be referred back to their respective Quarterly Conferences.

Committee: S. J. McINTRYE,
G. W. GOODSELL,
A. M. WILEY,
S. M. YONALLY,
MRS. H. R. DUFLOTH,
MRS. E. E. PARISH,
B. L. ENOS.

Report No. 11

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:
Part One: Resolved that we as a Conference, instruct our Conference Secretary to send a prepared statement to Mr. Truman, President of the United States, condemning the practice of keeping a personal representative at the Vatican at Rome, and also requesting that his present personal representative be recalled immediately.

Resolved that whereas we as a Conference operating in both North and South Dakota, and that whereas the law enforcement officers of both states are courageously enforcing, and preparing to further enforce the laws of said states relative to gambling and gambling devices, and the sale of alcoholic beverages and the controls of the same, be it resolved that we compliment them on their fine work and pledge to them our coöperation and support in further enforcement of the same.

We further request that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the President of the United States, to each Governor and each Attorney General of North Dakota and South Dakota, and to the Chief of Police and States Attorney in Aberdeen, S. D. and to any other law enforcement officer in the cities within the bounds of the Dakota Conference when requested by the Pastor and Lay Delegate resident in such city.

Part Two: Since several railroad companies operating in territory within the boundaries of our Conference have granted passes to our Conference officials, be it hereby resolved that we instruct our Transportation Secretary to convey by communication our thanks and appreciation to the proper officials of railroad companies issuing such passes.

Part Three: Be it resolved, That whereas the Aberdeen Broadcast Company is giving free radio time each Sunday for the Wesleyan Hour broadcast, that we hereby express appreciation and thanks to the broadcast company, and officials who are so graciously giving the local Wesleyan Methodist Church this free service, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to KABR, Aberdeen.

Part Four: Be it resolved, That whereas our brother minister, the Rev. A. C. Buell, has been called by our Heavenly Father to his eternal reward, that we hereby express our appreciation for his fellowship, and for services so faithfully rendered among us, and that we express our deepest sympathy to the family and to Mrs. Buell who has lost her husband and life companion. And may God grant them every comfort, and grace to live true to God until the summons comes for them to rejoin him who has gone on before.

Part Five: Resolved, That we hereby express our thanks to the Beckman Brothers, Will and Theodore, for their generous gifts to the Dakota Conference in land and other valuable real estate and property, and also

for those personal gifts given by them to individual members of our Conference.

That we hereby express thanks to Brother Ted Beckman for the \$80.00 hog, and to Brother Arthur Larsen for the \$150.00 beef, and to Brother Adolph Anderson for the \$275.00 beef and to all others who have made contributions to the Conference and Camp Meeting Kitchen.

That we hereby express appreciation to the ladies who have worked hard and long without pay, supervising the housing and lodging of ministers and Delegates during this Conference session and to all others who have made similar contributions in labor, courtesy, or accommodation, and to Brother and Sister Emrys Jones for their splendid maintenance of the campgrounds and property.

That the Rev. Oliver G. Wilson be hereby thanked for his splendid messages and for all other valuable service rendered while serving us as Connectional Representative.

That we hereby express appreciation to Rev. J. F. Simpson, our Conference President, for his vision and labor in pioneer work within the bounds of our Conference, and that we pledge him our continued prayers and reasonable support, and full coöperation, in the same.

And be it further resolved, that we hereby express our thanks to Almighty God for His mercy which has been upon us during the past year, for His presence with us during this Annual Conference session, and for the splendid prospects of His blessings being outpoured upon us during the present Camp Meeting.

Committee: W. J. LEYH,
MRS. LILLIAN GRIFFITHS,
EMIL HANSEN.

Report No. 12

RECOMMENDATION FROM W. H. & F. M. SOCIETY

We, the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Conference Body, wish to submit the following recommendation to the Dakota Annual Conference now in session:

Inasmuch as we have no specified funds raised to apply toward the cost of the Conference Minutes, and inasmuch as the ladies of the Missionary Societies have heretofore been assessed twice for the same, (at home in the church and also through their Missionary Treasury) we recommend that the Conference Secretary be instructed to bill the churches for our portion of the Minutes cost.

The above action was taken by this forty-second session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Conference.

Signed: MARION P. CRETSINGER, Secretary.

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Report No. 13

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, STANDING COMMITTEES

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following report on Standing Committees:

Camp Meeting Board—J. F. Simpson, Pastor Aberdeen Church, President of W. H. & F. M. S., President of W. Y. P. S., S. J. McIntyre, Gordon Goodsell, Dan Palmer.

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

Missionary Board—Conference President, H. W. Cretsinger, Mrs. Viola Leyh, Will Beckman, R. J. Sausoman, Charles Reisdorph.

Judiciary Committee—L. D. Harris, Gordon Goodsell, Marvin E. Jones.

Vacancies Committee—Arthur Reisdorph, Kenneth Shelley, J. E. Winterberg, Harold Dufloth, H. B. Engel.

Sunday School Board—Gordon Goodsell, Wilbur Drown, William Ward.

Board of Church and Parsonage Building and Location—J. F. Simpson, John Hunter, Pastor of Aberdeen Church, Dan Palmer, H. B. Engel.

Committee on Itineracy and Orders—John J. Hunter, term expires 1951; Gordon Goodsell, term expires 1950; S. M. Yonally, term expires 1949; A. M. Wiley, term expires 1948.

Auditing Committee—A. L. Mudgett, Duane Janssen, Lay member to be elected.

Committee: L. D. HARRIS,
S. J. MCINTYRE,
H. W. CRETSINGER,
WALTER SHOOK,
H. R. DUFLOTH.

Report No. 14

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Aberdeen—W. J. Leyh and wife.

Almont—T. S. Lee.

Artesian—Ellis Sollie.

Avon—Thomas Bailie and wife.

Baker-Knobs—Walter Simpson and wife.

Billings—S. J. McIntyre.

Bradley—In hands of President.

Buffalo—S. M. Yonally and wife.

Bushnell—Duane Janssen.

Butte—Thomas Hersey.

- Connor—John J. Hunter.
 Deadwood—Kenneth L. Shelley.
 Flandreau—John E. Winterberg.
 Forsyth—Lester Meyers.
 Houghton and Britton—In hands of President.
 Huron—R. J. Sausoman.
 Ipswich—Dallas Wadsworth.
 Loyalton—George E. Warinner.
 McIntosh—In hands of President.
 Medicine Rocks, Mill Iron—In hands of President.
 Mission—In hands of President.
 Mitchell—Marvin E. Jones.
 Mount Vernon—Ralph Howard.
 Mobridge and Pollock—Emil Hansen.
 Northville and Brentford—Bennie Veeder and wife.
 Rapid City—Gordon Goodsell and wife.
 Redfield and Calvary—H. W. Cretsinger.
 Richland—~~John Orkney~~ *Rich Ransom* *Minneapolis, S. Dakota*
 Rawlins—Lester Buckman. *Rawlins, Wyoming*
 Strool and Bison—Earl Fessenden.
 Sturgis—Calvin R. Stopp.
 Watertown—A. L. Mudgett.
 Watford City, Johnson Corners—L. D. Harris.
 Webster—In hands of President.
 To Choose Own Field of Labor—Don Gerriets.
 President Miltonvale Wesleyan College—R. D. Reisdorph.
 Conference President—J. F. Simpson.
 General W. H. & F. M. Society President—Ruby Reisdorph.
 Missionary to China—Harry Shreve.
 Missionary to Sierra Leone, West Africa—Ruth Bixler.
 Missionary to Bahama Islands—Lester Bennett.
 Conference Extension Work—Arthur Reisdorph.
 Missionary Work—J. E. Spry, Isla Knight, Leslie Smith, Romeo Baronia, W. H. Nieuwenhuis, Robert Bateman, Richard O'Conner, Wilbur Drown and wife, Ralph Helle, Marion Koth, Mrs. Elizabeth Traver, Minnie Knecht, George Robbins, H. J. Van Vliet, Mrs. William Ward.
 Conference Evangelist—Mrs. Laura Raymer.
 General Evangelists—Kenneth Knapp, W. O. Howard, A. M. Wiley, William Ward, W. D. Shelor.
 American Sunday School Union—L. L. Knapp, Chester Reed, Otto Jensen.
 Teaching at Miltonvale College—Wesley Knapp, Elvie Turner.
 Missionary Evangelist—W. W. Jeffers.
 Superannuated—C. K. Thompson.

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Deceased—A. C. Buell.

Committee: J. F. SIMPSON,
WILLIAM WARD,
G. W. GOODSSELL,
K. L. SHELLEY,
H. R. DUFLOTH,
WALTER SHOOK,
HAROLD YETTER.

Report No. 15

MISSIONARY BOARD

The Missionary Board met June 9, 1947 at the Aberdeen Campground. By motion H. W. Cretsinger was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The following recommendations were made:

That the note at Ralins, Wyoming of \$1750.00 be paid for from the proceeds of the share crop.

That steps be taken to finish the Sturgis parsonage and the deficit taken from the share crop.

That \$100.00 be appropriated to repair the roof of the Redfield church.

That the Conference President, J. F. Simpson, continue his residence in the parsonage at Rapid City for a period of time to assist the pastor in getting the work established on a working basis.

That \$25.00 per month be paid on the Rapid City note.

That \$15.00 per month be paid on the note at Flandreau.

That we continue payment of \$12.00 per month on the Huron Parsonage note.

That \$30.00 per month be paid on Gordon Goodsell's rent until the parsonage is available.

That the Conference President's salary be \$45.00 per week, and his traveling expenses be paid.

That we pay to Loan Number Two from the Superannuated Fund the amount of \$149.39, and as soon as possible pay the entire loan.

That Kenneth Shelley get \$50.00 per month.

That we pay \$60.00 per month toward the pastor's salary at Sturgis.

That \$40.00 per month be paid on Gordon Goodsell's salary.

That one-third of the Camp Meeting offering be turned over to the Conference Treasurer for Church Extension.

The Missionary Board met on the Camp Grounds at Aberdeen, S. D. June 11, 1947. All members were present except Charles Reisdorph.

The following recommendations were made:

That Thomas Hersey be given the benefit of the Pioneer Pastor's Fund and placed on a salary of \$120.00 per month.

That we pay \$100.00 on a lumber bill at Conner, Montana.

That we pay \$30.00 per month from the Superannuated Ministers' Fund to Rev. C. K. Thompson.

That Sister Elizabeth Traver be paid \$10.00 per month from the Superannuated Ministers' Fund.

That we make two semi-annual payments of \$60.00 each on the Britton note.

That the Committee on Church and Parsonage Building and Location investigate the possibility of selling the Britton Church and make their report to the Conference Trustees.

That a special Conference session be called by the Conference President and a full report of the work of the Missionary Board be given. Adjourned by motion.

Committee: J. F. SIMPSON,
S. J. McINTYRE,
H. W. CRETSINGER,
R. J. SAUSOMAN,
MRS. W. J. SAUSOMAN,
MRS. W. J. LEYH,
CHARLES REISDORPH,
WILL BECKMAN.

Report No. 16

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF STANDING RULES

We, your committee on Standing Rules, recommend the following revisions and additions to the present Standing Rules:

1 That the heading be changed to read "CONFERENCE STANDING RULES, RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS."

2 That the item on Financial Plan for Conference Work have the first phase changed to read, "Money for Conference Fund shall be obtained by each local church paying an amount equal to 7½% of all money raised for all purposes," etc.

3 We recommend that when a church makes a change in Pastors that said church enter into an agreement with the incoming pastor establishing an equitable way of financing the moving expenses of said pastor.

4 We recommend that the Conference President be granted a two weeks' paid vacation, inclusive of two Sundays.

5 That the Treasurers of the various Conference Funds hold such funds in some bank which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in the name of the Dakota Conference, and that checks drawn on such accounts be signed by the treasurer as treasurer of said fund.

6 That each treasurer have in hand bank statements showing the amount of cash on hand at the beginning and close of the Conference year

involved, and that said bank statements be submitted with the treasurer's account book to the Auditing Committee at the Annual Conference Session.

7 That duplicate receipts, or records, other than the treasurer's book showing source, date and doner of all receipts be submitted with said treasurer's book to said Auditing Committee.

8 That all disbursements from said funds be made by check, and that all cancelled checks be submitted with the treasurer's books to the Auditing Committee.

9 We recommend that each church allow their pastor a two weeks' paid vacation, inclusive of two Sundays.

Committee: MARVIN E. JONES,
R. J. SAUSOMAN,
GORDON GOODSSELL.

CONFERENCE STANDING RULES, RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Financial Plan For Conference Work**—Money for Conference Fund shall be obtained by each local church paying an amount equal to $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ of all money raised for all purposes, this to include local treasury, Sunday school, W. H. & F. M. S., W. Y. P. S., and Y. M. W. B., with the exception of finance for building and repairs. One-third of this fund shall be used for Church Extension within boundaries of Dakota Conference, and the balance, two-thirds, shall constitute the regular Conference Fund.

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

2. The amount of Railroad Expense assessed to each charge is \$8.10 for this year, and it is recommended that this amount be sent in as soon as possible to the Conference Treasurer.

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

4. **Church File**—The local church file is to be left with the local church by the out-going pastor so that the incoming pastor will have the data therein provided immediately upon his arrival on the new field. This file is open to the inspection of members of the local church.

5. **Emergency Extension Fund**—The Emergency Extension Fund is sanctioned by the Conference, but it is understood that the plan is not obligatory. This Fund is secured by the pastors sending one-half of their tithe each month to the Conference Treasurer, indicating that the amount sent in is for the Emergency extension Fund.

6. **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 the Budget askings and the amount due on the Budget.

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

8. **Honorarium, Secretary**—The Conference Secretary is to be paid an honorarium of \$10.00 each year and allowed \$5.00 per year for stenographic help.

9. **Honorarium, Treasurer**—The Conference Treasurer is to be given an honorarium of \$50.00 each year.

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

11. **Standing Committee**—The Auditing Committee shall be one of the Conference Standing Committees.

12. **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 said accounts shall be signed by the treasurer as treasurer of such fund.

(a) Each treasurer shall have in hand bank statements showing the amount of cash on hand at the beginning and at the close of the Conference year involved, and said bank statements shall be submitted with the treasurer's account book to the Auditing Committee at the Annual Conference Session.

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

(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.

13. **Pioneer Pastor's Fund**—An assessment of one dollar a member per year shall be raised by 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 this fund any deficit in salary, as agreed upon 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.

14. The closing date of the Conference year is May 31.

15. **Financing Printing of Minutes**—The Secretary shall send a statement to each charge as to the amount they are to pay for printing the

Conference Minutes, the amount to be based on number of members on each charge.

16. Each Pastor shall receive his salary from the church he has served the past year for the two Sundays of Conference and Camp Meeting.

17. We recommend that when a church makes a change in Pastors that said church enter into an agreement with the incoming pastor establishing an equitable way of financing the moving expense of said pastor.

18. We recommend that the Conference President be granted a two weeks paid vacation, inclusive of two Sundays.

19. We recommend that each church allow their pastor a two weeks paid vacation, inclusive of two Sundays.

20. **Ministerial Relief Fund, By-Laws**—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 on payment of the first assessment. Those who desire to become members later, may do so by paying up all assessments made previously during that Conference year.

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

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

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

In case of death a maximum of \$100.00 shall be paid the beneficiaries. The assessment in such case shall be one dollar.

In case the Secretary 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.

BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

Foreign Missions	\$2.00 per member
Home Missions	1.00 per member
Education	2.00 per member
Orphanage .....	.25 per member
Superannuated Ministers' Fund .....	.52 per member
Pioneer Pastor's Fund	1.00 per member
Conference Sunday School Budget .....	.05 per S. S. member

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS

Gordon Goodsell	term expires 1950
John J. Hunter	term expires 1951
A. M. Wiley	term expires 1948
S. M. Yonally	term expires 1949

LIST OF BOOKS AND EXAMINERS

Gordon Goodsell:

- First Year—Bible, Applied English
- Second Year—Bible, Homiletics
- Third Year—Bible
- Fourth Year—Bible, Bible Geography

A. M. Wiley: (All grades, and books read are to be reported to A. M. Wiley)

- First Year—Theological Compend, Perfect Love
- Second Year—Theology, All About the Sunday School
- Third Year—Theology
- Fourth Year—Theology

S. M. Yonally:

- First Year—Wesleyan Methodist Discipline
- Second Year—Foundation of Christian Doctrine
- Third Year—Church History, System of Christian Evidence
- Fourth Year—Church History, All About the Bible

John J. Hunter:

- First Year—Robert's Rules of Order
- Second Year—How to Prepare an Expository Sermon
- Third Year—System of General Ethics, History of Wesleyan Methodist Church
- Fourth Year—Psychology

(Above books may be secured by licentiates from examiners. Reading books in Course of Study may be secured from the Secretary, Rev. Marvin E. Jones, 623 North Sanborn St., Mitchell, South Dakota. A fee of ten cents will be charged on any of these books.)

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STATISTICAL REPORT

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

Charges	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. Church Societies	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 Leaflets	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart	Pupils Lesson Stories, Etc.	Bible Lesson Stories, Etc.
Aberdeen	12	1	1	24	45	13	50	25	30	12	60	25	25	35	10	40	...	...	...	15
Almont	12	1	1	9	11	11	27	5	10	6	20	1	1	...	11	5	8	...	3	5
Artesian	12	1	1	9	6	3	12	8	...	5	30	12	...	...	...	4	...	...	6	...
Avon	12	2	1	10	12	5	32	6	18	5	35	...	8	12	6	8	12	1	11	8
Baker	12	1	1	12	22	7	20	10	6	6	30	8	8	...	...	10	...	...	13	...
Billings	12	2	1	15	26	15	55	45	15	14	45	...	42	...	...	15	30	2	1	...
Bradley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brentford	11	1	1	7	8	7	8	3	6	4	8	2	4	6	...	10	8	1	...	3
Britton	12	1	1	3	2	2	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo	12	1	1	6	14	5	20	8	10	6	20	...	16	8	...	5	10	...	...	...
Bushnell	12	1	1	3	...	1	8	10	8	3	4	10	...	...	...	4	8	...	8	...
Butte	3	1	1	3	1	1	8	11	16	3	5	5	...	...	2	3	10	...	8	...
Calvary	12	1	1	4	10	...	10	...	...	3	9	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Conner	12	1	1	5	13	6	12	10	8	2	10	8	12	8	5	6	...	...	...	15
Deadwood	12	1	...	3	4	1	15	23	30	5	7	10	23	...	...	5	30	...	...	30
Flandreau	12	1	1	7	5	1	9	7	7	3	7	...	7	...	...	7	...	...	...	...
Forsyth	12	1	1	6	3	3	48	39	48	8	15	23	37	3	16	10	...	2	31	25
Houghton	12	1	1	6	9	4	12	6	4	4	10	4	3	4	...	3	6	...	...	...
Huron	12	3	1	8	12	11	27	20	12	6	25	13	13	14	...	11	8	...	...	...
Ipswich	10	1	1	10	12	15	30	3	...	...	30	8	8	4	...	8	5	...	...	...
Johnson Corners	12	2	1	16	20	18	20	20	...	14	30	...	10	...	...	15	15	1	...	...
Knobs, Mill Iron	12	1	...	2	8	1	5	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Loyalton	11	1	...	...	...	...	20	10	8	4	20	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
McIntosh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	12	2	1	4	9	4	14	3	3	4	20	...	3	...	...	...	6	1	...	...
Mission	12	1	1	1	2	...	11	7	4	11	11	4	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mitchell	12	1	1	17	38	24	50	20	12	14	50	10	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mobridge	10	1	1	8	10	2	30	30	20	3	18	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...
Mount Vernon	12	1	1	3	1	10	7	5	...	...	20	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Northville	11	1	1	10	11	7	12	3	10	5	15	6	4	10	2	6	10	...	...	...
Pollock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rapid City	4	1	1	3	13	...	30	30	20	7	40	15	15	15	...	...	20	1	...	...
Redfield	12	1	1	11	16	10	30	17	8	8	40	8	...	...	...	10	8	1	...	...
Richland	12	1	1	16	25	16	40	12	12	5	40	12	10	...	...	20	10	1	...	...
Story	12	1	1	17	14	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Strool	12	2	...	9	15	8	20	15	15	6	10	...	15	15	8	10	...	1	...	15
Watertown	12	1	1	9	23	12	26	12	36	5	25	...	12	35	...	10	15	1	20	...
Watford City	12	1	1	15	21	15	39	25	20	8	46	15	14	...	...	6	20	...	...	...
Webster	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	396	42	30	287	451	230	755	451	401	195	759	203	324	195	60	271	250	16	113	130

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Item III. Membership

Charges	Received	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Total Membership Lost	No. Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss (or)	Gain	No. Under 14 Years of Age	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstated Elders	Local Preachers	No. of Family Altars	Membership Tithing
Aberdeen	5	1	1	5	7	88	86	2	..	2	3	15	..	..	10	20
Almont	5	..	1	..	1	28	30	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	8
Artesian	..	..	..	..	..	45	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..
Avon	7	..	..	..	..	20	27	..	7	..	..	8	..	..	11	13
Baker	..	..	..	..	..	34	32	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	45
Billings	2	18	1	2	21	93	74	19	..	..	10	..	2	..	..	..
Bradley	..	..	..	..	..	16	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4
Brentford	..	..	..	..	..	19	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Britton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Buffalo	5	1	1	1	3	22	24	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bushnell	..	..	..	..	..	11	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Butte	..	2	..	1	3	11	8	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Calvary	..	3	..	..	..	12	9	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	11
Conner	..	..	..	..	..	13	13	..	..	2	..	4	1	..	..	..
Deadwood	1	..	..	2	2	12	11	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	9
Flandreau	3	..	..	..	..	15	18	..	3	..	..	2	..	..	3	15
Forsyth	..	1	..	..	1	22	21	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	20
Houghton	6	..	..	5	5	35	36	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	12	32
Huron	4	4	..	3	7	66	63	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	20
Ipswich	2	16	1	17	..	60	45	15	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	3
Johnson Corners	..	..	..	..	..	14	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Knobs, Mill Iron	..	..	..	..	..	10	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7
Loyalton	..	..	..	..	..	15	16	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
McIntosh	1	..	..	..	..	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Medicine Rocks	13	8	..	1	9	74	78	..	4	1	..	..	..	1	14	31
Mission	5	..	..	..	..	21	26	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	9	18
Mitchell	..	3	..	..	..	11	11	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	11
Mohrbridge	..	22	..	..	22	43	21	22	..	..	1	1	..	..	5	4
Mount Vernon	..	3	..	3	..	5	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Northville	..	..	..	1	1	15	14	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	5	6
Pollock	8	13	..	..	13	59	54	5	..	..	4	..	..	2	15	33
Rapid City	1	..	..	2	2	55	54	1	..	3	2	..	..	2	10	26
Redfield	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Richland	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..
Story	..	..	..	..	..	1	22	28	..	6	..	6	..	..	9	15
Strool	7	1	..	..	1	49	48	1	..	3	..	..	..	1	10	15
Watertown	1	..	1	1	2	7	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Watford City	..	4	4
Webster
Totals	76	97	5	29	131	1031	976	88	33	16	21	45	6	10	216	375

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Item IV. Sunday Schools

Charges	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers	Whole No. of Teachers	Whole No. of Scholars 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. of Departmental Supts.	Teacher's Training Course	No. of Organized Classes	No. of Books in Library	Enrollment in D. V. B. S.	Average Attendance, D.V.S.	No. of W. Y. P. Societies	Total Membership of Soc.
Aberdeen	1	3	2	150	161	100	6	20	187	18	4	3	...	...	100	48	32	1	15
Almont	1	2	2	20	32	14	28	13	73	2	1	3	...	3	100	...	...	1	15
Artesian	1	6	4	50	60	37	...	...	60	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4
Avon	1	4	5	32	61	50	5	6	72	4	7	1	...	5	...	26	21	1	15
Baker	1	4	4	38	46	32	...	6	52	...	...	...	...	4	...	20	18	1	12
Billings	1	7	13	140	160	112	...	24	184	10	5	2	6	...	113	...	...	1	13
Bradley	1	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brentford	1	4	4	23	31	24	...	...	31	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Britton	1	2	2	11	15	9	...	3	18	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo	1	2	6	48	56	36	...	8	64	2	3	2	...	...	71	...	...	1	...
Bushnell	1	2	2	22	26	17	...	...	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Butte	1	1	4	45	50	23	...	12	62	...	...	...	...	5	100	30	15	...	...
Calvary	1	7	3	12	22	11	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Conner	1	5	5	36	46	25	5	22	73	8	...	2	...	...	72	...	...	...	...
Deadwood	1	1	4	60	65	41	...	...	65	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Flandreau	1	2	3	14	19	15	...	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forsyth	1	1	8	70	79	68	67	19	165	1	2	2	...	...	...	51	42	1	19
Houghton	1	2	3	20	25	12	...	7	32	...	3	3	...	3	...	18	...	...	...
Huron	1	6	6	82	94	50	...	11	105	10	4	3	...	6	...	55	45	...	13
Ipswich	1	3	6	40	49	30	3	12	64	1	...	...	...	5	50	...	...	1	15
Johnson Corners	1	4	6	50	60	36	...	...	60	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	22
Knobs, Mill Iron	1	4	4	24	32	26	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Loyalton	1	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
McIntosh	1	6	5	15	26	20	...	...	26	...	...	...	...	3	101	...	...	1	17
Medicine Rocks	1	3	4	18	25	15	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mission	1	5	8	107	120	86	...	8	128	...	...	...	...	8	105	50	45	1	36
Mitchell	1	2	6	63	71	49	...	21	92	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...
Moabridge	1	3	4	18	25	17	...	2	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mount Vernon	1	4	6	28	38	25	3	5	46	7	...	2	...	...	93	...	...	1	14
Northville	1	6	6	147	159	...	...	36	195	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pollock	1	6	6	46	58	39	...	10	68	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Rapid City	1	6	6	45	53	39	...	...	61	4	...	...	...	5	30	...	...	1	...
Redfield	1	3	5	21	21	...	...	14	35	...	...	...	...	...	20	12	...	1	25
Richland	1	3	4	14	21	...	...	...	84	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Story	1	5	4	55	64	40	6	14	90	6	4	...	...	...	15	43	...	1	9
Strool	1	3	6	71	80	53	...	10	79	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Watertown	1	3	6	70	79	54	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waford City	1	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Webster	1	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	34	129	175	1704	2008	1282	123	291	2422	107	43	37	6	55	987	368	273	20	287

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Item V. Church Property

Charges	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	\$12000		\$6000	1	\$10000		\$3000	\$423
Almont	1	4600							51
Artesian	1	2000		1000	1	2500		1500	
Avon	1	5000		2500	1	1500		1000	26
Baker	1	2500		1625	1	2500		2000	
Billings	1	12000		4000	1	8000		6000	
Bradley	1								
Brentford	1	750							90
Britton	1	3000	\$925		1	25000	\$1152	1800	
Buffalo	1	35000		2000	1	1800		1000	
Bushnell	1	45000		3000					
Butte	1	10000		4500					
Calvary	1								60
Conner	1	5000	190	2500	1	4500	330	3000	65
Deadwood	1	3000		2000					76
Flandreau	1	4000	200	6200	1	4000	2800	3000	
Forsyth	1	3000		2500	1	2000			
Houghton	1	3950		2500	1	1200		500	17
Huron	1	3000		3000	1	2000	1352	2000	205
Ipswich	1	4000		3200	1	3500	200	3500	
Johnson Corners	1	3000		3000					614
Mill Iron, Knobs	1								
Loyalton	1	3000		3000					
McIntosh	1								
Medicine Rocks	1	2500			1	2000			168
Mission	1	500			1	1000	150	1000	
Mitchell	1	5000		4000	1	4500		3000	
Mobridge	1	7000		5000	1	3500		1300	50
Mount Vernon	1	3500	460	2000					142
Northville	1	5000		4500	1	1000		1000	
Pollock	1	2500							
Rapid City	1	14000	3500	8000	1	4000		2500	
Redfield	1	4000		2500	1	10000	2000	7000	300
Richland	1	4500		3000	1	4500		3000	404
Story	1								
Strool	1								315
Watertown	1	8000		4000	1				230
Watford City	1	3000		3000	1	2000		15000	1092
Sturgis	1	12000		6000	1	7000	4000	3000	8000
Rowlins	1	4500	1700						
Webster	1								
Totals	34	\$167800	\$6975	\$94525	24	\$85500	\$11984	\$56100	\$12328

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Item VI. Contributed for Pastor

Charges	Salary	Rent, Parsonage	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Aberdeen	\$1820	\$400	\$95	\$150	\$2465
Almont	900	240	20	621	1781
Artesian	1198	120	20	...	1338
Avon	1268	108	31	329	1736
Baker	1040	200	15	90	1345
Billings	2255	480	103	363	3201
Bradley	...	...	...	...	...
Brentford	720	...	5	189	914
Britton	140	...	...	60	200
Buffalo	790	120	25	322	1257
Bushnell	867	96	5	76	1044
Butte	324	240	...	41	605
Calvary	398	...	...	296	694
Conner	1150	120	10	250	1530
Deadwood	1016	200	20	265	1501
Flandreau	886	180	10	14	1090
Forsyth	842	240	200	50	1332
Houghton	828	120	10	140	1098
Huron	1914	360	50	440	2764
Ipswich	1329	97	...	35	1461
Johnson Corners	1040	...	...	50	1090
Knobs, Mill Iron	367	...	...	41	408
Loyalton	857	220	...	181	1258
McIntosh	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	790	50	10	789	1639
Mission	677	240	...	386	1303
Mitchell	1910	360	61	267	2598
Mobridge	1179	240	21	210	1650
Mount Vernon	1045	56	...	400	1501
Northville	728	240	15	63	1046
Pollock	...	...	...	...	...
Rapid City	600	480	10	200	1290
Redfield	1464	150	45	476	2135
Richland	2866	300	10	400	3576
Story	398	120	35	301	854
Strool	1720	120	...	211	2051
Watertown	1245	300	39	350	1934
Watford City	1040	240	10	20	1310
Webster
Totals	\$37611	\$6437	\$875	\$8076	\$52999

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Item VII. Contributed for Church

Charges	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expense	Total for Church
Aberdeen	\$564	\$266	\$174	\$200		\$880	\$2084
Almont	390	72				169	631
Artesian	100	86	47			177	410
Avon	246	360		265		169	1040
Baker	260	58		42		237	597
Billings	588	448		497		515	2048
Bradley							
Brentford	226	17		3		53	299
Britton		13				75	88
Buffalo		143			\$158	45	346
Bushnell	85	22		15		71	193
Butte		84				74	158
Calvary		47	85			2	134
Conner	211	105	808		160	113	1417
Deadwood	65	96	76	115		36	388
Flandreau		35	79	60	461	82	717
Forsyth	303	332	84	66	50	134	969
Houghton		29		304		163	496
Huron	173	107	56		648	135	1119
Ipswich	229	171				96	496
Johnson Corners	240	130				169	539
Knobs, Mill Iron	15	4					19
Loyalton		49		159		39	247
McIntosh							
Medicine Rocks	298	31		288		38	655
Mission	98	38			150	35	321
Mitchell	290	371	393	74	1260	620	3008
Mobridge	84	155		1040		92	1371
Mount Vernon	28	39	133			54	254
Northville	271	41		95		157	564
Pollock		216	1500	160	410	300	2586
Rapid City		150	140	3017		236	3543
Redfield	510	243		250		160	1163
Richland		83					83
Story	456	156				80	692
Strool	180	113	215	26	294	158	986
Watertown	95	101				396	592
Watford City							
Webster							
Totals	\$6155	\$4401	\$6667	\$3659	\$3611	\$5760	\$30253

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Item VIII. Contributed for Connectional Budget

Charges	Undivided Budget	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Connectional Sunday School Work	Total Connectional Budget
Aberdeen	\$160	\$176	\$88	\$154	\$22	\$5	\$605
Almont	4	314	143	58			524
Artesian		129	85	39			258
Avon		85	34	35			169
Baker		77	36	60	9	5	187
Billings		198	103	196	25		522
Bradley							
Brentford	23	587	32	73	25		740
Britton		3	2	3			11
Buffalo		48	27	41	13	2	131
Bushnell		92	42	17	5		156
Butte							
Calvary		43	65	49	15	1	173
Conner		28	28	15	15		86
Deadwood							
Flandreau		24	12	21	3		60
Forsyth	5	37	31	21	5		99
Houghton		42	21	26	5		94
Huron	14	106	125	65	9	4	323
Ipswich	106	25	53	52	32		268
Johnson Corners	153	198	182	57	20	3	613
Knobs, Mill Iron	5	21	13	4	5		48
Loyalton							
McIntosh							
Medicine Rocks		161	101	28	5		295
Mission		10					57
Mitchell	47	168	88	105	30	6	442
Mobridge	3	75	41	45	35	4	203
Mount Vernon		22	11	19	3		55
Northville		73	54	137	51	30	345
Pollock							
Rapid City		28	14		5	8	80
Redfield		154	76	103	15	3	351
Richland		758	182	81	105	17	1143
Story		84	25	60	8		177
Strool		219	131	58	5	4	417
Watertown		247	76	74	16		413
Watford City		400	120	170	61	37	788
Webster			6	3	5	1	15
Totals	\$993	\$4339	\$2178	\$1746	\$520	\$66	\$9842

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Item VIII. Contributed for Conference Budget

Charges	President's Salary	Conference Work	Conference Missions	Superannuated Ministers' Fund	Total Conference Budget Raised	Total Budget Raised
Aberdeen	\$12	\$956	.....	\$46	\$1014	\$1619
Almont	20	173	\$28	15	236	760
Artesian	9	119	.....	12	140	398
Avon	23	159	20	10	212	375
Baker	7	164	34	18	223	410
Billings	20	289	82	43	434	956
Bradley .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brentford	10	138	44	11	203	943
Britton .....	.....	12	2	.....	14	25
Buffalo .....	.....	30	25	11	66	197
Bushnell .....	.....	71	.....	8	79	235
Butte .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calvary	5	114	.....	5	124	297
Conner	7	108	7	7	129	215
Deadwood .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flandreau	6	80	12	6	104	164
Forsyth	8	100	.....	8	116	215
Houghton .....	.....	15	35	8	58	152
Huron .....	.....	214	.....	17	231	554
Ipswich	80	186	25	.....	291	559
Johnson Corners	25	364	70	26	485	1098
Knobs, Mill Iron	5	3	.....	8	16	64
Loyalton	33	.....	.....	.....	33	33
McIntosh .....	.....	118	239	8	370	665
Medicine Rocks .....	.....	23	12	4	39	96
Mission .....	.....	337	80	42	484	926
Mitchell	25	153	21	.....	194	397
Mobridge	20	.....	11	6	17	72
Mount Vernon .....	.....	132	.....	.....	139	484
Northville	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pollock .....	.....	.....	.....	7	7	87
Rapid City .....	.....	178	59	31	268	619
Redfield .....	.....	480	13	29	534	1677
Richland	12	13	14	4	31	208
Story .....	.....	93	.....	93	93	510
Strool .....	.....	220	22	11	253	666
Watertown	365	124	23	537	1325
Watford City	25	3	2	5	20
Webster
Totals	\$364	\$5314	\$1075	\$426	\$7179	\$17021

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Item IX. Contributed for Benevolences

Charges	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	W. Y. P. S.	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences
Aberdeen	\$1060	\$171	\$313	\$5	...	...	\$85	\$1634
Almont .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	148	148
Artesian .....	...	...	10	...	...	\$7	336	353
Avon	10	...	10	...	\$25	39	68	152
Baker .....	...	114	40	...	...	4	358	516
Billings .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bradley .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brentford	334	...	...	...	...	...	25	359
Britton .....	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	13
Buffalo	21	86	31	60	2	22	...	222
Bushnell .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	98	98
Butte .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calvary	24	...	28	35	...	...	75	162
Conner	5	10	...	...	...	10	15	40
Deadwood .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Flandreau	20	20	10	5	2	...	29	86
Forsyth .....	...	27	...	...	6	12	25	70
Houghton	7	17	15	...	10	7	16	72
Huron .....	...	...	...	...	...	10	214	224
Ipswich	16	25	...	...	...	76	112	229
Johnson Corners	272	...	...	...	...	24	267	563
Knobs, Mill Iron .....	...	15	...	...	...	...	20	35
Loyalton	257	67	10	...	...	...	...	334
McIntosh .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	510	45	36	...	3	18	120	732
Mission .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5
Mitchell	55	5	...	...	500	27	1862	2449
Mobridge	30	175	...	...	...	...	62	267
Mount Vernon .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	46
Northville .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	40
Pollock .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rapid City .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Redfield	78	156	10	...	5	6	35	290
Richland	245	...	...	...	50	37	255	587
Story	30	31	...	...	...	...	58	119
Strool .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1759	1759
Watertown	7	25	43	35	...	...	203	313
Watford City	88	19	612	719
Webster	75	50	...	35	160
Totals	\$3144	\$989	\$556	\$140	\$666	\$318	\$6983	\$12796

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Item X. Contributed Totals

Charges	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total For All Purposes
Aberdeen	\$2465	\$2984	\$1617	\$1634	\$7802
Almont	1781	631	760	148	3320
Artesian	1338	410	398	353	2499
Avon	1736	1040	375	152	3303
Baker	1345	597	410	516	2868
Billings	3201	2048	956	.....	6205
Bradley .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brentford	914	299	943	359	2515
Britton	200	88	25	13	326
Buffalo	1257	346	197	222	2022
Bushnell	1044	193	235	98	1570
Butte	605	158	.....	.....	763
Calvary	694	134	297	162	1287
Conner	1530	1417	215	40	3202
Deadwood	1501	388	.....	.....	1889
Flandreau	1090	717	164	86	2057
Forsyth	1332	969	215	70	2586
Houghton	1098	496	152	72	1818
Huron	2764	1119	554	224	4661
Ipswich	1461	496	559	229	2745
Johnson Corners	1090	539	1098	563	3290
Knobs, Mill Iron	408	19	64	35	526
Loyalton	1258	247	33	334	1872
McIntosh .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medicine Rocks	1639	655	665	732	3691
Mission	1303	321	96	5	1725
Mitchell	2598	3008	926	2449	8981
Mobridge	1650	1371	397	267	3685
Mount Vernon	1501	254	72	46	1873
Northville	1046	564	484	40	2134
Pollock .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rapid City	1290	2586	87	.....	3963
Redfield	2135	3543	619	290	6587
Richland	3576	1163	1677	587	7003
Story	854	83	208	119	1264
Strool	2051	692	510	1759	5012
Watertown	1934	986	666	313	3899
Watford City	1310	592	1325	719	3946
Webster .....	.....	.....	20	160	180
Totals	\$52999	\$30253	\$17021	\$12796	\$113069

Minutes of the Forty-Second Annual Session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of the Dakota Conference, June 4—9, 1947

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DELEGATES

Aberdeen—Mrs. Ira Lord
 Almont—Miss Virginia Lee
 Artesian—Mrs. Marie Winterberg
 Avon—Mrs. Ella Janssen
 Baker—Mrs. George E. Warinner
 Billings—Mrs. Thelma Hudson
 Boyd—Mrs. J. R. Leggett
 Brentford—Mrs. H. E. Hopkins
 Britton—Mrs. Ouida Janssen
 Buffalo—Mrs. Chris Johnson
 Bushnell—Miss Laura Judd
 Butte—No delegate
 Calvary—Mrs. Marie Kegler
 Connor—Mrs. Walter Shook
 Cresbard—No delegate
 Flandreau—No delegate
 Forsyth—Mrs. Lillian Bailie
 Houghton—Mrs. Ouida Janssen
 Huron—Mrs. H. B. Wahl
 Ipswich—Mrs. Inez Hinda
 Johnson Corners—Miss Agnes Lillebridge
 Knobs—No delegate
 Loyalton—Mrs. Alma Gibson
 Medicine Rocks—Mrs. Frances Sollie
 Mission—Mrs. Lester Meyers
 Mitchell—Mrs. Mary Saville Mobridge
 Mobridge—Mrs. Henry Giese
 Northville—Miss Margia Page
 Rapid City—Mrs. Lillian Reisdorph
 Redfield—Mrs. Annabelle McCarty
 Richland—Mrs. William Wegner
 Sandstone—Mrs. Harriet Harris
 Story—No delegate
 Strool—Mrs. Marie Carlson

Watertown—Mrs. Louise Goodsell
 Watford City—Mrs. Manley Smith
 Mrs. Marie Palmer
 Mrs. D. L. Wadsworth
 Mrs. Rena Veeder
 Mrs. H. B. Blake
 Miss Marie Brannon
 Mrs. Ellis
 Mrs. Anna Rose
 Mrs. Aurel Lee
 Mrs. Ruth McIntrye
 Mrs. Nellis Sausoman
 Mrs. W. O. Howard
 Mrs. Elsie Ward
 Mrs. Viola Leyh
 Mrs. LaVerne Jones
 Mrs. Marvel Fessenden
 Mrs. Joyce Mudgett
 Mrs. Elizabeth Traver
 Mrs. Vena Simpson
 Mrs. Amy Hunter
 Mrs. Laura Raymer
 Mrs. Minnie Knecht
 Mrs. Katherine Drown
 Mrs. Marion Cretsinger

Daily Proceedings

Wednesday, 9:15 a. m.

Opening—Miss Martha Bloom of Newcastle, Indiana led us in the opening song, after which we were led in devotions by Mrs. Ruth McIntyre of Billings, reading from Nehemiah 8: 1-10 and exhorting us to a return to the Word of God as our standard with special emphasis on holiness of heart and life. The "Bloom Sisters" brought us a special number in song, after which the forty-second session of the W. H. & F. M. S. of the Dakota Conference was called to order by the President, Mrs. Viola Leyh.

Roll Call—Roll was called to which nineteen delegates responded.

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

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

Election—A Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Laverne Jones, Miss Virginia Lee, Mrs. Marie Winterberg, Mrs. Rena Veedler, Mrs. Elsie Ward.

By Motion—The following were seated as Delegates: Mrs. Frances Sollie for Medicine Rocks, Mrs. Harriet Harris for Sandstone, Mrs. Louise Goodsell for Watertown.

Recess—A recess was declared for the Nominating Committee to compile their report.

Call to Order—Called to order by President.

Report—Report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted as amended. (See Report No. 1.)

Election—The following Committee was elected to compile the Quadrennial Statistical Report: Mrs. Mudgett, Mrs. Hunter.

Adjournment—Adjournment declared by Chair.

Wednesday, 1:00 p. m.

Opening—We were led in singing by Mrs. Sollie, after which Mrs. Winterberg led in prayer. Eighteen Delegates responded to the roll call, after which minutes were read and approved.

By Motion—Mrs. Lester Meyers was seated as Delegate from Mission

By Motion—Miss Virginia Lee was elected to take the place of Miss Marie Brannon, who resigned as first member of the Auditing Committee.

Local Reports—The following local reports were read: Aberdeen, Almont, Artesian, Avon, Baker, Billings, Brentford, Britton, Buffalo, Calvary, Conner, Cresbard, Houghton, Huron, Ipswich, Johnson Corners, Knobs, Loyalton, Mission, Mitchell, Mobridge, Northville, Redfield, Sandstone.

Special Prayer—A letter was read from Miss Bertha Meyers, pastor at Story, Wyo., after which we were led in special prayer for her by Mrs. Hunter.

Local Reports—Reading of local reports was continued from following: Story, Strool, Watertown, Watford City, Rapid City, Forsyth, Boyd, Bushnell.

Report on Memorials—Several Societies reported Memorials given for deceased as result of the resolution made last year.

Motion—Motion prevailed that a Memorial be sent to General Conference requesting provision of suitable cards to be used when making memorials of money for missions for deceased. Mrs. Cretsinger and Mrs. Leyh were elected a Committee to prepare this memorial.

Motion—Motion carried to send a Memorial to General Conference to change name of our Society from Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society to Women's Missionary Society. Motion prevailed that Memorial Committee previously elected care for this item also.

Adjournment—Adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Simpson.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

The Public Missionary Meeting was opened with singing, conducted by Miss Martha Bloom, with Mrs. Mudgett at the piano and Mrs. Catherine Bloom assisting with her drums. We were led in prayer by Rev. J. F. Simpson, Conference President, after which the "Bloom Sisters" of Newcastle, Indiana favored us with a special number in song.

The speaker of the evening, Rev. Oliver Wilson of Marion, Indiana, brought a soul-stirring missionary message from Isaiah 6:1-8, stressing God's purposeful call to service and the necessity of every worker for God being filled with the Spirit.

Mrs. Catherine Bloom gave a splendid reading, "How a Little Maid Went into All the World."

Pledges were made in the amount of \$691, and a cash offering in the amount \$299.84, making a total of \$990.84; this to be divided equally between Conference, Home and Foreign Missions.

We were led in singing "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow" by Miss Martha Bloom, and dismissed with prayer by Rev. A. M. Wiley of Jamestown, N. Dak.

Opening—Courtesy Committee introduced Rev. Mrs. Catherine Bloom and Miss Martha Bloom, evangelists of Newcastle, Indiana, to the Society, after which Miss Martha Bloom led the group in song. Mrs. Catherine Bloom led in devotionals, stirring our hearts with a message setting forth: The missionary motive—Love ye, John 15:12; the missionary might—Pray ye, Matt. 9:38; the missionary method—Go ye, Mark 16:15; the missionary means—Give ye, Matt. 14:16.

Report—The report of the Conference Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Laverne Jones, was given, showing a gain the past year of 97 subscriptions

and a quadrennial gain of 209 subscriptions. Accepted. (See Report No. 8.)

Courtesies—The Fraternal Delegate from the Free Methodist Conference, Rev. Parks of Wessington Springs, was introduced. He conveyed greetings to us from their Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Oliver Wilson, and Mrs. Walter Simpson were also introduced and brought briefly words of testimony and greeting.

Reports—Local reports from Richland, Flandreau, and Medicine Rocks were read.

Correspondence—A letter to our Missionary Conference Body from Miss Ruth Bixler, missionary to Africa, was read.

Appointment—Mrs. Kegler and Mrs. Veeder were appointed a committee to ascertain the sum total raised through the Self-Denial Folders.

Adjournment—By motion.

Thursday, 2:45 p. m.

Opening—After prayer by Mrs. Ward, roll was called to which 27 Delegates responded. Minutes were read and approved.

Y. M. W. B. Report—Mrs. Louise Goodsell, Conference Superintendent gave her report and presented the interests of the Y. M. W. B. Certificates of Award were presented to the Bands of Mitchell, Northville, Richland, and Watertown. Certificates of Recognition were presented to the Bands of Aberdeen and Strool. By motion this report was accepted.

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

Report—The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted with a standing vote of thanks. (See Report No. 6.)

Report—The Plan of Work Committee read its report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 3.)

Report—The President's Report was read and accepted. (See Report No. 4.)

Motion—After discussion of the Prayer Program, motion carried that we have a 24 hour prayer clock with each Society furnishing their own clock.

Orders of the Day—Rev. Oliver Wilson of Marion, Indiana, who was introduced by the Courtesy Committee, spoke briefly to the Body.

Adjournment with prayer by Rev. Wilson.

Friday, 10:15 a. m.

Opening—The group was led in song by Miss Virginia Lee, after which Mrs. Laura Raymer of Bushnell, brought a message of encouragement from Luke 24:13-32 and Miss Della Johnson of Buffalo, Wyo., favored us with a special number in song. Roll was called to which 30 Delegates responded.

Report—Orders of the Day Report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 2.)

Courtesies—Mrs. Ralph Howard of Mount Vernon, S. D., was introduced to the Body and spoke briefly of their work. Mrs. Chris Johnson of Buffalo, Wyo., was introduced and spoke concerning the Poster sent in by their Society.

Report—Committee on Memorials to General Conference read their report. It was adopted. (See Report No. 10.)

Instructions—Statistical Committee preparing reports for General Conference were instructed to close Quadrennium with the 1947 reports. Adjourned by motion.

Opening—After singing, "Hiding in Thee," led by Mrs. Sollic, roll was called to which 36 responded. Minutes were read and approved.

Election—Election of officers for the coming year was held, the following officers being elected: President, Mrs. LaVerne Jones; Vice-President, Mrs. Viola Leyh; Secretary, Mrs. Marion Cretsinger; Treasurer, Mrs. Joyce Mudgett; Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, Mrs. Louise Goodsell; Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Harriet Harris; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Katherine Drown.

Report—The report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Katherine Drown, was read and accepted. (See Report No. 7.)

Motion—Motion prevailed that we elect a Committee to plan a Memorial service at next Conference session for members deceased during the previous year. Mrs. Yonally and Mrs. McIntyre were elected to this committee.

Report—The Statistical Report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 12.)

Election—The following District Organizers were elected: Aberdeen District, Mrs. Viola Leyh; Northwest District, Mrs. Marvel Fessenden; Southern District, Mrs. Lillian Bailie.

Instructions to Secretary—The Secretary was instructed to send greetings from the Body to the following absent members: Sisters Spry, McGovern, Buell, Larsen, Bertha Meyer, Hansen, and Bennett.

Motion—After discussion, motion carried that, inasmuch as we have no specified funds raised to apply toward cost of Conference Minutes, and inasmuch as the ladies of the Missionary Societies have heretofore been assessed twice for the same (at home in the church and also through their Missionary Conference Treasurer), we recommend that the Annual Conference Secretary be authorized to bill the churches for our portion of the Minutes.

Motion—Motion prevailed that the Treasurer, Mrs. Mudgett carry this recommendation to the Annual Conference Body.

Adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Leyh.

Saturday, 1:15 p. m.

Opening—We were led in song by Mrs. Joyce Mudgett.

Orders of the Day—Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, General Conference President of the W. H. & F. M. S., of Miltonvale, Kansas, was introduced and brought us a message, stirring us to renewed devotion to the cause of missions. Dr. Rufus Reisdorph followed with an informational talk concerning the school at Miltonvale and its prospects.

Adjourned by motion.

Saturday, 3:30 p. m.

Opening—With our new president, Mrs. LaVerne Jones, presiding, the meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Ouida Janssen. There were 27 present for roll call. Minutes were read and approved.

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

Tag Day—Mrs. Harris, Tag Day solicitor, reported 9 renewals and 3 new subscriptions to the Magazine.

Report—The Committee, elected to compile results of the Self-Denial Folders, reported a total of \$1491. Accepted.

Report—Mrs. Mudgett, who was authorized to present our recommendation to the Conference Body regarding the Minutes, reported their immediate acceptance and passage of the same.

Motion—Motion prevailed that each of our Delegates to General Conference to be given \$65 for expenses, drawing from the general fund, if necessary, to supply this amount.

Motion—A motion was made and seconded that we raise at least \$10 per society to apply toward equipment of the new dormitory building at Miltonvale.

Motion—Motion carried that the matter of Ruth Bixler's support be decided at a joint meeting of the Executive Committees of the W. H. & F. M. S. and the W. Y. P. S.

Election—After discussion concerning the care and supervision of the dormitories and the dining hall during camp, motion prevailed to elect a committee of three to discuss ways and means and present a workable plan to the Body. Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Bailie and Mrs. Yonally were elected to this committee.

By motion—Mrs. Warinner was elected a Committee on Membership for the coming year.

Motion—Motion prevailed that the Executive Committee be authorized to secure Self-Denial Folders, printed to order, from the Ellis Greeting Card Sales and Supply of Aberdeen.

Presentation—A love gift was presented to our out-going president, Mrs. Viola Leyh, who for seven years so faithfully and efficiently filled her office.

Gifts were also presented to the new brides within our Conference, Mrs. Walter Simpson, and Mrs. Thomas Hersey. As Mrs. Hersey was unable to attend Conference, her gift was sent to her with a letter of greetings, written by various members of the group.

Adjournment—Adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Special Meeting, Monday, 1:30 p. m.

Opening—Mrs. Jones, our new president, called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Lee. Minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Report—The Quadrennial report was read and accepted with deep thanks.

Motion—Motion prevailed to incorporate items in Report No. 10 of last year's Minutes in the new Plan of Work Report. (See Report No. 3.)

Report—The Ways and Means Committee presented a well organized plan for the care and supervision of the dining hall and dormitories: said plan including a supervisor in charge of the dining hall, with an assistant; and a superintendent in charge of the dormitories with three assistants; each having specified duties. The Committee also reported a list of camp needs. Report accepted.

Motion—Motion carried that a list of needs to be supplied by local societies be included under the Plan of Work, and that some of the present dormitory needs be supplied through use of money available in the treasury, and that Mrs. Bailie be authorized to purchase the same.

By Motion—Mrs. Katherine Drown was elected Dormitory Superintendent.

By Motion—Mrs. Albert Hillen was elected Dining Hall Supervisor.

Adjournment—Adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Ward.

Reports of Committees

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEES

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

Statistical—Mrs. Ouida Janssen, Mrs. Frances Sollie.

Auditing—Miss Marie Brannon, Mrs. Alma Gibson.

Orders of the Day—Mrs. Viola Leyh, Mrs. Floreda Warinner, Mrs. Marion Cretsinger, Mrs. Marie Kegler, Miss Agnes Lillibridge.

Resolutions—Mrs. Ruth McIntyre, Mrs. Harriet Harris, Mrs. Thelma Hudson.

Courtesies—Mrs. LaVerne Jones.

Plan of Work—Mrs. Elizabeth Traver, Mrs. Elsie Ward, Mrs. Marie Palmer.

News Reporter—Miss Virginia Lee.

Signed: MRS. LAVERNE JONES,
MISS VIRGINIA LEE,
MRS. MARIE WINTERBERG,
MRS. RENA VEEDER,
MRS. ELSIE WARD.

Report No. 2

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Thursday morning, 10:30 o'clock, Rev. Parks, Fraternal Delegate from the Free Methodist Conference, is to bring greetings from their Woman's Missionary Society. Thursday, 4:30 p. m., Rev. Oliver Wilson, will be introduced to the Society. Friday to be observed as Tag Day. Saturday, Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, General Conference President of the W. H. & F. M. S. will speak to the Society at 1:30, with Dr. Rufus Reisdorph, President of Miltonvale College, immediately following.

Signed: MRS. VIOLA LEYH,
MRS. FLOREDA WARRINGER,
MRS. MARION CRETSINGER,
MRS. MARIE KEGLER,
MISS AGNES LILLIBRIDGE.

Report No. 3

PLAN OF WORK

We, the Committee on the Plan of Work, urge each Society to observe at least one night of prayer each month in the Conference program, also that each local society cooperate with the Connectional prayer program,

in addition to the following plan of work outlined by the General Conference:

1. Arrange with the pastor for one missionary prayer service each month.
2. A minimum of ten meetings during the year in which prayer service is held and business transacted.
3. Red Letter Days:
 - a. Harvest Day for Educational Work.
 - b. Easter Program, gifts, and offerings for Home Mission work.
 - c. World Day of Prayer—that we cooperate in observing the World Day of Prayer.
 - d. May Day—to be known as Gift Day, bandages and such gifts as can be sent with outgoing missionaries or used on our Home Field.
 - e. Wesleyan Missionary Day—with program to secure subscriptions for our official organ.
4. One Public Meeting.
5. Correspond with missionaries.
6. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and 50% per cent of membership to be subscribers to the Wesleyan Missionary.
7. A solicitor elected for the Wesleyan Missionary, gaining not less than two new subscribers a year, or as many as we have active members.
8. A Delegate elected to the Annual Conference of the W. H. & F. M. S.
9. Report blanks properly filled out on time.
10. At annual meeting instruct the Delegate the amount to pledge at Annual Conference session for the Society.
11. Officers elected at last meeting of the Conference year.
12. All monies received as dues be sent to the Conference Treasurer designating where 50 per cent of same shall be applied on missions.
13. A Superintendent and fully organized Y. M. W. B.
14. Every woman of the Church a member of the society, or 20 per cent gain in membership.
15. Money sent to Conference Treasurer on time.

Ten Points Each
16. The continued use of "Parliamentary Law at a Glance" by Utter, as a textbook in parliamentary usage in the local society and be credited in the Standard of Efficiency. (5%)
17. That we submit the following standing rules:
 - (1) 7½% of all monies raised, except funds for building and repairs and dues, be paid for Conference work.
 - (2) \$6.00 per society be paid to Home Missions. This may apply on budget.
 - (3) \$5.00 per society be paid for Hephzibah Orphanage. This may apply on budget.

(4) 10c per member be paid for a General Conference Delegate's Fund.

(5) 10c per member be paid for cleaning the Campgrounds at Aberdeen.

18. Also, at least \$10 per society be raised to apply toward equipment of the new dormitory building at Miltonvale, as decided by Conference action. This does not apply on budget.

19. Also, Ruth Bixler's support amounting to \$1.08 per member, as approved by the Executive Board. This may apply on budget.

We recommend that local treasurers use mimeographed blanks when remitting monies to the Conference Treasurer, and that an instruction sheet be included when sending out annual report blanks to help in making our reports uniform.

We further recommend that each society furnish the following needed supplies for the campground. One coverall type apron, one white cook's apron, three dish towels, one sheet, one throw rug, one muslin table cover—size 15 feet by 39 inches; also that each society send a generous offering for a much needed renovation of the Reception room.

We also recommend that the caretaker of the Campgrounds be made custodian of all the Dining Hall and Kitchen equipment. Anyone borrowing the same must check it out and check it in with said custodian.

In conclusion:

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

2. We recommend that each local society continue to feel their responsibility as co-laborers with our missionaries, to intercede in their behalf, and the work of the Kingdom, as well as give of their means and gifts to support His Great Plan.

Signed: MRS. ELIZABETH TRAVER,
MRS. ELSIE WARD,
MRS. MARIE PALMER.

Report No. 4

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters in Christ:

Greetings to the members of the forty-first Annual session of the Dakota W. H. & F. M. Conference in the Name of Him, whose work engages our attention! Today we call you to join in gratitude and praise to God for His many blessings which have marked our way throughout the past months since we last met in Annual session. "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised."

While our hearts rejoice because of God's goodness to us, we realize as well that we have never faced conditions such as we are today witness-

ing. Tremendous darkness is settling down upon the world. Satan is making a final effort to control the human family. "We must fight the good fight of faith." Jesus said, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations . . . Lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world!" We need to claim this gracious promise with all our hearts. Can we, if we fail to carry out His Great Commission? Let us not fail in this hour, but continue to rally forth to the task that is before us. We find in the missionary field our greatest opportunities are unfolding now.

It was a pleasure to attend the Missionary Convention of the Northwest District in Billings, Montana, at which time the Boyd Society was organized.

It was likewise a pleasure to attend the World's Day of Prayer Services with the Huron people.

We do not know how to express our appreciation of God's help and of you dear women, for your cooperatin and enthusiastic endeavors. May the Lord fully equip you for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
 VIOLA C. LEYH.

Report No. 5

AUDITING COMMITTEE

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

Signed: MISS VIRGINIA LEE,
 MRS. ALMA GIBSON.

Report No. 6

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary Report for the Year 1946-47

Cash on hand at beginning of year	\$ 195.55	
Received from all sources	10383.65	
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Total		10579.20
Total disbursements	10046.21	
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Balance on hand		\$ 532.99

Report No. 7

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Reports of Prayer Partner groups were received from 23 societies, having a total of 312 members.

Signed:
 MRS. F. WILBUR DROWN

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Report No. 8

MAGAZINE SOLICITOR

The total number of magazine subscriptions this year were 463, a gain over last year of 97.

Aberdeen Society ranked first in the Conference with 45 subscriptions—a gain of 25 over last year. Mitchell ranked second with 39 subscriptions—a gain of 15 over last year. Watertown ranked third with 23 subscriptions, a gain of 14 over last year. Banker ranked fourth with 22 subscriptions—a gain of 8 over last year.

The Quadrennial gain in magazine subscriptions for the Conference Society is 209.

Signed: MRS. LAVERNE JONES,
Wesleyan Missionary Solicitor.

Report No. 9

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Be it resolved, that we praise the Lord for His mercy and grace that has been upon us for another year, for His presence and blessing that has been evident in this session of Annual Conference, and that we seek His guidance for the coming year.

Be it resolved, that we realize there is no human solution for prevailing conditions, only through the power of the Spirit, as the Prince of the power of the Air can only be destroyed through faith in Jesus.

Be it resolved, that we arise and stand forth to meet the needs and opportunities of this present day, striving through prayer and human efforts, to enlighten those about us, "who walk in darkness."

Be it resolved, that we remain faithful as burden-bearers, praying much for those who have been called to labor and sacrifice on home and foreign soil. As the Psalmist declares, "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

Be it resolved, recognizing the spirit of apostacy and the tendency to lethargy as prevalent in our age—that we arise and shake ourselves and be constantly on our guard lest Satan should get an advantage of us.

Be it resolved, deploring the growing demoralization of the youth of our nation, caused largely by the use of liquor and tobacco by themselves and their elders, we pledge ourselves to increased effort to help remove this evil.

Be it resolved, that seeing the need of opening new fields for missions at home and abroad, we encourage our people to make a memorial of money for missions for the deceased rather than for a superfluity of flowers.

Be it resolved, that we extend our gratitude to those who have labored

for our comfort during the Conference and Camp, and to those who brought provisions and made and donated articles.

Be it resolved, that we render our thanks to the "Bloom Sisters" for their splendid ministry in song and reading, to Rev. O. G. Wilson for his stirring address in the public meeting, to Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Reisdorph for their inspiring and informative message concerning Miltonvale College, also to our officials for their untiring labors and others, who have faithfully helped in the furtherance of the work in the past year.

Signed: MRS. RUTH MCINTYRE,
MRS. HARRIET HARRIS,
MRS. THELMA HUDSON.

Report No. 10

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

We, your Committee on Memorials to General Conference of the W. H. & F. M. S., wish to submit the following memorials:

We petition the General Conference to provide suitable cards to be used to notify the loved ones of money given to missions in memory of the deceased, and also that this type of offering instead of so many floral offerings be encouraged among our people.

We further petition the General Conference to change the name of our society from Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society to Women's Missionary Society.

Signed: MRS. MARION CRETSINGER,
MRS. VIOLA LEYH.

Report No. 11

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The following action was taken:

Mrs. Hunter was appointed Northwest District Organizer to take the place of Mrs. Fessenden, who resigned.

Mrs. Fessenden was appointed Organizer for the new Black Hills District.

It was decided to continue Ruth Bixler's support, with our assessment for same amounting to \$1.08 per member.

Motion carried to pay remaining \$29 needed by the W. Y. P. S. for purchase of radio for Ruth Bixler, said amount to be taken from balance in treasury in Ruth Bixler support fund.

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Report No. 12

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

Societies	Receipts										Membership Dues
	Active Members	Honorary Members	Members Gained	Members Lost	Regular Meetings Held	Special Meetings Held	Do You Use Missionary Programs?	Wesleyan Missionaries taken	Rank Under Efficiency Standard %	Cash on Hand From Last Year	
Aberdeen	38	6	3	...	19	1	Yes	45	120%	\$19.11	\$44.00
Almont	10	...	1	18	...	...	Yes	11	94%	...	10.00
Artesian	12	9	...	4	10	3	Yes	12	140%	...	21.00
Avon	10	1	...	1	11	...	Yes	12	103%	17.37	11.00
Baker	19	3	3	...	13	1	Yes	22	100%	1.18	22.00
Billings	18	8	...	4	11	8	Yes	21	146%	9.22	26.00
Brentford	11	4	...	1	12	...	Yes	6	100%	9.18	11.00
Boyd	7	6	13	...	10	...	No	3	70%	...	13.00
Britton	3	...	2	3	...	1	No	...	...	7.30	3.00
Buffalo	12	3	...	1	10	6	Yes	14	100%	...	15.00
Bushnell	21	1	7	...	9	2	No	7	...	22.48	21.00
Calvary	8	5	2	...	12	...	Yes	10	...	2.00	10.00
Conner	5	3	...	...	...	1	No	13	110%	.17	8.00
Flandreau	10	2	...	...	12	...	No	5	...	...	5.00
Forsyth	6	4	1	...	10	2	Yes	5	110%	...	10.00
Houghton	10	3	2	...	12	1	Yes	10	120%	6.92	13.00
Huron	14	3	...	1	19	3	No	12	110%	.37	17.00
Ipswich	12	6	3	...	8	3	Yes	12	...	17.70	18.00
Johnson Corners	14	4	...	1	12	1	Yes	10	124%	16.58	18.00
Knobs	7	5	...	1	11	...	No	7	...	...	10.00
Loyalton	14	1	5	2	13	3	Yes	11	150%	3.42	15.00
Medicine Rocks	13	6	...	3	10	1	Yes	9	110%	2.87	19.00
Mission	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	4	...	...	...
Mitchell	20	14	...	3	22	...	Yes	39	140%	.14	34.00
Mobridge	19	7	1	...	12	...	Yes	11	...	3.87	26.00
Northville	15	3	3	...	22	...	Yes	11	130%	1.16	18.00
Rapid City	18	12	...	...	23	...	No	13	90%	4.10	31.00
Redfield	16	4	...	2	20	2	Yes	16	134%	2.73	20.00
Richland	16	9	1	1	14	3	Yes	22	110%	...	25.00
Sandstone	12	4	...	...	9	1	Yes	10	96%	5.00	16.00
Story	14	...	2	...	11	...	Yes	14	120%	...	14.00
Strool	8	5	4	...	10	1	Yes	15	124%	12.15	13.00
Watertown	12	8	...	...	11	1	Yes	23	90%	17.85	20.00
Watford City	20	5	2	...	12	4	Yes	19	142%	15.49	25.00
Totals	449	154	52	29	442	49	...	463	...	\$201.46	\$587.00

W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Societies	Receipts						Total
	Offerings	Labor	Clothing and Other Gifts to Home Work	Bandages and Other Gifts to Foreign Work	General Conference Delegate Fee	Other Sources	
Aberdeen	\$1630.48	\$2.40	\$129.40	\$90.00	.....	\$37.92	\$1953.31
Almont	139.79	.....	55.00	.....	\$1.00	45.00	250.79
Artesian	147.46	.....	250.00	.....	2.10	.....	423.66
Avon	174.52	.....	.....	.....	1.10	57.69	261.68
Baker	128.66	.....	117.05	.....	.....	.....	268.89
Billings	171.03	15.00	60.00	.....	2.60	91.04	374.89
Brentford	1108.02	.....	.....	.....	1.10	29.00	1158.30
Boyd	46.81	.....	.....	20.00	.....	.....	79.81
Britton	5.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.13	19.23
Buffalo	76.65	.....	81.00	.....	1.20	139.58	312.43
Bushnell	65.10	.....	18.31	.....	.....	59.90	186.79
Calvary	316.85	\$6.60	.....	.....	.....	36.50	421.95
Conner	47.03	.....	10.00	.....	.....	17.00	82.20
Cresbard	46.75	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	101.75
Flandreau	59.26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64.26
Forsyth	81.89	.....	19.60	.....	.60	9.00	121.09
Houghton	97.34	.....	10.00	.....	.....	27.13	154.39
Huron	51.35	.....	70.00	.....	1.60	134.98	275.30
Ipswich	209.43	.....	82.00	.....	.....	.....	327.13
Johnson Corners	179.77	.....	.....	.....	1.80	304.00	520.15
Knobs	37.66	.....	15.00	.....	1.10	2.05	65.81
Loyalton	96.08	.....	.....	.....	1.50	203.67	319.67
Medicine Rocks	200.03	.....	45.00	.....	.....	.....	266.90
Mission	31.38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31.38
Mitchell	281.33	.....	75.00	.....	.40	10.00	400.87
Mobridge	69.32	.....	175.75	30.00	2.00	.....	306.94
Northville	190.45	.....	99.50	.....	2.60	.....	311.71
Rapid City	101.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	28.00	164.24
Redfield	357.26	.....	143.75	.75	.....	14.00	538.49
Richland	823.14	3.00	161.90	.....	.....	13.00	1026.04
Sandstone	126.00	.....	.....	.....	1.70	.....	148.70
Story	139.30	.....	.....	.....	1.40	25.00	179.70
Strool	325.14	.....	12.00	.....	.....	102.00	464.29
Watertown	360.82	.....	60.00	.....	2.00	13.00	473.67
Watford City	343.81	78.44	2.50	2.05	467.29
Totals	\$8265.85	\$77.00	\$1818.70	\$140.75	\$28.30	\$1404.64	\$12523.70

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Societies	Disbursements							
	Undivided	Home, Cash	Home, Clothing and Other Gifts	Hephzibah, Cash	Hephzibah, Provisions	Foreign, Cash	Foreign, Bandages and Other Gifts	Medical Students
Aberdeen		\$124.87	\$129.40	\$27.00		\$819.16	\$90.00	\$20.00
Almont		60.00	55.00	5.00		39.35		5.00
Artesian		51.54	250.00	5.00		40.80		5.00
Avon		34.33		5.00		64.89		
Baker		25.87	114.25	8.50		9.67		
Billings	\$17.00	6.00	60.00	5.00		74.85		
Brentford	23.00	32.00		10.00		561.75		
Boyd		6.00		5.00		14.04		
Britton		3.00		2.00		3.24		
Buffalo		22.00	81.00	13.08	\$60.00	43.65		
Bushnell		30.00	2.00	5.00		48.10		
Calvary		65.00	21.60	15.00	35.00	61.06		
Conner		13.33	10.00	5.00		15.97		
Cresbard		14.07	50.00	6.00		11.37		2.00
Flandreau		18.80		5.00		19.24		
Forsyth		13.02	19.60	5.00		8.15		25.00
Houghton		24.00	10.00	5.25		37.40		
Huron	10.00	6.00	70.00	5.00		53.77		
Ipswich	69.31	29.39	82.00	5.00		12.96		
Johnson Corners		29.00		15.00	15.00	52.05	217.00	10.00
Knobs	5.00	6.00	15.00	5.00		16.55		6.04
Loyalton		11.33		5.00	53.91			
Medicine Rocks		56.25	45.00	5.00		91.72		5.00
Mission	29.00							
Mitchell		73.33	75.00	30.00		55.81	25.00	
Mobridge	3.00	20.00	175.75	30.00		30.00		
Northville		61.72	99.50	5.00		41.20		
Rapid City	15.00	16.00		5.00		18.36	7.90	
Redfield		92.25	156.30	5.00		47.00	72.75	5.00
Richland	180.90	70.00		105.00		459.00		
Sandstone		14.66		5.00		66.67		5.00
Story		20.40		8.00		84.00		
Strool		119.33	12.00	5.00		106.33		
Watertown		45.33	25.00	11.00	35.00	187.49		
Watford City		44.00	98.44	37.50	5.00	57.55	93.50	15.00
Totals	\$352.21	\$1258.82	\$1656.84	\$418.33	\$203.91	\$3253.15	\$506.15	\$103.04

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W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Disbursements									
Societies	Education, Cash	Education, Provisions	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Conference Fund Incl. 7½%	General Conference Delegate Fee	Cash on Hand	Total
Aberdeen	\$332.00		\$15.17	\$22.00	\$83.86	\$278.57	\$4.40	\$6.88	\$1953.31
Almont	5.00			5.00	49.38	26.00	1.00	.06	250.79
Artesian	10.00			10.50	21.57	19.38	2.10	7.77	423.66
Avon	35.00		62.82	5.50	24.76	18.44	1.10	9.84	261.68
Baker	43.00		30.12	11.00	13.90	8.91	1.90	1.77	268.89
Billings	15.00			26.00	128.37	14.93	2.60	25.14	374.89
Brentford	68.00			5.50	358.70	98.25	1.10		1158.30
Boyd	6.20			6.50	33.30	4.50	1.50	2.77	79.81
Britton	3.00		3.13	1.50	2.30		.30	.76	19.23
Buffalo	46.23		25.00	6.00	1.90	12.21	1.20	.16	312.43
Bushnell	15.00			22.00	53.00	8.59	2.20	.90	186.79
Calvary	48.50		40.00		70.47	62.71	2.00	.61	421.95
Conner	14.37			4.00	4.32	13.92	.80	.49	82.20
Cresbard	3.00		5.00	2.50	1.00	5.42	.50	.89	101.75
Flandreau	10.00			5.00		6.22			64.26
Forsyth	16.00			7.00	21.11	5.61	.60		121.09
Houghton	26.50			6.50	34.03	5.79	1.00	3.92	154.39
Huron	61.10			8.50	43.21	15.69	1.60	.43	275.30
Ipswich	21.73		42.26	6.50	35.00	20.46	1.20	1.32	327.13
Johnson Corners	37.00	\$20.00		9.00	49.35	64.95	1.80		520.15
Knobs	4.00					7.12	1.10		65.81
Loyalton	15.00		5.00	7.50	209.73	10.70	1.50		319.67
Medicine Rocks	15.00	10.00		9.50	11.76	15.77	1.90		266.90
Mission						2.38			31.38
Mitchell	46.70			17.00	37.59	35.82	3.40	1.22	400.87
Mobridge	8.00			26.00		9.11	2.00	3.08	306.94
Northville	25.72			9.00	10.25	50.72	8.60		311.71
Rapid City	20.00	10.00	6.12		38.76	3.90	1.70	21.50	164.24
Redfield	78.78	10.00	18.54	10.00	3.00	33.97	2.50	3.40	538.49
Richland	51.00			12.50	78.91	45.28	2.50	20.95	1026.04
Sandstone	5.00	10.00		8.00	8.62	16.94	1.70	7.11	148.70
Story	30.00			7.00	1.40	27.50	1.40		179.70
Strool	45.00			6.00	30.65	93.34	1.20	45.44	464.29
Watertown	58.50		17.00	10.00	34.19	33.33	2.00	14.83	473.67
Watford City	20.00	15.00		12.50	41.61	23.69	2.50	1.00	467.29
Totals	\$1239.33	\$75.00	\$270.16	\$305.50	\$1536.00	\$1100.12	\$62.90	\$182.24	\$12523.70

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Y. M. W. B. STATISTICAL REPORT

Bands	No. of Members	No. of Meetings Held	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Total
Aberdeen	100	16	\$123.26	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$133.26
Almont	20	16	12.99			12.99
Artesian	23	11	20.58			20.58
Avon						
Baker	17	13	16.00			16.00
Billings	12	12	18.71	14.96	5.00	38.67
Brentford						
Boyd						
Britton						
Buffalo	20	20	43.47	5.00	10.00	58.47
Bushnell			37.00	5.00		42.00
Calvary						
Conner	16	12	10.32	1.00	1.09	12.41
Cresbard	7	6	6.18		6.07	12.25
Flandreau						
Forsyth						
Houghton						
Huron						
Ipswich						
Johnson Corners	18	12	54.93	4.46	14.54	73.93
Knobs	9	1				
Loyalton						
Medicine Rocks	24		37.80	55.00	13.00	105.80
Mission		7	10.35			10.35
Mitchell	114	11	63.41	2.00	1.52	66.93
Mobridge	10	10	5.00			5.00
Northville	23	28	15.97	25.38	5.00	46.35
Rapid City						
Redfield	13	18	104.34	3.00	5.00	112.34
Richland	80	13	263.68	25.00	20.00	308.68
Sandstone						
Story	4	5	15.50			15.50
Strool	40	12	113.33	10.00	13.82	137.15
Watertown	100		50.00	10.52	15.41	75.93
Watford City	37	45	57.10	1.00	1.00	59.10
Totals	687	268	\$1079.92	\$167.32	\$116.45	\$1363.69

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

Delegates

Aberdeen—Oletha Leyh
Almont—Virginia Lee
Artesian—Ila Hamm
Avon—Alice Nellis, Mrs. A. L. Mudgett, Ella Janssen
Baker—Clarice Richey
Billings—Ralph McIntyre, Jean Hudson, Grace Anderson
Conner—Rev. Hunter
Deadwood—Rev. Shelley
Forsyth—Leora Squires, Barbara Lamm
Houghton—Eugene Reisdorph
Huron—Rachael Bateman
Ipswich—Esther Maynard, Esther Engle
Johnson Corners—Carol Thomas, Dona Quinell, Agnes Lillibridge
Medicine Rocks—Rev. Ellis Sollie
Mitchell—Janis Hilderbrandt, Winnie Mae Bryant
Northville—Lois Engle
Rapid City—Lois Labor
Redfield—Shirley Wolter, Helen Holt, Mary Noot, Earl Noot, June Pettigrew
Richland—Erwin Andersen
Strool—Beatrice Beckman, Phyliss Sandgren, Marvel Fessenden
Watertown—Donna Franklin, Bob Cook, Eugene Stanislaus, Audrey Gisselback, Lee Godell
Alternate Delegates—Gerald Wolter, Loretta Hormann

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

June 10 was observed as Young People's Day. The day's activities began with a 6:30 prayer meeting which was well attended by young people from the entire conference.

The first business session was called to order at 9:00 a. m. by the Chairman, Rev. Sausoman.

The Motion carried to make the first eight rows of seats on each side of the tabernacle the Bar of Conference.

The motion carried to seat alternate delegates and at least one representative from each youth group.

Minutes were read and approved.

The following nominating committee was elected: Virginia Lee, Gerald Wolter, Ila Hamm, Lois Labor, Lee Godell, Beatrice Beckman.

The motion carried that the nominating committee submit its report at the 1:30 session.

The motion carried to elect a statistical committee with Janis Hilderbrandt as Chairman. Rachel Bateman and Oleta Leyh were elected to complete the committee.

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The following were elected as Auditing Committee: Rev. Hunter, Shirley Wolter, and Ella Janssen.

Ralph McIntyre was elected to assist in soliciting subscriptions for the Wesleyan Youth during camp.

The motion carried to continue the Crusader for another year.

It was moved and carried that the work of the Crusader be referred to a committee and that the committee report to the conference body. The following were elected to the committee: Gerald Wolter, Rev. Sausoman.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

Tuesday 1:30 p. m.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rev. Sausoman.

Nominating Committee read its report and it was adopted.

The following officers were elected:

President—Rev. R. J. Sausoman.

Executive Committee: Southern District—Janis Hilderbrandt. Aberdeen District—Oletha Leyh. Northwest District—Alice Betz.

Wesleyan Youth Solicitor—Helen Holt

Assistant Solicitors: Southern District—Audrey Gisslebeck. Aberdeen District—Delbert Hillen. Northwest District—Ralph McIntyre.

Reporter to Wesleyan Youth—Grace Anderson

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Motion carried to authorize the treasurer to pay \$65.00 to each of the delegates to General Conference. The deficit for this to be made up from the general treasury.

Motion carried to renew our pledge of \$250.00 for the support of Miss Bixler.

It was moved to retain \$100.00 as a working balance in Miss Bixler's support fund, and that the excess money be turned to conference missions.

Motion carried to refer the question of surplus money for Miss Bixler's support to a committee with the president acting as Chairman.

Motion carried to give Rev. Jones permission to speak.

Virginia Lee and Rev. Mudgett were elected to complete above committee.

Adjourned by limitation of time.

Wednesday, 1:30 p. m.

The meeting opened with singing and prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

Auditing Committee read its report and it was adopted.

Committee on Continuance of the Crusader read its report and it was adopted.

A partial report of the Wesleyan Youth Solicitor was read and adopted.

Motion carried to mail the Crusader only to Book Club members who would not receive it through a local W. Y. P. S.

A Northwest District representative presented a recommendation to the body to have the conference officially districted.

It was moved and carried to make the recommendation a motion and that the committee be composed of the Conference President, W. Y. P. S. President and the Executive Representative from the districts.

Lois Labor was elected as the representative of the Black Hills to the Executive Committee.

Motion carried to sell the mimeograph machine and that part of the returns of the sale be given to Rev. Mudgett for the use of his machine.

Pledges were taken for Miss Bixler's support.

Moved and carried to leave in the hands of the Executive Committee what material was to appear in the minutes.

Franklin Simpson was elected as assistant Wesleyan Youth Solicitor from Black Hills District.

Meeting was adjourned by motion.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report No. 1

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

For Miss Bixler and Missions	\$ 430.85
Education	103.68
Church Extension	98.33
Crusader	113.10
Conference Dues	163.59
General Conference Delegate Fund	93.50
Connctional Dues	159.00
7½% Fund	127.42
Area Convention Fund	3.00
Wesleyan Hour	120.80
Home Missions	11.32
Miscellaneous	18.12
Total	<hr/> \$1442.71

Disbursements

Miss Bixler and other Missions	\$ 308.88
Education	103.68
Church Extension	38.00
Crusader	85.39
Conference Dues	51.91

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Connectional Dues	153.00
7½% Fund	125.50
Wesleyan Hour	120.80
Home Missions	11.32
Miscellaneous	18.12

Total Disbursements	\$1016.60
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Monies On Hand

Miss Bixler	\$ 121.97
Church Extension	60.33
Crusader	27.71
Conference Dues	111.68
Connectional Dues	6.00
General Conference Delegate Fund	93.50
7½% Fund	1.92
Area Convention	3.00

Total	\$ 426.11
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the nominating committee, wish to submit the following report:

President—Rev. R. J. Sausoman

Vice-President—Rev. A. L. Mudgett

Executive Committee:

Southern District—Janis Hilderbrandt

Aberdeen District—Oletha Leyh

Northwest District—Alice Betts

Wesleyan Youth Solicitor—Helen Holt

Assistant Solicitors:

Southern District—Audrey Gisselbeck

Aberdeen District—Delbert Hillen

Northwest District—Ralph McIntyre

Reporter to Wesleyan Youth—Grace Anderson

Signed: VIRGINIA LEE,
LOIS LABOR,
ILA HAMM,
LEE GODELL,
GERALD WOLTER,
BEATRICE BECKMAN.

AUDITING REPORT

We the Auditing Committee submit the following report: We have examined the Treasurer's books, checking final balances with bank statements and outstanding checks and find them to be correct.

Signed: JOHN HUNTER,
SHIRLEY WOLTER,
ELLA JANSSEN.

COMMITTEE ON CONTINUANCE OF CRUSADER

We, your Committee on the Continuance of the Crusader submit the following recommendations:

1. That the Crusader be published monthly.
2. That Virginia Lee act as Editor-in-Chief.
3. That due to the expense of commercial printing, the Crusader be mimeographed and that Rev. A. L. Mudgett act as publisher.
4. That general expenses of publishing Crusader be met by each local society paying to the Conference W. Y. P. S. 50c per paper per year.

Signed: GERALD WOLTER,
R. J. SAUSOMAN,
A. L. MUDGETT.

JOURNAL SOLICITOR REPORT

There were 192 subscriptions taken in the conference this year. At conference last year 26 subscriptions were taken, two of these were renewals. Most of the 24 new subscriptions were sent as gifts to Australia.

MISS BIXLER'S SUPPORT REPORT

We recommend that money in excess of the \$2.50 pledge now in the Treasury be used as project money. We further recommend that this project be carried out jointly with the W. H. & F. M. S. and that the project be the purchasing of a new radio for Miss Bixler.

Signed: R. J. SAUSOMAN,
VIRGINIA LEE,
A. L. MUDGETT.

STANDING RULES

1. The second Sunday in September is to be observed as Church Extension Sunday.
2. An assessment of 10c per member is to be made annually for General Conference Delegate Fund.
3. Tuesday of camp week is Young People's Day.

BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

- 50c per member for connectional dues.
25c per member for constitutional dues.
10c per member for General Conference Delegate Fund.

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE W. Y. P. S.

The meeting was called to order on June 12 by the Chairman, Rev. R. J. Sausoman.

It was moved and carried that Miss Oletha Leyh, Aberdeen, S. D., be Secretary and Treasurer for the coming year.

Moved that we continue the project of buying a pulpit for Sturgis. Motion carried.

Moved that the Book Club be continued with Rev. Marvin Jones as Director.

Motion carried that Rev. R. J. Sausoman assist with work of Book Club.

Motion prevailed that partial and full reports be put in the Minutes.

Motion carried that our Minutes be printed with the Conference and Missionary Society Minutes.

Motion prevailed that we request that the W. Y. P. S. be not assessed for their share of cost of printing Minutes, but that the young people assist in paying said amount through local churches.

Above motion amended to state that the Conference W. Y. P. S. President carry this request to the Conference body.

Motion prevailed that Rev. R. J. Sausoman be paid \$15.00 from Treasury for his expenses.

Adjourned by limitation of time.

Saturday Afternoon, June 14, 1947

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Rev. R. J. Sausoman.

Motion carried that Rev. A. L. Mudgett be paid \$10.00 for use of his mimeograph machine throughout the year. This money to be taken from proceeds of sale of the old mimeograph machine which belongs to the W. Y. P. S.

Motion to adjourn.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ESTABLISHING
BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

We recommend that the following "hubs" be established as to their respective districts, namely:

Southern District—Mitchell, South Dakota

Aberdeen District—Aberdeen, South Dakota

Northwest District—Billings, Montana

Black Hills District—Sturgis, South Dakota

and that churches in question as to distance from the "hub" elect as to which district they should become a part.

OLETHA LEYH, Secretary.

W. Y. P. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Societies	Organized	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youth	Total Receipts for the Year	Church Extension	Education
Aberdeen	Yes	24	8	12	\$195.33	.....	.....
Almont	Yes	7	6	10	94.97	\$4.00	\$8.00
Artesian	Yes	4	6	6	44.20	6.39	8.20
Avon	Yes	13	2	7	47.22	2.39	.....
Baker	Yes	8	4	7	150.28	3.50	17.00
Billings	Yes	13	4	17	91.47	3.10	.....
Buffalo	Yes	5	3	5	21.55	.....	.....
Forsyth	Yes	3	17	3	20.87	1.00	.....
Houghton	No	7	4	4	16.94	.....	3.00
Huron	Yes	11	2	9	98.69	2.67	4.48
Ipswich	Yes	15	3	12	93.56	.....	.....
Johnson Corners	Yes	22	2	12	181.39	2.25	25.00
Medicine Rocks	Yes	15	2	4	56.17	.....	.....
Mitchell	Yes	34	6	24	236.52	5.25	12.17
Northville	Yes	7	7	7	67.76	10.00	20.00
Redfield	Yes	21	11	10	315.09	7.32	2.40
Richland	Yes	20	11	13	220.56	13.00	10.00
Strool	Yes	10	3	8	.....	.....	.....
Watertown	Yes	8	3	10	40.04	4.20	.....
Watford City	No	13	.....	12	68.95	5.00	.....
Totals	*	379	86	192	\$2256.89	\$80.46	\$110.25

*Yes, 18; No, 2.

W. Y. P. S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Societies	Local Work	Conference Dues	General Dues (Connectional)	Other Items	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
Aberdeen	\$6.06	.....	\$13.60	\$147.69	\$81.82	\$138.76
Almont	20.00	\$5.25	3.50	.....	96.53	.....
Artesian	10.25	1.40	2.00	11.20	58.04	.92
Avon	25.00	5.25	6.50	.....	55.57	.....
Baker	3.73	3.00	4.00	64.54	149.09	1.67
Billings	16.11	4.24	6.50	.....	102.07	8.01
Buffalo .....	.....	2.80	3.00	.....	21.55	.....
Forsyth	2.15	5.00	1.50	4.35	22.75	.....
Houghton .....	.....	3.00	2.45	.....	16.95	.....
Huron	7.14	6.20	3.85	.....	94.33	4.36
Ipswich	8.95	6.30	7.50	71.00	108.08	2.17
Johnson Corners	5.70	7.70	11.00	81.47	180.44	.95
Medicine Rocks .....	.90	3.75	9.70	25.00	51.27	4.90
Mitchell .....	.....	.....	27.40	.....	259.87	.09
Northville .....	.....	1.75	3.50	32.00	67.76	.....
Redfield	7.13	.....	20.50	266.99	330.98	.06
Richland	18.50	9.95	13.10	.....	208.59	11.97
Strool .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Watertown .....	.....	2.00	4.00	.....	32.95	2.29
Watford City	8.05	2.76	5.53	31.03	58.34	2.05
Totals	\$142.42	\$70.35	\$149.13	\$735.27	\$1996.98	\$178.20