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CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President—J. F. Simpson
Vice-President—L. D. Harris
Secretary—Marvin E. Jones
Treasurer—S. J. McIntyre
Sunday School Secretary—Gordon Goodsell
Tithing Secretary—A. L. Mudgett
Transportation Secretary—J. F. Simpson
Educational Secretary—Earl Fessenden
Representative to Miltonvale College—Marvin E. Jones
Secretary-Treasurer Ministerial Relief Fund—Thomas Bailie
Trustees—H. W. Cretsinger, 1948; H. D. Dufloth, 1948; J. E. Spry, 1947;
A. T. Reisdorph, 1947; Dan Palmer, 1949.
First Delegate to General Conference (Elder)—J. F. Simpson
Second Delegate to General Conference (Elder)—L. D. Harris
Alternate Delegate to General Conference (Elder)—William Ward
First Lay Delegate to General Conference—Charles Reisdorph
Second Lay Delegate to General Conference—Dan Palmer
Alternate Lay Delegate to General Conference—Harold Dufloth

STANDING COMMITTEES

Camp Meeting Board—J. F. Simpson, Pastor Aberdeen Church, President
W. H. & F. M. S., S. J. McIntyre, William Ward, Dan Palmer.
Conference Program Committee—Conference President, Pastor Aberdeen
Church, President W. H. & F. M. S., President W. Y. P. S.
Missionary Board—Conference President, H. W. Cretsinger, Mrs. W. J.
Leyh, Will Beckman, R. J. Sausoman, Charles Reisdorph.
Judiciary Committee—L. D. Harris, Gordon Goodsell, Marvin Jones.
Vacancies Committee—Arthur Reisdorph, Kenneth Shelley, J. E. Winter-
berg, 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,
William Ward, Pastor Aberdeen Church, Dan Palmer, H. B. Engel.
Committee on Itinerary and Orders—S. M. Yonally, term expires 1949;
A. M. Wiley, term expires 1948; S. J. McIntyre, term expires 1947;
Gordon Goodsell, term expires 1950.
President's Advisory Board—J. E. Spry, H. B. Engel.

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CONFERENCE ROLL

ELDERS

Thomas Bailie	Forsyth, Montana
Mrs. Thomas Bailie	Forsyth, Montana
Romeo Baronia	Ipswich, South Dakota
H. A. Cottrill	616 1st St., Rapid City, South Dakota
H. W. Cretsinger	Redfield, South Dakota
Mrs. Wilbur Drown	Redfield, South Dakota
Earl Fessenden	Strool, South Dakota
Gordon Goodsell	501 E. Kemp Ave., Watertown, South Dakota
Mrs. Louise Goodsell	501 E. Kemp Ave., Watertown, South Dakota
Donald Gerriets	Norbeck, South Dakota
L. D. Harris	Watford City, North Dakota
Ralph Helle	410 S. Duff St., Mitchell, South Dakota
W. O. Howard	Flandreau, South Dakota
John Hunter	Conner, Montana
Otto Jensen	Yanktown, South Dakota
W. W. Jeffers	1810 Young St., Cincinnati, Ohio
Marvin E. Jones	623 N. Sanborn St., Mitchell, South Dakota
William Judkins	105 S. Gaylord St., Butte, Montana
Kenneth Knapp	1616 S. Adams, Marion, Indiana
L. L. Knapp	Ipswich, South Dakota
Wesley Knapp	Miltonvale, Kansas
Minnie Knecht	Story, Wyoming
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W. J. Leyh	308 N. Lincoln St., Aberdeen, South Dakota
Mrs. W. J. Leyh	308 N. Lincoln St., Aberdeen, South Dakota
S. J. McIntyre	306 S. 32nd St., Billings, Montana
Lester Meyers	Mission, South Dakota
Mrs. Grace Miller Høien	2223 Gaither St., Selma, California
A. L. Mudgett	Avon, South Dakota
John Orkney	Loyalton, South Dakota
Mrs. Laura Raymer	Bushnell, South Dakota
Chester Reed	St. Paul, Nebraska
Arthur Reisdorph	Sturgis, South Dakota
R. D. Reisdorph	Miltonvale, Kansas
Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph	Miltonvale, Kansas
George Robbins	Waubay, South Dakota
Raymond Sausoman	Box 575, Huron, South Dakota

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

W. D. Shelor 203 Woodlawn Ave., Jersey City, New Jersey
 J. F. Simpson Ipswich, South Dakota
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 J. E. Spry 701 W. 2nd Ave., Mitchell, South Dakota
 Kenneth Shelley Deadwood, South Dakota
 Harry Shreve China
 C. K. Thompson Northville, South Dakota
 Mrs. Elizabeth Traver 501 E. Kemp Ave., Watertown, South Dakota
 H. J. VanVliet Conner, Montana
 Willian Ward Mina, South Dakota
 A. M. Wiley 617 4th St., S. E., Jamestown, North Dakota
 John Winterberg Artesian, South Dakota
 S. M. Yonally Buffalo, Wyoming

LICENTIATES

Robert Bateman Cavour, South Dakota
 Ruth Bixler Sierra Leone, West Africa
 Lester Bnnett Roscoe, South Dakota
 Archie Buell Marion, Indiana
 Wilbur Drown Redfield, South Dakota
 Pauline Eisenbeis Aberdeen, South Dakota
 Emil Hansen Mobridge, South Dakota
 Thomas Hersey Oak Park, Illinois
 Ralph Howard Mount Vernon, South Dakota
 Duane Janssen Houghton, South Dakota
 Markus Johnson
 Isla Knight
 T. S. Lee Almont, North Dakota
 Bertha Meyer Story, Wyoming
 W. H. Nieuenhuis Kilgore, Nebraska
 Richard O'Connor Baker, Montana
 Audrey Olson Watford City, North Dakota
 Leslie Smith Watford City, North Dakota
 Walter Simpson Marion, Indiana
 Elvie Turner Artesian, South Dakota
 Bennie Veeder Northville, South Dakota
 Mrs. Rena Veeder Northville, South Dakota
 Mrs. William Ward Mina, South Dakota
 George Warinner Baker, Montana
 Mrs. S. M. Yonally Buffalo, Wyoming

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DELEGATES

C. J. G. Larson	Mitchell, South Dakota
Mrs. J. C. McGovern	Mitchell, South Dakota
Florence Hughes	Aberdeen, South Dakota
Mrs. E. A. Girard	Aberdeen, South Dakota
Mrs. Frances Ellis	Aberdeen, South Dakota
Mrs. Rudolph Geist	Aberdeen, South Dakota
Barton Enos	Willard, Montana
Mary D. Brown	Mount Vernon, South Dakota
Charles W. Reisdorph	Houghton, South Dakota
Mrs. Charles W. Reisdorph	Houghton, South Dakota
Thomas Edwards	Houghton, South Dakota
William Beckman	Strool, South Dakota
Mrs. Della Hodson	Ipswich, South Dakota
Lester Lillibridge	Watford City, North Dakota
Mrs. Charles Ladely	Crookston, Nebraska
Mrs. Florence Arms	Flandreau, South Dakota
Mrs. Loren Betz	Billings, Montana
Mrs. Jake Turner	Artesian, South Dakota
Otto Olson	Rapid City, South Dakota
Bernice Kunkel	Almont, North Dakota
Mrs. T. S. Lee	Almont, North Dakota
Mrs. Henry Sprang	Huron, South Dakota
Dan Palmer	Mina, South Dakota
Douglas Steward	Northville, South Dakota
Mrs. Clinton Bartlett	Buffalo, Wyoming
Mrs. Anna Rose	Mobridge, South Dakota
Mrs. Walter Shook	Conner, Montana
Alice Nellis	Avon, South Dakota
Harry Hopkins	Brentford, South Dakota
Mrs. Eske	Redfield, South Dakota
Mrs. Kenneth Lerew	Athol, South Dakota
M. L. Kingslien	Watertown, South Dakota
Mrs. Cora Blazer	Baker, Montana

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

OPENING OF CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Sixty-Fifth Annual Conference of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America held at Aberdeen, South Dakota, June 4th through 10th, 1946.

Conference Sermon—The initial service of the Sixty-Fifth Annual Conference was held the evening of June 4th with the Rev. S. J. McIntyre of Billings, Montana bringing the Conference sermon. The text for the message was Acts 1:8. A large group of ministers, delegates and others were present for this first service.

Wednesday Morning, June 5th, 1946

Devotionals—The Rev. L. D. Harris conducted the devotional service reading and commenting on 2 Peter 1:1-8.

Called to Order—The Rev. J. F. Simpson, Conference President, called the Conference to order.

Roll Call—The roll was called to which twenty-five ministers and twenty-six delegates responded.

Nominating Committee—The following persons were elected as a Nominating Committee: L. D. Harris, Chairman; John Winterberg, A. M. Wiley, Charles Reisdorph, Dan Palmer.

Program Committee Report—The report of the Conference Program Committee was submitted and on motion was accepted.

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

Resignation—The Rev. Gordon Goodsell resigned as Chairman of the Statistical Committee because of other duties. The resignation was accepted by motion.

Recess—A brief recess was declared by the President to allow time for the Nominating Committee to meet and bring in their report.

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

Nominating Committee—The Nominating Committee read its report and it was accepted as amended. See Report No. 1.

The President read a letter of greeting from Miss Ruth Bixler, Missionary in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Verbal greetings were voiced by the Secretary from Rev. A. C. Buell.

Greetings—Motion prevailed that the Secretary make proper recognition of the above greetings.

Courtesies—The following ministers were introduced to the Conference

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and testified briefly: Rev. Earl Fessenden, Rev. George Warinner, Rev. Ronald Marshall, of the Iowa Conference; Rev. Omar Shantz, Fraternal Delegate from the Dakota Conference of the Free Methodist Church; Rev. William Judkins, Rev. H. A. Cottrill.

Motion—The motion prevailed that we elect a Fraternal Delegate to the Dakota Conference of the Free Methodist Church.

Election Fraternal Delegate—The Rev. L. D. Harris was elected as Fraternal Delegate.

Lay Members to Committee on Itinerary and Orders—The President appointed Mrs. Frances McGovern, Mrs. Della Hodson and Mrs. Jake Turner as Lay members of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

Years of Service—The Secretary was recognized by the Chair and asked how many of the ministers had been present at every Conference session for twenty years. Seven ministers responded, then the question was asked as to how many had been present at every Conference for thirty years, and two of the elders responded to this inquiry. Elders J. F. Simpson and L. D. Harris have ministered in Dakota Conference for thirty years or over. Fitting remarks were made in regard to the labors of those who had pioneered in the Conference.

Courtesies—The Rev. Charles W. Carter, Missionary from Sierra Leone, West Africa, was introduced to the Conference and reminisced as to his coming into the Dakota Conference some years ago, and to the Lord's leadings since that time.

Adjourned by motion for committee work.

Wednesday Afternoon, June 5th, 1946

Devotionals—The Rev. William Judkins, of Butte, Montana was in charge of the devotional service. The Scripture lesson was taken from Acts 16:14.

Greetings—Greetings were read from Mrs. Grace Miller Hoiem, Rev. George Robbins, and Rev. H. J. VanVliet.

Printing of Minutes—The motion prevailed that we have our Publishing House print our Minutes this year.

Number of Minutes—The motion carried that we have 400 copies of the Minutes printed this year.

Financing Minutes—The motion prevailed that each charge be notified by the Secretary as to the amount they should raise for the Minute Fund.

Time of Next Conference—The time of the next Annual Conference was set, by motion, to convene the first Tuesday of June, 1947, (June 3, 1947) with the Conference Sermon.

Wesleyan Hour Committee—The motion prevailed that we elect a Committee of three members to investigate the possibilities of having the Wesleyan Hour Radio Program come over Station KFYZ.

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Election—The following were elected to the Radio Committee: L. D. Harris, Kenneth Shelley, Marvin E. Jones.

Adjourned by motion.

Thursday Morning, June 6th, 1946

Devotionals—The Rev. George Warinner conducted devotions, reading Isaiah 28:17 and 1 Cor. 3:9 and commenting on said verses.

Conference was called to order, after which the roll was taken, then the Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Courtesies—The Rev. J. R. Swauger, Connectional Representative, was introduced and spoke briefly, the Rev. R. D. Reisdorph was introduced and spoke of his work in the Chaplaincy. The Rev. Romeo Baronia was introduced and testified briefly. The President at the close of these testimonies asked the Rev. Lester Bennett to lead in prayer. The Rev. Leslie Smith was introduced to the Conference and gave his testimony. Then Rev. and Mrs. Bennie Veeder were introduced and testified to God's providing of their needs.

Report—The Auditing Committee read their report and it was accepted by motion. See Report No. 2.

President's Report—The Conference President read his report, including the Financial Statement, and said report was accepted. The Doxology was then sung in praise to God for the work accomplished. See Report No. 3.

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

Report Conference Treasurer—The report of the Conference Treasurer was read and motion prevailed to accept report. Report No. 5.

Motion Auditing Committee Be Standing Committee—The motion prevailed that we elect an Auditing Committee for the coming year.

The motion then carried that the Auditing Committee be a Standing Committee of the Conference and that this action become a Standing Rule.

Motion Change in Standing Rules—The motion prevailed that Standing Rules be changed to read "May 15th," instead of "seven days before the date of opening of Conference" for closing of books of various treasurers.

Motion Honorarium—The motion prevailed that we give the Conference Treasurer an honorarium of fifty dollars a year and that this be a Standing Rule, replacing the Standing Rule setting said honorarium at ten dollars a year.

Adjourned Subject to Call of Chair.

Thursday Afternoon, June 6th, 1946

Connectional Address—The Connectional Representative, the Rev. J. R. Swauger, brought the Connectional Address, using for a Scripture lesson

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Joshua 14:6—15:15, with Joshua 14:12 as his text. The sermon might well be called a faith-builder.

After the Connectional Address the President called the Conference to order.

Delegate Seated—Motion prevailed that H. B. Engel be seated as delegate from the Ipswich charge. This was necessary because one of the delegates from said charge had left the Conference grounds.

Motion—The motion carried that the Rev. J. R. Swauger be made an honorary member of the Conference and seated in the Conference Bar.

Report—The Committee on Railroad Expense read its report and said report was accepted by motion. See Report No. 6.

Report—The report of the Camp Meeting Treasurer was read and accepted as read. See Report No. 10.

Report—The Committee on Church and Parsonage Building and Location read their report and it was accepted. See Report No. 7.

Report Referred Back—A motion carried that the report of the Committee on Railroad Expense be referred back to said Committee.

Motion—The motion prevailed that Mrs. Loren Betz be excused from serving on the Pastoral Relations Committee.

Report—The Committee on Itineracy and Orders read a partial report and it was accepted by motion. See Report No. 8.

Greetings—Greetings to the Conference from Kenneth Knapp, General Evangelist, was read by the President.

Election—The Nominating Committee nominated Lester Lillibridge to the Pastoral Relations Committee and he was elected.

Adjourned Subject to Call of Chair.

Friday Morning, June 7th, 1946

Devotionals—The Rev. H. A. Cottrill conducted the devotional period reading and commenting on Hebrews 10:9.

Called to Order—The President called the Conference to order, after which roll was called. The minutes of the last session were read, corrected and approved.

Courtesies—Professor Leo Cox of Miltonvale Wesleyan College was introduced to the Conference and spoke briefly. The Rev. George Failing, Central, South Carolina, was introduced and testified briefly.

Election of Officers—The Program called for Election of Officers, and the election resulted as follows:

Conference President—J. F. Simpson

Vice-President—L. D. Harris

Secretary—Marvin E. Jones

Treasurer—S. J. McIntyre

Lay Trustee—Dan Palmer, Term to expire 1949.

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Resignation—The Rev. W. D. Shelor resigned as a Trustee, and by motion his resignation was accepted.

Election Continued—The Rev. H. W. Cretsinger was elected to fill the unexpired term of W. D. Shelor. Term expires in 1948.

First Delegate to General Conference (Elder) J. F. Simpson.

Second Delegate to General Conference (Elder) L. D. Harris.

Alternate Delegate to General Conference (Elder) William Ward.

First Lay Delegate, Charles Reisdorph.

Second Lay Delegate, Dan Palmer.

Alternate Lay Delegate, Harold Duffloth.

Representative to College—The Rev. W. D. Shelor stated his intention of sending his resignation to the Book Committee as Conference Representative to Miltonvale Wesleyan College.

By proper parliamentary procedure the Rev. Marvin E. Jones was nominated by the Conference to fill the unexpired term as Representative to Miltonvale College, and this nomination was to be forwarded to the Book Committee.

Election of Officers Continued—

Sunday School Secretary—Gordon Goodsell

Tithing Secretary—A. L. Mudgett

Transportation Secretary—J. F. Simpson

Secretary-Treasurer Ministerial Relief Fund—Thomas Bailie

Standing Committees—The Nominating Committee read its report on Conference Standing Committees, the report was amended and accepted by motion.

Resignation—The Rev. H. W. Cretsinger resigned from position of Chairman of Auditing Committee.

Election—The Rev. A. L. Mudgett was elected as Chairman of the Auditing Committee.

Advisory Board—The President nominated Rev. J. E. Spry and H. B. Engel to his Advisory Board and they were elected.

Itineracy and Orders Report—The Committee on Itineracy and Orders read their completed report and it was accepted.

Report—The Committee on Railroad Expense submitted back to the Conference their corrected report and it was accepted.

Adjourned by Motion.

Saturday Morning, June 8, 1946

Called to Order—The Conference was called to order by the President, and then because of much unfinished Committee work, we adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Monday Morning June 10, 1946

Devotions—The President conducted a brief devotional period.

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Roll Call—After being called to order by the President, the roll was taken. The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Report—The Committee on Passage of Character presented their report and it was accepted. See Report No. 15.

Courtesies—Rev. Willard Archer, of Rochester, Minnesota, was introduced and spoke briefly. He then presented the plan being used by the Rochester Church to raise funds to build a church, i. e., securing blood donors with proceeds going to the Fund. Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Eling of Kansas were introduced and testified to the Lord's dealing in their lives.

Motion to Amend—The motion prevailed to amend the report of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders regarding the status of Rev. George Warinner.

Report—The Committee on Statistics read their report and it was accepted on motion. See Statistical Report.

Motion to Amend—The motion prevailed that the above motion be amended to read: The item of Church membership be referred back to the Statistical Committee with full power to act."

Report—The Committee on Resolutions presented their report and it was adopted by motion. See Report No. 11.

Report—The Pastoral Relations Committee presented its report and it was accepted. See Report No. 12.

Motion Resolution—The motion prevailed that we adopt the resolution presented by Rev. R. D. Reisdorph, as follows: That all monies raised for Budget (from Church, Sunday School, Y. M. W. B., W. Y. P. S., and W. H. & F. M. S.) be sent to the Conference Treasurer for a General Conference Budget Fund, and that the Conference Treasurer disburse said funds proportionately to each arm of the work quarterly.

Motion: Educational Budget—The motion prevailed that we voluntarily raise our Educational Budget to \$1.75 per member per year.

Report—The report of the Missionary Board was read and accepted. See Report No. 14.

Motion—The motion carried that the Pioneer Pastor's Fund be continued and that this assessment become one of our Standing Rules.

Motion to Strike Item From Standing Rules—The motion prevailed that the item regarding the passing of Character of Pastors be stricken from our Standing Rules, inasmuch as the item is carried in the Discipline and therefore unnecessary in said Rules.

Report—The report of the Committee on the Wesleyan Hour was read and accepted on motion. See Report No. 15.

Election—The above report called for an election of a Committee of three members. The following were elected: L. D. Harris, Marvin E. Jones, J. F. Simpson.

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Sympathies—The motion prevailed that we convey a message of sympathy to the families of the Rev. P. T. Emmett and Mr. Holland who were killed in a plane crash, and that the Rev. W. J. Leyh act as our representative in conveying said message.

Motion—The motion carried that a delegation be sent to visit Rev. C. K. Thompson, Superannuated, who is seriously ill. A committee was appointed by the Chairman.

Motion—The motion prevailed that we allow the Tithing Secretary ten dollars with which to purchase literature and for postage.

Adjourned by Limitation of Time.

Monday Afternoon, June 10, 1946

Call to Order—The Conference was called to order by the President. The Minutes were read and approved.

Motion—A motion was made to reconsider the motion of the morning session regarding the resolution presented by the Rev. R. D. Reisdorph. The motion failed to carry.

Minutes of this final session were read and approved.

Adjourned Subject to Call of Chair.

REPORT 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, L. D. Harris, H. W. Cretsinger, C. W. Reisdorph, Dan Palmer, Mrs. Lorin Betz.

Passage of Character—Mrs. Laura Raymer, Miss Alice Nellis.

Auditing Committee—H. W. Cretsinger, Duane Janssen, Mrs. Florence Arms.

Railroad Expense—Lester Myers, Ellis Sollie, Douglas Steward.

Resolutions Committee—W. D. Shelor, Lester Bennett, Mrs. J. C. McGovern.

Committee on Courtesies—John J. Hunter.

Conference Reporter—W. J. Leyh.

Statistical Committee—R. J. Sausoman, William Judkins, A. L. Mudgett, Florence Hughes, Mary Brown.

Committee: L. D. HARRIS,
CHARLES REISDORPH,
A. M. WILEY,
DAN PALMER,
JOHN WINTERBERG.

Report No. 2

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your Auditing Committee, have audited the books of the Conference Treasurer and the Treasurer of the Ministerial Relief Fund and found them to be correct. We have also audited the financial reports of the Conference President and the Transportation Secretary and found them correct.

H. W. CRETSINGER,
DUANE JANSSEN,
MRS. FLORENCE ARMS.

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Report No. 3

PRESIDENT

The Dakota Conference has been blessed with a goodly heritage. Our founders were men and women of piety, faith, vision and sacrifice. They laid a foundation for a growing work. Their vision was clear. They knew how to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. They have laid down their armour, and now their task has been committed to us. The question which concerns us, which is of great moment, will we fail to come up to God's expectations for us in holding high the torch which has been lit by those who have gone before.

Our day is one of advancement in transportation and living conditions, but it will take the same qualities of faith, vision, and sacrifice as our founders had to continue the work until our Lord says it is finished.

We are glad to say that this has been a year of the movement of the Spirit of the Lord among our people. A number of gracious revivals have been held. The general attendance of our churches and Sunday Schools has had a marked increase in spite of the fact the report of our membership may not show a great increase. Many of our churches have drastically revised their rolls, as a great number of our people have left the state in the past few years and many of these people have united with other churches.

Our preachers are giving their lives to this task. The angels would gladly exchange places with them if permission could be granted by the Head of the Church.

Three new churches have been dedicated this year, and four more of our churches will soon be ready for dedication.

Your President has traveled about fifty-five thousand miles this year in church visitation and has been sustained by Divine help each step of the way. Six churches and six parsonages have been added to our list of church property at a value of \$53,000.00 with an indebtedness of approximately \$10,000.00. This makes a net increase of church property for this year at \$43,000.00 above the accrued indebtedness. Regular payments are being made on the indebtedness so that each unit seems to be on a safe financial basis. Four of our new works which were started a few years ago on the same principle of finance as the ones mentioned above plan to liquidate their indebtedness in the very near future.

It seems good to the Holy Ghost and to the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church to send our Brother Romeo Baronia to the Philippine Islands to labor among his people. We bespeak for this venture of faith a bright future and a harvest of souls. This will enlarge our vision as well as our borders to include the Philippines as our parish.

God has set before the Dakota Conference many open doors of opportunity. Calls are coming for workers in the neglected fields about us. The brightest hour of our history has come if we continue to honor the Holy

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Ghost be retaining the spirit of aggression coupled with evangelistic fervor.

It is vital that we keep the spirit of unity on all issues which are fundamental and charity on all questions which involve the individual conscience. The gates of hell shall not prevail against such a company of laymen and preachers who are committed to the great task of snatching souls from the burning in this midnight hour of the Laodicean age. J. F. Simpson.

Official Acts

July 27, granted letters of transfer to Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Brannon to the Oklahoma Conference.

August 4, received letter of transfer for Rev. Earl F. Fessenden from the Kansas Conference.

August 12, received a letter of transfer for Rev. H. J. VanVliet from the Montana Conference of Methodist Church.

August 24, accepted the resignation of Rev. Grace Miller as pastor of the Brentford Church.

September 5, appointed Rev. Lester Meyers as supply of the Brentford Church. Received Rev. John Orkney, Elder, from the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

February 25, received a letter of transfer for Rev. Harry Shreve from the Emmanuel Missionary Church. Received Rev. H. A. Cottrill, Elder, from the General Baptist Church.

February 28, granted a letter of Standing to Rev. Charles Carter.

June 5, received a letter of transfer for Rev. William Judkins, Elder, from Iowa Conference.

June 5, received a letter of transfer for Rev. George Warinner, Licentiate, from the Iowa Conference.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Salary

Received from Church Visitation	\$ 737.00
Received from Conference Treasurer on Salary	1135.00
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Total Salary	\$, 1872.00
Received on House Rent	180.00

Expenses

Paid on expense for meals, hotel, telephone, telegraph, bus fare, postage, some railroad fare ...	356.00
Received from Conference Treasurer	345.50

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REPORT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY

Received on Expense for Transportation
from Conference Treasurer \$ 5.00

J. F. SIMPSON, President.

Report No. 4

MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND TREASURER

Receipts

Cash on hand beginning of year	\$ 92.74
Received on First Assessment	50.50
Received on Second Assessment	42.55
Received on Third Assessment	49.00
Received on Fourth Assessment	40.05

Total Receipts	\$ 274.84
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Disbursements

Ralph Howard	\$ 18.06
Lester Meyers	50.00
Archie Mudgett	18.06
John Winterberg	11.60
Marvin Jones	19.00
Banking, postcards, postage	2.25

Total Disbursements	\$ 118.97
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Balance on Hand June 1, 1946	\$ 155.87
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Total Receipts June 1, 1946	274.84
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THOMAS BAILIE,

Secretary Treasurer.

Report No. 5

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Receipts

Balance Cash in Bank June 1, 1945	\$ 2670.15
Received from 7½% Fund	3759.22
Rapid City for Church Pews	50.00
Missions (Undesignated)	99.76
Foreign Missions	579.20
Superannuated Minister's Fund	469.60

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Home Missions	276.05
Orphanage	54.76
Miltonvale and Marion Colleges	390.41
Railroad Carfare	254.30
Conference Dues	1.50
General Conference Delegate .....	.60
Flandreau for Church Pew	15.00
Emergency Relief Fund (½ tithes)	456.45
Pioneer Pastor's Fund	530.34
W. H. & F. M. Society	676.92
Butte Church	25.00
Deadwood Church	6.59
Conference Minutes	157.30
Conner Church	18.44
Sturgis Church	75.00
Britton Church	25.00
Romeo Baronia Fund	1150.54
Total	\$ 11742.13

Disbursements

Rapid City for Pews	\$ 50.00
Missions (Undesignated)	97.13
Foreign Missions	579.20
Superannuated Minister's Fund	240.00
Home Missions	276.05
Orphanage	54.76
Miltonvale and Marion Colleges	368.33
Minister's Carfare	212.97
J. F. Simpson, House Rent	180.00
J. F. Simpson, Salary	1135.00
J. F. Simpson, Expense	345.50
Rapid City Church Material (Int.)	316.63
Flandreau Church Material	165.00
Forsyth (Rent)	123.96
Watertown (Rent)	120.00
Rapid City (Note)	300.00
Flandreau (Rent)	180.00
Incidentals	310.76
Emergency Relief Fund	315.00
Pioneer Pastor's Fund	530.34
W. H. & F. M. Society	430.91
Deadwood Church	6.59

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Conference Minutes	185.00
Conner Church Material	318.44
Sturgis Church	75.00
Britton Church	25.00
Romeo Baronia Fund	61.01
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 7002.58,</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 11742.13
Total Disbursements	<u>7002.58</u>
Balance in Funds	\$ 4739.55

PIONEER PASTOR'S FUND

Receipts

Received from Churches	<u>\$ 530.34</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 530.34

Disbursements

John Hunter	\$ 530.34
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ROMEO BARONIA FUND

Receipts

Receipts	<u>\$ 1150.54</u>
Total	\$ 1150.54

Disbursements

Romeo Baronia	<u>\$ 61.01</u>
Balance on Hand	\$ 1089.53

SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND

Receipts

Balance on Hand June 1, 1945	\$ 900.73
From churches	469.60
From Conference fund	105.48
Total	<u>\$ 1475.81</u>

Disbursements

C. K. Thompson	\$ 120.00
Mrs. E. Traver	120.00
Total	<u>\$ 240.00</u>
Balance on Hand	\$ 1235.81

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS OF SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND

Loan No. 1 to Conference	\$ 289.49
Loan No. 2 to Conference	249.39
Series F. War Bonds	259.00
Series F. War Bonds	259.00
Cash on Hand June 1, 1946	1235.81
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Total Assets	\$ 2292.69

CONFERENCE EMERGENCY FUND

Receipts

Balance on Hand June 1, 1945	\$ 511.54
Pastor's ($\frac{1}{2}$) Tithe	456.45
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Total	\$ 967.99

Disbursements

Bertha Meyer	\$ 20.00
William Judkins	50.00
R. J. Sausoman	45.00
Baker, Montana	20.00
Flandreau Church	180.00
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Total	\$ 315.00
Balance on Hand	\$ 652.99

TOTAL CASH ON HAND

Superannuated Minister's Fund	\$ 1235.81
Emergency Relief Fund	652.99
Romeo Baronia Fund	1089.53
Conference Fund	1761.22
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Total	\$ 4739.55

S. J. McINTYRE, Treasurer.

Report No. 6

RAILROAD EXPENSE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Railroad Expense, find that the amount sent in by the various charges amounts to \$ 254.30
Amount to be paid out, 214.72.
This amount divided by the 32 charges makes the assessment against each charge amount to \$6.71.

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We recommend that this amount be sent to the Conference Treasurer by August 1, 1946.

LESTER MYERS,
ELLIS SOLLIE,
DOUGLAS STEWARD.

Report No. 7

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH AND PARSONAGE BUILDING AND LOCATION

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

June 17, approved the repair of the Britton church.

July 7, approved the purchase of the church and parsonage at Deadwood, South Dakota.

January, approved the Sturgis Building Project.

Approved the new parsonage at Redfield.

Approved the purchase of a parsonage at Ipswich.

Approved the parsonage project at Huron.

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

Report No. 8

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS

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

Ellis Sollie and Romeo Baronia be elected to Elder's Orders and that the Ordination Service be held Sunday morning June 9, 1946 with the Rev. George Failing as speaker.

That the following persons have their licenses renewed: Audrey Olson, Robert Bateman, Ruth Bixler, Thomas Hersey, Isla Knight, Richard O'Connor, Mrs. S. M. Yonally, Mrs. William Ward, Leslie Smith, Marcus Johnson, Duane Janssen, Walter Simpson.

That the following persons be listed in the Fourth year of the Course of Study and that their licenses be renewed: Bennie Veeder, Elvie Turner, Wilbur Drown, and Emil Hansen.

That A. C. Buell and Mrs. Rena Veeder be listed in the Third Year of Study and their licenses renewed.

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That Lester Bennett be listed in the Second Year of Study and his license renewed.

That Ralph Howard, T. S. Lee, Pauline Eisenbeis and W. H. Nieuenhuis be listed in the First Year of Study and their licenses renewed.

That Bertha Meyer be received as a Conference Preacher from the Kansas Conference and granted a license.

That George Gore be referred back to his Quarterly Conference.

Committee: A. M. WILEY,
S. J. McINTYRE,
G. W. GOODSSELL,
FRANCES McGOVERN,
CORA B. TURNER,
S. M. YONALLY.

Report No. 9

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, William Ward, Dan Palmer.

Conference Program Committee—Conference President, Pastor Aberdeen Church, President W. H. & F. M. S., President 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 Location—J. F. Simpson, William Ward, Pastor Aberdeen Church, Dan Palmer, H. B. Engel.

Committee on Itineracy and Orders—S. M. Yonally, Term expires 1949; A. M. Wiley, term expires 1948; S. J. McIntyre, term expires 1947; Gordon Goodsell, term expires 1950.

Auditing Committee—A. L. Mudgett, Gordon Goodsell, Kenneth Shelley.

Committee: L. D. HARRIS,
J. E. WINTERBERG,
A. M. WILEY,
DAN PALMER,
CHARLES REISDORPH.

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Report No. 10

CAMP MEETING TREASURER

Receipts June 1, 1946

Cash on hand June 2, 1945	\$ 646.34
Personal Offerings and Pledges	1834.84
Tabernacle Offerings	1093.10
Received from Dining Hall Office	487.27
Received from Bookstand	146.00
Payment for song books	16.00
Sale of Left-over Groceries	51.12
Payment of Telephone calls	30.78
From W. H. & F. M. S. on Cleaning rooms	95.73
Sale of Cresbard Church	475.00
Received from Insurance on Tabernacle	320.80
From W. Y. P. S. Treasury on Tabernacle floor ...	5.00
Total Received	\$ 5201.98

Disbursements

Rev. George Hilson	\$ 150.00
Rev. H. Robb French	175.00
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Knapp	140.00
Beef for Kitchen	125.00
Groceries and miscellaneous	448.00
Kitchen Help (Sisters Haviland and Severson)	130.00
Exchange on checks	2.95
Incidentals for Grounds	171.10
Beds, Springs, Mattresses, Etc.	155.79
Telephone calls and dues	80.69
Cleaning Grounds last year	61.75
Insurance premiums and new policy	61.80
For extra service on grounds	25.00
McKeever Printing Co., printing	24.68
Wesleyan Publishing Association	170.00
J. E. Shannon for Cabin rent	28.00
Purchase of Cresbard Church from Mobridge Church	400.00
Northville Church on Mortgage	371.00
Church Extension:	
A. T. Reisdorph on personal Lumber account assumed for Rapid City Church	200.00
A. T. Reisdorph on Salary	300.00
Rapid City Church, Hall rent	32.00

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Rapid City opening service	15.00
Rapid City Revival	45.00
Rev. Kenneth Shelley assistance while building	150.00
Ralph Howard assistance	50.00
Flandreau on moving bill	100.00
Thomas Bailie, assistance during building project ..	25.00
Britton Church on note	110.00
Baker Church, Parsonage	16.00
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Total Disbursements	\$ 3763.77
Balance according to book	\$ 1438.21
Balance according to Bank statement	\$ 1770.74

Report No. 11

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolved, That we praise God, our Creator and Redeemer, for His abundant mercy and grace throughout the past Conference year, and for His manifest blessing upon this session of our Annual Meeting, and that we earnestly seek His continued guidance for the coming year.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to our Conference President, the Rev. J. F. Simpson, for his faithful and energetic labors within the bounds of the Dakota Conference, and that we pledge him our whole-hearted support and prayers as we face another Conference year.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to our Connectional Representative, the Rev. J. R. Swauger, for his presence, counsel and splendid addresses.

Resolved, That we render thanks to God for the safe return of Rev. R. D. Reisdorph, who served as a Chaplain with the armed forces in France and elsewhere, and for the presence of himself and his family in this annual gathering; and also for the return of so many of our boys, and that we continue to pray for and write to those boys yet in the uniform of their country.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Dakota Conference for their faithful devotion to the duties of their offices during the year.

Resolved, That we extend our gratitude to all who have ministered to our physical comforts while on these grounds, and to all who have generously given provisions for the dining hall.

Resolved, That we instruct our Secretary to write our thanks to the Aber-

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deen American News and to Radio Station KABR for the courtesies they have shown to this Conference and Camp.

Resolved, That we pray earnestly and often for those of our constituency who labor on new and pioneer fields, often under hard and trying circumstances. "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love."

Resolved, That we send to the following Railroad Companies through our Secretary, the thanks of this Conference for the gift of passes to our Conference officials: The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Company and the Great Northern Railroad Company.

Resolved, That we give every possible support and encouragement to the growing anti-liquor sentiment throughout our country. The liquor dealers are becoming alarmed at the many evidences of the growing strength of the dries and we, as a Conference and as churches and individuals, should do what we can to promote the temperance cause in every possible way.

Committee: W. D. SHELOR,
LESTER BENNETT,
MRS. J. C. MCGOVERN.

Report No. 12

PASTORAL RELATIONS

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

Aberdeen—W. J. Leyh and Wife
Almont—T. S. Lee
Artesian—John Winterberg
Avon—A. L. Mudgett
Baker-Knobs—George Warinner
Bradley—In hands of President
Buffalo—S. M. Yonally and wife
Bushnell—Mrs. Laura Raymer
Butte—William Judkins
Conner—John J. Hunter
Deadwood—Kenneth Shelley
Flandreau—W. O. Howard
Forsyth—Thomas Bailie and Wife
Houghton and Britton—Duane Janssen
Huron—R. J. Sausoman
Ipswich—To be supplied
Loyalton—John Orkney—

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McIntosh—In Hands of President
Medicine Rocks, Mill Iron—Ellis Sollie
Mission—Lester Myers
Mitchell—Marvin E. Jones
Mount Vernon—Ralph Howard
Mobridge and Pollock—Emil Hansen
Northville and Brentford—Bennie Veeder and Wife
Rapid City—Harold Cottrill
Redfield and Calvary—H. W. Cretsinger
Richland—William Ward and Wife
Story—Bertha Meyer
Strool and Bison—Earl Fessenden
Sturgis—To be Supplied
Watertown—Gordon Goodsell and Wife
Webster—In hands of President
Watford City and Johnson Corners—L. D. Harris
To choose own field of labor—Don Gerriets
Supply Methodist Church, Cleveland, North Dakota—A. M. Wiley
Supply Jersey City, New Jersey Church—W. D. Shelor
President Miltonvale Wesleyan College—R. D. Reisdorph
Conference President—J. F. Simpson
General W. H. & F. M. S. President—Ruby Reisdorph
Missionary to China—Harry Shreve
Missionary to Sierra Leone, West Africa—Miss Ruth Bixler
Missionary Work—J. E. Spry, Elvie Turner, Isla Knight, Leslie Smith,
Romeo Baronia, Pauline Eisenbeis, W. H. Nieuwenhuis, Audrey Olson,
Robert Bateman, Markus Johnson, Archie Buell, Richard O'Connor, Walter
Simpson, Wilbur Drown and Wife, Arthur Reisdorph, Thomas Hershey,
Ralph Helle, Marion Koth, Mrs. Elizabeth Traver, Minnie Knecht, George
Robbins, H. J. VanVliet
American Sunday School Union—L. L. Knapp, Chester Reed, Otto
Jensen
Teaching at Miltonvale Wesleyan College—Wesley Knapp
Missionary Evangelists—Lester Bennett, W. W. Jeffers
General Evangelist—Kenneth Knapp
Superannuated—C. K. Thompson
Committee: J. F. SIMPSON,
L. D. HARRIS,
H. W. CRETSINGER,
CHARLES REISDORPH,
DAN PALMER,
LESTER LILLIBRIDGE.

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Report No. 13

MISSIONARY BOARD

Missionary Board Meeting held June 7, 1946 at Aberdeen Campground.
By motion S. J. McIntyre was appointed Secretary pro-tem.

The following recommendations were made:

That we pay C. K. Thompson \$10.00 per month.

That we pay Arthur Reisdorph Lumber bill to Fisher and Hunter Lumber Co., \$250.00 by March 1, 1947.

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

That we pay W. O. Howard \$15.00 per month for rent.

That we pay the Huron Church \$75.00 on open account.

That the President's salary be \$35.00 per week, and that he be allowed \$15.00 monthly for house rent, and that his traveling expenses be paid.

That we pay Loan Number 2 to Superannuated Ministers' Fund in the amount of \$149.39, which is part payment of said loan.

That if possible entire amount of Loan Number 2 be paid.

That Kenneth Shelley be given \$75.00 toward repairing and painting the Deadwood church.

That the Conference Treasurer's name be added to the Missionary Board.

Meeting June 8, 1946

The President, J. F. Simpson, mentioned prospects of a work near the Fort Randall dam, then presented the Rev. Snodgrass of Lynch, Nebraska.

Motion prevailed that a committee be elected to investigate.

Following were elected to said committee: J. F. Simpson, R. D. Reisdorph, Will Beckman.

Motion prevailed that we continue to send to Forsyth \$10.33 per month for five months.

Motion carried that we send Butte \$15.00 per month for a year.

Motion prevailed that we send John Hunter \$150.00 for Church Building.

We recommend that one-third of the Public Camp Meeting offerings be turned over to the Conference Treasurer and designated for Conference Church Extension and this amount be disbursed by the Missionary Board.

Motion prevailed that Kenneth Shelley receive \$75.00 per month for the first three months and \$50.00 per month for the remainder of the year.

Committee: J. F. SIMPSON,
S. J. MCINTYRE,
R. J. SAUSOMAN,
CHARLES REISDORPH,
VIOLA LEYH.

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Report No. 14

WESLEYAN HOUR COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on the Wesleyan Hour Program, find that voluntary offerings have amounted to \$1011.00 and this but a partial accounting, as many personal contributions were doubtless made and not reported. The Rev. C. F. Clifton wrote L. D. Harris that it would cost approximately \$40.00 per program which would amount to \$2080 per year to carry the program over KFYZ, Bismark, N. D.

We recommend that we elect a permanent Wesleyan Hour Committee consisting of three members, one of them to be elected by this Committee as Wesleyan Hour Treasurer, that voluntary pledges be taken on each of our charges at the earliest possible date after Conference by the pastors, that the amount of the pledges be sent to said Treasurer, with the understanding that as soon as the pledges are sufficient to guarantee the purchase of time for a year's contract, payment on pledges become due.

That all monies raised for the Wesleyan Hour Program be sent to the Conference Wesleyan Hour Treasurer who will in turn forward the contributions to the WESLEYAN HOUR DIRECTOR.

The Rev. C. F. Clifton be contacted by the Committee to ascertain if pledges already in force from Dakota Conference could be paid through this Treasurer to apply on time purchased over KFYZ.

Committee: L. D. HARRIS,
MARVIN E. JONES,
KENNETH SHELLEY.

Report No. 15

PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

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

We recommend a greater effort on the part of some to place the Wesleyan Methodist in the homes of their people in the coming year, and also to comply with paragraph number 378 in the Discipline.

Committee: J. F. SIMPSON,
LAURA S. RAYMER,
ALICE NELLIS.

CONFERENCE STANDING RULES AND RESOLUTIONS

FINANCIAL PLAN FOR CONFERENCE WORK

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

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

The amount of Railroad Expense is \$6.71 per charge, and it is recommended that this amount be sent to the Conference Treasurer not later than August 1.

BY-LAWS

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

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 arriving on the new field. This file is to be open to the inspection of members of the local church.

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 their tithe each month to the Conference Treasurer, indicating that the amount sent in is for the Emergency Extension Fund.

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 Budget.

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

Books Close—All treasurers of the separate Funds of the Conference are instructed to close their books on May 15th each year.

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

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

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

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Standing Committee—The Auditing Committee shall be one of the Standing Committees of the Conferences.

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.

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 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 the 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 paid by check please pay service charge.

In case of death the maximum of \$100.00 will be paid the beneficiaries. The assessment in such an instance 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 expense shall be deducted from the Fund.

BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

Foreign Missions	\$2.00 per member
Home Missions	1.00 per member
Education	1.75 per member
Orphanage .....	.25 per member
Superannuated Ministers' Fund52 per member
Pioneer Pastors' Fund	1.00 per member

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Gordon Goodsell	Term expires 1950
S. M. Yonally	Term expires 1949
A. M. Wiley	Term expires 1948
S. J. McIntyre	Term expires 1947

List of Books and Examiners

Gordon Goodsell:

First Year—Bible, Applied Business English

Second Year—Bible, Homiletics

Third Year—Bible

Fourth Year—Bible, Bible Geography

S. J. McIntyre:

First Year—Roberts' 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

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

(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 N. Sanborn, Mitchell, South Dakota. A fee of ten cents will be charged on any of these books.)

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Charges	Item I. Pastor's Labors.										Item II. Periodicals									
	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Wesleyan Missionaries Taken	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	Pupil's Lesson Stories, Etc.	Bible Lesson Stories, Etc.
Aberdeen	11	1	1	22	20	14	50	25	30	12	50	27	20	25	5	40	...	...	...	...
Almont	11	1	1	9	10	10	27	8	8	5	20	1	3	6	13	5	7	7	7	...
Artesian	12	1	1	4	14	8	18	8	7	5	40	...	...	10	...	6	...	12	...	...
Avon	12	2	1	5	10	3	30	5	15	4	26	...	6	17	...	5	...	...	15	...
Baker	9	2	1	9	14	2	20	8	6	6	34	10	6	...	...	15	...	...	...	...
Billings	12	2	1	15	15	10	45	45	15	14	45	...	42	...	...	15	30	3	10	...
Bradley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brentford	9	1	1	7	7	...	8	...	4	2	6	...	...	4	...	8	4	...	...	...
Britton	12	1	1	2	4	2	5	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	...	3	6	...	...	...
Buffalo	12	1	1	7	9	6	20	8	10	8	2	5	...	10	5	8	6	...	6	...
Bushnell	12	1	1	3	6	1	8	10	8	2	5	...	8	...	...	8	...	...	...	...
Butte	10	1	1	3	3	2	40	44	50	4	16	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	...
Calvary	12	1	1	3	5	...	12	...	1	3	12	1	...	1	...	4	1	...	1	...
Conner	12	1	1	5	9	3	15	10	8	3	15	12	6	8	5	...	...	...	8	...
Flandreau	12	1	1	8	8	1	8	3	3	3	...	...	3	3	...	4	3	1	...	...
Forsyth	12	3	1	3	4	1	49	44	29	6	12	20	39	6	24	10	...	2	1	...
Houghton	12	1	1	5	9	6	12	6	7	3	11	...	6	6	...	3	7	...	...	...
Huron	12	3	1	3	12	22	15	15	5	17	9	12	10	...	...	8	15	15	15	...
Ipswich	12	2	1	6	5	12	32	10	5	...	45	...	12	5	...	10	5	...	...	...
Johnson Corners	12	1	1	17	19	14	24	24	20	10	40	8	10	...	...	15	24	1	...	15
Knobs, Mill Iron	9	1	...	2	4	1	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Loyalton	12	1	...	2	11	2	15	15	...	4	15	...	20	...	...	10	...	...	10	...
McIntosh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	11	1	1	5	8	3	15	1	3	4	20	...	...	5	...	...	4	1	...	4
Mission	12	1	1	2	...	2	11	6	7	4	9	5	7	7	...	10	7	1	...	...
Mitchell	12	1	1	14	24	14	60	20	12	12	55	10	12	14	...	10	...	...	8	...
Mobridge	12	1	1	5	8	10	24	24	14	3	16	18	24	...	...	8	14	...	...	...
Mount Vernon	12	1	1	1	...	...	10	7	7	7	22	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	4
Northville	12	1	1	6	8	2	10	1	3	6	17	...	2	3	...	4	4	...	1	...
Pollock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rapid City	12	1	1	2	12	1	25	15	25	5	25	12	12	15	...	10	15	1	15	...
Redfield	12	1	1	9	15	9	29	17	8	6	30	8	...	4	...	10	8	1	...	6
Richland	12	1	1	16	22	15	40	18	12	5	45	10	12	12	...	20	15	1	...	...
Stroud	10	2	...	8	10	12	15	15	10	5	10	...	15	10	...	20	10	1	...	...
Story	12	1	...	19	11	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Watertown	12	1	1	6	9	11	20	12	20	5	20	...	12	15	...	6	10	...	12	...
Watford City	12	1	1	11	17	13	30	25	20	6	40	15	14	...	...	6	20	1	...	...
Webster	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	392	43	30	244	342	204	757	451	385	163	742	171	310	191	47	292	223	14	80	86

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Item III. Membership

Charges	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Total Membership Lost	No. Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss (or)	Gain	No. Under 14 Years	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstated Elders	Local Preachers	No. of Family Altars	Membership Tithing
Aberdeen	14		11		6	17	91	88	3			1	14				25
Almont	3						25	28		3							9
Artesian			1		1	2	47	45	2		3	3				9	9
Avon	3			1			18	20		2						5	8
Baker	7		4		1	5	32	34		2						10	13
Billings	10		10	2	7	19	102	93	9			9	2		1	42	35
Bradley							16	16									
Brentford					1	1	20	19	1								
Britton																	
Buffalo	6		2			2	18	22		4		3					17
Bushnell							11	11									
Butte	2				5	5	14	11	3		1		1			3	3
Calvary	2		3			3	15	12								6	6
Conner	2						11	13		2	3		1			4	11
Flandreau	4						8	12		4						5	12
Forsyth	2						13	15		2	3					3	15
Houghton	2			2	2	4	26	22	2							4	20
Huron	4			1		1	32	35		3			1		2	7	30
Ipswich	13				6	6	59	66		7	3				2		
Johnson Corners			4			4	64	60	4						2	10	30
Knobs, Mill Iron							14	14								3	3
Loyalton							10	10								4	
McIntosh							17	15	2						1	7	10
Medicine Rocks	2				4	4	17	15	2						1	4	4
Mission					2	2	9	7	2								
Mitchell	4				5	6	76	74	2		1		5			10	24
Mobridge	4		1				18	21		3		1	2			7	15
Mount Vernon					4	4	15	11	4		2					4	11
Northville					6	6	49	43	6					1			
Pollock							5	5									
Rapid City	1			1		1	15	15					5			3	7
Redfield	6				4	4	57	59		2		5			3	9	37
Richland	2						53	55		2	3	3	2		2	10	26
Strool																	
Story																	
Watertown	2		1			1	21	22		1		1				7	13
Watford City							49	49			5				2	7	15
Webster							7	7									
Totals	93		37	8	54	99	1037	1031	43	37	24	26	33	1	16	177	399

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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	No. in Home Department	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. of Scholars Converted	No. Joining Church	No. of Departmental Supts.	No. of Organized Classes	No. of Books in Library	Enrollment in V. B. S.	Aver. Attendance V. B. S.	No. W. Y. P. Societies	Total Membership Societies
Aberdeen	1	2	8	110	120	20	12	140	90	3	12	3	270	45	35	1	20	
Almont	1	7	5	20	32	28	12	72	15	1	3	3	90	5	30	1	12	
Artesian	1	7	4	57	68	2	3	73	55	1	1	5	30	30	1	25		
Avon	1	2	4	42	48	7	53	35	4	4	1	4	1	18	1	18		
Baker	1	4	4	...	...	1	53	57	4	4	...	4	...	1	9	...
Billings	1	7	13	125	145	18	163	98	16	...	2	101	...	1	11	...		
Bradley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brentford	1	2	3	13	18	...	18	12	...	...	...	30	...	...	...	...
Britton	1	2	2	10	14	4	18	12	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo	1	2	6	32	40	5	45	31	...	...	2	40	32	25	1	8
Butte	1	1	5	76	82	29	111	33	6	...	...	10	...	1	10	...
Bushnell	1	2	2	28	32	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calvary	1	5	3	12	20	...	20	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Conner	1	5	...	37	42	4	24	70	24	1	2	2	...	...	...	...
Flandreau	1	2	3	11	16	...	16	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forsyth	2	4	8	125	137	73	22	232	90	...	2	...	64	56	1	4		
Houghton	1	...	3	22	25	6	31	16	3	...	3	3	18	...	1	10		
Huron	1	7	5	63	75	8	83	40	2	4	3	5	...	13	...	...
Ipswich	1	7	...	35	42	2	8	52	37	...	...	...	...	...	1	26
Johnson Corners	1	4	7	50	61	...	...	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Knobs, Mill Iron	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Loyalton	1	4	4	...	...	8	...	34	5	...	...	23	20	...	...	...
McIntosh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	1	5	4	26	35	...	35	25	...	...	4	100	...	7	7	...
Mission	1	2	4	21	27	1	28	18	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mitchell	1	7	7	94	108	10	118	85	3	...	3	7	90	56	45	1	18	
Mobridge	1	2	4	78	82	21	103	49	11	1	1	...	...	...	1	12
Mount Vernon	1	...	4	21	25	1	26	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Northville	1	5	4	12	21	...	12	16	...	...	...	99	...	...	...	...
Pollock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rapid City	1	6	6	45	57	14	71	41	...	...	...	...	51	42	...	...
Redfield	1	5	6	54	65	8	73	45	...	1	2	...	27	23	1	18		
Richland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Strool	1	5	4	46	55	8	63	45	20	...	2	...	52	...	...	...
Story	1	5	5	40	50	...	50	30	5	...	...	...	25	18	...	...
Watertown	1	3	5	82	90	9	99	45	6	2	...	...	50	45	1	7
Watford City	1	4	5	70	79	...	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Webster		
Totals	33	125	147	1457	1711	109	247	1930	1231	95	28	27	32	905	410	359	16	220

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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	\$12000.00		\$6000.00	1	\$6000.00		\$3000.00	\$206.00
Almont	1	4600.00							
Artesian	1	1200.00		1000.00	1	1500.00		1500.00	
Avon	1	5000.00		2500.00	1	1000.00		1000.00	
Baker	1	2500.00		1625.00	1	2500.00		2000.00	14.00
Billings	1	12000.00		3000.00	1	8000.00		6000.00	
Bradley									
Brentford	1	750.00							
Britton	1	1500.00	\$1000.00						
Buffalo	1	3500.00		2000.00	1	2500.00	\$1310.00	1800.00	
Bushnell	1	4000.00		3000.00	1	1800.00		1000.00	
Butte	1	10000.00		4500.00					
Calvary									
Conner	1	4500.00		2000.00	1	2500.00	510.00	1500.00	200.00
Deadwood	1	2000.00		2000.00					
Flandreau	1	4000.00	550.00	4200.00	1	4000.00	2900.00	3000.00	202.00
Forsyth	1	4500.00	76.00	2500.00	1				
Houghton	1	3950.00		2500.00	1	1200.00		500.00	106.00
Huron	1	3000.00		3000.00	1	3000.00	2694.00	2000.00	665.00
Ipswich	1	4000.00		3200.00	1	3500.00	564.00	3500.00	135.00
Johnson Corners	1	3000.00		3000.00					
Knob, Mill Iron									
Loyalton	1	3000.00		3000.00					
McIntosh									
Medicine Rocks	1	2000.00			1	1500.00			
Mission	1	1200.00			1	1000.00	300.00	1000.00	
Mitchell	1	5000.00		1500.00	1	4500.00	1115.00	3000.00	200.00
Mobridge	1	5000.00		3000.00	1	2500.00		1300.00	8.00
Mount Vernon	1	2500.00	470.00	1000.00					381.00
Northville	1	5000.00		4500.00	1	1000.00		1000.00	
Pollock	1	2500.00							
Rapid City	1	10000.00	3260.00	4000.00	1	2500.00		1000.00	
Redfield	1	4000.00		2500.00	1	1900.00		1000.00	275.00
Richland	1	3500.00		3000.00	1	2500.00		1500.00	201.00
Strool									
Story									
Sturgis	1	6000.00			3	10000.00		10000.00	
Watertown	1	8000.00	260.00	4000.00	1				.70
Watford City	1	3000.00		3000.00	1	2000.00		1500.00	284.00
Webster									
Totals	32	\$146700.00	\$5616.00	\$75525.00	26	\$66900.00	\$9393.00	\$46300.00	\$2987.00

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Item VI. Contributed for Pastor

Charges	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Aberdeen	\$ 1854.00	\$400.00	\$95.00	\$75.00	\$2424.00
Almont	855.00	240.00	10.00	85.00	1190.00
Artesian	957.00	120.00	30.00	130.00	1237.00
Avon	1129.00	108.00	60.00	421.00	1718.00
Baker	1050.00	200.00	25.00	75.00	1350.00
Billings	2278.00	480.00	64.00	410.00	3232.00
Bradley	599.00	.....	.....	35.00	634.00
Brentford	148.00	.....	.....	219.00	367.00
Britton	750.00	120.00	5.00	145.00	1020.00
Buffalo	585.00	96.00	10.00	84.00	775.00
Bushnell	320.00	250.00	25.00	70.00	665.00
Butte	370.00	.....	.....	207.00	577.00
Calvary	1170.00	120.00	12.00	188.00	1490.00
Conner	1019.00	.....	.....	183.00	1202.00
Flandreau	612.00	216.00	245.00	50.00	1123.00
Forsyth	716.00	70.00	.....	130.00	916.00
Houghton	1577.00	60.00	25.00	193.00	1855.00
Huron	993.00	.....	10.00	30.00	1033.00
Ipswich	1040.00	120.00	14.00	50.00	1224.00
Johnson Corners	72.00	.....	.....	.....	72.00
Knobs, Mill Iron	708.00	.....	20.00	745.00	1473.00
Loyalton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
McIntosh	675.00	50.00	.....	292.00	1017.00
Medicine Rocks	440.00	144.00	.....	82.00	666.00
Mission	1820.00	360.00	25.00	186.00	2391.00
Mitchell	639.00	180.00	55.00	794.00	1668.00
Mobridge	883.00	.....	.....	596.00	1479.00
Mount Vernon	795.00	240.00	.....	92.00	1127.00
Northville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pollock	577.00	.....	15.00	50.00	642.00
Rapid City	1234.00	150.00	5.00	255.00	1644.00
Redfield	2867.00	300.00	.....	99.00	3266.00
Richland	1290.00	120.00	10.00	135.00	1555.00
Strool	452.00	15.00	10.00	170.00	647.00
Story	1040.00	300.00	22.00	150.00	1512.00
Watertown	1040.00	120.00	140.00	62.00	1362.00
Watford City
Webster
Totals	\$32554.00	\$4371.00	\$932.00	\$6488.00	\$44553.00

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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	Miscellaneous	Total for Church
Aberdeen	\$83.00	\$245.00		\$146.00		\$796.00		\$1270.00
Almont	155.00	87.00	\$9.00			176.00		427.00
Artesian	329.00	56.00	38.00	171.00	\$72.00			666.00
Avon	386.00	120.00	130.00	190.00		164.00		990.00
Baker	164.00	115.00	338.00	244.00	1329.00	313.00		2503.00
Billings	196.00	431.00		430.00		781.00		1838.00
Brentford	60.00	13.00		9.00		14.00		96.00
Bradley								
Britton	5.00	6.00	58.00			15.00		84.00
Buffalo	174.00	175.00		69.00	208.00	103.00		729.00
Bushnell	34.00	23.00				85.00		142.00
Butte	10.00	282.00		27.00		71.00		390.00
Calvary		59.00				33.00		92.00
Conner		78.00	1817.00		180.00	43.00		2118.00
Flandreau	142.00	43.00				100.00		285.00
Forsyth	111.00	326.00		500.00	243.00	161.00	\$69.00	1410.00
Houghton	128.00	22.00	99.00			268.00		517.00
Huron	276.00	151.00	582.00	20.00	120.00	278.00		1427.00
Ipswich	125.00	159.00	21.00			150.00		455.00
Johnson Corners	125.00	79.00		67.00		94.00		365.00
Knobs, Mill Iron								
Loyalton	79.00	84.00				115.00	15.00	293.00
McIntosh								
Medicine Rocks		36.00	125.00		7.00			168.00
Mission	58.00	30.00		10.00	150.00	125.00		373.00
Mitchell	255.00	231.00	313.00	133.00	180.00	347.00		1459.00
Mobridge	174.00	140.00	2039.00			88.00	9.00	2450.00
Mount Vernon	125.00	68.00	300.00	168.00	50.00	36.00		747.00
Northville	79.00	30.00				119.00		228.00
Pollock								
Rapid City	100.00	116.00	451.00		420.00	50.00	24.00	1161.00
Redfield	205.00	100.00	1301.00	221.00		381.00		2208.00
Richland	282.00	97.00	311.00			343.00		1033.00
Strool	400.00	151.00				400.00	30.00	585.00
Story	159.00	78.00						237.00
Watertown	270.00	74.00	149.00		540.00	190.00		1223.00
Watford City	174.00	126.00		138.00		225.00		663.00
Webster								
Totals	\$4863.00	\$3831.00	\$8081.00	\$2543.00	\$4242.00	\$6064.00	\$147.00	\$28632.00

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Item VIII. Contributed for Connectional Budget

Charges	Undivided Budget	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Connectional S. S. Work	Total Connectional Budget
Aberdeen	\$6	\$347	\$163	\$66	\$40	\$20	\$642
Almont	10	377	54	162	5	2	610
Artesian		782	84	26	5	8	305
Avon		75	20	29	5	3	132
Baker	10	74	36	10	11	5	146
Billings		120	60	106	15	7	308
Bradley							
Brentford	45	68	47	107	10		277
Britton		10	16				26
Buffalo		98	25	26	6	2	151
Bushnell		44	18	33	5	2	102
Butte							
Calvary		46	34	14	25	1	120
Conner		27	46	17	5	2	97
Flandreau		24	12	18	3		57
Forsyth		53	6	7	8	5	79
Houghton		111	43	66	6		226
Huron	9	77	89	56	11	4	246
Ipswich		46	124	25	5		200
Johnson Corners		253	117	90	40	3	503
Knobs, Mill Iron		63	14	3	13		93
Loyalton		121	42				163
McIntosh							
Medicine Rocks	11	205	66	39	10	2	333
Mission		32	18	16	9	6	81
Mitchell	19	153	80	111	23	6	392
Mobridge		67	41	4	5		117
Mount Vernon		22	11	3	3		39
Northville		37	39	20	65		161
Pollock							
Rapid City		26	18	13	6		63
Redfield		147	65	85	10		307
Richland		974	855	74	80		1983
Strool		242	132	30	30		434
Story		53		32	6	7	98
Watertown		71	26	43	7	5	152
Watford City		158	116	70	40	4	388
Webster							
Totals	\$110	\$5003	\$2517	\$1401	\$512	\$94	\$9037

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Item VIII. Contributed for Conference Budget

Charges	President's Salary	Conference Work	Conference Missions	Superannuated Minister's Fund	Total Conference Budget	Total Budget
Aberdeen	\$26	\$828	\$88		\$941	\$1583
Almont	31	102	130	\$13	276	886
Artesian	35	139	134		309	614
Avon	43	169	10	10	230	362
Baker	36	196		17	249	395
Billings	41	282		32	355	663
Bradley						
Brentford	34	87		10	131	408
Britton						27
Buffalo	11	16	5	9	41	198
Bushnell	6	61		8	75	177
Butte						
Calvary	4	68		5	77	197
Conner	17	71	15	7	110	207
Flandreau	11	92		6	108	165
Forsyth	7	97			112	191
Houghton	10	86	18	12	126	352
Huron	17	202			219	465
Ipswich	15	110			125	325
Johnson Corners	50	322		35	405	908
Knobs, Mill Iron	5	8		7	20	113
Loyalton	15	35			50	213
McIntosh						
Medicine Rocks	36	92	57	8	193	526
Mission	23	68		7	98	179
Mitchell	40	383		38	461	853
Mobridge	17	75	10	11	113	230
Mount Vernon	16	20		6	42	81
Northville	7	199		6	212	373
Pollock						
Rapid City	10	8			18	81
Redfield	10	222		30	282	589
Richland	24	454	178	28	684	2767
Strool	60				60	494
Story			24		24	122
Watertown	25	173		10	208	360
Watford City	50	442	23		515	903
Totals	\$731	\$5107	\$692	\$313	\$6869	\$16007

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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							\$1032	\$1032
Almont	\$3	\$62					146	211
Artesian		111					59	170
Avon	18					\$15	124	157
Baker	213	83	\$10	\$30				336
Billings					\$75	76	53	204
Bradley								
Brentford					2	16		18
Britton								
Buffalo	47	19	26			23	17	132
Bushnell							115	115
Butte						9	45	54
Calvary	28	7			4		59	98
Conner	31				3		59	93
Flandreau	10	6		5			33	54
Forsyth			3	39		8	16	66
Houghton	20	30			1		112	163
Huron						10	146	156
Ipswich								
Johnson Corners						72	366	438
Knobs, Mill Iron	79	5		11				95
Loyalton	390		8					398
McIntosh								
Medicine Rocks	384	45	14	37	22		75	577
Mission								
Mitchell	315		1330		261	14	228	2148
Mobridge	30	28	28				48	134
Mount Vernon								
Northville			3		2		74	79
Pollock								
Rapid City		65					16	81
Redfield	64	75	18	12	39		92	300
Richland	115		54			13	240	422
Strool							540	540
Story	80	75		34			34	223
Watertown	72		32				90	149
Watford City						50	487	537
Webster								
Totals	\$1854	\$611	\$1526	\$168	\$417	\$297	\$4306	\$9080

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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	\$2424	\$1270	\$1583	\$1032	\$6309
Almont	1190	427	886	211	2714
Artesian	1237	666	614	170	2687
Avon	1718	990	362	157	3227
Baker	1350	2503	395	336	4584
Billings	3232	1838	663	204	5937
Bradley					
Brentford	634	96	408	18	1156
Britton	367	84	27		478
Buffalo	1620	729	198	132	2079
Bushnell	775	142	177	115	1209
Butte	665	390		54	1109
Calvary	577	92	197	98	964
Conner	1490	2118	207	93	3908
Flandreau	1202	286	165	54	1707
Forsyth	1123	1410	191	66	2790
Houghton	916	516	352	163	1947
Huron	1855	1427	465	156	3903
Ipswich	1033	455	325		1813
Johnson Corners	1224	365	908	438	2935
Knobs, Mill Iron	72		113	95	280
Loyalton	1473	293	213	298	2377
McIntosh					
Medicine Rocks	1017	168	526	577	2288
Mission	666	373	179		1218
Mitchell	2391	1459	853	2148	6851
Mobridge	1668	2450	230	134	4482
Mount Vernon	1479	747	81		2307
Northville	1127	228	373	79	1807
Pollock					
Rapid City	642	1161	81	81	1965
Redfield	1644	2208	589	300	4741
Richland	3266	1033	2767	422	7488
Strool	1555	585	494	540	3174
Story	647	237	122	223	1229
Watertown	1512	1223	360	149	3244
Watford City	1362	663	903	537	3465
Webster					
Totals	\$44553	\$28632	\$16007	\$9180	\$98372

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Mrs. H. E. Hopkins, Mellette, S. D.
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Secretary, Mrs. Glenn Hudson, 4240 State Ave., Billings, Mont.
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Mrs. Anna Jones, Britton, S. D.
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Vie Montgomery, Buffalo, Wyo.
Bushnell—President, Mrs. Laura Raymer, Bushnell, S. D.; Secretary,
Mrs. Dena Vanderbush, Bushnell, S. D.
Calvary—President, Mrs. Marie Kegler, Athol, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs.
Ada Kissner, Athol, S. D.

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Conner—President, Mrs. S. C. Motley, Darby, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. John Hunter, Darby, Mont.

Cresbard—President, Mrs. Luella Bardell, Cresbard, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Louisa Hunter, Cresbard, S. D.

Flandreau—President, Mrs. W. W. Sayles, Flandreau, S. D.; Secretary Pauline Howard, Flandreau, S. D.

Forsyth—President, Mrs. Lillian Bailie, Forsyth, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. Fern Squires, Forsyth, Mont.

Houghton—President, Mrs. Henry Hillen, Houghton, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Duane Janssen, Houghton, S. D.

Huron—President, Mrs. R. J. Sausoman, Huron, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Paul Hartley, 1104 Dakota N., Huron, S. D.

Ipswich—President, Mrs. J. F. Simpson, Ipswich, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. H. B. Engel, Ipswich, S. D.

Johnson Corners—President, Mrs. Lloyd Parrish, Watford City, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Lester Lillibridge, Watford City, N. D.

Knobs—President, Mrs. George Richey, Knobs, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. Catherine Most, Baker, Mont.

Loyalton—President, Mrs. William Downer, Roscoe, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. John Gibson, Loyalton, S. D.

Medicine Rocks—President, Mrs. A. D. O'Connor, Willard, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. Archie Judd, Willard, Mont.

Mission—President, Mrs. Glen Ladely, Crookston, Nebr.; Secretary, Mrs. Lowell Marquees, Valentine, Nebr.

Mitchell—President, Mrs. Blanche Larson, 414 N. Davison, Mitchell, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Thomas Hersey, Mitchell, S. D.

Mobridge—President, Mrs. J. VanderLaan, 810 2nd Ave. E., Mobridge, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Clara Goins, Mobridge, S. D.

Northville—President, Mrs. Herbert Blake, Northville, S. D.; Secretary, Dorothy Nultemeier, Northville, S. D.

Rapid City—President, (Pastor's wife) 616 First St., Rapid City, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, 18 St., Joe St., Rapid City, S. D.

Redfield—President, Mrs. Katherine Drown, Redfield, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Roy Jaquith, Redfield, S. D.

Richland—President, Mrs. Marie Palmer, Mansfield, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Lorraine Palmer, Mansfield, S. D.

Sandstone—President, Miss Edna M. Wheeler, Keene, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Joe Wheeler, Keene, N. D.

Story—President, Mrs. Geneva Schwan, Story, Wyo.; Secretary, Mrs. Ed Morgan, Story, Wyo.

Strool—President, Mrs. Lucille Bergaman, Ralph, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Hazel Bingaman, Strool, S. D.

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Watertown—President, Mrs. R. E. Chambers, 7th St., S. E., Watertown, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Orville Kingslein, R. R., Watertown, S. D.

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

DELEGATES

Aberdeen—Mrs. Margaret Hollingsworth
Almont—Virginia Lee
Artesian—Mrs. Marie Winterberg
Avon—Mrs. Joyce Mudgett
Baker—Mrs. George Warinner
Brentford—Mrs. H. Hopkins
Billings—Mrs. Frank Kilzer
Britton—Mrs. Ouida Janssen
Buffalo—Mrs. Frank Burton
Bushnell—Mrs. Laura Raymer
Butte—No delegate
Calvary—Mrs. Marion Cretsinger
Conner—Mrs. Walter Shook
Cresbard—No delegate
Flandreau—Genevieve Howard
Forsyth—Mrs. Lillian Bailie
Houghton—Mrs. Ouida Janssen
Huron—Mrs. Ray Witzel
Ipswich—Mrs. Hinds
Johnson Corners—Mrs. Lester Lillibridge
Knobs—Mrs. George Warinner
Loyalton—Mrs. Lester Bennett
Medicine Rocks—Mrs. Frances Sollie
Mission—Mrs. Charles Ladely
Mitchell—Mrs. Phillis Hillen
Mobridge—Mrs. Clara Goins
Northville—Mrs. Fred Nultemeier
Rapid City—No delegate
Redfield—Mrs. John Noot
Richland—Mrs. Marie Anderson
Sandstone—Mrs. Doris Wheeler
Story—Mrs. Myrtle Freeze
Strool—Mrs. Marvel Fessenden
Watertown—Mrs. Elizabeth Traver
Watford City—Mrs. Alec Hartel
Mrs. Blake

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Mrs. L. Reisdorph
Mrs. T. S. Lee
Mrs. S. J. McIntyre
Mrs. N. Sausoman
Mrs. W. O. Howard
Mrs. Elsie Ward
Miss Minnie Knecht
Mrs. Mae Hillen
Mrs. Frances Ellis
Mrs. Blanche Larson
Mrs. Viola Leyh
Mrs. Marvin Jones

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Daily Proceedings

Wednesday, 9:15 a. m.

Opening—Following united singing by the group, we were led in the opening devotions by Mrs. Laura Raymer of Bushnell, reading from Luke 18:9-14 and commenting inspiringly on the same. The forty-first session of the W. H. & F. M. S. of the Dakota Conference was called to order by the presiding officer, Mrs. Viola Leyh.

Credentials—Mrs. Marvel Fessenden was appointed Committee on Credentials.

Roll Call—Roll was called to which twenty-two delegates responded.

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

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

Election—A Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Cretsinger, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Sausoman.

Recess—A recess called for Nominating Committee to compile their report.

11:00 a. m.

Call to Order—Called to order by President.

Report—Report of Nominating Committee was read and election of committees was made as reported by Nominating Committee. (See Report No. 1.)

Courtesies—The following were introduced by Courtesy Committee and spoke a few words of testimony and greeting: Mrs. Ouida Janssen of Houghton, Mrs. Warinner of Baker, Mont., Mrs. Bennie Veeder of Miltonvale, Miss Bertha Meyers of Story, Wyo., Mrs. Lester Bennett of Loyaltone and Mrs. Earl Fessenden of Strool.

Adjournment—Adjournment declared by chair.

Wednesday, 1:00 p. m.

Opening—After call to order by President, the roll was called with 33 delegates responding. Minutes read and approved.

By Motion—Mrs. Cretsinger was elected to act as delegate from Calvary.

By Motion—Mrs. Janssen was elected to take the place of Mrs. Sollee, who resigned, as second member of the Statistical Committee.

Local Reports—The following local reports were read: Almont, Aberdeen, Story, Artesian, Avon, Baker, Billings, Brentford, Britton, Buffalo, Bushnell, Calvary, Conner, Flandreau, Forsyth, Houghton, Huron.

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Courtesies—Courtesy Committee introduced Mrs. Brannon from Enid, Oklahoma, formerly of Dakota Conference, who spoke a few words of testimony and greeting and also shared with us some of the activities of the Enid Society.

Local Reports—Contributions of local reports the following being given: Ipswich, Johnson Corners, Knobs, Medicine Rocks, Mitchell, Richland, Mobridge, Northville, Redfield, Sandstone, Watertown, Watford City and Loyalton.

Adjournment—Adjournment declared by chair.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING

Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

With Rev. Sausoman officiating at the piano, and with Mrs. Viola Leyh presiding, a good congregation joined in singing, "The Blood Shall Never Lose Its Power," led by Mrs. Cretsinger of Redfield. Following, prayer was offered by Mrs. McIntyre of Billings. The Miltonvale Male Quartet favored us with a selection, "Wonderful Peace." Three speakers brought the messages of the evening; Rev. Swauger speaking on Home Missions, Rev. Charles Carter speaking on our field in Africa and Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph giving us a brief travelogue of her recent visit to Central and South America, displaying interesting and beautiful souvenirs from these countries, and concluding with a brief message on the three words found in Romans 1:14, "I am debtor." Pledges were made in the amount of \$742.00 and a cash offering in the amount of \$282.38, making a total of \$1024.38. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Romeo Baronia.

Thursday, 9:30 a. m.

Opening—Following singing by the group, Mrs. Lee from Almont led us in the morning devotionals. A season of inspiring testimonies to bodily healing followed, encouraging the faith of each one present.

Courtesies—Rev. Charles Carter of Africa was introduced by Courtesy Committee and spoke to us very challengingly of our work in Africa, giving time for questions to be asked.

Report—The report of the Corresponding Secretary was given by Mrs. Cretsinger. Accepted. (See Report No. 7.)

Report—The report of the Conference Magazine Solicitor was given, which report showed a gain of 79 subscriptions in the Conference, compared with a gain of 33 last year. This report was given by Mrs. M. Jones. Accepted. (See Report No. 8.)

Local Reports—The following local reports were given, which concluded the reading of our local reports: Rapid City, Cresbard and Mission.

Adjournment—Declared by Chair.

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Thursday, 2:45 p. m.

Opening—We were led in singing by Miss Alma Eldinger and prayer was offered by Mrs. Warinner. Roll was called to which 30 delegates responded. Minutes were read and approved with corrections.

Y. M. W. B.—The interests and a report of the Y. M. W. B. were presented by Mrs. Traver, in the absence of the Conference Superintendent, Mrs. Goodsell. Honor Roll Awards were presented to the three high-ranking Bands; Artesian, Watford City and Mitchell. By motion this report was accepted.

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

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

Report—Auditing Committee report was read and accepted. (See Report No. 5.)

Report—Treasurer's Report was read and accepted with deep gratitude and thanks. (See Report No. 6.)

Motion—Following a discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the President be empowered to appoint a Committee to draw up a form which will enable the local Treasurer to remit money by a method which will simplify the work of our Conference Treasurer, a copy of said form to be issued to each Society.

Amendment to Motion—An amendment to the above motion was made that this Committee also include in their form the Conference and the Connectional obligations of the local society. Passed as amended.

Appointment—The following Committee was appointed for this purpose: Mrs. Mudgett, Mrs. Cretsinger and Mrs. Larson.

Motion—Motion prevailed that the Chair appoint a Committee to secure names of each society with their amounts contributed in the Self-Denial Coin Folders.

Appointment—Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Freeze were elected to this Committee.

Motion—A discussion followed of the substitution of Memorials for flowers at the passing of loved ones. Motion prevailed this recommendation be incorporated in the form drawn up by the Committee elected to draw up such form as mentioned above.

Adjournment—By motion.

Friday, 10:15 a. m.

Opening—Led in unison singing by Mrs. Sausoman, followed by devotionals led by Miss Bertha Meyers of Story, Wyo.

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

Orders of the Day—Rev. J. R. Swauger was introduced to the body by

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the Courtesy Committee. The time was offered for questions, several of which were asked and answered by Brother Swauger. Enlightening information concerning our Home Missionaries in the Ozark Mountains was given to us.

Rev. Reisdorph, President of Miltonvale College, was introduced to the Society by Courtesy Committee, responding with a brief but challenging message on the need of saving to the Church our Wesleyan youth. We were also reminded that in the year to come appeals would be forthcoming for Miltonvale College which we would be able to participate in. Some definite needs were mentioned by Mrs. Reisdorph, and by common consent the Executive Committee will investigate the proposition of the equipping of the Miltonvale College dining hall with some needed equipment, by the societies of the Dakota Conference.

Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph was introduced to body bringing greetings and information. The "Missionary Digest" was recommended to each Society as a supplement to the Study Book and the Wesleyan Missionary.

Adjournment—Declared by Chair.

Friday, 3:00 p. m.

Opening—Following a song and prayer the minutes were read and approved.

Election—Election of officers for the coming year was made the order with the following officers being elected: President, Mrs. Viola Leyh; Vice-President, Mrs. S. J. McIntyre; Secretary, Mrs. LaVerne Jones; Treasurer, Mrs. Joyce Mudgett; Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, Mrs. Louise Goodsell; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wilbur Drown; Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. LaVerne Jones; Missionary Delegate to General Conference, Mrs. LaVerne Jones with Alternate, Mrs. Harriet Harris; Y. M. W. B. Delegate to General Conference, Mrs. Louise Goodsell with Alternate Mrs. Lillian Bailie.

Resignation—Mrs. LaVerne Jones resigned as Secretary for the coming year. Accepted.

Election—Mrs. Marion Cretsinger was elected as Secretary.

Report—A report was given by the Committee elected to examine the totals of the societies on their Self-Denial card offerings, which report showed Aberdeen leading, having contributed \$240.00 in self-denial offerings; Richland, second, with \$203.00; a total from all societies \$1,499.82.

Report—The Resolutions Report was given and accepted with corrections. (See Report No. 9.)

Report—Statistical Report was read and accepted with thanks. (See Report No. 10.)

Adjournment—Adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock in the morning.

Saturday, 8:30 a. m.

Opening—Prayer by Mrs. Traver. Minutes were read and approved.

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Election—The following District Organizers were elected: Aberdeen District, Mrs. Ward; Northwest District, Mrs. McIntyre and the Southern District, Mrs. Jones.

Y. M. W. B.—The winners for the Poster Contest were announced by Mrs. Traver—first and second places going to the Buffalo Band and third place given to Artesian.

Report—A report was given by the Committee elected to draw up a form for the benefit of our local societies and local treasurers. Accepted with thanks. (See Report No. 10.)

Courtesies—The following were introduced by Courtesy Committee to the body: Mrs. Lester Smith of Miltonvale who spoke a few words of testimony; Rev. Archer of Rochester, Minnesota who brought greetings from the Rochester Church; Rev. and Mrs. Ernst of Nebraska who gave testimony; Rev. and Mrs. Eling of Kansas who gave testimony.

Orders of the Day—Mrs. Reisdorph spoke to the group very interestingly concerning her recent travels to South America, displaying more articles and souvenirs from these lands. She urged a deeper prayer ministry among our ladies in behalf of our missionary work everywhere, but especially for the South American work where the difficulties and obstacles to Christianity are so great.

Instructions to Secretary—Motion carried that the new Secretary be instructed to send greetings from the Body to Sisters Yonally, Spry, Shelley, Goodsell, Meyers and Judkins.

Tag Day—The results of Tag Day as reported by the Tag Day Solicitor, Mrs. Harris, were 13 renewals and 3 new subscriptions.

By Motion—The Treasurer's books will close on May 15th, 1947.

Saturday 1:30 p. m.

Opening—After a song, led by Mrs. Reisdorph, the minutes were read and approved. Responding to a prayer request from Mrs. Leyh in behalf of Mrs. Eske of Redfield, the group knelt in prayer led by Mrs. Raymer interceding in behalf of this sister.

Courtesies—Mrs. Failing of Central was introduced to the Society and gave testimony.

Disbursements—A helpful discussion followed of the need of channeling our money through Wesleyan channels, making sure no needs are present on our fields before giving amounts to sources that are not Wesleyan.

Presentation—The presentation of a love gift was made to our out-going Treasurer, Mrs. Larson, who for the past 12 years has given such efficient service in our Conference.

Also, a love gift presented to Mrs. M. Jones, out-going Secretary, who for the past five years has acted as Conference Secretary.

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A lovely gift was also presented to the new bride within our Conference, Mrs. Duane Janssen.

Honorary—Motion carried that Mrs. Larson be an ex-officio member of the Conference Missionary Society Executive Board.

By Motion—The matter of assuming Ruth Bixler's support for the coming year was left to the Executive Board. (See Report No. 11.)

Adjournment—In unison the group sang feelingly, "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again," after which Mrs. Ward dismissed us in prayer.

Report of Committees

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Statistical—Mrs. Joyce Mudgett, Mrs. Frances Sollie.

Auditing—Miss Genevieve Howard, Mrs. Elizabeth Traver.

Orders of the Day—Mrs. Viola Leyh, Mrs. Frances McGovern, Mrs. Vivian Shook, Mrs. Harriet Harris, Mrs. Martha Witzel.

Resolutions—Mrs. Lillian Bailie, Mrs. Amy Hunter, Mrs. Fern Lillibridge.

Courtesies—Mrs. Ruth McIntyre.

Plan of Work—Mrs. Floreda Warinner, Mrs. Margaret Hollingsworth, Mrs. Aurel Lee.

News Reporter—Mrs. Ouida Janssen.

Signed: MRS. MARION CRETSINGER,
MRS. AMY HUNTER,
MRS. HARRIET HARRIS,
MRS. RUTH McINTYRE,
MRS. NELLIE SAUSOMAN.

Report No. 2

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Friday morning, 10:30 o'clock, Rev. J. R. Swauger, Home Missionary Secretary, is to address the society, followed by Rev. Rufus Reisdorph, President of Miltonvale College. Then our General Conference President, Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, is to address the group. Friday also to be observed as Tag Day.

Signed: MRS. VIOLA LEYH,
MRS. VIVIAN SHOOK,
MRS. MARTHA WITZEL,
MRS. FRANCES MCGOVERN,
MRS. HARRIET HARRIS.

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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 coöperate with the Connection 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 coöperate 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 delegate the amount to pledge at Annual Conference session for the Society.
11. Officers elected at last meeting of Conference year.
12. All monies received as dues be sent to the Conference Treasurer, designating where 50 per cent of same shall be applied on missions. (See par. 239 of Discipline.)
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. (a) The continued use of "Parliamentary Law at a Glance" by Utter, as a textbook in parliamentary usage (5%)

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

In Conclusion:

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

2. We recommend that each local society continue to feel their responsibility and continue to pray for those of our men still in the country's service and for those returning to civilian life, that they may be led to serve the God who protected them with the same zeal and faithfulness they have served their country.

Signed: MRS. FLOREDA WARINNER,
MRS. MARGARET HOLLINGSWORTH.

Report No. 4

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Workers of the W. H. & F. M. S.:

The quadrennial slogan, "Forward on our knees," has not been forgotten during this fortieth year of missionary work in the Dakota Conference. War clouds hung low during the first part of the year but you were not like the little boy who came home from school and said, "Well Dad, I failed in Arithmetic, but I made a hundred in Post-War Planning." It is easy to plan, but not always so easy to carry out those plans.

You were encouraged with the going forth to Africa of Miss Ruth Bixler. You had prayed that our young people would be called to mission work. Then when she was called, you courageously set about to raise her support, and did it successfully.

We wish to congratulate our Missionary Societies for their splendid co-operation in the Self-Denial, Dime-a-Day project. Through the proper use of these extra funds, the Light of the gospel shall be carried more speedily into the dark corners of South America, India, and Africa, and the isles of the sea. We trust, too, that because of this fund our Pioneer Pastors of our Conference shall be encouraged and helped, likewise our missionaries in the Home Field.

Our chaplains who have returned from service abroad have a broadened vision of our world need. An immediate sending forth of the gospel is the need of the hour. An impelling realization of the tremendous need of immediate action grips their hearts. The Orient is wide open. China wants missionaries. Japan's doors stand ajar. A returning chaplain reports that three protestant colleges in one city of Japan has over 3000 applications from Japanese prospective students. Japan, he reports, is in

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the darkest confusion, seeking for the right way out. This is Christianity's opportunity. We must take advantage of this opportunity now. Conference and Connectional leaders are pressing toward these doors, but they can enter only as the local societies keep the vision, hold the ropes, and raise the money with which to pay the bills.

We are glad to report progress in the home field. New societies have been organized at Strool, South Dakota, and Story, Wyoming. Strool alone reports \$165.00 in the self-denial dime-a-day offering. Other societies from which we have received late reports indicate splendid progress, financially and otherwise, which also has quite generally been made throughout the entire Conference society. We trust that we shall continue to surge forward during the coming year, for the world is our parish, and it is white unto the harvest.

Respectfully Submitted,
VIOLA C. LEYH.

Report No. 5

AUDITING COMMITTEE

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

Signed: MRS. ELIZABETH TRAVER,
MISS GENEVIEVE HOWARD.

Report No. 6

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary Report for the Year 1945-46

Cash on hand at beginning of year	\$ 114.68
Received from all sources	6822.46
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Total	\$ 8864.91
Distributed to all sources	8669.87
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Balance on hand	\$ 195.14

Signed: BLANCHE A. LARSON, Treasurer.

Report No. 7

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The following Prayer Partner groups were formed this past year:

Aberdeen, S. D.	30 members
Mitchell, S. D.	40 members
Redfield, S. D.	22 members

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Forsyth, S. D.	8 members
Baker, Mont.	14 members
Story, Wyoming	14 members
Buffalo, Wyoming	14 members

Total 142 members

Signed: MARION CRETSINGER, Prayer Partner Secretary.

Report No. 8

MAGAZINE SOLICITOR

Working toward the goal of TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO EQUAL NUMBER MEMBERS, the following societies reached the goal:

Mitchell with 24 subscriptions
Almont with 10 subscriptions
Artesian with 14 subscriptions
*Conner with 9 subscriptions
Flandreau with 9 subscriptions
Houghton with 9 subscriptions
Ipswich with 11 subscriptions
Loyalton with 11 subscriptions
*Richland with 18 subscriptions
Watford City with 19 subscriptions
Forsyth with 4 subscriptions

Those marked with an * total the number of subscriptions exceeded their total number members.

The total subscriptions for the year were 366, a gain of 79 over last year.

We are asking for a gain of at least 2 new subscriptions per society for the coming year, that we, as a Conference, might do our share of reaching the 10,000 mark for the Connection.

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 lift our hearts in deep gratitude to God for His manifold blessings to us as individuals and as a nation. But realizing there is no human solution to the national, political, economic, social and spiritual aftermath of a great war, we appeal to our women for a new urgency, through the Spirit, in engaging all our powers to serve the present age.

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Be it resolved, that we use all means of information and of grace to enlarge our vision, to the challenge presented by the staggering needs of the world, knowing that "without a vision the people perish."

Be it resolved, that we give ourselves to prayer for all those who are laboring for the evangelization of the world at home and in the regions beyond.

Be it resolved, that we express our appreciation to our officials for their untiring labors, and likewise to all those who have faithfully discharged their duties, for the furtherance of the work in our Missionary Conference this past year.

Be it resolved, that we hereby express our warm appreciation to Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, Rev. Charles Carter, Rev. Rufus Reisdorph and Rev. J. R. Swauger for their presence and the good messages which they brought to us.

Be it resolved, that we extend our gratitude to those who have made provisions and also to those who have labored for our entertainment during the Conference and the Camp.

Be it resolved, that in as much as young people have volunteered for mission service, and finances are lacking to send them forth, we shall encourage our people to make a memorial of money for missions, rather than spending it for flowers for the deceased.

Be it resolved, that we as women of the Dakota Conference, take heed unto ourselves and unto the doctrine, continuing in them; for in the words of Paul the Apostle, "For in doing this, thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee."

Signed: MRS. LILLIAN BAILIE,
MRS. FERN LILLIBRIDGE,
MRS. AMY HUNTER.

Report No. 10

COMMITTEE ON SIMPLIFYING AND CLARIFYING REMITTANCES AND REPORTS

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

I. That the following standing rules be published in the Minutes:

- (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 Delegates' Fund.

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

Also the following items which have been approved by the Executive Board:

(1) Ruth Bixler's support amounting to \$1.08 per member. This may apply on budget.

(2) A goal of \$10.00, to be reached if possible by each society, for supplies for kitchen and dining room at Miltonvale. This does not apply on budget.

II. That we mimeograph a blank to be used by local Treasurers when remitting monies to the Conference Treasurer.

III. That we include an Instruction Sheet with our annual report blanks to help in making our reports uniform. This Instruction Sheet to be prepared with the approval of the Executive Board.

Signed: MRS. JOYCE MUDGETT,
MRS. MARION CRETSINGER,
MRS. BLANCHE LARSON.

Report No. 11

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

We, the Executive Board, have considered the matter of the suggested system of the budget payment, and have decided that we will continue to follow the same plan for disbursing our funds as heretofore.

It has also been decided that each society raise by Harvest Home Day as nearly \$10.00 as possible, for supplies for kitchen and dining room at Miltonvale.

Also, we will continue Ruth Bixler's support, with our assessment for same amounting to \$1.08 per member.

Signed: MRS. VIOLA LEYH,
MRS. RUTH McINTYRE,
MRS. MARION CRETSINGER,
MRS. JOYCE MUDGETT,
MRS. LOUISE GOODSSELL,
MRS. BLANCHE LARSON.

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Report No. 12

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

Receipts

Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Members Gained	Members Loss	Regular Meetings Held	Special Meetings Held	Use Missionary Programs?	Wesleyan Missionaries Taken	Efficiency Standard %	Cash on Hand from Last Year	Membership Dues
Aberdeen	34	7	5	...	22	2	Yes	20	141	\$5.84	\$41.00
Almont	10	1	...	...	24	1	Yes	10	...	...	11.00
Artesian	14	11	1	...	12	3	Yes	14	130	...	25.00
Avon	11	1	...	1	10	...	Yes	10	105	28.84	12.00
Baker	18	2	3	...	12	3	Yes	14	140	1.23	20.00
Billings	23	7	...	14	21	3	Yes	15	104	3.34	30.00
Brentford	9	3	...	...	11	...	Yes	7	100	8.00	12.00
Britton	5	1	...	...	8	1	No	4	90	4.50	6.00
Buffalo	12	4	...	...	10	3	Yes	11	138	...	16.00
Bushnell	14	2	4	...	8	1	Yes	6	...	3.18	16.00
Calvary	6	2	...	...	12	...	Yes	5	106	1.97	8.00
Conner	5	3	...	...	7	5	No	9	70	.17	8.00
Cresbard	6	...	...	5	18	...	Yes	5	100	...	6.00
Flandreau	9	2	2	...	12	...	No	9	...	7.63	9.00
Forsyth	4	5	...	...	12	1	Yes	4	114	...	9.00
Houghton	9	2	...	...	12	...	Yes	9	130	.60	11.00
Huron	15	3	...	2	12	1	No	12	110	3.14	18.00
Ipswich	11	4	...	...	6	...	...	11	...	9.66	17.00
Johnson Corners	14	5	...	1	11	2	Yes	10	144	10.88	19.00
Knobs	7	6	...	3	12	...	Yes	4	...	2.82	10.80
Loyalton	11	3	...	...	10	3	Yes	11	122	42.20	14.00
Medicine Rocks	16	6	2	...	12	...	Yes	8	85	1.72	22.00
Mission	3	...	...	...	8	...	...	5	...	...	3.00
Mitchell	24	13	...	5	16	4	Yes	24	140	2.44	37.00
Mobridge	20	5	...	1	12	...	No	8	80	1.03	25.00
Northville	12	3	2	...	15	1	Yes	10	100	...	15.00
Rapid City	37	...	...	...	18	1	Yes	12	97	3.63	37.00
Redfield	18	4	...	2	12	2	Yes	15	130	6.50	22.00
Richland	16	9	3	...	12	2	Yes	18	115	23.18	25.00
Sandstone	14	5	6	...	...	...	Yes	9	124	...	19.00
Story	12	3	15	...	11	...	Yes	11	120	...	12.00
Strool	7	2	9	...	7	...	Yes	10	114	...	9.00
Watertown	14	6	...	...	10	...	...	9	97	...	20.00
Watford City	19	4	3	...	12	2	Yes	19	146	3.92	23.00
Totals	459	134	55	34	418	41		358		\$176.95	\$587.80

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Societies	Offerings	Labor	Clothing and Other Gifts to Home Work	Bandages and Other Gifts to Foreign Work	General Conference Dele- gate Fund	Other Sources	Total
Aberdeen	\$685.35	\$15.75				\$745.44	\$1493.38
Almont	158.15		\$60.00	\$2.50		2.00	233.65
Artesian	72.33	35.00	110.75		\$2.30	87.93	333.84
Avon	167.91			4.50	1.20		214.45
Baker	67.29		105.00	4.00		122.47	319.99
Billings	174.69	35.50		5.00	2.85	7.85	259.23
Brentford	214.12					131.33	365.45
Britton	12.56					22.97	46.03
Buffalo	80.70					6.00	102.70
Bushnell	18.34					82.50	120.02
Calvary	147.46	4.43				31.70	193.56
Conner	47.52			4.50		20.00	80.19
Cresbard	22.48		150.00	2.75		42.83	224.06
Flandreau	48.45						65.08
Forsyth	42.18		38.75			60.00	149.93
Houghton	21.66		30.00			155.72	218.98
Huron	26.74		26.10		1.80	55.93	131.71
Ipswich	176.16	71.92				63.09	337.91
Johnson Corners	128.80				1.90	136.16	296.74
Knobs	35.13		6.06	20.00		50.25	125.06
Loyalton	156.06			10.00		347.03	569.29
Medicine Rocks	299.50	6.00	80.50	4.50			414.22
Mission	75.00						78.00
Mitchell	249.26			250.00	.70	168.50	707.90
Mobridge	49.93		10.00			133.97	219.93
Northville	100.64	10.00	60.00		1.00		186.64
Rapid City	56.18		65.00			30.00	191.81
Redfield	241.06		71.50	28.75			369.81
Richland	996.07		205.00				1249.25
Sandstone	91.94			1.25	1.90	19.19	133.28
Story	153.00					30.10	195.10
Strool	143.91		28.00			185.50	366.41
Watertown	58.23					97.61	175.84
Watford City	325.65					8.00	360.57
Totals	\$5344.45	\$178.68	\$1046.66	\$337.75	\$13.65	\$2844.07	\$10530.01

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Disbursements									
Societies	Undivided	Home, Cash	Home, Clothing and Other Gifts	Hephzibah, Cash	Hephzibah, Provisions	Foreign, Cash	Foreign, Bandages and Other Gifts	Medical Students	Education, Cash
Aberdeen		\$166.99		\$40.00		\$193.17	\$741.00	\$25.00	\$42.50
Almont	\$10.00	37.00	\$60.00	5.00		19.48	2.50		6.00
Artesian		21.50	110.75	5.00		87.62			6.56
Avon		20.00		5.00		60.00	4.50		20.00
Baker		43.80	75.00	10.96	\$30.00	54.20	4.00	5.00	5.00
Billings		6.00	35.50	5.00		60.00	5.00		9.00
Brentford	44.57	29.00		10.00		61.82			41.76
Britton		15.82				5.00			
Buffalo	10.00	13.00		6.33		26.70			20.08
Bushnell		10.00		5.00		36.60			5.00
Calvary		41.00		10.00		45.57	18.25	5.00	13.50
Conner		15.17		5.00		17.81	4.50		17.50
Cresbard		25.00	150.00	5.00		11.00	2.75	8.16	
Flandreau	11.75	9.00		5.00		9.72			
Forsyth		6.00		7.50	38.75	22.00			6.50
Houghton		38.48	30.00	6.00		96.24		3.00	
Huron		6.00	26.10	5.00		21.04		10.00	5.00
Ipswich		50.57	73.00	5.00		46.00			25.00
Johnson Corners		45.50		30.00	18.50	51.50			41.66
Knobs	22.64	5.00		8.25	6.06		20.00		
Loyalton		66.24	2.50			120.59	12.00		
Medicine Rocks		58.65	45.00	10.00	37.08	157.50	4.50	10.00	24.00
Mission		18.00		9.00		32.00			16.00
Mitchell		73.68		23.00		52.41	250.00	8.80	65.15
Mobridge		6.00	10.00	5.00		27.68			3.60
Northville		32.50		5.06	60.00	36.72			5.00
Rapid City		13.00	65.00	5.00		26.00			5.00
Redfield		64.66	59.50	5.00	12.00	44.27	28.75	5.00	26.72
Richland		338.00	205.00	80.00		493.00			25.00
Sandstone		19.50		5.00	5.00	28.19	3.75	5.00	5.00
Story		23.72		6.25		47.00			32.18
Strool		78.00	38.00	20.00		79.18			30.00
Watertown		23.67		7.25		35.67			26.91
Watford City	15.00	30.00		40.00	5.00	51.60		10.00	25.00
Totals	\$113.96	\$1450.45	\$985.35	\$399.60	\$212.39	\$2157.28	\$1101.50	\$94.96	\$554.62

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Disbursements

Societies	Education, Provisions	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Conference Fund Including 7½ %	General Conference Delegation Fund	Cash on Hand	Total
Aberdeen	\$18.16	\$3.66	\$20.50	\$61.18	\$158.01	\$4.10	\$19.11	\$1493.38
Almont			5.50	75.19	12.98			233.65
Artesian			25.00	62.72	11.66	2.50	.53	333.84
Avon		30.70	6.00	36.36	13.32	1.20	17.37	214.45
Baker		48.93	10.50	16.05	13.87	1.50	1.18	319.99
Billings			30.00	73.87	12.79	2.85	19.22	259.23
Brentford		19.40	7.50	75.70	65.32	1.20	9.18	365.45
Britton		7.15	6.00	2.31	1.00		8.75	46.03
Buffalo			8.00	4.86	13.73			102.70
Bushnell			16.00	16.00	8.94		22.48	120.02
Calvary		19.60	4.00	20.00	14.64		2.00	193.56
Conner			4.00	4.39	10.76		1.06	80.19
Cresbard		1.00	3.00	14.05	3.50	.60		224.06
Flandreau			9.00	7.45	6.04	.90	6.22	65.08
Forsyth		43.00	4.50	15.08	5.20	.90	.50	149.93
Houghton			11.50	17.98	8.86		6.92	218.98
Huron			9.00	25.30	14.59	1.80	7.88	131.71
Ipswich			17.00	24.53	77.81	1.30	17.70	337.91
Johnson Corners			9.50	57.64	29.96	1.90	10.58	296.74
Knobs			10.80	45.25	7.06			125.06
Loyalton		6.61	7.00	350.93			3.42	569.29
Medicine Rocks		11.35	11.00	20.78	20.02	2.10	2.24	414.22
Mission			3.00					78.00
Mitchell			18.50	169.35	42.67	3.50	.84	707.90
Mobridge		15.00	25.00	106.96	14.32	2.50	3.87	219.93
Northville		3.60	7.50	23.60	10.50	1.00	1.16	186.64
Rapid City		39.87	18.50	13.45	5.99			191.81
Redfield		3.95	11.00	40.27	39.56	2.00	2.73	369.81
Richland			25.00	83.25				1249.25
Sandstone			9.50	29.53	15.91	1.90	5.00	133.28
Story			6.00	76.65			3.30	195.10
Strool		13.28		95.80			12.15	366.41
Watertown			10.00	34.00	18.49	2.00	17.85	175.84
Watford City			11.50	95.43	61.25	2.30	13.49	360.57
Totals	\$42.56	\$267.10	\$380.80	\$1795.91	\$718.75	\$38.05	\$216.73	\$10530.01

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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	45	18	\$79.71	\$6.41	\$5.00	\$91.12
Almont	67	24	71.81	12.57	19.25	103.63
Artesian	9	16	16.71			16.71
Avon			16.00			16.00
Baker	8		3.50			3.50
Billings	17	18	10.87			10.87
Brentford	14	30	12.42			12.42
Britton	9	7	15.19	5.00		20.19
Buffalo			20.00			20.00
Bushnell	22	22	75.68	5.00	31.16	111.84
Calvary						
Conner						
Cresbard						
Flandreau						
Forsyth						
Houghton						
Huron						
Ipswich						
Johnson Corners						
Knobs						
Loyalton						
Medicine Rocks						
Mission						
Mitchell						
Mobridge						
Northville						
Rapid City						
Redfield						
Richland						
Sandstone						
Story						
Strool						
Watertown						
Watford City						
Totals	367	235	\$988.77	\$223.94	\$108.14	\$1320.85

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

Tuesday, June 11, was observed as Young People's Day. The well attended early morning prayer service gave us an assurance of God's blessings for the day. At 9:00 Rev. George Failing of Central, South Carolina spoke to a responsive group of young people from the majority of our churches in the Conference. At the close of this service the following Nominating Committee was elected: Rev. R. J. Sausoman, Rev. Archie Mudgett, Rev. H. W. Cretsinger, Mr. John Harris, Miss Elvie Turner, Miss Marion Kromwell.

The annual business session was called to order at 1:15 by the President, Rev. R. J. Sausoman.

It was moved and carried that those without the Conference bar be seated in the Conference bar.

Motion carried that the first six seats from the front constitute the bar of Conference.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Minutes of the Executive Committee were read and adopted.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Rev. Duane Janssen gave the report as Wesleyan Youth Reporter.

Rev. Jones gave a report of the Wesleyan Youth Book Club and his report was adopted.

Nominating Committee read its report and it was adopted.

The following officers were elected:

President—Rev. R. J. Sausoman.

Vice-President—Rev. Archie Mudgett.

Executive Committee:

Southern District—Elvie Turner.

Aberdeen District—June Pettigrew.

Northwest District—Mary Enos.

Wesleyan Youth Solicitor—Rev. Duane Janssen.

Assistant Solicitors:

Southern District—Dorothy Traver.

Aberdeen District—Helen Holt.

Northwest District—John Harris.

Reporter to Wesleyan Youth—Oleta Leyh.

Delegate to General Conference—Elvie Turner.

Alternate Delegate—Rev. Gordon Goodsell.

It was moved and carried that our 1947 Youth Conference be extended to more than one day to care for the business of the W. Y. P. S.

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It was moved and carried that our Youth Conference begin on Young People's Day and extend until business is completed.

It was moved and carried that the Executive Committee be given power to select Wesleyan Youth Book Club Committee as they see fit.

It was moved to take action to put into existence a W. Y. P. S. Conference paper. The motion was lost.

It was moved and carried to leave in the hands of the Executive Committee the problem of getting information before the local societies.

Moved to adjourn to call of the Chair.

Wednesday Afternoon

Meeting was called to order June 12 at 1:15 by the Chairman, Rev. Sausoman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

It was moved and carried to continue the joint support of Miss Ruth Bixler to the amount of \$250.00.

Rev. Sausoman presented to the group some very helpful information on promoting better W. Y. P. S.

It was moved and carried to count as active members those who meet discipline requirements and pay their dues.

It was moved and carried to print the W. Y. P. S. Conference actions in the Conference Minutes.

It was moved and carried to recommend that the printing of the W. Y. P. S. Minutes be added to the Standing Rules.

Minutes were read and adopted.

Motion carried to adjourn.

ELVIE TURNER, Secretary.

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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 to pay Rev. Simpson \$9.00 for the deficit on the Forward Movement. Motion carried.

Moved and carried that Miss Elvie Turner of Artesian, S. D. be Secretary and Treasurer for the coming year.

Moved and carried to have a sign made for the new church at Sturgis, S. D.

Moved and carried to make our Church Extension project for this year the furnishing of a new pulpit for the Sturgis Church.

Moved and carried to furnish Rev. Shelley funds for making a location sign for the Deadwood Church.

Moved and carried to reappoint Rev. Jones and Rev. Sausoman to the Wesleyan Youth Book Club.

Motion carried to empower Rev. Jones to choose an assistant for the book club.

Moved that Tuesday of camp week be designated as Young People's Day for 1947 and that this date be made as a Standing Rule. Motion carried.

Motion carried that we pay Rev. Sausoman, President of W. Y. P. S. \$15.00 for his expenses.

Motion carried that we adopt a Conference W. Y. P. S. paper with Rev. Sausoman as editor and Rev. Mudgett as publisher.

Moved and carried that each society take an offering for the paper at such time as the President shall designate.

Motion to adjourn.

ELVIE TURNER, Secretary.

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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 Conference dues.

10c per member for General Conference Delegate Fund.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1946

Receipts

For Miss Ruth Bixler	\$ 350.79
Education	25.14
Church Extension	97.15
Connectional dues	108.00
Conference dues	116.68
Gen. Con. Delegate Fund	41.30
Forward Movement	20.75
South American Missions	30.00
Wesleyan Hour	16.50
The 7½%	13.03
Total	\$ 819.34

Disbursements

For Miss Ruth Bixler	\$ 250.00
Education	20.14
Church Extension	80.15
Connectional dues	108.00
Conference dues	46.09
Forward Movement	17.25
South American Missions	30.00
Wesleyan Hour	16.50
Total	\$ 568.13
Money on hand	\$ 251.21
Balance	\$ 819.34

ELVIE TURNER.