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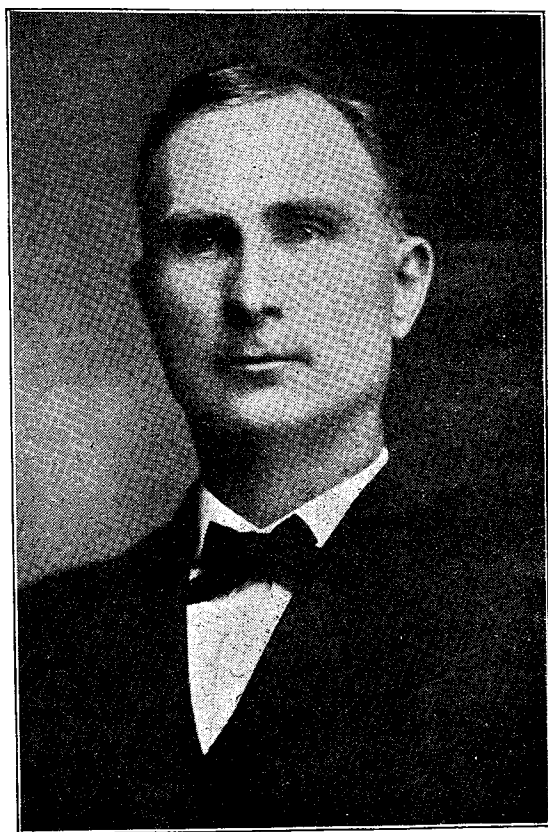
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President of the General Conference



Rev. E. D. Carpenter  
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Lay Vice-President of the General Conference

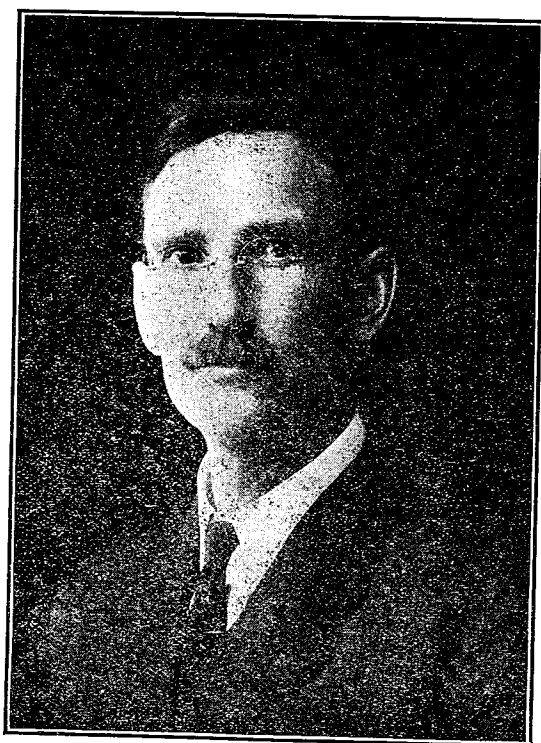


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Mrs. Susan McCarty  
Assistant Secretary of the General Conference

## **CONNECTIONAL OFFICERS**



Rev. F. A. Butterfield  
Connectional Editor





Rev. J. S. Willett  
Connectional Agent and Treasurer



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Connectional Missionary Secretary



Rev. I. F. McLeister  
Connectional Sunday School Secretary



Mr. E. G. Dietrich  
Chairman of the Book Committee

## THE RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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While the General Conference is held, primarily, for the purpose of transacting business, yet it is composed of ministers and representative lay members of our churches who take delight in setting forth in services, specifically spiritual, the standards of faith for which the Church stands. The Committee on Religious Services made ample provisions in the program for such meetings.

Rev. J. S. Willett preached the opening sermon. During the Conference Rev. I. F. McLeister, Rev. F. A. Butterfield, Rev. E. Teter and Rev. F. DeWeerd brought inspiring messages to us.

Each sitting of the General Conference was introduced with song, Scripture reading and prayer. These were times of edification. The Holy Spirit used these mediums for speaking to our souls and thus brought awakening messages. Each evening, save one, was given over, distinctively, to religious services. These were occasions of soul-saving and the deepening of Christian experience.

The Sabbath was a full day. The Love Feast began at about 8 o'clock. It was a real feast to the saints. Their testimonies and tears, their songs and shouts gave sufficient evidence of His holy presence. Following this most excellent service, Rev. E. Teter preached a profound sermon on the fundamentals of faith. Many were helped and blessed. We greatly regret that infirmity and age have compelled our esteemed brother to retire to a more private life. On Sunday afternoon Dr. J. S. Willett delivered an excellent sermon on the second coming of Christ. The large auditorium was well filled with attentive listeners, and as the truth was spoken shouts broke the stillness. Rev. Fred DeWeerd, a well known and successful evangelist, and a member of the Indiana Conference, preached from Rev. 21:9 in the evening. It was a powerful service. Deep conviction was upon the people. Some sought the Lord and found Him precious. All of these services were occasions for the enrichment of Christian experience and the salvation of souls.

## THE RELIGIOUS SERVICES—Continued

Rev. S. A. Mow, of Indiana, conducted the song services. He displayed ability as a spiritual leader.

On Monday evening, Hon. J. Frank Hanly, ex-Governor of Indiana, delivered a powerful address on the subject, "America, the Torch-Bearer." His message was profound and eloquent. He is a man of strong conviction, a leader and a defender of the faith.

Representatives of some of our mission fields and our educational institutions were present. In special missionary and educational rallies, they presented their respective interests and needs. We thank God for development along each of these lines.

The delightful fellowship, the spirit of unity, the aggressiveness and the vision of our opportunities will cause this quadrennial session to go down in history as the best ever.

Our prayer is that He who is the Head of the Church may lead us on and give sufficient wisdom and power to enable us to carry out the program before us—His program. Till He comes let us labor, watch and pray.

E. F. McCarty, Secretary.

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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTIETH<sup>3</sup> QUADRENNIAL SESSION

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

Wesleyan Methodist Connection,  
or Church, of America

HELD AT

FAIRMOUNT, INDIANA,  
JUNE 25-JULY 1, 1919



## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

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### OFFICERS.

**President:**—Rev. Eber Teter, Sheridan, Ind.

**Vice-Presidents:**—Rev. E. D. Carpenter, Glens Falls, N. Y.;  
Mr. J. Lawrence, Ashburn, Ga.

**Secretary:**—Rev. E. F. McCarty, 228 S. Clemens Ave., Lansing,  
Mich.

**Assistant Secretary:**—Mrs. Susan McCarty, 228 S. Clemens Ave.,  
Lansing, Mich.

**Trustees:**—Edward G. Dietrich, Edward D. Carpenter, John S.  
Willett, Frank A. Butterfield, Charles Sicard.

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### STANDING COMMITTEES.

**Board of Review:**—Charles Sicard, W. L. Thompson, J. S.  
Willett, Fleming Perrine, J. Lawrence.

**Auditing and Invoice Committee:**—E. D. Carpenter, F. S. Lee  
and Charles Sicard.

**Course of Study:**—E. F. McCarty, H. W. McDowell, J. B.  
Clawson, J. S. Willett, F. R. Eddy.

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### ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Ministerial.

Lay.

#### Africa.

George H. Sprague

#### Alabama.

H. R. French

Frances French

#### Allegheny.

I. F. McLeister

Fleming Perrine

P. B. Campbell

C. E. York

I. A. Grise

C. P. Rank

#### Canada.

#### Champlain.

E. D. Carpenter

I. L. Prouty

E. L. Elliott

R. H. Keyes

#### Dakota.

J. C. McGovern

A. Cummings

#### Georgia.

W. H. Massey

J. Lawrence

J. M. Willis

F. A. Lewis

#### Illinois.

W. J. Seekins

O. N. Carnahan

#### India.

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### Indiana.

W. L. Thompson  
T. P. Baker  
J. O. Baker  
H. D. Hawkins  
F. R. Eddy  
Fred DeWeerd  
Aaron Worth  
Eber Teter

John L. Rigsbee  
Blanche Thompson  
Hurvey L. Smith  
Thomas Dyson  
F. M. Foulke  
Daniel Shidler  
Loren Van Matre  
P. H. Rindfusz

### Iowa.

W. R. Emerson

John D. Williams

### Kansas.

P. A. Miller  
H. W. McDowell

Alexander Ballard

### Lockport.

J. R. Babcock  
Charles Sicard

J. S. Luckey  
Ernest Houghton

### Michigan.

E. F. McCarty  
C. S. Rennells  
D. T. Perrine

S. Hugh Paine  
E. D. Cheney  
Susan McCarty

### North Carolina.

T. L. Hill  
Edward M. Graham  
J. A. Clement

C. M. Aldred  
R. H. Beaty  
J. E. Comer

### North Georgia.

J. H. Lawrence

L. M. Beckum

### North Michigan.

E. A. Boyd

E. W. Woodruff

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### Ohio.

A. W. Smith  
Charles Hill

### Oklahoma.

Iva E. Crofford

Dale Mann\*

### Rochester.

F. S. Lee  
J. S. Willett

E. G. Dietrich  
H. L. Molyneux

### South Carolina.

W. D. Correll  
H. C. Bedford  
D. O. Powers

J. W. Miller  
J. H. Earnest  
C. B. Smith

### South Ohio.

H. C. Pierce

A. L. Gilmer

### Tennessee and Alabama.

F. M. Roberts

R. L. Floyd\*

### Willamette.

D. B. Hampe\*

Alice Hampe

### Wisconsin.

J. B. Clawson

O. S. Ballinger

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\* Absent.

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### DAILY PROCEEDINGS

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#### First Meeting.

**Opening.**—The General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America convened for its twentieth quadrennial session at Fairmount, Indiana, June 25, 1919, at 2 o'clock P. M. The President, Rev. E. Teter, called to order.

**Devotional Services.**—Rev. Wm. Pinckney conducted the devotional services, assisted by Rev. Aaron Worth and Rev. P. B. Campell.

**Organization.**—Mrs. Susan McCarty was chosen Assistant Secretary. J. Lawrence and Prof. H. W. McDowell were made a Committee on Credentials.

The following Delegates were enrolled: H. R. French, I. F. McLeister, I. A. Grise, P. B. Campbell, E. D. Carpenter, E. L. Elliott, W. H. Massey, W. J. Seekins, W. L. Thompson, T. P. Baker, H. D. Hawkins, J. O. Baker, F. R. Eddy, Fred DeWeerd, Aaron Worth, Eber Teter, P. A. Miller, H. W. McDowell, J. R. Babcock, Charles Sicard, E. F. McCarty, D. T. Perrine, C. S. Rennells, J. H. Lawrence, A. W. Smith, Mrs. Iva E. Crofford, F. S. Lee, J. S. Willett, H. C. Pierce, F. M. Roberts, D. B. Hampe, J. B. Clawson, J. A. Clement, E. M. Graham, T. L. Hill, D. O. Powers, H. C. Bedford, W. D. Correll, W. R. Emerson, Charles Hill, Frances French, Fleming Perrine, C. E. York, C. P. Rank, I. L. Prouty, R. H. Keyes, J. Lawrence, O. N. Carnahan, John L. Rigsbee, Blanche Thompson, Hurvey L. Smith, Thomas Dyson, F. M. Foulke, Daniel Shidler, Loren Van Matre, P. M. Rindfusz, John D. Williams, J. S. Luckey, Ernest Houghton, Susan McCarty, S. Hugh Paine, L. M. Beckum, E. W. Woodruff, Dale Mann, E. G. Dietrich, H. L. Molyneux, A. L. Gilmer, R. L. Floyd, Alice Hampe, O. S. Ballinger, C. M. Aldred, J. W. Miller, J. H. Earnest, J. E. Comer, R. H. Beaty.

**President's Remarks.**—The President gave a short sermon on 1 Corinthians 16:13, which was timely, practical and spiritual.

**Order of Business.**—The Committee appointed to arrange an Order of Business for this session of the General Conference made the following report, which was adopted:

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### COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM.

#### I. Calendar of Business for Each Meeting.

1. Devotional service.
2. Roll call.
3. Reading and adopting Minutes.
4. Presenting credentials of Delegates.
5. Unfinished business.
6. Presentation of amendments to the Discipline, petitions, memorials or resolutions.
7. Special Orders.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Adjournment.

#### II. Calendar of Special Orders.

1. Wednesday—Report of President as to Committees appointed and election of Committees.
2. Thursday—Report of Missionary Secretary.
3. Friday—Election of Conference Officers.
4. Saturday—Report of Connectional Treasurer.
5. Saturday, 2 P. M.—Educational Meeting.
6. Monday—Editor's report, and Connectional Sunday School Secretary's report, and election of Connectional Officials.
7. Tuesday—Report of the Board of Review.
8. Tuesday, P. M.—Missionary Rally.
9. It is recommended that the meetings begin at 8:00 A. M. and 2 P. M., and adjourn at 11:30 A. M. and upon motion in the afternoon.
10. No recommendations of changes in the Discipline shall be received later than Saturday, the fourth day of the Conference.
11. Recommendations shall be read at three separate sittings before a vote is taken.

Indiana Board of Trustees, Committee.

T. P. Baker, Chairman.

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**Nominating Committee.**—The Conference endorsed the action of the President in appointing the Chairmen of the various Committees and elected the following members of said Committee: J. S. Willett, J. Lawrence, Charles Sicard.

The President also offered the following recommendations, which were adopted:

**Committee on Education.**—This question is so important, and the fact of launching a College in Indiana for the purpose of furnishing a College where our young people can be graduated and granted degrees is so important that I deemed it wise to deviate from the usual custom of appointing a single person as Chairman, and appointed four persons to write on the same. President J. S. Luckey, with especial reference to presenting Education as it stood related to Houghton and its needs; Rev. H. C. Bedford, of Central, S. C., with especial reference to its needs; President H. W. McDowell, of Miltonvale, Kan., with especial reference to its need; Rev. T. P. Baker, as President of the Board of Trustees of the Indiana Conference, with especial reference to the necessity of establishing a school in Indiana, together with the steps that led up to such a request, and the authorization of the Educational Board at Syracuse, of what was expected of the Indiana Conference in order to create such a school, all of which will be set forth by the Trustees of the Indiana Conference, together with the fact that it is to be a Connectional School, and not simply a School with nothing behind it but the Indiana Conference.

I recommend the following, which is a further departure from the usual course:

That the General Conference add to the parties already appointed by the President, provided you approve of the same, and that this Committee be the Committee on Education and consider the following things:

1. To get up a questionnaire, which all persons employed are required to answer before being recommended or employed by the Educational Board.

2. To devise a uniform method of conducting all our schools as to the relation of each school to the other, and the matter of raising funds for the support of the same. We must take the view that all our Church work is a unit, and that since our Educational

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work is absolutely essential to our doing the work as a Church that we are called of God to do, so that while it is fully understood that where we are seeking to raise money in certain districts for the schools in said district, that that in no sense means that they are simply schools for that particular district, but that they are all schools backed by the whole Connection, and that if a district is not able to properly support the school located in the district, that the whole Connection must come to the rescue, and that all our schools are all working together for the best interests of the entire Church.

**Conference Bar Fixed:**—By vote of the Conference the rostrum and the first four seats at the front and at either side constituted the Conference bar.

**Committee on Religious Services:**—The Indiana Conference Board of Trustees was appointed by the Chair a Committee on Religious Services.

**Memorial Referred to Book Committee:**—It was voted that all proposed amendments to the Discipline be referred to the Book Committee for consideration and reported back to this body.

**Reporter.**—Rev. I. F. McLeister was elected Reporter for the General Conference.

**Report of Committee on Revision.**—The Committee on Revision gave a partial report by giving the first reading to several proposed amendments.

Adjourned by vote.

**Sacramental Service Observed.**—The Committee on Religious Services provided for the Sacramental Service, which was enjoyed immediately upon adjournment. Rev. P. B. Campbell and Rev. W. J. Seekins had charge of this service. It was a most blessed and profitable communion of the saints.

Benediction by Rev. E. Teter.

### Second Meeting—June 26, 1919.

**Opening.**—The devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. R. Emerson, of the Iowa Conference.  
The roll was called.



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The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and approved.

By vote the Missionary Secretary was granted the privilege of reporting at a later date.

The Committee on Enrollment reported the following names, which were added to the Roll: Alex Ballard, F. A. Lewis, J. M. Willis, E. A. Boyd.

**Report of Committee on Revision.**—A partial report of the Committee on Revision was given. A second reading of Items Nos. 1 to 32 was given; and also a first reading of Items Nos. 33, 34, 35.

**President's Decision Referred.**—The decision of the President of the General Conference relative to the voting on the proposed tobacco amendment was referred to the Board of Review.

**Special Order.**—Because of the faithful and sacrificial life of our beloved brother, Rev. Aaron Worth, during his sixty-six years of Christian ministry, the Conference by vote made a special order asking him to preach at 10:30 o'clock. The President announced a recess until then.

Brother Worth, the Grand Old Man of Indiana, now in his 85th year, addressed the Conference in a most earnest and fervent spirit from the text, Matt. 21:42. In a most eloquent and masterful manner he exalted the Christ. He held the undivided attention of his hearers, who were moved to laughter and to tears.

Adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by Brother Worth.

### Third Meeting—2 P. M., June 26, 1919.

**Opening.**—The Conference convened at 2 o'clock P. M., with the President in the chair. Rev. D. O. Powers, of the South Carolina Conference, conducted the devotions.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

**Committee on Courtesies.**—Rev. T. P. Baker was elected a Committee on Courtesies, and proceeded at once to introduce the visiting ministers. A company of forty ministers and missionaries were introduced.

**Committee on Enrollment Reports.**—The Committee on Enroll-

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ment made an additional report, and the following names were added to the roll: C. B. Smith, A. Cummings, J. C. McGovern.

**Committee on Nominations Reports.**—The Committee on Nominations made its report, which was adopted. See Report No. 1.

**Nominating Committee.**—J. S. Luckey, after some explanatory remarks, moved that the new Book Committee be constituted a Nominating Committee for nominating the Connectional officials. An amendment was offered making the old Board the Nominating Committee. It was carried by a rising vote of 56 to 12. The motion prevailed that should other Connectional offices be created, this Nominating Committee be authorized to nominate candidates for said offices.

**Vacancies Filled in Committee on Course of Study.**—In the absence of C. H. Dow, E. L. Henderson and Clarence Williams, members of the Committee on Course of Study, P. B. Campbell, D. T. Perrine and O. S. Ballinger were elected to fill the vacancies.

Adjourned by vote.

The Doxology was sung, and Rev. J. A. Clement pronounced the benediction.

### Fourth Meeting—June 27, 1919.

**Opening.**—The Conference being called to order, with the President presiding, Dr. H. C. Bedford, of Houghton, N. Y., conducted the devotionals. He read from 1 Cor. 13 and led in prayer.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved.

An additional report of the Committee on Enrollment was made and the name of E. D. Cheney was added to the roll.

**Fiscal Year Changed.**—The motion prevailed that the General Conference authorize that the fiscal year end December 31st instead of May 31st.

**Committee on Plan and Expense of Next General Conference.**—A. W. Smith, E. D. Carpenter, Charles Sicard, T. P. Baker, S. H. Paine, C. E. York and J. Lawrence were elected Committee to consider the entertainment and expense of Delegates to the seat of the next General Conference, devise a plan for raising this money, and report to this body.

**Election of Conference Officers.**—The order of the day was called, for which was the election of Conference officers. The Presi-

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dent appointed C. S. Rennells, H. C. Bedford, A. W. Smith, J. Lawrence, J. E. Comer and F. Foulke as tellers.

Upon the first ballot for President of the General Conference, Eber Teter received a majority of all the votes cast and was declared elected.

E. D. Carpenter was elected Ministerial Vice-President upon the first ballot.

J. Lawrence received a majority of all votes cast for Lay Vice-President upon the first ballot and was declared elected.

Upon first ballot for Secretary, E. F. McCarty received a majority vote and was declared elected.

By vote, Mrs. Susan McCarty was continued Assistant Secretary.

**Committee on Revision Reports.**—The Committee on Revision gave a second reading of Item No. 28.

The motion prevailed that all amendments referred to the Committee on Revision be reported to this body and referred by it to the various Committees to which they properly belong.

By vote Item No. 30 was referred to the Committee on Course of Study, and Item No. 10 to the Committee on Publishing the Discipline, and Item No. 9 to the Committee on Statistical Blanks.

**Committee on State of the Church Reports.**—The Committee on the State of the Church gave their report, which was adopted. See Report No. 3.

It was voted that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock.

Adjourned by vote.

The Doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. P. B. Campbell.

### Fifth Meeting—3 O'Clock P. M., June 27, 1919.

**Opening.**—Conference convened at 3 o'clock P. M., and M. A. Gibbs conducted the devotionals.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

**Introductions.**—Dr. W. W. Lineberry and Rev. J. L. Barclay, of the Methodist Protestant Church, were introduced by the Committee on Courtesies.

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**Committee on Revision Reports.**—The Committee on Revision of the Discipline made a partial report, by giving a third reading of Items Nos. 1 and 2. It was voted that action on these items be deferred.

**Committee on Secret Societies.**—On motion a Committee was elected to draft a decision as to the meaning of "secret societies" and place the same in the Discipline. E. Teter, J. S. Willett, H. C. Bedford, J. S. Luckey and E. G. Dietrich constituted the Committee.

**Further Reading of Amendments.**—Item No. 3 was given a third reading and adopted. A substitute for Item No. 4 was read and adopted. Item No. 5 read and the proposed amendment was lost.

By vote of the General Conference, George H. Sprague was seated as a Delegate from Africa.

**Missionary Secretary Reports.**—The Missionary Secretary gave his report. The Committee on Missions also made its report

Voted to adjourn until 9 o'clock A. M.

Benediction by Chas. Sicard.

### Sixth Meeting—9 O'Clock A. M., June 28, 1919.

**Opening.**—Conference convened at 9 o'clock, with Vice-President E. D. Carpenter in the chair. E. L. Elliott, a returned missionary from Africa, read the 121st Psalm and offered prayer.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the previous sitting were read and approved.

**Unfinished Business.**—It was voted that the report of the Missionary Secretary be adopted item by item. Item No. 1, which gave the Missionary Secretary until September 1st to close up his books and business, was carried. Item No. 2, recommending the election of two Missionary Secretaries, was referred to the Committee on Revision. Item No. 3, which was the report of the Committee on Missions, was adopted. See Report No. 5.

By vote the report of the Missionary Secretary was adopted, excepting the item which was referred. See Report No. 4.

**General Conference Doings Reported Through the Wesleyan Methodist.**—The motion prevailed that the Editor of the Wesleyan

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Methodist be privileged to publish any business of, or reports to, the General Conference that will be helpful to our constituency.

**Connectional Treasurer Reports.**—The order of the day was called, for which was the report of the Connectional Treasurer. It was read and adopted item by item. See Report No. 6.

**Date of Board Meeting Changed.**—It was voted that the time of the Annual Board Meeting be changed from June to February.

**Executive Committee Meeting.**—The motion prevailed that it be stated in the Discipline that the Chairman of the Book Committee be authorized to call a meeting of the Executive Board as occasion may arise.

**Burning of Mortgage.**—At the close of the Agent's report, he gave a resume of the steps which led to securing the discharge of the mortgage on the Publishing House. The audience arose and heartily sang the Doxology, while he burned these legal papers before them. Their ashes were distributed to the four winds by J. E. Comer.

This service was closed by the people marching in line to shake the hand of our beloved Brothers Eber Teter, the Grand Old Man of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection, and Aaron Worth, the Grand Old Man of Indiana. The occasion was a most hallowed one and made a blessed conclusion to the morning meeting.

Adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by Rev. Aaron Worth.

### Seventh Meeting—2 O'Clock P. M., June 28, 1919.

**Opening.**—The Conference was called to order by the President. The devotionals were conducted by Rev. J. H. Lawrence, of the North Georgia Conference.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

**Introductions.**—The Committee on Courtesies introduced Prof. Jones, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Spencer, of Marion, Ind.

**Committee on Revision Reports.**—The first reading was given to Items Nos. 36-42. The third reading was given to Item No. 14.

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**Educational Meeting.**—The order of the day was called for, which was the Educational meeting.

The President of the Book Committee, E. G. Dietrich, addressed the Conference and explained the proposition the Board had made to the Indiana Conference to assist them in establishing a college.

Prof. Jones, of Marion, addressed the body in a most interesting manner. He stated several important reasons why this proposed college should be located at Marion, and described the Normal buildings there which the Indiana Conference considers purchasing. Two other citizens from the city also made remarks.

**Further Report of Committee on Revision.**—It was voted that action on Item 14 be deferred until the Sunday School Secretary made his report. Items Nos. 6, 7, 11 and 12 were given a third reading and adopted. Item No. 3 was included in Item No. 16. Item No. 13 was given a third reading. By vote, S. W. Wright, who is not a member of the General Conference, was permitted to speak on this Item. Action on it was deferred, by vote, until after the Board of Review reported. Items No. 15, 17, 18 and 19 were given a third reading and adopted. A motion was made to reconsider Item No. 13.

Adjourned by vote.

Benediction by Rev. P. B. Campbell.

### **Eighth Meeting—June 30, 1919.**

**Opening.**—The Conference convened at 8 o'clock, with the President in the chair. After singing, Mrs. Iva E. Crofford, of Oklahoma, read Psalm 91 and offered prayer.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved.

**Statistics Completed.**—It was voted that the quadrennial reports not in the hands of the Committee on Statistics be sent to the Secretary of the General Conference and added to the statistical report.

**Unfinished Business.**—It was voted to reconsider Item No. 18. Upon reconsideration it was lost.

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**Committee on Book Concern Reports.**—The Committee on Book Concern made its report, which was adopted. See Report No. 7.

**Committee on Budget Reports.**—The report of the Committee on Budget was read.

**The Editor's Report.**—The order of the day was called for, which was the report of the Editor. He made a verbal report, which was adopted. See Report No. 9.

**Sunday School Secretary Reports.**—The Sunday School Secretary gave his report. The program consisted of songs and addresses on the following subjects: "Saving the Children," by I. F. McLeister; "Training the Young People," by F. S. Lee; "The Need of Trained Teachers," by S. E. Baker.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported.

The reports of the Sunday School Secretary and Sunday School Committee were adopted. Action on the recommendations in the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was referred until after action had been taken on Item No. 14. See Reports Nos. 10 and 11.

**Unfinished Business.**—The consideration of Item 14, which had been deferred, was taken up by the Conference.

The President declared the Conference adjourned by limitation of time.

Benediction by Rev. F. A. Butterfield.

### Ninth Meeting—2 O'Clock P. M., June 30, 1919.

**Opening.**—The President called the Conference to order at 2 o'clock and the devotionals were conducted by Rev. C. S. Rennells, of the Michigan Conference. He read Col. 2:1-9 and offered prayer.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

**Unfinished Business.**—It was voted that the rule requiring three readings to proposed amendments be suspended in the case of Item No. 42.

The motion prevailed that action on Item No. 14 be deferred until Item No. 42 be acted upon.

**Rights to Speak Granted.**—By vote, the returned Missionaries and members of the Book Committee who are not members of the

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General Conference, were granted the right to speak upon Item No. 42.

**Amendment Referred.**—Item No. 42 was read, considered and by vote referred back to the Committee on Revision for rewording.

Adjourned by vote.

Benediction by W. J. Seekins.

### Tenth Meeting—July 1, 1919.

**Opening.**—Conference was called to order by the President. Rev. A. W. Smith, of the Ohio Conference, read 2 Cor. 6:1-9 and offered prayer.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved.

The name of Mary Ebert was substituted for that of Hurvey L. Smith, who had returned home, and she was seated in the Conference.

**Special Business.**—By common consent, special business was introduced. A budget of \$1,000,000 for the next quadrennium as a goal to be reached in our Forward Movement, to be distributed as follows: Education, \$400,000; Missions, 400,000; Ministerial Pensions, \$100,000; General Evangelism, \$75,000; Sunday School work, \$25,000. The Budget was adopted.

It was voted that the Nominating Committee nominate a Commission to devise plans by which this budget was to be raised throughout the Connection.

**Unfinished Business.**—The Committee on Revision made a partial report by reading Item No. 42, which had been referred to them. It was adopted.

Item No. 14 was read, considered and adopted.

**President's Decision.**—The decision of the President was that in adopting Item No. 14 the Book Committee still had the power to define the duties of the Sunday School Secretary. His decision was sustained by vote.

**Election of Connectional Officers.**—The President appointed C. S. Rennells, A. W. Smith, H. C. Bedford and D. O. Powers as tellers. The Nominating Committee nominated, and the General



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Conference elected on first ballot the following Connectional officers: F. A. Butterfield, Editor; J. S. Willett, Agent; T. P. Baker, Missionary Secretary; I. F. McLeister, Sunday School Secretary.

**President's Decision.**—The decision of the President, which was that no two Connectional offices could be held by one man was sustained by vote.

**Rule Suspended.**—It was voted that the rule requiring that all amendments be presented to the Committee not later than Saturday, June 28th, be suspended.

A recess of ten minutes was taken to give time for nomination of members of the Book Committee.

**Introductions.**—The Conference was called to order and the Committee on Courtesies introduced J. Young, of Marion, Ind., and J. M. Coleman, of Bloomington, Ind.

**Election of Book Committee.**—The Delegates from the various districts nominated and the Conference elected the following members of the Book Committee: Ohio, South Ohio and Tennessee, lay, L. H. McMillan; Michigan and North Michigan, ministerial, E. F. McCarty; Lockport, ministerial, Charles Sicard; Canada, Champlain and Rochester, ministerial, E. D. Carpenter, lay, E. G. Dietrich; Allegheny, lay, Fleming Perrine; Kansas, Oklahoma and Willamette, ministerial, P. A. Miller; Indiana and Illinois, ministerial, W. L. Thompson, lay, O. N. Carnahan; Iowa, Wisconsin and Dakota, lay, O. S. Ballinger; North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, North Georgia and Alabama, ministerial, J. A. Clement, lay, J. Lawrence. These, with the Connectional Editor, Agent and Missionary Secretary, constitute the full Book Committee.

**Board of Trustees.**—Edward G. Dietrich, Edward D. Carpenter, John S. Willett, Frank A. Butterfield and Charles Sicard were elected by ballot Connectional Board of Trustees.

**Board of Review.**—The following were elected members of the Board of Review: Charles Sicard, W. L. Thompson, J. S. Willett, Fleming Perrine and J. Lawrence.

**Auditing and Invoice Committee.**—E. D. Carpenter, F. S. Lee and Charles Sicard were elected Auditing and Invoice Committee.

**Amendment Referred.**—An amendment to the Discipline was

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offered by W. R. Emerson and referred to the Committee on Revision.

**Report of Board of Review.**—The orders of the day were called for, which was the report of the Board of Review. The report was given and considered item by item. The first item was adopted. The second item was not approved. See Report No. 12. By the rejection of this item the decision of the President, which was that two-thirds of the Conferences voting on an amendment must ratify it by a two-thirds majority, was sustained.

**Tobacco Amendment.**—The Secretary gave the report of the results of the vote on the proposed Tobacco Amendment. See Report No. 13.

An extension of time of twenty minutes was voted.

**Unfinished Business.**—The report of the Committee on Budget was adopted. See Report No. 8.

**Committee on Education Reports.**—The Committee on Education reported. It was adopted. See Report No. 14.

**Committee on Ministerial Pensions.**—The Committee on Ministerial Pensions made its report, which was adopted. See Report No. 15.

Adjourned. Benediction by E. D. Carpenter.

### Eleventh Meeting—2 O'Clock P. M., July 1, 1919.

**Opening.**—The Vice-President, Rev. E. D. Carpenter, called the Conference to order. The devotionals were conducted by Rev. J. R. Babcock, of the Lockport Conference.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

**W. H. & F. M. S. Minutes.**—It was voted, upon the recommendation of the W. H. & F. M. Society, that their minutes be published with those of the General Conference.

**Unfinished Business.**—The report of the Secretary on the Tobacco Amendment was adopted. See Report No. 13.

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**Missionary Rally.**—The order of the day was announced by the President, which was the Missionary Rally. The needs of the foreign fields were clearly set forth by the returned Missionaries and by those who are expecting to go. These addresses, together with the songs and readings, greatly inspired the audience. Pledges were taken for missionary work, which, with the offering, amounted to more than \$600.

**Adjournment.**—The motion prevailed that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 7:30 P. M.

Adjourned by vote.

Closing prayer by E. G. Dietrich.

### Twelfth Meeting—7:30 P. M., July 1, 1919.

**Opening.**—Conference convened as per adjournment at 7:30 o'clock P. M. P. A. Miller, of the Kansas Conference, read the Scriptures and offered prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

**Rule Suspended.**—By vote the rule requiring a third reading of all proposed amendments to the Discipline was suspended.

**Committee on Revision Reports.**—Item No. 41 was read and adopted. Item No. 31 was lost. Item 20 was adopted. Items 21 and 22 were not approved. Items No. 23, 24 and 25 were adopted. Item No. 26 was not approved. Item No. 27 was adopted. Item No. 28 was read. The Committee on the Societies of the World reported. Item No. 28 was lost.

**Committee to Define Secret Societies Reports.**—The Committee to define "secret societies" gave their report, which was adopted. See Report No. 18.

**Committee on Societies of the World Reports.**—The report of the Committee on the Societies of the World was adopted. See Report No. 17.

**Reading of Proposed Amendments Continued.**—Items Nos. 1 and 2 were read and adopted. Item No. 13 was read and not approved. Item No. 37 was read. J. M. Coleman, of the Covenanters' Church of Bloomington, Ind., presented a resolution concerning a proposed

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amendment to the Preamble of the Federal Constitution, by inserting the name of Jesus Christ. This paper was adopted with the recommendation that the clergy be instructed to present this matter to their congregations. Item No. 37 was adopted. Item No. 29 was read and not approved. Item 30 was referred to the Committee on the Course of Study. Item 33 read and lost. Item 34 and 35 were read and adopted. Item No. 36 was lost. Items Nos. 38 and 39 were not approved. Items Nos. 40, 43, 44 and 45 were adopted. Items Nos. 46 and 47 were referred to the Committee on Statistics. Item No. 48 was adopted.

**Committee on Annuities Reports.**—The Committee on Annuities gave its report, which was adopted and authorized published in the Discipline. See Report No. 19.

**Commission of Forward Movement.**—The Nominating Committee nominated and the Conference elected J. S. Willett, J. S. Luckey, T. P. Baker, E. G. Dietrich and F. A. Butterfield as a commission to formulate plans for raising the million dollar budget. By vote H W. McDowell and H. C. Bedford were added to the Committee.

**Committee on Conference Records.**—The Committee on Conference Records reported. It was amended so as to require the Secretary of the General Conference to notify the Secretaries of the Annual Conferences of the Standard of Excellence adopted by this body, within sixty days after the rise of this General Conference and sixty days before the next General Conference convenes. The above report was adopted. See Report No. 20.

**Committee on Statistics Reports.**—The Committee on Statistics gave its report. Both parts of the report, except Item 10, were adopted. See Report No. 21.

**Committee on Thanks Reports.**—The Committee on Thanks reported. It was adopted. See Report No. 16.

**Committee on Plans for General Conference Entertainment.**—The Committee to whom was referred the duty of devising a plan for meeting the traveling and entertainment expense of the next General Conference reported and the report was adopted. See Report No. 22.

**Committee on Course of Study Reports.**—The Committee on Course of Study gave its report, which was amended and adopted. See Report No. 23.

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**Opening Sermon.**—It was voted that E. F. McCarty preach the opening sermon at the next General Conference, with T. P. Baker alternate.

**Place of Next General Conference.**—On motion the place of the next General Conference was to be determined by the Book Committee.

**Committee on Course of Study Elected.**—E. F. McCarty, H. W. McDowell, J. B. Clawson, J. S. Willett and F. R. Eddy were elected a Committee on Course of Study.

**President to Appoint Chairmen.**—The President was authorized to appoint the Chairmen of all Committees, to report at the next General Conference.

**Editing Discipline.**—The Editor, the Agent and E. D. Carpenter were elected a Committee to edit the Discipline.

**Secretaries' Salaries.**—The motion prevailed that the Secretary be paid \$50.00 and the Assistant \$15.00 for their services, and that the money be paid from the treasuries of the several corporate Societies.

**Publishing General Conference Minutes.**—The Secretary of the General Conference, the Editor and the Agent were elected a Committee to publish the General Conference Minutes.

**Greetings Ordered Sent.**—The Secretary of the General Conference was instructed to send the greetings of this body to our workers in Africa and India.

**Delegates to the Next General Conference.**—It was voted that no Delegate be excused or his expenses paid before the close of the next General Conference unless by vote of that body.

**Business Referred to Book Committee.**—It was voted to leave all unfinished business to the Book Committee for settlement.

The minutes of the present sitting were read and approved.

Upon motion, the Conference adjourned sine die.

The President having retired, the Vice-President closed the Conference with a few remarks on the blessed fellowship enjoyed at this session and the approval of God on all our efforts.

Benediction by Rev. E. D. Carpenter.

Eber Teter, President.

E. F. McCarty, Secretary.

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### Report No. 1.

#### COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

**Missions**—Prof. J. O. Baker, Chairman; T. L. Elliot, J. D. Williams, Susan McCarty, R. H. Beaty, W. D. Correll, Alice Hampe, T. L. Hill, Frank Roberts, J. Lawrence, J. C. McGovern.

**Education**—Prof. J. S. Luckey, Chairman; H. C. Bedford, H. W. McDowell, T. P. Baker, J. O. Baker, Chas. Sicard, E. A. Boyd, J. B. Clawson, Daniel Shidler, D. T. Perrine, J. S. Willett, W. L. Thompson.

**Sabbath Schools**—Rev. F. S. Lee, Chairman; H. D. Hawkins, S. H. Paine, F. A. Lewis, Frances French, Thomas Dyson, L. M. Beckum, J. W. Miller, C. B. Smith.

**Societies of the World**—Rev. P. B. Campbell, Chairman; J. A. Clement, W. H. Massey, Alex. Ballard, O. S. Ballinger, A. Worth, A. Cummings.

**Book Concern**—Rev. C. S. Rennells, Chairman; E. B. Houghton, Fleming Perrine, O. N. Carnahan, J. R. Babcock.

**Budget and Tithing**—Rev. J. E. Comer, Chairman; D. O. Powers, H. L. Smith, L. VanMatre, H. R. French.

**Thanks**—Rev. E. F. McCarty, Chairman; J. H. Lawrence, E. W. Woodruff, Chas. Hill, Iva E. Crofford; H. L. Molyneux, J. H. Miller, H. C. Pierce, C. P. Rank, I. L. Prouty.

**State of the Church**—Rev. E. D. Carpenter, Chairman; E. Teter, J. S. Willett, Chester York, J. L. Rigsbee, P. A. Miller, Fred DeWeerd, P. H. Rindfusz, F. M. Foulke, A. L. Gilmer.

**Conference Records**—Rev. E. M. Graham, Chairman; I. A. Grise, A. W. Smith, C. M. Aldred, E. G. Dietrich, R. H. Keyes.

**Statistics**—Rev. W. J. Seekins, Chairman; I. F. McLeister, F. R. Eddy, W. R. Emerson, J. M. Willis, J. S. Luckey, Blanche Thompson.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Willett, Chairman.  
J. Lawrence,  
Chas. Sicard.

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### Report No. 2.

#### COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF DISCIPLINE.

Submitted by the Book Committee as  
Committee on Revision.

**Item No. 1:** Paragraph 39, sub-paragraph 3, add: except where members join another Church, or other religious body exercising the functions of a Church, or a secret society. In all such cases their own act separates them from the church, provided that they have been labored with as required by the Discipline, paragraph 300, sub-paragraph 2: in that case no vote is necessary, and the chairman of the church simply states the facts, and the secretary or leader will write opposite the name of said member the words, "Withdrawn by having joined another religious body." (Adopted by the General Conference.)

**Item No. 2:** Change paragraph 74 to conform to the above by adding to the same, on page 45 following the words, "withdrawn by removal," the following: When any member joins another church, or other religious body exercising the functions of a church, or a secret society, no trial or vote is necessary to remove them as members, for the act of joining said religious body or secret society severs their membership. The chairman of the church meeting, after stating the facts, simply authorizes the name to be marked, "Withdrawn by reason of having joined another body." (Adopted.)

**Item No. 3:** Add to paragraph 77 the following: When an annual conference authorizes the President or Evangelist to hold and preside at quarterly meetings, that requirement is a waiver of the pastor's right to preside, and of the quarterly conference to elect a chairman, so that said President or Evangelist can attend to his duties as defined by the annual conference. (Adopted.)

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**Item No. 4:** Amend paragraph 93 by adding to sub-paragraph 10 the following: except when the annual conference defines it to be the duty of the president or evangelist to hold said quarterly meetings. When it does so require, then the president or evangelist shall confer with the pastors during the session of the annual conference and shall agree upon the time of holding said quarterly meetings and report the same to the annual conference for its adoption. In case the pastor and evangelist cannot agree upon the time, then the persons elected to hold said quarterly meetings shall state the time they can hold the same and the conference shall fix said time. If after all this is done, and it is found that the evangelist and charge can change the time agreeably to both evangelist and charge they may make said change. If it is found that the president or evangelist cannot hold said quarterly meeting as arranged for, then said president or evangelist must either secure some one to hold same or relinquish his right to hold same, and in that case the pastor shall hold said quarterly meeting the same as if the annual conference had not authorized said president or evangelist to hold same

The following was substituted for the above: except when the annual conference authorizes the president or evangelist to arrange the time for holding the quarterly meeting. (The substitute was adopted.)

**Item No. 5:** Add the following to sub-paragraph 10, paragraph 93: Where there are two or more churches on a charge, the charge shall hold its first quarterly meeting at the place selected at the fourth quarterly meeting, and then at different churches on said charge till all of the churches have a quarterly meeting and this succession shall be kept up, unless the church to which it would go in regular succession should relinquish its right to have said quarterly meeting. In that case the



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charge shall select another church as the place of holding said meeting and continue said succession from that place as before provided. (The above item was lost.)

**Item No. 6:** Add the following to paragraph 102, sub-paragraph 3: The justifiable causes are defined as follows: (1) if the conference judges that the agreement entered into is not for the best interest of the work of the Lord on said charge; (2) if in the selection of a pastor a division should develop on said charge which would in the judgment of the conference cripple the work. (Adopted.)

**Item No. 7:** Add to paragraph 52 the following: Matrons of Rescue Homes, persons in charge of Orphanages, and Mission workers, shall, when they have been appointed by an annual conference, and while they continue in active service, be licensed by the annual conference for the work in which they are engaged. (Adopted.)

**Item No. 8:** In paragraph 366 remove the words, "his moral character standing fair," and use instead the following: the standing of his moral character being good, etc. (No action taken, as another item covers the same ground.)

**Item No. 9:** This was a series of changes in the statistical blank for the inclusion of the work in Japan to be included in the pastor's statistical reports. (The whole referred to the committee of statistical blanks, and were included by that committee. See the report of the committee on statistical blanks.)

**Item No. 10:** Under paragraph 79, near the top of the page where it reads, "in accordance with paragraph 68, sub-paragraph (4), make it read (3), as four is a misprint. (Referred to the Editors of the Discipline.)

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**Item No. 11:** In paragraph 130, following question No. 8, insert as question No. 9: Who of the Annual Conference Preachers have died this year? and number consecutively. (Adopted.)

**Item No. 12:** Amend paragraph 136 so that it will read, "The fourth Wednesday in June;" the balance as now. (Adopted.)

**Item No. 13:** Add to paragraph 143 the following: Provided that no change shall be made as provided by paragraph 143 unless at least one-third of the membership of the Connection shall have voted on the proposition. (Lost.)

**Item No. 14:** Add to the first part of paragraph 142 the words: and Connectional Sunday School Secretary. (Adopted.)

**Item No. 15:** Add to paragraph 142 the following: It is recommended that the Connectional Officers have their homes in the town where our general headquarters are located, or in some of the nearby suburban towns. (Adopted.)

**Item No. 16:** In paragraph 366 change the form of the certificate so that it will read as follows: The bearer, J— L—, having fully complied with h— engagements to the ——— Annual Conference, being of good moral character, and desiring to remove to another conference, is entitled to this certificate of h— good standing. A— S—, President of the M— Annual Conference. Date, etc.

(Adopted.)

**Item No. 17:** Insert in the marriage service as follows: In the questions asked of the groom and bride, following the word "wife" in the one and the word "husband" in the other, insert the following: "for better, for worse;" and also in each series of questions, after the word "health," insert the following: "in poverty or in wealth." (Adopted.)

**Item No. 18:** Add to paragraph 65 the following:

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In the transaction of all the business of the church, in monthly or church meetings, or voting for pastoral supply, or in the election of delegates to the annual conference, no members under the age of twelve shall be entitled to vote. (Adopted, then reconsidered and lost.)

**Item No. 19:** Add to the first part of paragraph 73 the following: But no certificate of membership, as provided for in the Discipline, paragraph 359, shall be granted if said member shall be living in acknowledged open violation of the requirements of the Discipline as agreed to in questions 1 to 5 of paragraph 69 and the covenant taken when received. Members living in acknowledged violation of the Discipline as described above, are not entitled to vote in any business connected with the church, quarterly conference or pastoral supply. (Adopted.)

**Item No. 20:** Amend paragraph 118 by inserting the following after the words "provided for" where it speaks of the debt due the Publishing House: No letters of transfer or standing shall be granted until satisfactory evidence is given by the minister making the request that no other outstanding debts are unprovided for, and that he has honorably withdrawn from his contract for service with the charge or conference. (Adopted.)

**Item No. 21:** Add to paragraph 96 the following: Where a church or charge elects delegates to an annual conference and also elects reserves, it may also at the same meeting instruct the chairman of the meeting electing said delegates to issue a certificate of election to any member of said church or charge that may attend the annual conference, provided that the regularly elected delegates or the reserves cannot attend; provided further, that the church or charge gives said authority at the same meeting at which the delegates were elected: provided further that should two or more members attend the annual conference from a church or

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charge, the church or charge shall indicate which member it prefers as delegate by a consultation or called meeting for that purpose and shall indicate the same in writing to the chairman either by letter or by communication by the member to be given the certificate. If no such authority is given at the time of said election, then no such certificate of election shall be issued. (Lost.)

**Item No. 22:** An amendment to paragraph 102, to be known as sub-paragraph 4, other numbers to be changed to correspond: Where a church desires to be made a station, that fact shall be made known to the quarterly conference of which it is a part, and canvassed. If in the judgment of said quarterly conference, said church, if made a station, can support a pastor; and further that if made a station it will not leave the rest of the charge too weak to support a pastor, then said church may petition the annual conference to make it a station. If in the judgment of the annual conference it can grant said petition without injury to the charge, it may grant such petition. Where a church cannot give a pastor a reasonable support as a station, or where it would so weaken a charge that it cannot give a pastor a reasonable support, said petition may not be granted. The annual conference however may so provide for the care of the weaker point as to grant said petition, if in the judgment of the conference, the cause of Christ will be better served by granting same.

When charges think that they can be better grouped together than they are by the action of the last session of the annual conference, the regrouping of the same shall be brought up in the quarterly meetings of both or all charges affected by the proposed change, and fully agreed upon. Then said agreements shall be presented to the annual conference in the form of a petition asking for said regrouping of the churches composing the charge or charges, and if in the judgment of the

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annual conference said regrouping or the churches will be of advantage to all parties, it shall grant said request, but should it be apparent to the annual conference that said regrouping is not for the best, the annual conference shall have the right to refuse said request, and shall make such changes as will be to the advantage of all concerned. (Lost.)

**Item No. 23:** An amendment by addition to paragraph 78 as follows: (1) where a church or charge judges it best to waive their rights in selecting a pastor, in such cases it shall be left to the annual conference to appoint a pastor for said church or charge, and when so appointed said pastor shall be received by the church or charge the same as if they had voted for said pastor.

(Adopted.)

**Item No. 24:** An amendment by addition to paragraph 78 to be known as sub-paragraph 2: (2) In case any church or charge leaves the selection of a pastor open by not entering into an engagement or taking any vote, the annual conference shall appoint a pastor for said church or charge as provided for in paragraph 102, sub-paragraph 5; and when such an appointment is made the church or charge is under as much obligation to receive said pastor as if they had voted for said pastor. (Adopted.)

**Item No. 25:** An addition to Section VIII, to be known as paragraph 133, other paragraphs to be numbered accordingly: The president of an annual conference shall call a special session when a petition to call the same is presented to him signed by two-thirds of all the pastors of said annual conference. It shall meet at the place selected for the next annual meeting, or at any place selected by the President and his Advisory Board, if it is better to do so. Said call must define the business to be transacted, and no business not stated in the call shall be transacted at the special session. When a

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special session is called the churches or charges must elect delegates in the same manner as is provided for regular sessions. (Adopted.)

**Item No. 26:** Add to paragraph 319, sub-paragraph 5, as follows: Yeast or fermented bread shall not be used in the emblems, but the following or some other formula for unfermented bread shall be used in its preparation: One cup sifted flour, a pinch of salt, enough sweet cream to make a medium dough; kneed thoroughly or pound with rolling pin; roll one-eighth inch thick, crease in one-half inch square, bake in medium oven. If cream is not obtainable, use one rounded teaspoonful of butter or lard. (Lost.)

**Item No. 27:** The following changes relate to the change of the time of holding the Annual Board Meetings from the month of June to the winter months:

Paragraph 146, in the fourth line from the top, omit "in the month of June," so that it shall read as follows: "It shall meet annually at Syracuse, N. Y.," the rest of the paragraph to remain as it is.

Paragraph 162, in the ninth line from the top, omit "during the month of June," so that it shall read as follows: "It shall meet annually at Syracuse, N. Y." and the rest of the paragraph to remain as it is.

Paragraph 162, in the ninth line from the top, omit "in the month of June," so that it shall read as follows: "The Board of Managers shall meet annually at Syracuse, N. Y." and the rest of the paragraph to remain as it is.

Paragraph 179, in the sixth line from the top, omit "in the month of June" so that it shall read as follows: "It shall hold its annual meeting each year" and the rest of the paragraph to remain as it is.

(Adopted.)

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**Item No. 28:** Substitute the following for the last clause of paragraph 70: Associate members shall have all the rights and privileges of members in full connection excepting to vote and hold office in the church. Associate membership shall not be less than three months, but may be continued as long as the member and church mutually agree to have it so. (Adopted.)

**Item No. 29:** Persons raising, manufacturing, buying, selling, chewing, smoking, or snuffing tobacco may, if otherwise fitted for associate membership, be welcomed to that relation, but cannot become members in full connection while so engaged. (This item was not acted upon, pending a decision upon the same question which has been before the conferences and churches.)

**Item No. 30:** We memorialize the General Conference to place at least one good pre-millennial text book in the course of study. We would suggest as first choice, "Jesus Is Coming," by W. E. Blackstone; as second choice, "A Text Book on Prophecy," by James M. Gray, D. D. (Referred to Committee on Course of Study.)

**Item No. 31:** Connectional officers shall be members of the General Conference as delegates-at-large. The Book Committee shall elect a lay delegate for each Connectional officer from one of the annual conferences which have no Connectional officers as members. Other sections of the Discipline relating to the same to be changed to correspond. (Lost.)

**Item No. 32:** Whereas, for two quadrenniums our Church has been embarrassed with having certain books in the course of study for ministers that are more or less tinctured with the so-called "higher criticism," be it resolved, That it is the sense of the Rochester Conference that no book which in any way undermines faith in the Bible as given by Divine inspiration has any place in the

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**Item No. 39:** That at the first time in the future that any Constitutional Amendment to the Discipline is put before the annual conferences and membership of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, this question also be voted on: That the latter clause of paragraph 17, of section 1, under the heading: "Justification of Man," be revised to read: "Wherefore that we are justified by faith is a most wholesome doctrine and very full of comfort," instead of "by faith only." (Lost.)

**Item No. 40:** Insert in paragraph 79, page 51, after the words "from the church of which he is a member," these words: "and passing the examination as provided in paragraph 259, page 152."

Insert in paragraph 259, on page 152, after the word "writing," these words, "as provided for in paragraph 79." (Adopted.)

**Item No. 41:** We, the members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Conference, memorialize the General Conference now in session that there be a change in our constitution in this respect, that our work be divided into three districts as follows: I. Eastern, comprised of Champlain, Rochester, Lockport, Allegheny, Canada, Michigan, North Michigan, Ohio, South Ohio; II. Central, comprised of Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Wisconsin, Illinois, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Willamette; III. Southern, comprised of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, North Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee, and that an organizer be appointed over each district, whose duty it shall be to visit all the conferences and as far as practicable the local societies in her district, organizing societies and bands, raising funds for missionary purposes, holding missionary institutes, and strengthening the work in general, reporting to and working in harmony with the General Conference President and Executive Board.



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We further memorialize the Conference that section 5 of our constitution be changed to read: "The treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all moneys of the Society reported to her and shall hold in trust the funds of the Society, but when the Society votes to pay out money for any purpose, let that vote be sufficient authority for the Treasurer to pay it out when it should be paid, without any further order from the president.

Furthermore, that when an official fails to perform the duties devolving upon her, the Executive Board may declare the office vacant.

(Adopted.)

**Item No. 42:** We recommend to the General Conference: 1. That there be a Missionary Secretary elected who shall have general direction of both the Home and Foreign missionary interests of our Church, and that he or the Field Secretary of Foreign Missions hereinafter provided for, be required to visit each of our missionary fields in foreign territory, and also fields in which it is proposed to begin foreign missionary work, such as Japan and China, as often and as for as great a length of time as the needs of the work may require, and report concerning the same to the Missionary Board.

2. That the Book Committee be hereby instructed to elect a Field Secretary of Foreign Missions for a term of four years, who shall work under the supervision of the Missionary Secretary and the Missionary Board, whose salary shall be determined by the Missionary Board.

3. That the General Missionary Secretary be required to employ as much of his time as possible in developing the Home Missionary work; also that he employ such additional help in the development of this work as may be required, such workers to be known as Field Secretaries of Home Missionary Work, the time of service and remuneration

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for the same to be determined by the Missionary Board.

4. That the duties of the Field Secretaries for both Home and Foreign Missionary work be defined by the Missionary Board.

**Item No. 43:** Paragraph 300, add after the word labor the following: "Provided that the directions given in paragraph 68, sub-paragraph 2, have been complied with. If any member of the Church Advisory Committee should be connected with the case as to render them incapable of serving, the church, if it judges best, may elect a special committee in the case.

**Item No. 44:** Place between paragraphs 301 and 302 the following: If the accused party confesses guilt, no trial is necessary and the church can proceed at once to determine the penalty as is provided for. If the party accused asks for a letter of dismissal before charges are preferred, the church must grant the same. See paragraph 73. The church may grant a letter of dismissal, even after charges are preferred. See paragraph 73. When charges are preferred and the party says that they are ready for trial, then no time need be given for them to prepare. Section otherwise to remain as it is. (Adopted.)

**Item No. 45:** Add to paragraph 119: If said elders takes a letter of dismissal from the church, or declares that he has withdrawn from the church, or leaves for parts unknown, without letting the church know where he is, then the annual conference at its next session, when said facts are known, shall declare said elder withdrawn from the conference, and may publish\* that fact in the Church paper. When an elder surrenders his parchments, it will be lawful to publish the fact in the papers that he or she is not an elder in the Wesleyan Methodist Connection. An elder receiving a letter of dismissal with recommendations as is provided for in

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paragraph 359 of the present Discipline does not effect his standing in an annual conference, unless he fails to use it in joining some other Wesleyan Methodist church. If he joins some other church he should at the same time take a letter of standing from the conference of which he is a member, and failing to do so, shall be marked withdrawn, as is provided for in paragraph 106, No. 6. (Adopted.)

**Item No. 46:** Suggested changes in statistical blanks. (Referred to Committee on Statistical Blanks.)

**Item No. 47:** Of the same nature as above. (Referred to Committee on Statistical Blanks.)

**Item No. 48:** Add to paragraph 165 the words: provided, however, the Book Committee shall have power to place the editing of the Sunday School literature in the hands of the Sunday School Secretary. (Adopted.)

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### Report No. 3.

#### STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee who was assigned to report on the State of the Church reports as follows:

At no time has this subject been of greater importance than the present, when the whole world is in a process of readjustment from a condition of world war to a condition which we hope may be world peace. The state of the Church is of vital importance, as it should exercise a very important influence in this process of readjustment. If the influence of the Church be what it should, it can only be so in the most important sense and greatest measure as she stands true to God and His Book.

Lack of information would debar us from exhaustively treating this theme as regards the Church as a whole, but we turn our attention entirely to the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America.

That there was need for the existence of such a Church would

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only require a study of conditions as they existed in America in the years prior to the organization of our Church, as also in the years that have followed, coming into existence distinctly as a reform Church, she has thus continued until the present day.

Though severe opposition has come to her, still she continues the work committed to her in 1843; and though one of the leading issues upon which she came into existence no longer is a menace to mankind as then, yet there remains plenty of work to be accomplished in pressing needed reforms; and especially is it true that much work abounds on every hand of bringing to men the Gospel of Jesus our Saviour that saves men from committing sin and sets them free from inbred sin. To do this work well requires a Spirit-filled, aggressive Church. Do we measure up?

### Let Us Look at Ourselves for a Moment Doctrinally.

We believe that doctrinally the Wesleyan Methodist Church is standing for all that is essential to the salvation of man; because she stands for and accepts of the whole revealed Word of God as given to us in the Bible, and we accept it as being given as the Word declares in Second Peter 1:21, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

And while it is regrettable that some are trying to believe and establish that man came by an evolutionary process, and that Jesus Christ is not divine, simply a good man; and that there is no hell, and that the miracles of record in the Word must be explained from natural causes, instead of as being the result of the intervention of the power of Almighty God; it is a pleasure in reporting "on the State of the Church" to say (though it is possible there may be exceptions) that in general in no part of our Church does belief in the above or kindred fallacies exist; but that we accept the Word of God as revealed in the Holy Bible, and on such revelations predicate the doctrines of our Church; and therefore believe we are sound in doctrine.

### Spiritually.

It would be possible for an individual to be sound in their doctrinal belief and yet lack very much in spiritual life. What might be said of an individual might also be true of a Church. However,

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from a fairly good knowledge of our Church in general we believe her spiritual life is as great in possession of the vital principles of spiritual life as any Church among the large family of Churches.

We believe it can be truly said that the spirituality of the Church is thoroughly well grounded, because the basis of our spiritual life is in Jesus our Saviour, whom we accept as the Christ Divine.

The Church which is spiritual will have a tenderness of spirit and a humility of life to that extent that there will be a tender yearning for the perishing about us and humility enough to reach out after the most humble or sinful life; and it seems to your Committee that this is in a great measure the spirit of the Church.

The reports coming in from camp meetings and conferences during the quadrennium indicate that the spiritual tide in these services has been fine. May we fully realize that spiritual life is not simply a product of and for use mostly at general gatherings of the Church alone; but that the only type of spirituality that counts for the greatest success is that which comes through a sound conversion, a blessed sanctification, living continually under the consciousness of anointing for service, with the fire burning brightly twelve months every year, and an Isaiah willingness after such an experience that says, "Lord, here am I; send me."

But whereas there is an appalling declension and falling away, some of the so-called orthodox churches in many instances advocating pool-rooms, smokers and recreation centers; and, whereas, there is an alarming tendency to substitute wealth, pleasure and prosperity for spirituality, and a flagrant disregard for the sacredness of the Sabbath, we urge that our preachers faithfully and continually warn our people of these dangers and that our people contend earnestly for the old paths and walk therein.

### Numerically.

When considering the success of the Church, many times the conditions numerically are those by which people judge of the prosperity of the Church. If numerical growth was the criterion by which our prosperity as a Church was judged during the quadrennium just passed we should draw but little comfort from comparisons, as a compilation of figures will show but little change from four years ago, doubtless a variation of not more than one hundred

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either way. The conferences are nearly evenly divided in the number showing a loss and the number showing a gain.

If, however, the question is studied for the last year, as your Committee has studied it, there is evidence of a turning tide, and reason for encouragement from the fact that the reports of the last sessions of the various conferences for this last year of the quadrennium show losses of a little over two hundred, with gains of over five hundred, so making a net gain of about three hundred for the last year of the quadrennium.

Numbers alone do not count when we speak of prosperity, as will be shown later in this report; but we believe if the openings for enlarged work and usefulness shall be as fully met as we would desire, that enlarged fields and much larger numerical additions should be among the accomplishments in the homeland; and we believe legitimate, earnest effort should be put forth in this direction, that when we gather in an assembly like this four years hence our gains shall be expressed in at least four figures.

### Sunday Schools.

Doubtless this subject will be extensively treated by the Sunday School Secretary and a Committee, and we only pause here in this report on the State of the Church to thank God for the growing interest in this important part of the Church work, and to express our belief that under wise direction it should be a feeder for membership in our churches of many saved young people. We also express the belief that the time is at hand when if the best results are to be obtained in our Sunday School work we should have a Connectional Sunday School Secretary devoting full time to this work.

### Ministerial Support.

It is with much satisfaction that in this report on the State of the Church we can say to this body that there is a decided improvement in this direction. (Perhaps much of it is due to increased living conditions.) If we were to take the amount paid our pastors during the last year and multiply it by four, it would exceed the amount in the last quadrennial report by more than two hundred fifty-eight thousand dollars. This gives reason for encouragement in the hope that though increased cost of living may have

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been partially responsible for this increase, that pastoral support will be still further increased until every pastor in the Church can give full time to his work as a minister without undue care being placed upon him wondering how living conditions will be met. We believe such relieved conditions for our pastors will make a decided advantage in our work.

### The Honor Roll.

We do ~~not~~ mean by this our honored dead, but our honored living, workmen who because of advanced years, or because overtaken by physical disability, are not longer able to engage in the most active service, and possibly can do no active work, but still need the financial support an active service would bring. We note with pleasure the increased interest in the persons who go to make up this number and expect without doubt after the discussion of the matter as it has appeared in the Wesleyan Methodist during the last few months that some person or committee will bring to this body some recommendation for definite action in behalf of those who have a place on this living honor roll.

### Missionary Work.

As a proof that all advancement does not depend on growing numbers, look at the wonderful strides that have been made in our Missionary enterprises during the quadrennium just closed—additional forces in the fields occupied, opening of new fields, and largely increased contributions, all of which has been made possible by the blessing of the Lord resting upon the work and upon our people, enabling them to see their privilege and give of their means far beyond anything of the past. As this subject will be fully covered by others, we leave it to them to be fully brought before this body.

### Education.

What has been said of Missions will also be true of our Educational interests; but while others will more fully report on this subject, still we would be remiss in a report on the state of the Church if we did not mention this very important work in its relation to Church advancement. With our Connectional schools at

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Houghton, Central, and Miltonvale, and the Fairmount Bible Training School at Fairmount, Ind., each of them under the devoted leadership of their presidents, assisted by a loyal corps of teachers, doing splendid work in preparing our young people for lives of usefulness in the Church, cannot help but mean much to the Church of the future. For in the Church of the present many of our pastors, missionaries and teachers are the product of our own schools, (with perhaps the finishing years of their preparation in other schools). But we have encouragement now that at no very distant day we shall have a Central College where the completed college course may be taken and degrees granted.

### Evangelism.

During the quadrennium past much work of an evangelistic nature has been done in the Church. Let us hope and plan for, not a lessening of an effort along this line, but an increase of the work. May we not also look for and pray that God shall give us pastors in increasing numbers who shall be evangelists? The number of evangelists we have cannot cover the whole field, so we say God bless the pastor-evangelists and make His servants (whether general evangelists or pastors) earnest in pressing the salvation that saves men from their sins, and sanctifies believers, filling with the Holy Ghost; a people anointed for service, not with a third blessing or a "tongues" experience, but all the blessings God has to give, coming through a thorough regeneration, followed by being entirely sanctified to God.

### Unity.

We have reason to thank God for unity, and come up to this quadrennium gathering from East and West, from North and South, with no schisms apparent anywhere to divide the body. We come in this representative gathering of the Church in the Master's name, with His love permeating our hearts, and we believe the spirit of this gathering is a oneness of purpose to abide under the conscious anointing of the Spirit, a oneness of purpose to, also, as one man, put forth our best effort for the uplifting of humanity, for the enlarging of our borders, and a unity of purpose, in every legitimate way to promote the building up of our beloved Zion. Shall we



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not then always preserve the unity of the Spirit, that we may say with the Psalmist, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

E. D. Carpenter,  
E. Teter,  
J. S. Willett,  
Fred DeWeerd,  
C. E. York,  
F. M. Foulke,  
A. M. Gilmer,  
J. L. Rigsbee,  
P. H. Rindfuz,  
P. A. Miller.

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### Report No. 4.

#### MISSIONARY SECRETARY.

Looking at conditions as they were nineteen years ago, and what they are now, gives an occasion for great rejoicing. I only wish to say: it was not I, but the grace of God, that did it. As the Treasurer's report will embrace the financial side, I need not dwell on that point, further than to say, we are out of debt and with money ahead in all departments.

I will ask others to speak and then conclude my report.

1. The report of the Committee on Missions, J. O. Baker, Chairman.

#### Africa.

By the articles that appear in the Wesleyan, you are as well informed as to the state of the work as I am. Will only say that three have returned lately: Brother G. H. Sprague, Sister Cleo Young and Sister May Lord.

Three will start for the field August 2nd, the Lord willing,—Sister Florence Yorton, Sister Lulu Tanner, and Sister Delia Howlett. We need a physician to go, but have found none, as Brother Otis Vickery declines to go. Steps are being taken to educate Sister Mudget for that work.

I will now ask the returned missionaries from Africa to speak.

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### India.

In addition to those who sailed in January for that field, four more will sail as soon as permits to land are given—Brother James Elliott and wife, Sister Mary K. Elrod, and Sister Ethel Everhard. Others have applied to go to India. There is no one present from India, but I have a report from Brother C. B. Harvey, which I will read. Others are ready to go in the near future when needed.

I will ask Sister Elrod to speak.

### Japan.

At the February Board Meeting Brother and Sister Gibbs and Sister Alice Hampe were elected as missionaries to that field, but not to go till some future time. At the last Board Meeting it was thought best to have them engage in mission work among the Japs now in America, and learn the language here, and also that by coming in contact with the Japanese they would be better qualified to go to Japan later. This matter is for the new Board to determine.

The people in Japan are well educated so far as a secular education is concerned, hence opening up a work there is quite different from either India or Africa. My own judgment is that the Missionary Secretary should visit all the fields, and Japan especially, and look the field and schools over, and report to the Missionary Board before any one goes.

I have asked Brother Gibbs to report on Japan, and also Sister Hampe to speak if she desires to.

### China.

Conditions in China are different from any of the others, in that the state regulates the name of the work and fields of work more or less. Brother Munroe has a splendid work there, but at this time I do not see my way clear to recommend taking up any work in China.

### Home Fields.

The missionary interests have been well cared for in the home field indirectly by the Missionary Society, through the Annual Con-

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ferences, by the Missionary Secretary. When I remember that when I was elected Secretary the North Carolina Conference had only about 250 members, and some of us tried to make them believe they were dead, and now to find them the next largest conference in the Connection is a gratifying fact. Other conferences also have done well. The work among the colored people in the South is also doing an untold amount of good. Brother F. M. Roberts will speak with reference to that.

### The Future.

There is a bright future before us as a Church if we continue in the will of God. The work of Missions has enlarged to such an extent that in my opinion there should be a Missionary Secretary for the foreign field and also one for the home field.

The Missionary Secretary for the foreign field should visit all the work now existing and proposed to open up, i. e., Africa, India and Japan. It will enable the Missionary Secretary to understand and manage all of said work better than it can possibly be done without such visitations. I especially urge that all new fields be visited before opening up a work in the same.

I wish first to state a fact with reference to the home field. Oklahoma, and all the Southern Conferences that we are helping, must have special attention, especially Oklahoma, Alabama, North Georgia and Georgia. There are also open doors for us in Wyoming and other Western States.

The needs are: Supervision, theological institutes, evangelistic work, and opening up new fields—a work that will take all the time of one man, and more too. This need is imperative.

It is thought by some to elect only one Secretary, and employ some one to do this by the year. No one can plan to take care of that work with only one year before him. I advise two Missionary Secretaries, then let the Board define their duties, as to work, etc.

The work among the colored people should be pushed more than it is, and it might be wise to elect some one specially to look after that work, with Brother Frank Roberts in the field.

In conclusion I wish to say: The work has so enlarged that I am not capable of taking care of it, owing to my age and lack of endurance. I want to thank the General Conference, the Missionary Board and the Church as a body for all the help and co-operation

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they have given me during the time I have been Missionary Secretary. Without such co-operation I would have failed, and above all, I wish to say that without the grace of God I would have failed.

I trust that the new Secretary will take up the work and make it so much more of a success than I have that much more will be accomplished by the Church, under the blessing of the Lord, in the future than in the past.

I desire that I may have till September 1st to close up the odds and ends of my work, as I can do it much easier and better than the new Secretary. I will serve after July 5th without salary, except expenses, unless I should be called to do more work than mere correspondence. Then I would expect pay for the time put in.

I want your prayers that I may be still a blessing to the Church up to the measure of my ability.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Teter, Missionary Secretary.

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## TENNESSEE AND ALABAMA.

It is with a feeling of deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we have the opportunity of appearing before this religious body to tell of some things that have been accomplished in the Southland and of our great needs, both in the Church and school.

Many difficulties have confronted us, both in the Church and school work, but God has blessed us with a degree of success, for which we give Him praise.

We are glad to say that we have some faithful ministers whose hearts are deeply interested in the work of the Church. Their labors are being blessed by the conversion of many souls. Some splendid revivals have been held, and a spiritual awakening is noticeable in some sections.

We have one newly organized class of twenty members, and a new church building near completion. One old church house has been rebuilt and is now in splendid condition. One church has also been newly covered. Thus there has been some success in the way of improvement and building.

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We are fully convinced that the hope of bettering the condition of the colored people in the South must be done among the young people. While their minds are pliable they will receive spiritual, moral and intellectual instruction. Early in life they must be made to see their condition and realize their need. Hence the Sunday School is the medium through which we have been able to do much spiritual work in leading the young to understand the will of God, that they may decide for Christ and come into possession of that power which conforms one's inward and outward life. So I am thankful to say that we have some excellent Sunday Schools that are accomplishing much good.

Our Mission Church in Alabama is in fair condition. Many in this section are looking to us for the Bread of Eternal Life. Indeed the harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Our hope is to so educate, Christianize and train the young men and women that they may make prepared leaders among the people—exemplary leaders, those who have an experimental knowledge of sins forgiven and are leading an upright life.

The school is doing a great work. It certainly was badly needed and it is greatly appreciated. So eager are the youths for learning that some of them walk a distance of five miles daily that they may receive instruction.

Quite a number are doing well in their work. Five have passed the grades, two of whom have been employed as assistant teachers, whose labors are a high recommendation to the school and its great work.

Illiteracy among these people will disappear in proportion as the opportunities for learning are provided for them. While they need book-learning, they also need training in every line of home domestics.

The industrial department of the school is very helpful. The girls are learning to be home-makers. An industrial education is what is most needed for the masses of the people in the Southland.

We deeply appreciate the kind co-operation of the different Conferences who have given us financial support. We are also thankful for help from individuals, and we especially thank Brother E. Teter for his faithful effort in helping to make the work a success and blessing by his timely instructions.

Humbly submitted,

F. M. Roberts.

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### OUR OPPORTUNITY IN JAPAN.

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Let me say in the words of Rev. Charles Inwood, "The sobbing of a thousand million of poor heathen sounds in my ear, and moves my heart; and I try to measure, as God helps me, something of their darkness, something of their blank misery, something of their despair."

For a number of years we have been looking at the ripened fields in Africa, and for a shorter time our vision has embraced a portion of India. Of late our horizon has been widening and we are getting a vision of other fields and their needs. A few are hearing the piercing wail of the neglected heathen in South America, and are responding to their plea with a soulful, "Help me, Lord, to help them." China is making a strong pull on the hearts of some of our people, and we are glad for the bright omens of larger fields occupied by our Church.

The spirit of aggressiveness that is taking possession of the Church is going to mean much to this old world. The home fields and the workers in them will be benefited by it. The foreign fields are sure to be enlarged, not only the fields in which we are now operating, but our borders are to be enlarged. By the help of God we shall possess some of these needy fields, and help to prepare them for the coming of Christ.

The nations and tribes of the whole world are opening their doors to the Church, and asking us to enter with the Gospel. They are not only asking, but are urging us to improve these wonderful opportunities. Of all the open doors before us there are none at the present time that are more important or present to us greater possibilities than that of Japan.

This Land of the Rising Sun is a small country, with an area a little larger than that of California, but with a population of about 65 million, making the density 356 to every square mile, or thirteen times as great as in this country, and fifty times that of South America. Although the area is so small, the country reaches from north to south as far as from Newfoundland to Cuba. This gives the country a great variety of climate, from sub-tropic to sub-frigid, making it possible for those who cannot work in a tropical climate to find a suitable place in which to labor.

Japan is a wonderful country. She has come to the front in a

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few years. Not long ago she was but little heard of, and was practically a hermit nation. Now she is one of the leading nations of the world, and is the leading nation of the Orient. Japan is molding the nations of the East, influencing them in their manners, customs, thoughts, and ideals, and in their form of government. The kind of influence depends upon her own character. What is that character? In order to ascertain the national character of Japan it is necessary to make a study of her religions. The revelations that are made in such study are startling, and show us the deplorable immorality that results from devotion to these religions. The teaching of Shintoism is summed up in the expression, "Follow your own natural impulses and obey the laws of the state." It is easy to see what the moral conditions would be if a people without the restraints of the Gospel are taught by precept and example to "follow their own natural impulses." Nothing short of terrible licentiousness could prevail. There are thousands of girls of ill-repute; and from one-half to two-thirds of the male population go to sleep every night under the influence of sake, a beverage containing from 14 to 17 per cent of alcohol. And Buddhism is no better. The lives of the Buddhist priests are unspeakably immoral. When the priests of a people live on the lowest plain of immorality the people will have no moral ideals, no moral standards. People without moral standards sadly need the Gospel.

According to Robert E. Speer, the Japanese are the keenest race mentally of any people on the globe. They are awakening to the fact that their old religions are of no benefit to them and can do them no good. For that reason they are turning away from them, becoming atheistic and agnostic. We can readily see what the influence of such a nation will be unless she is won to Christ before her national character is set. If we neglect Japan a few years she will have entered the other nations of the East with her baneful influence of strong atheistic teaching, and these will be harder to win for Christ.

The idea has prevailed to some degree that Japan is already evangelized. This is a false idea, coming from the fact that the persons reached by the Gospel have been those who have an influence out of proportion to their numbers. The greater part of the fruitage of missionary work in Japan has been among the educated, influential class—statesmen, educators, and the like. The major part of all evangelistic work in the empire has been in the cities, but five-sevenths of all missionary work in Japan is located in ten cities.

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In these cities there are many thousands who have not been evangelized, and only a comparatively few who have been Christianized, but the rural sections are the back-bone of the country. When we remember that 80 per cent of the population of the entire country live in the rural districts and only 4 per cent of these millions have been reached by the Gospel, we will readily see that the need is great. Thousands of villages, towns, and rural communities have never been evangelized.

With a number of people the thought is prevalent that Japan is much better supplied with missionaries than other mission fields, but this is not true. The combined missionary force of foreign and native workers in Japan is one to every 15,000; in China it is one to every 15,000; and in India one to every 7,000 of the population. This shows that Japan and China have less than half as many Christian workers, according to population, as India.

We see something of the need, something of the pressing demand upon us from the fact of the need, but do they want our help? A few years ago the Christian Church in Japan thought they could fully handle the problem of evangelizing their own people. They did not ask for any outside aid, and did not want it, but now they are calling for help. They see that Christianity is their only hope and the force of workers is entirely inadequate to meet the needs. The Japanese Church is sending to the Missionary Boards of the churches of Europe and America asking them to send missionaries to Japan. Not only so, but the leading statesmen recognize the value and benefit of Christianity to their country. The ex-Premier of Japan, Count Okuma, said: "How can questions of the character that have arisen between California and Japan be solved? Personally I am profoundly convinced that questions of this kind can never be solved by law, nor by politics, nor by diplomacy. And as for war, it is unthinkable that America and Japan will ever resort to arms in the effort to find a solution for any of the questions that come up between them. . . . The only force that can solve such questions is Christianity." They need our help, they want our help, and they must have it.

Rev. William Axling, D. D., missionary pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle in Tokyo, says: "In the Orient Japan stands in the position of leadership. That leadership she is making potent and powerful. As goes Japan so in a large measure goes the Orient. Japan for Christ means the Orient for Christ. Japan against Christ means the Orient with its teeming millions with their backs to the



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Christ. The challenge that comes ringing across eight thousand miles of sea and land is that the Church in America shall do everything possible to win this land for Christ. How are we going to answer this challenge? Shall we fail them in this their hour of dire need? Surely not. This is the time to act, while the iron of the nation is at white heat.

It has been said, "Yesterday the national character of Japan was in flux, today it is crystallizing, tomorrow it will be solid. The rest of the Orient may be won tomorrow, but we must win Japan today."

I will give four reasons why we as a Church should establish a Mission in Japan. First, The Church should reach out into new fields. Second, Young people whom God will call can then go out under our own Board, and not be lost to our Church. Third, The Japanese need the Gospel as it is preached by Wesleyan Methodists. Fourth, Japan is the strategic point in the East for winning the Orient.

We thank God that He is giving our Church the priceless privilege of having a little share in helping to shape in the Christian mold the character of a small part of the people of Japan and the rest of the Orient, by planting a Wesleyan Methodist Mission in this needy field, "white already to harvest."

This is an undertaking of great responsibility, and we who are expecting to go to Japan know that we can do nothing except as God mightily equips us for the task. Feeling our unworthiness and our insufficiency, we tremble under the weight of the responsibility, and go only because we believe God is calling us, and looking to Him for grace, we expect Him to give us victory. We earnestly ask of you to

"Let us feel your prayers around us;  
Hold the ropes as we go down."

Maurice A. Gibbs.

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### Report No. 5.

#### MISSIONS.

The Bible teaches us that God calls His people to a universal evangelism of the world. Christ is our example. He manifested a missionary spirit when He came down from Heaven to earth to seek

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lost humanity. And in order for us to be co-workers with Christ we of necessity must like Him possess an active missionary spirit.

In order to have the presence of Christ with us we must carry the Gospel to this lost world. And if we as a Church live and grow we must press out into new fields. The Church should feel it a great privilege as well as a duty that she owes to God and the world to be thus engaged in the salvation of the lost.

Our interests should extend out and beyond our immediate locality. We are liable to forget the interests of those who have never heard the Gospel in our love for home. Home mission work should result in foreign mission work. And where the Church has a burning Christian zeal to carry the Gospel into new fields it lives and develops, but where it is indifferent it dies.

The home worker, whether pastor or evangelist, should present all the different interests of Gospel work and should seek to promote these interests. Those who have the care of the different churches should seek to indoctrinate their people in systematic giving. This is the duty of every Gospel worker, and to withhold this part of the truth is sin. We should avail ourselves of the opportunity that is afforded us for doing good. And if we ever expect to extend a helping hand to this lost world we should begin now. We should be more earnest in God's work than men are in the affairs of this world. Because it is not a question of silver or gold, but that of immortal souls, the value of which cannot be estimated. Also we have such a short time in which to accomplish the work to which God has called us. And besides this the work is great and the workmen are few and so many are indifferent to the call. So let us pray that God will send more laborers into the harvest field.

Only as we have a substantial home basis are we able to successfully send the light of the Gospel into the regions beyond. There is no mission work, either home or foreign, that is, not dependent on the Church at home. She supplies the field with missionaries and she supplies the means to support the work. Therefore we should not move forward into new fields faster than the Church is able to support them. The call of the field is so great, but if all missionaries would move forward, as they see and feel the great needs, our Church would be plunged hopelessly into debt. Therefore we stand limited rather than go into debt, but there is a way to go forward. John Eliot said, "Prayer and pains through

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faith in Christ will accomplish anything." Let us advance on our knees.

The wise man of the world determines what kind and what amount of investment he must make in order to see his business on a basis where he can expect legitimate returns, on a basis where he can branch out and see his business grow. His idea is not mere existence: it is growth. Where can he branch out next? How can his assets be used to this end? His aim is growth. His aim is kept constantly in mind. Our assets are the interests of the people, the prayers of the people, the money paid into the treasury, and not least, the lives of the young people called of God and consecrated to His service. All must be wisely placed so as to insure the greatest profits.

If our religion is not true, we ought to change it. If it is true, we are bound to propagate what we believe to be the truth. To some extent we have done this; but with the inspiration given by the Forward Movement, we see much land ahead to be possessed.

1. In order to enlarge our foreign borders it is necessary that we strengthen our home base. To do this our pastors must have a greater vision of their possibilities than heretofore. For the good of pastor and church aggressive local work should be encouraged. The pastor needs a larger vision than the little flock. Ambitious young people who are prospective workers must be given something to do. We recommend that our pastors utilize, so far as possible, these young people who need practical experience.

2. In our foreign fields each denomination is given a specified district in which to work. Our rights to this territory being respected, we are under obligation to evangelize this allotment.

3. There are also vital reasons why we should open new fields. First/ Doors were never so simultaneously opened before all over the world. Opportunities that are ours today will not be ours tomorrow. We must put the imprint of Christianity upon nations now in a plastic condition, before they crystalize into the solid mass of agnosticism and infidelity toward which they now tend. Second. The Church must have an objective for the Forward Movement. Third. Our young people must be given a larger scope of activity or we will lose promising workers. Fourth. We must advance or retrograde.

We believe that the prospects before us are as bright as the promises of God. Our people in the past have proven the fact that

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when a reasonable proposition is presented to them the necessary finance is forthcoming. It is true that when we ask for increased contributions, we must present a need adequate to the demand. We live in an age of achievement. The world is rushing on. We must advance. The people demand it and God expects it. If we remain in our entrenchments we are beaten.

We must move forward according to our ability—BUT MOVE.

First. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." When Jesus Christ gave His great commission to His followers it was a command with limitations. These limitations are the limitations of man's ability. To devote all his ransomed powers to the service of God and the limitation of his ability to lay hold of all the resources which the Lord Jehovah placed at his command. If the missionary were permitted to move forward according as the needs of the work would compel him, the Church would be plunged hopelessly in debt. Therefore the necessity for counting carefully the cost of a Forward Movement and the resources at our command. We can move safely only so fast as our resources are assured.

Second. "Go ye." If we go beyond the point to which our available resources have permitted us to go, we must be assured that increased resources are to be placed at our command. The resources which will make possible a Forward Move are next to infinite. There are unworked fields in the homeland, east, west, north and south, which await the coming of the wise prospector, and these fields properly worked will place at our command the resources which will make it possible and safe for us to move forward. One thing necessary today to enable us to move forward is a vision; a vision as broad as the Church, which shall grip every heart and kindle a fire in the bones of every member of the Church. In order that we may move forward we need a ministry all on fire for missions; a ministry which will keep constantly before their congregations the greatest command that man ever heard. Then we need a Home Missionary Secretary and a Foreign Missionary Secretary, both with a God-given vision, who will work together to the one great end of enabling the Church to obey the command of the Lord, "GO YE" into the regions where the Gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ our Saviour has never been heard.

Preparations are necessary for success in any undertaking. The missionary above all others needs a good preparation for his work. He needs to know the language of the people among whom he

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labors. He should know himself and the Board should be acquainted with him. He should know and be able to solve some of the problems on the field before he gets there. But of more importance than any of these considerations is a knowledge of the Bible: how to teach it to others and how to use it in winning the souls of the people for whom he is giving his life. The lack of a thorough knowledge of the Bible and Bible training has hindered missionaries in the past and will hinder them in the future from being as useful as they might be. For these reasons, and others that might be given, it is evident that a missionary training course, particularly in the Bible, is very much needed and should be provided in one of our schools.

J. O. Baker, Chairman,  
Susan McCarty,  
Alice J. Hampe,  
E. L. Elliott,  
R. H. Beaty,  
T. L. Hill,  
W. D. Correll,  
J. C. McGovern,  
F. M. Roberts,  
J. Lawrence,  
Committee.

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### Report No. 6.

#### REPORT OF THE CONNECTIONAL TREASURER FOR THE QUADRENNIAL TERM FROM MAY 31, 1915, to MAY 31, 1919.

To the Members of the General Conference:

In conducting the financial as well as the spiritual interests of the Church as committed to us as your servant, we have sought always to keep in mind the injunction of Paul in Rom. 12:11, "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." If the results of these interests shall be an honor to the kingdom of Christ, then every department must be under His direction and blessing. In proportion as we keep under the blessing of God

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to that degree will success continue to come to the work. In order for God to do the best for us and our Church, the human part must be in absolute harmony with Him and the co-operation hearty and responsive. Throughout the entire Church we pray for an intensifying of our loyalty and consecration to the great and exalted mission, to carry out which God raised up Methodism, of "spreading scriptural holiness over the land." The sane, practical and Spirit-filled presentation of this truth should and must be insisted on in our churches, or otherwise the spiritual life of the Church is doomed and aggressiveness of a type that counts will stop. In the "Forward Movement" there must come first a quickening of the Church's spiritual life, and that means my life and your life, and every member of our Church, or whatever progress may be made in other directions will not count much for the kingdom of Christ. We believe that the Church is thus placing itself in line with God and because of this fact He has granted unto us as a people a quadrennium of unusual blessing and encouragement. It is therefore with deep gratitude to God and recognizing His hand in it all that we present to you this financial report, which will tell the story of sacrifice and consecration and liberality toward God's cause on the part of our people.

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### THE WESLEYAN METHODIST PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

God has wonderfully watched over the interests of this Association. The obstacles that seemed to block its progress, coupled with the difficulties incident to the Great War, through the grace of God have been "rolled away," and with proper management there is every reason to believe the opportunity for serving the Church better never was brighter than now. This corporation is one of the most vital to our denominational existence,

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and experience has shown that in proportion that its work has flourished or waned so have the other departments advanced or declined. This corporation through its periodicals is the connecting link between all of the churches and conferences, and the educational and missionary enterprises. So that the necessity of its being placed on a good, sound, financial basis and kept there as much as possible is apparent to all. We truly thank God for what has been accomplished in this direction. Four years ago we reported to you liabilities of over \$20,000.00 and today the liabilities are only a little over \$2,000.00. In the four years work the net increase in assets of this Association is \$31,311.69. The old \$10,000.00 mortgage that has been so long on the building is no more, and at some suitable time at this session we hope to burn the mortgage and let our praises go up as sweet incense to God.

All of this financial prosperity should humble us and make us resolve to let God use us as a Church as never before in standing firmly for the Gospel of Christ, and making possible a forward movement in spiritual things such as we have never known.

We would here record our appreciation of the Editor and his workers in their department giving us their hearty co-operation; and also our faithful and conscientious workers in our book-keeping and mechanical departments. Each one, in his or her place, has joined with us in making the management of the work as efficient and yet as economical as possible. And no less keenly do we express our gratitude to our Presidents, our pastors and evangelists, and all of our people for their kindness and forbearance, and their cheerful and liberal help, which with their prayers has been a strong factor in the success of the four years.

We present you herewith a summary of the four years' work, setting forth the assets and liabilities of the Association.

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### Receipts.

Total receipts .....	\$137,627.52
Cash on hand, June 1, 1915.....	846.30
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Total for balance .....	138,473.82

### Disbursements.

Total disbursements .....	\$135,595.93
Cash on hand, June 1, 1919,	
Trust and Deposit Bank ....	\$2,862.76
Petty cash and W. S. stamps..	15.13
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Total cash .....	\$2,877.89
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Total to balance .....	\$1,38,473.82

### Assets and Liabilities.

#### Assets.

Cash in Trust and Deposit bank	\$2,862.76
Petty cash .....	10.13
Accounts receivable on customers' ledger .....	1,759.84
Books and miscellaneous mdse.	2,958.73
Paper .....	4,185.62
Cuts and electros .....	1,912.15
Unexpired insurance .....	375.00
Press room machinery .....	5,593.80
Post Office deposit .....	23.05
Real estate, buildings and improvements .....	60,000.00
Composing room machinery ...	7,545.25
Furniture and fixtures .....	1,453.50
Office and sales room expense inventory .....	229.85
Editorial room exp. inventory..	18.27
Building maintenance expense inventory .....	306.25
Ink .....	68.00
Sunday School work and sup...	155.47
Mrs. Rachel Porter note & int.	504.17



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Basement tools, equipment, etc.	459.00
Miscellaneous .....	340.31
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Total assets .....	\$90,761.15
Liabilities.	
Accounts payable (mdse., building and repairs .....	244.86
Superannuated Ministers' Aid Society, loan and interest ...	2,100.00
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Total liabilities .....	\$2,344.86
Net assets June 1, 1919 .....	\$88,416.29
Net assets June 1, 1915 .....	57,163.77
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Total gain .....	\$31,252.52

## PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT.

### Total Earnings for the Four Years.

Wesleyan subscriptions .....	\$25,491.23
Book and miscellaneous sup... ..	16,816.37
Sabbath School supplies .....	42,608.93
Job printing .....	22,954.19
Rents .....	10,560.25
Bank interest, etc. ....	376.19
Appreciation of real estate, furniture and fixtures, etc., per Invoice Committee .....	8,794.73
Special contributions .....	10,864.41
Miscellaneous .....	293.81
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Total earnings .....	\$138,760.11

### Earnings and Expense

Agent's Salary .....	3,289.75
Editorial room salaries .....	7,422.36
Mechanical Department salaries	25,994.83

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Office and sales room salaries..	4,555.94
Postage for mdse. and general purpose .....	2,227.10
Postage Wesleyan Methodist ..	1,408.63
Postage Banner .....	682.36
Postage Sabbath School sup...	452.53
Postage Primary Class Paper..	154.60
Freight, cartage and express...	943.49
Traveling expense .....	338.07
Office and sales room expense	1,563.64
Editorial room expense .....	562.04
General operating expense....	2,557.44
Building maintenance and re- pairs .....	5,696.18
Lighting and water .....	1,559.15
Taxes .....	2,696.66
Insurance .....	1,406.65
Fuel and power .....	4,180.87
Loss and gain .....	226.61
Exchange and commission ....	308.70
Annuity and interest .....	1,919.10
Books and Sabbath School sup.	14,077.92
Book binding .....	1,105.74
Ink, cuts and electros .....	556.17
Paper .....	17,751.66
Mechanical department and linotype expense .....	3,802.15
Board Meeting expense .....	863.27
Miscellaneous .....	137.75
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Total salaries and expenses....	\$108,441.36
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Gain .....	\$30,318.75
Plus difference in total appre- ciation and total depreciation per Invoice Committee .....	\$993.77
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Total gain .....	\$31,252.52

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### THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE WES- LEYAN METHODIST CONNECTION OF AMERICA.

No delegate in this General Conference can contrast the work of this quadrennium in our Missionary Societies with all other quadrenniums that have preceded without a thrill going through his soul. It is an inspiring record. The demands for Liberty Bonds, Thrift Stamps, and war relief have been many and urgent, but the more these demands have come the more insistent our people have been that the Lord's cause shall have its share, and it must not suffer. The contributions represent a depth of sacrifice and devotion that we believe would be hard to duplicate; and yet still large developments are ahead of us, for we have just nicely learned the lesson and the blessedness of giving for God's cause.

The human factors in co-operation with the Divine have been—

First, the untiring and faithful work of our Missionary Secretary, Brother Teter—"the Grand Old Man of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection." Three missionaries in the foreign field, one in the homeland and a depleted treasury was his heritage when he took up the work, but like Caleb of old he chose the hard tasks and God has honored his faith and the prayers of His people, and a well settled missionary policy has been established, the work has expanded at home and abroad, and the power of his "poured out" life has traveled north and south, east and west, and multitudes rise up and call him "blessed." In the darkened hour and heat of battle he has always had a word of cheer, and his long years of vigorous, sacrificing service, his tender, sympathetic spirit, made doubly sweet by the presence of God, his rock-like attitude for the right maintained in such a way that God could bless and prosper him, will always be a great inspiration to the Church, and as Treasurer of the

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Missionary Society we wish to pay our deep tribute of respect to, and love for, Brother Teter, and thank God for giving us such a "noble Father in Israel." May his spirit and mantle in a double measure fall upon his successor!

Second. Another factor has been the boundless enthusiasm, devotion and service of our Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B., Sister Mary Lane Clarke. What her life has meant to the cause words cannot express. Surely God inspired Brother G. H. Clarke to give to the Church the Y. M. W. B. for it has become the most important factor in the contributions to the Church and under its consecrated and capable leader is made a strong asset to the spiritual life of the Church. It will easily reach the \$30,000.00 set as its goal for 1919, and not a member of this conference but what will join in seeing it "go over the top."

Third, The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society has always liberally supported the work though in some respects it has been handicapped in doing its best this quadrennium, yet standing back of it is a host of noble women who with the right leadership will continue to be a powerful factor in the development of missionary work. We wish to thank this organization for its help and encouragement.

Fourth, then in churches and conferences the missionary spirit is growing, workers and lifters are increasing, and for this great company we thank God and take courage. God's peculiar blessing always has and always will rest on the Church and people that honor His Christ and our coming Lord, in carrying out the last and great commission: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature: And lo, I am with you always."

The further needs of this work will be more fully presented by our Missionary Secretary and we bear record the financial results for the last quadrennium.

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### HOME MISSIONS.

#### Receipts.

Total receipts .....	\$27,509.98
Cash in bank June 1, 1915.....	1.93
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Total to balance .....	\$27,511.91

#### Disbursements.

Total disbursements .....	\$27,235.15
Cash on hand June 1, 1919 .....	276.76
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Total to balance .....	\$27,511.91

#### Assets and Liabilities.

##### Assets.

Cash in bank .....	\$276.76
Church property .....	4,100.00
Judd bequest .....	427.83
Real estate (Alabama School property) .....	1,100.00
Moore Haven Church note ....	400.00
Talentire Estate .....	3,000.00
Mrs. Rachel Porter note and interest .....	1,507.50
Educational Society loan .....	2,070.00
Notes and interest .....	1,347.32
Furniture and fixtures .....	190.99
Lindley Reserve Fund .....	3,500.00
Loan to Connection .....	125.63
Real est., J. L. Avery property .....	524.00
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Total assets June 1, 1919 .....	\$18,570.03

##### Liabilities.

Foreign mission loan .....	\$614.80
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Total liabilities .....	\$614.80

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Net assets June 1, 1919 .....	\$17,955.23
Net assets June 1, 1915 .....	12,336.95
Total gain .....	5,618.28

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### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

#### AFRICA.

##### Receipts.

Total receipts .....	\$80,458.00
Cash on hand June 1, 1915 .....	1,770.32
Total for balance .....	\$82,228.32

##### Disbursements.

Total disbursements .....	\$77,945.10
Cash on hand June 1, 1919 .....	4,283.22
Total to balance .....	\$82,228.32

#### Assets and Liabilities

##### Assets.

Cash in bank .....	\$3,283.22
African mission property .....	10,000.00
Merchandise account .....	438.60
Furniture and fixtures .....	574.32
Home Mission loan .....	614.80
Lindley and Linehart Reserve Fund .....	2,487.50
Pennock Scholarship Fund in Bank .....	1,000.00
Educational Society note, loan- ed from Pennock Scholarship Fund .....	1,000.00
Talentire estate .....	3,000.00
Mrs. Rachel Porter note and interest .....	630.19
Notes and interest .....	337.26

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Loan to Connection .....	251.25
Liberty Bonds .....	350.00
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Total assets June 1, 1919.....	\$23,967.14

### Liabilities.

Educational Society loan and interest .....	\$173.95
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Total liabilities .....	\$173.95
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Net assets June 1, 1919 .....	\$23,793.19
Net assets June 1, 1915 .....	15,161.98
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Total gain .....	\$8,632.21

## INDIA.

### Receipts.

Total receipts .....	\$37,279.77
Cash on hand June 1, 1915.....	476.81
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Total to balance .....	\$37,756.58

### Disbursements.

Total disbursements .....	\$34,933.95
Cash on hand June 1, 1919 .....	2,822.63
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Total to balance .....	\$37,756.58

### Assets and Liabilities.

#### Assets.

Cash in bank .....	\$2,822.63
India Mission property .....	4,500.00
Lindley and Linehart Reserve Fund .....	1,512.50

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Loan to Connection .....	125.62
Furniture and fixtures .....	209.63
Bills receivable and interest ...	244.45
Rachel Porter note .....	375.00
Betzer Fund (Liberty Bonds) ..	200.00
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Total assets .....	\$9,989.83

### Liabilities, None.

Net assets June, 1919 .....	\$9,989.83
Net assets June 1, 1915 .....	6,766.06
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Total gain .....	\$3,223.77

## JAPAN.

### Cash Receipts and Disbursements.

#### Receipts.

General contributions .....	\$1,346.75
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#### Disbursements.

Mission work and workers ....	\$64.05
General expense .....	5.97
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Total disbursements .....	\$70.02
Cash on hand June 1, 1919 ....	1,276.73
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Total to balance .....	\$1,346.75

#### Assets.

Cash in bank .....	\$976.73
Liberty bonds .....	300.00
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Total net assets .....	\$1,276.73

### No Liabilities.



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### WESLEYAN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

The last four years have been good years for our schools. The Lord has been pleased to favor them with a remarkable degree of prosperity, and their value to the Church life is being recognized more and more. President Bedford and President Luckey and President McDowell have each in their respective fields worked unceasingly for Central, Houghton and Miltonvale, and results of their labors speak for themselves. We have had the privilege of visiting each one of our schools, and at each place we have properties that are an honor to the cause. The Budget has worked wonders in placing the schools on a sound financial basis, and we believe that the General Conference made no mistake in making this **the system** for raising our finances for the missionary and educational work. We need and must have strong, spiritual educational centers where our young people can be educated and their energy and strength saved to the Church. Such centers are worth all that we invest in them and we rejoice in what our schools have accomplished.

We set before you the result of the four years' work of our three schools:

#### HOUGHTON.

##### Receipts.

Total receipts .....	\$83,353.68
Cash on hand June 1, 1915 .....	4,466.23
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Total for balance .....	\$87,819.91

##### Disbursements.

Total disbursements .....	\$85,616.35
Cash on hand June 1, 1919, in	

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Trust and Deposit Bank .....	\$607.79
Onondaga Co. Savings Bank...	1,595.77
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Total cash on deposit .....	\$2,203.56
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Total to balance .....	\$87,819.91

### Assets and Liabilities.

#### Assets.

Office supplies, furniture and fixtures .....	\$3,222.98
Apparatus .....	1,900.00
Cash in T. and D. bank.....	607.79
Cash in O. Co. S. bank.....	1,595.77
Money loaned .....	2,527.92
Bills receivable, tuition notes and interest .....	2,625.85
Library .....	2,200.00
Real estate .....	76,500.00
Farm stock, per Inv. Com....	1,800.00
Liberty bonds with int. ....	1,184.60
Wesleyan Methodist Connection loan .....	630.33
Apparatus fund notes and pledges .....	2,413.81
In hands of Sub. Treasurer, J. S. Luckey .....	176.18
Endowment notes bearing no int.	7,344.50
Endowment notes bearing from 2 to 6 per cent int. ....	18,617.09
Accrued but unpaid int. ....	7,879.21
Pledges .....	2,127.55
Lindley Reserve Fund .....	2,333.33
Life-Support Union .....	1,391.84
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Total assets .....	\$137,078.75

#### Liabilities.

Bills payable on money borrowed .....	\$7,155.11
Patterson contract .....	200.00

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Accounts payable for salaries and cost .....	2,439.51
Total liabilities .....	\$9,794.62
Net assets, June 1, 1919 .....	\$127,284.13
Net assets, June 1, 1915 .....	113,061.66
Total gain .....	\$14,222.47

The Advisory Board at Houghton recommended that the assets be decreased as follows:

Accrued but unpaid interest ..	\$7,879.21
Five Year Pledges .....	2,127.55
L. S. U. Pledges .....	1,391.84
Total decrease .....	\$11,398.60

Consequently these items will not be carried among the active assets of Houghton, and this will reduce the Net Assets as follows:

Assets .....	\$127,284.13
Less decrease above .....	11,398.60
Net assets, June 1, 1919 .....	\$115,885.53

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### MILTONVALE.

#### Receipts.

Total receipts .....	\$48,664.77
Cash on hand June 1, 1915 .....	506.39
Total for balance .....	\$49,171.16

#### Disbursements.

Total disbursements .....	\$46,187.65
Cash on hand June 1, 1919, in Trust and Deposit Bank ....	439.00
Onondaga Co. Savings Bank...	244.51
Liberty Bonds .....	250.00

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Telephone Stock .....	50.00	
Besse-Teter note .....	2,000.00	
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		\$2,983.51
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Total to balance .....		\$49,171.16

### Assets and Liabilities.

#### Assets.

Money loaned with accrued int.	\$6,281.60	
Furniture and fixtures .....	3,969.73	
Trust and Deposit Bank .....	439.00	
Onon. Co. Savings Bank.....	244.51	
Library .....	800.00	
Real estate .....	29,050.00	
Lindley Reserve Fund .....	2,333.33	
Endowment notes bearing no interest .....	7,400.00	
Endowment notes bearing from 2 to 6 per cent interest ....	22,371.05	
Accrued but unpaid interest ...	1,107.65	
Pledges .....	950.72	
Foreign Mission loan .....	173.95	
Apparatus .....	700.00	
In hands of Sub-Treas., H. W. McDowell .....	301.01	
Liberty Bond .....	250.00	
Besse-Teter note .....	2,000.00	
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Total assets .....		\$78,372.55

#### Liabilities.

Bills payable on money bor- rowed .....	\$3,810.95
Accounts payable .....	2,686.35
Foreign Mission loan .....	1,121.33
Sup. Ministers' Aid Society..	557.83
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Total liabilities .....	\$8,176.46
Net assets June 1, 1919 .....	70,196.09
Net assets June 1, 1915 .....	\$61,069.43
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Total gain .....	\$9,126.66

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### CENTRAL.

#### Receipts.

Total receipts .....	\$72,359.40
Cash in bank June 1, 1915 .....	160.54
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Total to balance .....	\$72,519.94

#### Disbursements.

Total disbursements .....	\$67,345.82
Cash in bank June 1, 1919 .....	1,174.12
Besse-Teter note .....	4,000.00
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Total to balance .....	\$72,519.94

### Assets and Liabilities.

#### Assets.

Real estate .....	\$30,250.00
Furniture and fixtures .....	2,648.97
Library .....	1,700.00
Water system .....	350.00
Farm, stock and tools, etc....	1,500.00
Trust and Deposit Bank .....	1,174.12
Apparatus .....	750.00
H. C. Bedford, Sub-Treasurer	462.49
Bills receivable .....	612.09
Liberty bonds .....	200.00
Besse-Teter gift .....	5,250.00
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Total assets .....	\$44,897.67

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### Liabilities.

Money borrowed .....	\$8,134.10
Accounts payable .....	917.54
Home Mission loans .....	2,070.00
Sup. Min. Aid Society .....	678.88
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Total liabilities .....	\$11,800.52
Net assets June 1, 1919 .....	\$33,097.15
Net assets June 1, 1915 .....	14,657.16
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Total gain .....	\$18,439.99

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### THE C. S. ALLEN ESTATE.

The properly authorized agent for this estate is the Rev. E. Teter, and since this estate is not entirely closed, we report the status of the estate as given by our Agent, Rev. E. Teter.

### Assets.

A farm (110 acres) .....	\$22,000.00
(To be divided equally between Houghton, Miltonvale, Central and Fairmount.)	

### Liabilities.

Loan secured by mortgage on the land .....	\$10,000.00
Note due E. Teter, interest paid to May 30, 1919 .....	1,973.25
Due Houghton Seminary, accrued interest not counted..	596.00
Due Miltonvale College, accrued interest not counted...	858.35
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Total liabilities .....	\$13,427.60
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Total net assets .....	\$8,572.40

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The farm is rented at \$770.00 per year and with the gravel sold brings the income up to about \$850.00 per year.

The taxes are paid, and the interest on the \$10,000.00 loan is paid to April 20, 1919.

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##### Receipts.

Total receipts .....	\$2,405.97
Cash in Trust and Deposit, June 1, 1915..	8.77
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Total receipts and bank balance .....	\$2,414.74

##### Disbursements.

Total disbursements .....	\$2,397.37
Cash in Trust and Deposit Bank June 1, 1919, .....	17.37
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Total disbursements and bank balance ..	2,414.74

##### Assets and Liabilities.

###### Assets.

Note and stock .....	\$1,800.00
Cash in Trust and Deposit bank	17.37
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Total assets June 1, 1919 .....	\$1,817.37

###### Liabilities.

Loans .....	\$1,005.00
Educational Society loan .....	133.53
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Total liabilities .....	\$1,138.53

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Net assets June 1, 1919 .....	678.84
Net assets June 1, 1915 .....	546.34
Total gain .....	\$132.50

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### SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' AID SOCIETY OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CONNECTION OF AMERICA.

#### Receipts.

Total receipts .....	\$3,015.20
Cash in Trust and Deposit June 1, 1915..	300.00
Total receipts and bank balance .....	\$3,315.20

#### Disbursements.

Total disbursements .....	\$2,990.00
Cash on hand .....	325.20
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#### Assets and Liabilities.

##### Assets.

Loans .....	\$1,809.81
Publishing Association loan and interest .....	2,100.00
Cash in Trust and Deposit bank .....	325.20
Total assets June 1, 1919 .....	\$4,235.01
Total assets June 1, 1915 .....	2,324.83
Total gain .....	\$1,910.18

##### No liabilities.

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In closing this report we suggest for your consideration the advisability of changing the annual Board Meeting from the month of June to Febru-



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ary and the closing of the fiscal year from May 31 to December 31. This it seems to us would be advantageous to the cause for the following reasons:

1. The Executive Board Meeting, which is held in February, is now largely responsible, through no fault of its own, for the handling of the larger part of the work of the different corporations. All school matters of any importance come up at that time, as faculties must be selected before the June meeting in order that the names may be placed in the catalogues and also because of the impossibility of securing teachers at so late a date as June. The same thing is true regarding the missionary work. The Budget is usually presented at the Executive Meeting in order that the proper apportionments may be sent down to the Spring and Fall Conferences.

2. In the year of the General Conference the time is so short between the Annual Meeting and the General Conference that it makes it very strenuous for the Agent to get out the two reports; and there is no time for the proper consideration of the four years' work nor opportunity to think out definite plans for constructive work.

3. We believe that it would also be more opportune for the brethren on the Board to get away in the winter time rather than in the summer time.

We are fully convinced that it would be a decided advantage to the work to have the annual gathering in the winter and thus allow the full Board to deliberate on the important problems that in the nature of the case now have to be settled by the Executive Board. We have looked up the charters of the different incorporations and we see no legal barrier in the way of this change. It is simply a matter of change in our Discipline, which is within the province of this body to make.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. WILLETT,  
Agent and Treasurer.

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### Report No. 7.

#### COMMITTEE ON BOOK CONCERN.

Your Committee on Book Concern respectfully submits the following:

God in His benign providence has dealt kindly with us during the quadrennium just closing. Four years in which the world has been engaged in the most gigantic war in history, has been fraught with new and strange conditions, yet we are constrained to say that truly the hand of God has been upon us for good. Those who have been charged with this department of our work have had to meet unusual conditions, but have proven themselves faithful and efficient in the conscientious discharge of the tasks assigned them. With a beautiful spirit of unity, pastors and people are taking a lively interest in our work.

We are greatly rejoiced because of the success of the "Liberty Drive." For many years the heavy indebtedness upon the property of the Publishing Association has been a drain upon our resources, embarrassing our people and jeopardizing our work. Through the success of the "Liberty Drive" this menace to the welfare of our Church has been removed. For this purpose more than \$11,000 was contributed and the mortgage on the Publishing House was paid. We are now on a strong financial basis, and are enjoying the increased confidence of our people and of the business world. For all this we thank God and the people who responded so generously with their sympathy, prayers and financial offerings.

There is no periodical that can equal the Wesleyan Methodist for the people of our denomination. Not only does it bring us into intimate touch with the various departments of our work, such as that of local churches, conferences, our schools, home and foreign mission fields, but it brings to our homes many choice articles relating to the Word of God and the Christian life. Uncontaminated by the disastrous criticism that bears the stamp "Made in Germany" and holding to the truth of the whole Bible, and to fundamentals of the Christian religion, it is worthy of a place in the home of every Wesleyan Methodist. It was with much pleasure that we saw the "Subscription Thermometer" climb through the first thousand new subscriptions of the campaign, and with joy that we saw the greater achievement of the second thousand attained. The greatest good in the success of this campaign is not in the increased revenue derived from a larger subscription list, but in the clearer vision and

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spiritual enlargement that will come to many lives that were not heretofore in touch with this means of spiritual help. Pastors and others will do well to maintain the present number of subscribers, and also add to this list from among those both within and without the ranks of our present membership.

Because of their high character the Sunday School supplies produced by our publishing interest are worthy of commendation. Glean, strong, and loyal to the Church and the whole Word of God, they should be in every school throughout our borders. To this end we urge that pastors and superintendents urge upon our schools their use in preference to any other. For Wesleyan Methodists they have no equal, and other spiritually minded people will find them an excellent help to the study of the Bible. From both intellectual and spiritual points they are above reproach.

Our Publishing House offers an excellent opportunity for the enrichment of private and public libraries. Sunday Schools, as well as individual purchasers, will make no mistake in consulting the price list before purchasing books. Of the making of books there is no end; some are good, many are of indifferent character, while others are decidedly bad. We should read, not good books, but only the best books.

Truth is the only antidote for error. The country is being sown broadcast with the literature of the teachers of false doctrine and religious error. Wesleyan Methodists should use more largely the product of our Publishing House, that truth may be more widely given to the people, thereby saving some from the prevalent errors of the times in which we live.

In the quadrennium just closing there has been a net gain of more than \$30,000 in the assets of the Publishing Association. In this financial prosperity we see evidence of Divine favor. In former years, when the Book Committee met it was common to ask, "How shall we meet the deficit?" Now the question is, "How shall we distribute the surplus?" For all these things we thank God, and taking courage, turn our faces hopefully toward the future.

C. S. Rennells,  
E. B. Houghton,  
Fleming Perrine,  
J. R. Babcock,  
O. N. Carnahan.

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### Report No. 8.

#### COMMITTEE ON BUDGET.

We, your Committee on Budget, report as follows:

A few years back in the history of our Church we did not have the efficient Budget system. But, thank God, better days came. Since the Budget system was adopted we have made marked progress. But we are not satisfied with present attainments. Many new doors are open; voices are pleading, hands are stretched out. The cry is loud and clear, "Come over and help us." What shall we do? Or rather, what are we doing? We are planning to meet this need. To do this it will mean more money. It is our purpose in this report to show how this need can be met. We wish to show: First, that tithing is the way to meet this need. Second, where the tithe should be paid. Third, how the plan works in places where it has been adopted.

1. **Tithing, the Way to Meet This Need.**—Both the Old and New Testaments have a great deal to say about money. Money under the terms of money—gold, silver, talents, shekel, penny—is found mentioned in the Bible a little more than one thousand times. Christ himself spent much time on the subject of money. The majority of His parables and addresses are on some phase of the money question. Sixteen of His parables show the wrong and right use of money. It has been pointed out that one verse in every six in Matthew, Mark and Luke is on money. Paul devotes two whole chapters in Second Corinthians to this subject. There is twice as much said in the Bible about money as is said about either prayer or faith. We do not believe that money is more important than prayer and faith, but it is so important that we cannot do without it. It has its proper place in relation to the Kingdom of God. When we come up to the Bible standard of giving we will have no lack of funds. We will have the money necessary to carry on the work committed to our trust. Giving which springs from feelings is uncertain and unscriptural. No landlord would like to receive rents on that plan, neither would any tenant like to be ordered in and out on the same principle. Giving what one may happen to have on hand is more uncertain than acting upon feeling. Man could not deal with his fellowman after that fashion. Dealing thus with God is just as wicked and unwise. Paul declared that a man should give as God prospered him. (1 Cor. 16:2.) Here is

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proportionate giving. The Bible tells us what that proportion is. "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." (Lev. 27:30.) "Thou shalt truly tithe." (Deut. 14:22.) The measure of the tithe is given, "The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." (Lev. 27:32.) This runs all through the Bible. No other portion has been suggested anywhere. No one can give less than the tenth and come up to the Bible standard of giving. Go back to the days of Abraham, about four thousand years ago. We have in Abraham the first example of proportionate giving, as an act of worship. He paid to Melchizedek, God's high priest, a tenth of all. (Gen. 14:20, R. V.) One hundred and fifty-three years later Jacob entered into a covenant with God. In that covenant he made a pledge to God that he would surely pay him the tenth of all that He gave him. (Gen. 28:22.) Hundreds of years after Abraham was dead and buried, Moses commanded that the tenth should be holy unto the Lord. The period between Abraham and Christ was about two thousand years. During that period all of God's true people paid tithes. When they backslid and paid less, God charged them with robbery. (Mal. 3:8.) The law of tithing has never been repealed. It is binding on Christians today. The New Testament left this law where it found it. The laws of circumcision and animal sacrifice and others are repealed in the New Testament. But where is there a text of Scripture that in any way weakens the law of tithing? Christ endorsed the system of tithing with "Ye ought." (Matt. 23:23.) What He commends is our command.

We have shown that the first example of giving was one-tenth. The first pledge was one-tenth. The command was one-tenth, and that Christ endorsed the tithing system. Surely no intelligent Christian can give less than the tenth and feel clear before God. I believe that there are many who properly set aside the tenth, but sin in its distribution. This brings us to our next point:

**2. Where Should the Tithe Be Paid?**—The Bible has a great deal more to say about where the tithe should be paid than of the tithe itself. God's plan was never to scatter the tithe, as many do today, but to bring all into the storehouse, or treasury. Not part, but all. Note the Divine command—bring all into the storehouse. (Mal. 3:10.) The Revised Version reads, "Bring the **WHOLE** tithe into the storehouse." We need to be trained into the full meaning of those two little words, "Bring" and "All." God gave a special warning to the people and told them not to scatter their tithes and offerings. Deut. 12:13, 14: "Take heed to thyself that

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thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest; but in THE PLACE WHICH THE LORD SHALL CHOOSE in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee." "Thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes." (Verse 11.) You see here is a command of God not to scatter the tithe, but to bring it to the place that He shall choose, and that place is the storehouse or Divine treasury. There is not a command in the Word of God that is plainer; is there one that is more binding? Why has the Church gone through this world like a crippled beggar, with cane in one hand and hat in the other, begging for support? Did you ever see in the Bible that the Church should beg? The Church should not be made a pauper, and yet we have made it a pauper by failing to give according to the Bible plan of teaching. The storehouse is the Bible Plan of Church Finance. The trouble with us is, we have been trying to climb up some other way. We fear God has charged us with robbery. God's plans are workable, and if we want success, let us follow God's plan. Other plans MAY work; His CANNOT fail. It is not A plan; it is THE plan, Think you that we can devise a plan that would work better than the one God made?

"Why," said Nehemiah, "is the house of God forsaken?" (Neh. 13:11.) The Bible tells us that "the Levites and singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field." Why had they forsaken the house of God and gone to the field to work? The people had not brought in the tithes and offerings. Hence there was nothing for them to eat. The results were disastrous. They were obliged to abandon the sacred service and betake themselves to cultivate the land for their support. (Verse 11.) Nehemiah was grieved at the situation. He gathered the Levites from the fields, and "set them in their place." The storehouse plan was restored, and again the work of God prospered. (Vs. 11, 12.) Read the covenant that this people made. Nehemiah 10:32-39. They pledged that the tithe, first-fruits, and the offerings would be brought into the Divine treasury, and that the house of God would not be forsaken. Some one may say, "Oh, yes but that is Old Testament doctrine." It is, but the plan was not changed in the New Testament. We find Christ sitting over against the treasury watching the people bring in their tithes and offerings. Mark 12:41. We find Him teaching in the treasury room. John 8:20. Christ and His disciples had a treasury. John 12:6; 13:29. After the day of Pentecost, when the

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people had sold their houses and lands, they brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. Acts 4:34, 35. When the possessions were sold the people did not go about distributing as she or he felt led, but the money was brought into the Divine treasury, and distribution was made from the treasury and not by the individuals. (Verse 35.) According to verse thirty-four, every need was met, for there was none that lacked. Twenty-six years later Paul writes to the Church at Corinth and tells them to lay by in store (treasury) as God has prospered them. (1 Cor. 16:2.) God's plan is to bring the tithe into the storehouse, then appoint efficient persons to distribute. Nehemiah tells us that he "made treasurers over the treasuries, . . . and their office was to distribute unto their brethren." (Neh. 13:13.) See chapter 12:44. Also 2 Chron. 31:12, 14. 1 Chron. 9:26; 26:20. Acts 4:34, 35; 6:1-3.

**3. How This Plan Works.**—First we wish to give you a Bible example. You remember the great reformation that took place during the reign of King Hezekiah. Among other things that was restored was tithing and the storehouse plan. One day King Hezekiah and the princes went out to take a general survey of how the work of God was progressing. They came to the storehouses. They found an abundant supply on hand. They were surprised. Where did it all come from? The chief priest Azariah explains to Hezekiah: "Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty, for the Lord hath blessed His people; and that which is left is this great store." (Chron. 31:10.) Before the offerings were brought into the storehouse there was a lack, now they have plenty; there is plenty left. The abundance was so great that the king had to build new storehouses to store the tithes and offerings away. (Verse 11.) This plan is working wonders in the North Carolina Conference. The Church at Roanoke, Va., (Rev. P. E. Bailey, pastor,) adopted this plan three months ago. Since this plan was adopted they have averaged \$234.45 per month, or a fraction over \$54.10 per week. The Roanoke Church has 78 members. Forty-seven belong to the tithing band. The West Asheville Church (Rev. A. E. Belk, pastor,) adopted this plan in January, 1916. They have a membership of forty-two. Twenty-one belong to the tithing band. They have made an average for the last six months of \$45.00 per week. Charlotte Church (Rev. Edw. M. Graham, pastor,) has had this plan in successful operation for three years. Before the tithing band was organized in Charlotte the pastor's salary averaged

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about \$9.00 per week. Now the pastor receives \$30.00 per week. All conference claims and the Budget are promptly paid, and the blessings of God are resting upon the church. The Rock Hill Church (Rev. S. P. Chapman, pastor,) has a membership of seventy-five. Forty belong to the tithing band. They have an average of \$50.00 per week. This plan works well in the smaller churches. The Kannapolis Church (Rev. W. B. Tillman, pastor,) has a membership of fourteen. They pay their pastor \$15.00 per week. He gives his full time to the one church. For the last six months they have averaged about \$23.00 per week. They are all poor people, when it comes to this world's goods. The Clover Church (Rev. W. E. Armstrong, pastor,) has a membership of sixteen. They average about \$13.50 per week.

### Ten Reasons Why This Plan Should Be Adopted.

1. It is God's plan. This reason alone should be sufficient.
2. It is a successful plan. The proof is abundant.
3. The blessings promised in Mal. 3:10 would be poured out upon us. This promise is to those who bring the tithe into the storehouse.
4. If the money that is given for benevolent purposes was brought into the treasury and distribution made from the treasury the Church would get the credit for it. Let us illustrate: Suppose that we wanted to give ten dollars to a family that was in need. We put the ten dollars in the treasury. The treasurer or pastor pays it to the family. The family is drawn to the Church. Our reward is no less. Again, suppose that we wanted to donate one thousand dollars to one of our schools. We put the thousand dollars in the Church treasury. The pastor makes the fact known. The treasurer credits one thousand dollars paid out for Education. The Church feels an interest in that school that it never had before. The tie is stronger between the church and school.
5. If this plan was adopted, instead of having an empty treasury, there would be meat in God's house.
6. If this plan was adopted and worked our schools and mission interests would be better cared for, as well as our pastors.
7. Much of God's tithe that is being diverted from its proper channels would go to its right place.



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8. It takes a great burden off the pastor; he will have more time to give to spiritual things.

9. If this plan was adopted it would not be necessary to make a pull for money every two or three weeks in order to keep up with the finances. How many of us have seen the congregation embarrassed and at times bored because the pastor or steward was forced to make a hard pull in order to get a few dollars for some special object. If we would follow God's plan this would be eliminated.

10. There are many circuits, with two or more churches. If this plan was adopted, many of these churches would become stations, and the work of God would go forward by leaps and bounds. We have abundant proof of this in many of our churches.

We, your Committee, recommend that all our pastors and evangelists exhort our people to adopt the system of tithing.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Comer,  
D. O. Powers,  
L. Van Matre,  
H. R. French,  
H. L. Smith.

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### Report No. 9.

### CONNECTIONAL EDITOR'S REPORT.

In making my report as Connectional Editor to this body I desire to express my deep appreciation of the degree of success that has come to our Publishing interests, as outlined in our Agent and Treasurer's quadrennial report, and which has brought inspiration and encouragement to our entire Connection. In a large measure the success of the entire Connection and the various departments of her activity are dependent upon our ability to successfully maintain our literature at a high standard of excellence and the financial and mechanical resources back of them in a state of efficiency. The world is more influenced by the printed page than ever in its history. The daily newspaper and the weekly and monthly periodicals pour from the presses in an ever-increasing volume to

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influence public thinking and supply the demand for mental food. Books are being issued in ever-increasing numbers. Every trade and profession has its distinctive journals, and every creed and cult has its literature to forward its propaganda. And if we as a Christian Church are to compete with these influences, and successfully carry the pure Gospel of Christ to the lost of earth, we must maintain our Publishing interests in a manner that will insure their permanence and stability.

The Editorial and the Publishing interests are inseparably joined, for the work is one. They must stand or fall together. The Publisher cannot make a success of his department if the Editorial department does not furnish a high grade of Christian literature for him to sell which meets the approval of our people and the demands of the times in which we live, for the job printing department of the business is but a secondary consideration. The Publishing department exists primarily to circulate our own literature. And the Editorial department could not succeed, no matter how efficiently it may be conducted, if the business management is at serious fault. This is team work, and we must pull together.

During the dark days of the past four years, when uncertainty was everywhere, and well nigh insurmountable difficulties arose on every hand to impede our progress, when success at best was problematical and disaster shadowed every footfall, our two departments have sought to co-operate and economize and work together as best we might, trusting God to bring us through to better days. And I wish to say here that our association with our Brother Willett in the work of the Lord, striving together for the advancement of Christ's kingdom through this avenue of service, has been greatly enjoyed. And now in the sunshine which begins to break following the storm which has passed over us, leaving in its wake a glorious reminder of God's presence with us, we rejoice together.

The Publishing interests of the Church are like a lighthouse on a dangerous and stormy coast. The business department is like the base firmly planted on the granite rock far beneath the angry waves. The Editorial department is like the beacon light, sending its rays out into the night to guide storm-tossed ships into harbor. From this watchtower our anxious gaze has gone out into all parts of the Connection. The needs of the work have been heavy upon our hearts, and we have prayed much and earnestly for every arm of our work, and have sought to adapt our literature to meet those

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needs. To what extent we have succeeded in our purpose we leave you to judge.

We have sought earnestly to maintain the high spiritual as well as intellectual character of our publications. We believe they should be exponents of the glorious doctrines and noble principles for which we stand. The maintenance of these doctrines and principles and its issue in the salvation of the lost, the sanctification of the Church, and its final glorification to meet the coming Lord is our objective which we hope to attain by the help of God.

Instead of diverting any surplus that might accrue in the business department to other purposes, let it be retained and used in the development of our literature until they become the power for good which is possible with more available resources at our command. When this part of our work has become securely established will be time enough to devote possible revenues into other channels; but we are persuaded this time is not yet.

Under the present arrangement the literature of the Church is all under the editorial management of one department. A proposition has been brought forward to separate the editorial management of the Wesleyan Methodist and the Sunday School literature into separate departments. We recommend, however, that the present arrangement be retained, but that sufficient assistance be given to properly do the work.

In the great forward movement which has been launched under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the Wesleyan Methodist is a vital factor. It is the avenue of publicity for every one of these worthy enterprises. As we are interested in their success, so must we strive and pray for the success of our Church paper. May it ever be an instrument for good and a strong weapon against all enemies of righteousness.

Whatever success we may have had in the Editorial management of our Church publications has been due to several factors: (1) The blessing of the Lord; (2) the able assistance of my good wife; (3) the co-operation of the Publisher and his department; and the splendid sympathy, co-operation and prayers of our brethren and sisters throughout the Church.

We desire to thank one and all for their help and fellowship and prayers. I have done my best under the limitations that have been upon me. I do not ask to be returned. If in your judgment it

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would be deemed best not to do so, I shall gladly co-operate with whoever may occupy this responsible position as gladly and as fully as you have co-operated with me.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. Butterfield,  
Connectional Editor.

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### Report No. 10.

#### CONNECTIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY.

The Connectional Sunday School Secretary made his report in part in the form of a short program in which several of the Conference Sunday School Secretaries present made short addresses on the following subjects: Saving the Children. The Religious Training of the Children, and The Teacher-Training Work. In this connection the Committee on Sunday Schools also made its report through its chairman, the Rev. F. S. Lee, of Rome, N. Y., which will be found elsewhere in the printed minutes. In conclusion, the Connectional Secretary spoke briefly, an abridged outline of which follows:

I have asked these brethren to address you this morning that through their experience and the result of their observation we might the better emphasize the importance of our Sunday School work. We fear this has not been sufficiently realized in the past, and we trust that it may so gain the attention of this conference as to receive your prayerful and earnest consideration.

Our Sunday School work should have a large place in the program of the Church in any plans that may be adopted looking to an advance movement and more aggressive activity in the cause of Christ. It is but natural that our foreign missionary work should appeal strongly to our people, because the various phases of missionary work are being constantly presented by several effective organizations, by numerous workers actively connected therewith, as well as by a numerous company of our returned missionaries. Our home missionary needs are also apparent and the appeal to the sacrificing spirit and zeal of our people can be readily appreciated. Our Educational interests are no less thoroughly presented to the attention of the Church through the columns of the Wesleyan Meth-

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odist and by other means. We can but feel, however, that the Sunday School presents a field for evangelization as inviting and as far-reaching in its results as any of these. Our evangelistic endeavors are often largely in behalf of those who have come to mature years rather than for the younger members of our congregations and community. But the Sunday School, if properly organized and effectively operated, is an evangelizing agency which reaches out and brings within its beneficial influence all classes, from the infant in arms to those most advanced in years. And the means adopted for their evangelization and establishment in Christian character is the Word of God. This is the instrument which will insure certain and lasting results. Here is a field to which we do not have to go across the oceans wide, or into the frontiers of our own land, but which lies at our very doors. Then whatever else we may undertake in our forward movement, let us not forget to plan for our Sunday Schools.

But because we have not as yet been able to place in the field a Connectional Sunday School Secretary who could devote his whole time to field work and otherwise strengthening this part of our work, we must not feel that nothing has been accomplished. It is true that for the past eight years at least this work has been associated with that of the Connectional Editor, thus confining the efforts of the Connectional Sunday School Secretary to work that might be carried on through correspondence rather than through active field work. But during these years the development of the Sunday School work in some parts of our Connection has been gratifying indeed. Under the present organization, as provided by our Discipline, we are supposed to have a Conference Sunday School Secretary in each of our conferences through whom this work may be advanced. In some instances workers for these positions, who have been interested in and trained for this special department of work, have not been available, and as a consequence the work has lagged. But in a large number of conferences, we are happy to report, we have efficient Secretaries in charge and as a consequence the Sunday School work has made a substantial and healthy growth. We have endeavored as best we could, in view of the limitations under which we have labored, through correspondence and otherwise to stimulate the interest and promote a general advancement.

In addition to the above we have sought to encourage the organization of Teacher-Training Classes, and much interest has re-

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sulted, with a goodly number having completed the course and received diplomas issued by our own Connectional Sunday School Secretary. Departmental leaflets, efficiency standards and report blanks have also been issued, and a goodly quantity has been distributed.

In view of the vital need in this department of our Church work and the inviting field open to us in this direction, and the possibilities of good to the Connection at large if the Sunday School work could be under the wise and discreet direction of some one who could give it his time and effort, we recommend that the General Conference elect a Connectional Sunday School Secretary, separate from the other Connectional officers, and who can devote himself to this work.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. Butterfield,  
Connectional Sunday School Secretary.

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### **Report No. 11.**

#### **COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**

Your Committee on Sunday Schools respectfully submits the following report:

This is a period of transition because of the World War that has so recently come to an end. The change in many governments is very great, and the opportunity to extend Christian ideals and Christian civilization has never been equaled. The World's Sunday School Association, aided by twelve men from the joint Mission Boards, are planning a great campaign to meet this unparalleled opportunity to present the claims of Christianity through the Sunday School. An era of universal democracy is commencing. This means that governments will rest upon the will of the people, therefore the people ought to be trained in the highest ideals of Christian civilization. The eyes of the world naturally turn to our own beloved United States as the leading democratic nation of the world, consequently if we as a nation hold to the highest Christian ideals it will be the best guaranty of extending these ideals throughout the world. It behooves us as loyal citizens of the Kingdom of God and this great nation to meet the full measure of our responsibility in propagating Christian principles among the people of the land through that most efficient agent the Sunday School.

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### **The Importance of the Sunday School.**

The Sunday School is a department of the Church, not separate from it, but a creature of the Church, under its authority and jurisdiction. The importance of the Sunday School lies in the fact that the Church has committed to it the task of preaching the Gospel to the world and instructing the people in the Bible, inspiring in them a desire for Christian service, and at the same time giving the opportunity for and directing such service.

### **The Membership of the Sunday School.**

The Sunday School is the most inclusive organization known among men. It is composed of all ages, grades and classes. It is most cosmopolitan in its membership. From the youngest babe to the oldest man all have a place in the Sunday School. No one is barred from membership except for bad behavior, and his behavior must be very bad if even this bars him out. One may not be a Christian, but he is welcome to membership, and the Sunday School stands ready to instruct him in the way of life. One may not even attend the regular meetings of the School, but the School goes to him with the Bible to instruct him in religious things in his home, and so it comes to pass that the indifferent, aged, infirm, sick, and those with family cares which keep them at home, are given the opportunity of the Sunday School with instruction from the Bible, with the invitation to study, believe and profit by its precious truths. As the babe has its name placed in the family register, so its name can be recorded in the register of the Sunday School, and it becomes a member of the Sunday School as well as of the family.

### **The Duty and Opportunity of the Sunday School.**

As the Sunday School has a place in the work of the Church it has a duty to perform, and duty means opportunity. Duty "is that which ought to be done." All need to know about God, their relation to Him, and that which He requires of them. Thus it becomes the great task of the Sunday School to place the Word of God in the hands of all in the community, giving them instruction in the same. Men perish for lack of knowledge of the provisions of grace in Christ Jesus. Under present day conditions the Sunday School must become the feeder to the Church. The attractions of

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the world are so great that comparatively few are saved after reaching maturity. This teaches us that those who are won to Christ and the Church must be won while young, and the Sunday School furnishes the opportunity for that close, personal touch which is so essential in winning others to Christ. The Sunday School has the greatest opportunity that it has ever had for the training of the religious workers of the present and near future. The Sunday School must have a more extended program of instruction and training if she would meet her duty and opportunity. The Christian religion being the most important thing with which men have to do we cannot put too much thought, energy and time into its propagation.

### The Present Demand Upon the Sunday Schools.

There are serious conditions which place a heavy demand upon the Sunday School. A careful survey reveals the fact that during the present world war America lost about one million Sunday School scholars. This is a serious matter and the loss cannot be made good but by diligent, consecrated effort. Other careful surveys have revealed the fact that delinquency of youth has increased rapidly, and in some of the large cities the population is increasing more rapidly than Sunday School and Church attendance. In New York City plans have been announced for propagating 300 Bolsheviki Sunday Schools. A catechism has been printed and it is the evident intention to spread Bolsheviki teachings into all large American cities. Civil law may in a measure check and suppress this pernicious propaganda, but the only real cure is the teaching of Jesus Christ, and the most effective way of bringing the truth as it is in Jesus Christ to the children and youth of our land is through the Sunday School. As we love our country and our God, we, as Wesleyan Methodists, must not be recreant to this duty, but must strive by all the powers and wisdom that we possess to so teach the youth of our land as to save them to the Church and Christian citizenship. The growth of Foreign Missions is making heavy demands upon us as a Church. The growth in this respect has been more rapid than the growth of the home Church. As a Church we must answer the call of God to enter the doors that are open to us; but in order to do this safely we must extend our borders at home that the extra demand for workers and money may be met. This means, first, the saving of our children to the



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Church, using as the principal means well-equipped and carefully conducted Sunday Schools, in which they are taught not only to love God, but also the obligation and privilege to extend the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Second, by giving them adequate training in Christian service, so that their efforts for the extension of the Kingdom will be effective. We do not believe that the day of revivals is passed, but the rule is that one brought into the Kingdom when a child makes the most efficient Christian worker, consequently our best workers come to us through our Sunday Schools. Is it not then plain that we must make our Sunday Schools the very best possible? Beyond doubt they must be the great feeder to the Church, the agency through which boys and girls, men and women, are brought into the ranks of the Church of Jesus Christ.

### The Organization of the Sunday School.

The Disciplinary requirements in regard to the organization of the Sunday School carried out in letter and spirit are adequate to meet the demands of the hour. However, more attention should be paid to the work of some of the departments. While prohibition of alcoholic beverages is written into the Constitution of the United States of America, there is plenty of opportunity to help in making the rest of the world dry, and to teach reverence for law as law. The education against tobacco and other narcotics must be kept up until prohibitive legislation against them is obtained. The Missionary department is of great importance, not only in disseminating missionary intelligence, but systematic giving should be taught, and the opportunity furnished to give to this important branch of Christian work. The work of this department should be pushed more vigorously. Teacher-training should receive more attention in order that our schools may be supplied with efficient teachers. If secular education is of such importance that no one is allowed to teach until certain qualifications are met, how much more important it is that those who teach the Word of God be trained for their work. However, organization and training cannot be substituted for spirituality, which alone can be obtained but by a regenerated, sanctified life. The call of God is for Spirit-filled men and women to lead the children and young people of our Church to the Cross of Christ, that they may be spiritually fitted for the service that the world stands so much in need of.

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### Leadership in the Sunday School.

No enterprise can prosper without qualified leadership. Almost any sort of an individual can hold an office, but not every one can be a real leader. The times and work demand that provision be made for the training of the officers for our Sunday Schools, as well as the teachers, that the leadership of our Schools may be in more efficient hands. Let us always keep in mind that the important qualification is a Spirit-filled soul, entirely sanctified to God. Training and spirituality are not opposed the one to the other, but are in perfect harmony when the proper relationship between the two are understood. We suggest that short courses be provided in all our schools that shall provide training for all our Sunday School workers, especially officers and teachers, and that young men and women be invited, and urged, to consecrate themselves to this important service of the Church. In view of the tendency of much modern organized Sunday School work to mere education of mind and training in method, and consequent loss to the Church of many teen age boys and girls, we further earnestly recommend that the Connectional Secretary and all the Sunday School officers lay special stress upon the salvation of the children. That teachers and officers in the local schools be urged to co-operate with the pastor in a supplementary training in fundamental Christian doctrine. That a special day, or days, be set aside throughout the denomination when the children are given special opportunity for accepting Christ; and that all Sunday School workers throughout the Church be urged to make this matter a subject of special prayer.

We would also recommend that at this time a Denominational Sunday School Secretary be elected, who shall devote his entire time to the work of the Sunday Schools of our beloved Church, and that the Book Committee shall define his duties and provide his salary.

Respectfully submitted,

F. S. Lee,  
H. T. Hawkins,  
L. M. Beckum,  
S. Hugh Paine,  
Frances French,  
C. B. Smith,  
J. W. Miller,  
F. A. Lewis,  
Thomas Dyson,  
Committee.

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### Report No. 12.

#### BOARD OF REVIEW.

In the case of the decisions of the General Conference President relating to the "Tobacco Amendment," which were referred to the Board of Review, the Board submits its report as follows:

1. It is the sense of the Board of Review that it is not the prerogative of a President of the General Conference to alter an action of the General Conference; hence in our judgment the time limit in taking the vote on the tobacco amendment should not have been changed.

2. The Board interprets that part of paragraph 143 of the Discipline relating to procedure in adopting constitutional amendments as follows: The adoption of a constitutional amendment requires the approval of the three following bodies of the Connection in the following sense:

(1) Approval of the General Conference by a two-thirds vote.

(2) Approval by two-thirds of the Annual Conference membership of the Connection voting on the proposed amendment.

(3) Approval by two-thirds of the Church membership of the Connection voting on the proposed amendment.

In the light of the above interpretation the Board dissents from the ruling of the President of the General Conference that to adopt a Constitution amendment requires that two-thirds of the Annual Conferences of the Connection must each by a two-thirds vote approve of a proposed amendment.

Wm. Pinkney,  
H. C. Bedford,  
Fleming Perrine,  
Chas. Sicard,  
Joe Lawrence.

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### Report No. 13.

#### TOBACCO AMENDMENT.

	Conference.		Membership.	
	Yea.	No.	Yea.	No.
Alabama .....	12	0	83	6
Allegheny .....	38	3	459	68

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	Conference.		Membership.	
	Yea.	No.	Yea.	No.
Champlain .....	7	21	95	154
Illinois .....	6	5	25	6
Indiana .....	58	15	677	406
Iowa .....	17	4	90	34
Kansas .....	50	0	259	11
Lockport .....	19	19	243	91
Michigan .....	8	37	84	301
North Carolina .....	39	0	120	0
North Michigan .....	17	18	99	75
Rochester .....	24	11	257	158
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>295</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>2491</b>	<b>1310</b>
Number Conferences .....			23	
Number voting January, 1917 .....			12	
Number necessary for two-thirds vote .....			8	
Number ratifying by two-thirds vote .....			7	
Lost in Conferences.				
Total membership vote .....			3801	
Necessary for two-thirds majority .....			2534	
Yea vote .....			2491	
Lost in Churches by 43.				

### Report No. 14.

### EDUCATION.

We favor the building of a school of college grade in the State of Indiana under the conditions adopted by the Board June 22, 1917, and which conditions are as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of a Central College begs leave to submit the following report:

We favor building a school of college grade, to be located in the State of Indiana, under the following conditions:

1. That the Indiana Conference secure not less than \$100,000 in productive, interest-bearing endowment, the average interest of which shall be not less than 5 per cent.

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2. That a building shall be provided by the Indiana Conference, but the plans for such building shall be submitted to the Educational Society for their approval.

3. That the selection for the location of such a college shall be left to a joint commission appointed by the Educational Society and the Indiana Conference.

4. The curriculum shall be of such a standard as to warrant the granting of usual degrees from such an institution.

5. The management of such College shall be left entirely to the Educational Society.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, J. S. Willett, Chairman; Fleming Perrine,  
H. C. Bedford, E. Teter, E. G. Dietrich.

We heartily commend the Indiana Conference on their wonderful achievement in raising the \$100,000 endowment for the College in Indiana.

In the matter of financing the College we recommend the following:

1. The Book Committee shall make an estimate of the necessary budget of expense in operating such a College.

2. That the Book Committee shall also make a careful estimate of the probable income that would be realized from Endowment interest, tuition and general contributions.

× 3. The Book Committee shall also determine the amount of income that would be necessary in addition to that already mentioned to meet the operating expense, and such amount needed shall be added pro rata membership to the Educational Budget of the other schools, namely, Houghton, Miltonvale and Central.

× 4. The distribution of the Educational Budget for the College in Indiana shall be made by the Book Committee on the percentage basis from the general contributions.

5. In the matter for campaigns for endowment, each school shall confine its campaign for such endowment to its own district; however, any person in any district may contribute to any Connectional school any amount he or she may desire.

6. Each school shall have the right to expand and develop as fast as its constituency may furnish the necessary support.

7. We favor the "Forward Movement" in our Educational work as outlined by the Book Committee in its last Executive Meeting, and in whatever campaigns made for endowment, authorized

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by the Book Committee, we request and expect the support of all our people, and solicit their prayerful and hearty co-operation in maintaining all our schools at the highest point of efficiency and effectiveness.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. McDowell,

Secretary of the Committee on Education.

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### Report No. 15.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL PENSIONS.

The Book Committee, through its special committee, carefully canvassed this whole question in the light of the information obtainable, and reported to the full committee at its last session in Syracuse, N. Y. The Book Committee voted to unanimously recommend the adoption of plans which will result in the creation of a Connectional Fund for ministerial relief or pensions, including our missionaries and educators. The plan in brief outline approved and recommended to the favorable consideration of the General Conference is as follows:

#### I. How is the fund to be provided?

1. Through an endowment fund to be raised by a general appeal throughout the Connection.
2. Through gifts and bequests that may be made specifically for this purpose.
3. Through a percentage of the Connectional Budget.
4. Through membership fees.

#### II. The Beneficiaries.

1. Let pensions be restricted to those who have rendered faithful service in ministerial, missionary, or educational service in the Wesleyan Methodist Church under the appointment of an Annual Conference, or of the Connectional Boards as a member of our school faculty or elected missionary, and who have become incapacitated by age or infirmity growing out of service for the Church, and only for so long as they may continue members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church; the widows of actual pensioners may receive the allotment after them. No person who has an annual income of one thousand dollars or more should participate or receive benefit from

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this fund further than the actual money paid into the treasury in the way of membership fees.

2. Persons who have rendered service as Connectional officers, as Agent, Editor, and Missionary Secretary.

III. The Administration of the Fund. The details yet to be worked out and approved by the Book Committee.

Your committee recommends that the sub-committee of the Book Committee to which this matter was referred, or some other committee, be designated, to which this whole matter be referred, who shall be instructed to work out a complete and detailed plan covering all features which should enter into the successful operation of a Connectional Pension Fund, and report to the next annual session of the Book Committee for its approval and adoption, and that when so approved it be put into operation through the Connection as soon as circumstances will warrant.

We further recommend that the Connectional Agent be a member of the committee to which this matter is referred for completion.

Signed,

Chas. Sicard,  
F. A. Butterfield,  
E. Teter,  
H. C. Bedford,  
J. S. Luckey.

(Adopted.)

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### Report No. 16.

#### THANKS.

We, your Committee on Thanks, respectfully submit the following report:

As a Church, we have great reason to thank God for the advancement of the past quadrennium and for the prospects of the future. The Forward Movement is on; open doors are before us. Let us "lift up our heads and rejoice."

The great world war, which has brought disaster and death to millions of people and has laid in their last resting place thousands of our American boys, thereby causing tears of sorrow and bleeding hearts, is over. And while we believe it was God dealing with the nations, we thank and praise Him that He has promised us a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

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We, as a Church, have great reason to be thankful for the ceaseless and untiring efforts of our retiring Missionary Secretary, Rev. E. Teter. The power of his "poured out" life has traveled north and south, east and west; and multitudes rise up and call him blessed. In the dark hour and heat of battle he has always had a word of cheer, and the long years of sacrificial service, his sympathetic spirit, sweetened by the Spirit of Christ, his firm attitude for the maintenance of the right, cause us to thank God for giving us such a "father in Israel." May his spirit and mantle fall in a double portion on his successor.

To entertain the General Conference during these times of high prices is no small undertaking, necessitating a large investment of funds and labor. Whereas, the Indiana Conference has undertaken this task on several occasions, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the General Conference, hereby express by a rising vote our hearty appreciation to the many kind friends who are again so thoughtfully providing for our comfort and welfare.

E. F. McCarty, Chairman,  
J. H. Lawrence,  
E. W. Woodruff,  
Chas. Hill,  
Mrs. Iva E. Crofford,  
H. L. Molyneux,  
J. H. Miller,  
H. C. Pierce,  
C. P. Rank,  
I. L. Prouty.

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### Report No. 17.

### SOCIETIES OF THE WORLD.

Man's need of social relation is a matter of such importance that it called into operation a special creative act of God. Since that day when God made an helpmeet for him, man has in a marked measure been governed by his social relations with his fellow man. The power of social relation may be for good or evil; or it may be a mixture of good and evil. When power for good predominates in a social relation it becomes our privilege and duty to support and promulgate that special relation. The presence and work of this General Conference today is simply a continuance of the Wes-



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leyan Societies begun by Mr. Wesley and eight or ten other persons in London in the latter part of the year 1739. He intended his Society to be simply a good work within the Church, but it proved to be so much better than that of the Church, and its adherents increased until they became more numerous than the members of the Church, so that now in this time of the forty-fifth quadrennial of these Societies we, as a part of the millions of Methodists hereby publish to the world that we are still busied in doing all the good we can to our fellow man. We trust that the records of eternity will show that we have been true to our divine calling. In this work we find that not all societies have the greatest good of all men and the glory of God as their ultimate object. Because of this, and with the hope of benefiting any society which seems to be falling short of this heaven-given standard we are now to consider "The Societies of the World."

We take the term "world," in this connection, to mean, as Webster states it, "The earth and its affairs as distinguished from heaven; concerns of this life as distinguished from those of the life to come." Also, as our Lord Jesus stated it in speaking of His true disciples, viz: "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." Whether a society is, in this sense, of the world or otherwise depends not so much upon its name and professed object as upon what its final results are. Trees, men and societies are known to be good or bad by the fruit they bear. On this basis of unmistakable righteous decision it is our duty to learn of Societies which are seeking members from our homes, our Church, and our community, whether in the work they are doing they are to be approved or opposed.

As to Secret Societies: Our Book of Discipline very clearly and biblically states our attitude toward them, which we now reaffirm. Their semi-religious tenets and practices in which they ignore salvation by the atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ; and their pretense of beneficence in aiding only those of their own order, and of these only that limited number who promptly pay their dues, etc., thereby making them anti-Christian and unfitted for affiliation of Christians.

There are societies, such as the Red Cross, which, while not without faults, are nevertheless highly commendable for their generous, constant, and faithful work, especially during the time of the recent great world war.

Some other societies now in active work are of such a harmful

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character that national governments deem it their duty to oppose them with all their power. Of these Bolshevism and the Industrial Workers of the World are most prominent. In their creed they repudiate responsibility to God and their fellow man. One of their leaders recently said, "Your democracy is a lie; your liberty is a lie; your God is a lie." Their ruthless, anarchical devastation of life and property makes their society a subject of just condemnation and worthy of complete obliteration at any reasonable cost. Their present work in the war-stricken countries, and their recent repeated attempts in the United States to destroy life and property, is such that this General Conference, by the acceptance of this report, records its settled purpose to stand by all good government in opposition to these societies.

Other societies have in them such a mixture of good and evil that many persons question what place should be given to them, and whether membership in them is or is not right. This class of societies is very large, and differ somewhat in the proportions of what seems to be a mixture of good and bad. This class includes various trades unions, labor unions, and brotherhoods of different kinds. It may be difficult to determine just how much of good or of evil any particular organization of this class has in it. However, there are general principles which may be applied to any or all of them which will greatly aid in a righteous conclusion relative to holding membership in them.

First. If an organization of men gains control of food, clothing, implements and material necessary in the usual vocation of life so that their fellowmen cannot get these necessary things at the usual market price, that organization is wrong to the extent that Christian men should not affiliate with it.

Second. If an organized society gains control of labor privileges of any kind, measure, or class so that it can and does dictate who shall engage in it, and what the compensation shall be, and shall discriminate in the use of that power so as to exclude those who do not belong to that particular organization on the ground alone of the applicant's not being a member in that organization, it is thereby wrong to the extent that Christians should not affiliate with it. The principle of "join us or go without work," or, "join us or starve," is wrong in every good sense of the word.

Third. If an organized society by mutual agreement of a majority of its members shall hold its business or mass meetings on Sunday, the Lord's day, or in any other way shall knowingly

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and intentionally disregard the plain teaching of the Bible in any of its principles, it is thereby wrong to the extent that Christians should not affiliate with it.

Persons who are members of any organized society which is known by its rules or practices to be guilty of either of the foregoing accusations will, if they give evidence of having received the pardon of their sins, and desire to become members of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America, be heartily welcomed into associate membership relation, and may continue in that relation until they have met conditions for full membership, provided that the local church with which they have united favors such continuance.

Persons who are members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and are also members of any of these societies unsuitable for Christian fellowship, must refrain from personal participation in any of the unscriptural things mentioned in this report, and also from all acts of unrighteous character which may accompany any strike or other general action of the union, brotherhood, or federation of labor to which they may belong, or thereby become subject to our Disciplinary rules which govern such immoralities.

P. B. Campbell,  
Aaron Worth,  
W. H. Massey,  
O. S. Ballinger,  
Alex. Ballard,  
Abe Cummings.

(John Clement excused from signing.)

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### Report No. 18.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO DEFINE SECRET SOCIETIES.

Your committee to whom was referred the question of secret societies respectfully submits the following:

We recommend that the Committee on Revision place the following as a footnote to paragraph 55, page 33, in our Book of Discipline: "This rule on secret societies does not prevent our members from affiliating with unions organized for the purpose of protecting their industrial interests where Christian principles are

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not violated, and where such principles are violated members shall be dealt with because of such violation, and not because of membership in the unions.

Eber Teter,  
J. S. Willett,  
J. S. Luckey,  
E. G. Dietrich,  
H. C. Bedford,  
Committee.

Report adopted.

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### Report No. 19.

#### COMMITTEE ON ANNUITIES.

The general subject of Annuities has been up for consideration before the Board for some time and a special committee was appointed to make report to this General Body. That Committee now submits the following report:

We believe that the Wesleyan Methodist Connection through its different corporate societies, as the donors may elect, should receive gifts from our people on the following conditions as a basis:

#### Annuity Rates.

Age	Single Bond (One life)	Survivorship (Two lives)
Twenty to thirty .....	3% rate	3% rate
Thirty to forty .....	4% rate	3½% rate
Forty to fifty .....	5% rate	4½% rate
Fifty to sixty .....	5½% rate	5% rate
Sixty to seventy ..	6% rate	5½% rate
Over seventy ..	7% rate	6½% rate

These rates of interest are based on cash gifts, and if real estate is offered it must be immediately converted into cash or else the donor accept the inventory that is made by the corporations benefiting by the gift.

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Furthermore, all such gifts must be kept intact so long as the donor lives, and a sinking fund must be provided whereby the interest on any donation may be paid if the interest on its investment is not sufficient to meet the annuity due.

In case of Survivorship Bonds, the rate is based on the age of the younger.

Payments on annuities may be made either annually or semi-annually as the donor and the corporate society benefiting may agree.

E. G. Dietrich,  
J. S. Willett.

### Report No. 20.

#### CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Africa .....	100%
Allegheny—Only partially indexed .....	90%
Canada—Well written, no summary, no index .....	60%
Alabama—Well written, no index, no summary .....	60%
Champlain—No index, no summary .....	60%
Dakota—One year not copied, reports pasted in records, no summary, no index .....	40%
Kansas—The records presented are in no sense a book of records, but a compilation in the form of a neatly printed and bound book. A similar condemnation of this course was made by the General Conference of four years ago. We recommend that the Kansas Conference keep their records in legal form and present the same to the next General Conference	10%
North Georgia—Records written on the right-hand pages of the book only. We recommend the use of all the book. No summary; no index....	60%
Indiana—Most excellent in all detail .....	100%
North Carolina .....	100%
North Georgia—No summary .....	80%
Ohio—Neatly written, partly indexed, no summary .....	70%
South Ohio—No index, no summary .....	60%
South Carolina—Typewritten, but not neatly executed, some blots and blurs, books not of record size..	70%

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Tennessee—No index, no summary, some blots .....	58%
Rochester—Ideal to form, no summary .....	80%
North Michigan—No index, no summary .....	60%
Michigan—Beautifully written and most artistically arranged, complete in all detail .....	100%
Lockport—Complete in all detail .....	100%
Iowa—No summary .....	80%
Willamette—Partially indexed .....	90%
Oklahoma .....	70%
General Conference Records .....	100%

Illinois and Wisconsin records mailed to Conference, but not received.

We recommend that the Secretary of the General Conference notify the Secretaries of the Annual Conferences of the standard of excellence adopted, at least sixty days after the rise of this General Conference and at least sixty days preceding the next General Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Edw. M. Graham, Chmn.  
E. G. Dietrich,  
I. A. Grise,  
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C. M. Alfred,  
A. W. Smith, Secretary.

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### Report No. 21.

### STATISTICS.

Your Committee on Statistics recommend the following changes in the Uniform Statistical Blank:

That Item IV be revised so that what is now No. 2 shall read: "Whole Number of Officers," and what is now No. 2 be numbered three (No. 3) and read, "Number of Officers Who Are Not Teachers or Scholars," and what is now No. 3 be No. 4, etc.

We recommend that what is now No. 13, referring to Adult Bible Classes, in Item IV be omitted.

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We recommend that the arrangement of the words, "Fees—Marriage and Funeral," be changed to read, "Marriage and Funeral Fees."

We recommend that Item VII read as follows: "Conference President's Salary, Conference Evangelist's Salary, Other Evangelistic Help, Sabbath School Expense, Building and Repairs, Incidental Expenses."

We recommend that Item VIII remain as it is, with the addition of three blank lines.

We recommend the addition of the words, "Specially for Japan," following the words, "Specially for India," in Item XI, also the addition of three blank lines.

Change notes on Item IV by inserting the words "who are" between the words "officers" and "not" in the first line so as to read, "No. of Officers who are not Teachers or Scholars."

Change the numbers in Item IV which read, "2, 3, 4, 5 and 6," in lines 12 and 13 and in line 22, to read, "3, 4, 5, 6 and 7," and the number 11 in line 22 changed to 12. The remainder of notes in Item IV following the word "information" in line 23 to be omitted.

Notes on Item VII changed to read: "All pastors of conferences that do not pay the Conference Presidents or the Conference Evangelists a salary may leave the first two lines blank. 'Other Evangelistic Help' should include all that the circuit pays for evangelistic help, or outside pulpit supply of any kind, except any part that has been paid for President's or Conference Evangelist's Salary." The remainder of note on Item VII to remain unchanged.

In note on Item VIII insert the words "or Japan" after the word "India," in line six. The three blank lines in Item VIII and in Item XI are for the convenience of Conferences that have special funds.

W. J. Seekins, Chairman.  
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I. F. McLeister,  
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Committee on Statistics.

# WESLEYAN METHODIST CONNECTION.

## STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Pastors Labors.									
	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. Societies	Wesleyans Taken	S. S. Banners Taken	Teacher's Quarterlies	Scholar's Quarterlies	Junior Quarterlies	Primary Class Papers	Little Folks Cards
Africa .....	64 -	4	1							
Alabama .....	29 - 1	16	14	80	49	433	151	662	491	558
Allegheny .....	106 - 7	42	41	405	1142	744	290	1583	630	833
Canada .....	14 - 11	7	5	14	133	65	51	124	20	52
Champlain .....	109 - 11	46	28	271	453	146	179	694	115	237
Dakota .....	24 - 8	8	8	69	152	101	50	210	77	110
Georgia .....	43 - 1	38	38	171	50	212	73	309	86	329
Illinois .....	18 - 8	7	7	50	88	50	17	148	28	28
Indiana .....	173 - 6	93	92	765	2160	1017	508	3058	807	1087
Iowa .....	55 - 4	21	18	163	291	110	83	495	107	179
Kansas .....	84 - 9	33	30	258	548	267	267	683	290	296
Lockport .....	77 - 2	24	24	307	589	187	143	770	212	216
Michigan .....	86 - 2	39	40	316	708	336	157	1319	245	138
North Carolina .....	108 - 2	54	50	794	265	1045	420	1986	1067	1609
North Georgia .....	20 - 3	8	8	61	186	238	152	614	210	636
North Michigan .....	66 - 9	32	33	150	433	191	114	483	191	1087
Oklahoma .....	25 - 3	13	12	44	86	87	74	245	126	94
Ohio .....	39 - 10	22	21	111	341	211	145	731	84	155
Rochester .....	109 - 8	41	41	312	592	197	204	818	215	268
South Carolina .....	52 - 8	46	39	164	365	600	26	1180	581	957
South Ohio .....	41 - 10	11	11	25		27	63	340	122	65
Tennessee .....	20 - 11	14	8	11			22	207	82	122
Willamette .....	9 - 10	2	2	47	60	31	14	47	40	34
Wisconsin .....	24 - 7	17	13	95	122	24	30	250	100	24
Total .....	1407 - 11	638	584	4683	8713	6319	3233	16956	5926	9114



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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

	Membership													
	Members Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	No. Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss	Gain	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Licentiates	Members Tithing
Africa .....														
Alabama .....	357	51	78	8	41	356	538		182	1	192	2	11	74
Allegheny .....	533		167	83	117	1256	1342		86	76	263		72	633
Canada .....	42		24	9	15	262	208	54			41		1	49
Champlain .....	245	2	88	79	81	1035	928	107		24	288	3	8	164
Dakota .....	184		4	17	31	210	335		125	3	47	5	5	23
Georgia .....	316	44	180	27	65	679	735		56		82	4	25	146
Illinois .....	89		58	11	30	249	211	16		1	9		3	33
Indiana .....	179	8	955	177	305	4015	4214		199	356	803	1	78	506
Iowa .....	35		2	3	18	682	615	67		16	16	6	15	75
Kansas .....	614		294	45	195	1013	849	164		29	209	6	21	286
Lockport .....	268	1	103	64	139	808	769	39		43	176	3	14	306
Michigan .....	566	13	186	101	196	1564	1569		5	21	244	3	22	322
North Carolina .....	1261	275	425	80	274	2002	1660	342			435	16	49	383
North Georgia .....	93	4	24	13	18	319	344		21	4	49	2	7	52
North Michigan .....	43		150	37	108	688	747		59	5	218		22	132
Oklahoma .....	135		20	6	16		223		223		46	7	11	19
Ohio .....	345	3	76	39	54	811	788	22		29	79	2	19	135
Rochester .....	337		116	85	145	1132	1027	105		58	178	1	20	259
South Carolina .....	831	57	203	66	245	1440	1419	21		72	363	2	33	55
South Ohio .....	335	13	79	62		634	657		23	32	132	1	9	4
Tennessee .....	84	9	19	12	2	252	248	4		4	66		4	
Willamette .....	86		13	3	11	47	82		35		17		6	57
Wisconsin .....	149		30	5	21		310				90	1	11	
Total .....	8742	480	3294	1021	2128	19591	19818	941	....	774	4043	65	466	3713

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## STATISTICAL REPORT--Continued

	Sabbath Schools																												
	No. of Sabbath Schools		Officers not Teach. or Schol.		Number of Teachers		Scholars in Home Dept.		No. Scholars in Cradle Roll		No. Schol. in Main School		Total No. in Sab. Schools		Average Attendance		No. of Scholars Converted		No. Schol. Joining Church		No. of Departmental Supts.		Teach. in Training Course		Schol. in Adult Bible Class		No. of Books in Library		
Africa .....	11	34	47	21	150	642	668	370	219	169	9	10	187	13															
Alabama .....	42	67	216	130	256	2497	3109	1607	450	253	37	39		894															
Allegheny .....	6	14	21		4	241		176		2			73	99															
Canada .....	28	27	112	109	222	1057	1474	712	280	124	33	5	273	1327															
Dakota .....	8	8	32			357	430	275	76	50			116																
Georgia .....	22	56	73			527	754	549	113	75			123	26															
Illinois .....	7	2	36	92	103	320	539	200	23	17	9	10	85	30															
Indiana .....	83	168	428	424	1034	4557	6609	3264	1359	863	236	72	1071	107															
Iowa .....	15	12	69	7	130	476	763	529	96	63	12	6	191	192															
Kansas .....	39	74	126	24	98	1163	1537	960	482	316	17	54	248	319															
Lockport .....	22	21	112	162	159	1044	1509	694	191	114	31	20	307	460															
Michigan .....	37	46	91	113	280	1631	2128	1338	339	255	36			1288															
North Carolina .....	42	80	168		107	2672	3027	1415	876	457	13	51	427																
North Georgia .....	7	16	32	18	28	257	347	170	58	40	6	29	66	127															
North Michigan .....	22	40	92	7	209	785	1063	664	31	219	137	10	277	162															
Oklahoma .....	12	18	38			430	486	312	68	69		9	105	35															
Ohio .....	16	39	78	44	55	785	1093	601	46	27	8	18	134	563															
Rochester .....	34	77	131	70	141	1197	1515	881	288	147	42	20	425	814															
South Carolina .....	35	72	147		32	1649	1979	1549	291	177	4		125																
South Ohio .....	11	46	43	51	26	498	597	304	64	64	7	2	117	624															
Tennessee .....	7	28	22			210	443	66	89	83			112	231															
Willamette .....	2	3	10	70		110	123	90	10	4			11																
Wisconsin .....	13	13	50			479								30															
Total .....	521	961	2174	1342	3034	25584	30193	16726	5449	3588	637	357	4473	7341															

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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

	Church Property						Cash or Other Values On Hand
	No. of Church Buildings	Value of	Amount of Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of	Amount of Indebtedness	
Africa .....							
Alabama .....	10	\$8450.00	\$561.60	3	\$800.00		\$238.51
Allegheny .....	45	84419.00	7989.92	14	25325.00	3530.00	900.22
Canada .....	5	8800.00	1000.00				1000.00
Champlain .....	33	69600.00	125.00	20	26750.00	290.00	15664.01
Dakota .....	7	27300.00	660.00	5	6850.00		133.00
Georgia .....	34	23450.00	430.00	6	6800.00	483.20	375.46
Illinois .....	5	9900.00		4	8000.00	400.00	119.95
Indiana .....	84	154595.00	10222.32	26	28100.00	1888.83	2415.63
Iowa .....	14	22175.00		13	17450.00	550.00	259.42
Kansas .....	20	23050.00	226.00	15	15200.00		66.00
Lockport .....	19	37200.00	700.00	16	26270.00	4321.00	3107.57
Michigan .....	38	86400.00	3625.00	21	31000.00	2900.00	4224.91
North Carolina ..	46	58601.25	3828.52	8	6525.00	510.00	7083.95
North Georgia ..	7	5925.00		1	700.00	500.00	60.07
North Michigan ..	22	28550.00	641.00	18	14070.00	719.00	931.64
Oklahoma .....	10	8900.00	867.10	5	1900.00	112.00	112.00
Ohio .....	21	31200.00	975.00	5	6900.00		938.56
Rochester .....	29	64100.00	3005.00	18	22900.00	830.00	2344.55
South Carolina ...	31	26650.00	1505.15	2	1900.00	13.00	197.47
South Ohio .....	11	30950.00	1304.34	4	3975.00		4856.00
Tennessee .....	7	3400.00	387.00				246.61
Willamette .....	1	2000.00	93.90	1	500.00	100.00	
Wisconsin .....	11	9800.00		3	3350.00		
Total .....	510	\$815615.25	\$38146.83	205	\$251915.00	\$17147.03	\$45274.53

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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

	Amount Contributed for Pastor				
	Pastors' Salary	Parsonage Rents	Fees Marriage and Funeral	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Africa .....					
Alabama .....	\$5509.92	\$113.00	\$77.05	\$398.17	\$6098.14
Allegheny .....	51099.65	6016.70	1281.00	6371.69	64779.04
Canada .....	8665.37	369.00	74.00	560.10	9668.47
Champlain .....	34408.17	5895.00	1700.50	5794.40	46825.75
Dakota .....	15451.16	1632.00	165.50	1049.25	18198.31
Georgia .....	13598.98	694.50	42.00	1481.49	15772.74
Illinois .....	8666.24	1190.00	197.00	1559.95	11613.19
Indiana .....	66060.06	9086.66	1570.95	14074.72	90669.78
Iowa .....	19351.15	4339.00	548.25	2376.03	27766.97
Kansas .....	29343.60	5168.72	433.50	2993.91	30490.81
Lockport .....	35627.46	5085.72	1173.10	5913.34	47779.62
Michigan .....	39312.11	7639.25	1841.85	5351.36	54144.57
North Carolina ..	33379.84	575.90	410.50	6872.91	41237.15
North Georgia ..	2790.58		7.50	164.50	2962.64
North Michigan ..	19203.11	2957.00	642.50	2607.41	24737.07
Oklahoma .....	3753.26	73.00	61.25	384.53	4431.06
Ohio .....	13163.25	1525.11	503.01	2977.53	18168.90
Rochester .....	38129.79	4570.51	998.90	3132.56	44580.87
South Carolina ..	17540.71	1025.00	108.65	1514.38	20292.84
South Ohio .....	10601.32	961.75	286.20	108.11	11968.88
Tennessee .....	527.56		4.00	53.05	601.51
Willamette .....	3020.97	400.00	50.00	30.50	3481.47
Wisconsin .....	9974.02	665.00	823.74		11462.76
Total .....	\$479178.28	\$7683.82	\$12960.95	\$65767.89	\$608732.54

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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

	Amount Contributed for Church					
	Conf. Pres. Salary	Evangelistic Help	Sabbath School Expense	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Total for Church
Africa .....						
Alabama .....	\$715.49	\$2148.43	\$752.97	\$2920.77	\$532.01	\$7069.67
Allegheny .....	1969.30	9497.50	7200.07	23340.84	9202.30	51210.01
Canada .....		2206.03	285.78	995.14	2568.63	6055.58
Champlain .....		2541.44	3439.08	8104.31	5776.81	19861.64
Dakota .....	40.50	4171.22	898.09	22667.06	2188.31	29965.18
Georgia .....	2007.88	4203.20	771.12	5780.61	1198.20	13961.01
Illinois .....	256.41	979.35	1091.52	4895.00	1636.55	8849.83
Indiana .....		20071.15	12562.23	49549.20	17784.01	99958.59
Iowa .....		2619.64	1393.49	3097.13	2330.74	9441.00
Kansas .....	1585.00	8495.49	3113.08	7209.27	4306.64	24710.48
Lockport .....	154.18	3941.12	3176.59	11771.77	5232.85	24276.51
Michigan .....	3100.00	6178.09	5556.92	12383.83	2456.88	29675.72
North Carolina ..	3367.06	6443.03	4004.72	17552.73	5797.59	37165.13
North Georgia ..	40.72	626.89	298.25	332.85	221.57	1520.28
North Michigan ..		1805.32	1785.73	5793.37	3040.07	12424.49
Oklahoma .....	534.98	1135.31	549.97	2682.79	579.04	5482.09
Ohio .....		2150.46	2364.23	4035.35	2584.87	11134.91
Rochester .....	1160.06	3657.05	3275.95	18322.25	7062.27	33477.58
South Carolina ..	997.49	4323.39	2836.69	7225.88	2548.37	17931.82
South Ohio .....		968.05	885.31	4268.86	2923.85	9046.07
Tennessee .....		107.85	55.36	319.15	35.34	517.70
Willamette .....		53.89	462.06	442.49	484.50	1442.94
Wisconsin .....	1252.22	1678.57	641.44	2447.47	882.37	6902.07
Total .....	\$17191.29	\$90002.37	\$57400.65	\$216118.12	\$81373.77	\$462089.20

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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

	Contributed for Benvolences					
	Undivided Budget	Missions	Education	Conference Work	Superannuated Ministers	Other Benvolent Objects
Africa .....						
Alabama .....	\$262.15	\$1436.26	\$541.05	\$62.39	\$23.72	\$698.30
Allegheny .....	5436.46	16410.15	1792.40	2596.77	49.87	7665.40
Canada .....		2500.25	226.05	92.00		333.25
Champlain .....	834.22	3849.06	2245.82	503.18	462.89	2043.39
Dakota .....		2591.12	2492.87	1447.20	155.43	3475.25
Georgia .....	1971.58	2744.25	1111.26	104.00	72.87	3012.58
Illinois .....		2341.63	1974.61	363.83	36.11	2110.07
Indiana .....		12191.19	5477.41	6519.25	1202.79	8555.12
Iowa .....	826.95	4811.28	1786.86	3060.75	402.81	1986.65
Kansas .....		7110.94	5700.88	1379.77	490.04	3072.17
Lockport .....	1104.73	8151.33	5149.05	4348.99	371.20	5570.85
Michigan .....		8397.61	2092.59	8796.43	1100.00	3092.06
North Carolina ..	4396.52	5237.31	877.93	661.48	61.65	3999.76
North Georgia ..	907.88	537.91	123.44	76.67		162.55
North Michigan ..	313.40	2918.90	999.88	3648.27	778.90	1664.20
Oklahoma .....	190.42	493.34	63.14	15.50	54.88	177.55
Ohio .....	959.82	2974.61	1566.22	317.77	152.52	2348.15
Rochester .....	3279.14	6731.40	2798.13	778.64	78.37	3129.84
South Carolina ..	6866.00	3813.94	1111.91	374.74	85.58	3844.01
South Ohio .....		157.25		63.02	20.15	1036.55
Tennessee .....		16.93	12.20	7.00	11.00	94.57
Willamette .....	18.00	2631.00	128.70	492.70	10.00	853.32
Wisconsin .....	1713.83	1102.00	646.31	972.89	7.37	1861.71
Total .....	\$29081.10	\$99149.66	\$38918.89	\$36684.24	\$5628.15	\$60787.30

# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

	Total for Benevolences	Totals			
		Total for Pastors	Total for Church	Total for Benevolences	Totals for All Purposes
Africa .....					
Alabama .....	\$3023.87	\$6098.14	\$7069.67	\$3023.87	\$16191.68
Allegheny .....	33951.05	64768.47	51210.01	33951.05	23340.84
Canada .....	3151.55	9658.27	6055.58	3151.55	18865.40
Champlain .....	9938.56	45990.54	19861.64	9938.56	75790.74
Dakota .....	10161.87	8198.31	29965.18	10161.87	48325.36
Georgia .....	9016.54	15864.99	13961.01	9016.54	38842.54
Illinois .....	6826.23	11613.19	8848.33	6826.23	27289.25
Indiana .....	33945.76	90792.39	99958.59	33945.76	224696.74
Iowa .....	12875.30	26614.43	9441.01	12875.30	48930.73
Kansas .....	17753.80	38450.75	24710.48	17753.80	80915.03
Lockport .....	24696.15	44697.87	24276.51	24696.15	93670.53
Michigan .....	23478.69	54144.57	29675.72	23478.69	107298.98
North Carolina .....	15234.65	41237.15	37165.13	15234.65	93636.93
North Georgia .....	1808.45	2962.65	1520.28	1808.45	6291.38
North Michigan .....	10323.55	24736.87	12424.49	9993.74	47155.10
Oklahoma .....	994.83	5473.26	5482.09	994.83	11950.18
Ohio .....	8319.09	17366.41	11134.91	8319.09	36820.41
Rochester .....	16795.52	44580.87	33477.58	16895.52	94853.97
South Carolina .....	16096.18	19434.48	17931.82	16096.18	53462.48
South Ohio .....		15155.60	9046.07	1276.97	25478.64
Tennessee .....	141.70	601.51	517.70	141.70	1260.91
Willamette .....	4133.72	3481.47	1442.94	4133.72	9058.13
Wisconsin .....	6304.11	11462.76	6902.07	6304.11	24668.94
Total .....	\$268971.16	\$603384.95	\$462078.81	\$270018.33	\$1208806.89

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Seekins, Chairman.  
W. R. Emerson, Secretary.

## WESLEYAN METHODIST CONNECTION.

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### Report No. 22.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT A PLAN FOR APPORTIONING AND RAISING DELEGATES' EXPENSES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Your Committee submits the following recommendations:

1. That each Annual Conference be assessed ten cents per year per member for this purpose.
2. That upon notification by the Connectional Agent to the Treasurer of each Annual Conference the above funds be forwarded to him yearly at Syracuse.
3. That the Agent shall settle at such General Conference session with each delegate for his traveling expenses, both to and from the Conference; and that all necessary bills for entertainment be also settled by him from this fund.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. Smith, Chairman,  
S. Hugh Paine, Secretary,  
T. P. Baker,  
E. D. Carpenter,  
C. E. York,  
Chas. Sicard.

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### Report No. 23.

#### COURSE OF STUDY.

Your Committee on Course of Study recommends the following:

1. That "Love Enthroned," by Steele, in the first year be substituted by "Perfect Love," by Wood, from the second year reading course.
2. That "Jesus Is Coming," by Blackstone, be substituted for "Perfect Love," in the second year reading course.



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3. That "Leaders of Israel," by Robinson, in the third year be substituted by "All About the Bible," by Collett.

4. That "The Life of Livingstone," by Matthew, in the third year reading course, be substituted by "Love Enthroned," by Steele.

5. That "American History," by Montgomery, in the third year reading course, be substituted by "New Introductory Book-Keeping," by Williams and Rogers.

T. P. Baker, Chairman,  
D. T. Perrine, Secretary,  
J. S. Luckey,  
O. S. Ballinger,  
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W. L. Thompson.

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MINUTES  
OF THE  
FOURTH QUADRENNIAL SESSION  
OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE  
OF THE  
WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN  
MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE  
Wesleyan Methodist Connection, or  
Church, of America  
HELD AT  
FAIRMOUNT, INDIANA, JUNE 26, 1919

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### 2. India:

Pardi—We have one mission station. The missionaries teach as they go from one place to another; they also teach those who come to the mission station to be taught. Native teachers are also employed. We have Bible women whose work is the distribution of tracts and the doing of other Gospel work. A famine fund is solicited, to be used in time of famine to help those who need it especially those who are left orphans.

### 3. Japan:

This work is under consideration for the establishment of a mission. Workers are already selected and will be sent when the Board deems it proper to send them.

We ask for funds for each of these departments of our missionary work, and desire your prayers for the same also, that God may lay it on the hearts of our young people to consecrate themselves to Him and the Church for the carrying of the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth

## MINUTES OF THE W. H. & F. M. SOCIETY

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### OFFICERS

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President—Mrs. W. L. Northam, Sheridan, Ind.

Vice-President—Mrs. Anna K. Folger, Central, S. C.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Mabel Perrine, Brighton, Mich.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Elizabeth Ayers, Fairmount, Ind.

Treasurer—Mrs. Clara Wilson, Clarence, Iowa.

Organizers:

For Eastern District—Mrs. F. S. Lee, 506 William  
St., Rome, N. Y.

For Central District—Mrs. Ida Hopkins, 1034 South  
Armstrong St., Kokomo, Ind.

For Southern District—Mrs. Anna K. Folger,  
Central, S. C.

Superintendent of Y. M. W. B.—Mrs. Mary L. Clarke,  
Falconer, N. Y.

### Names and Addresses of Our Missionaries.

Rev. and Mrs. B. I. Eddy, Dr. Ruby Helen Paine, Rev. and Mrs.  
F. R. Birch, Miss Nancy Barts—Kamabai, Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Miss Hattie B. Crosby and Miss Vera Macy—Makene, Sierra  
Leone, West Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Harvey, Misses Stella Wood, Grace Wood,  
Mary Greene, Frances Forte, and Rev. and Mrs. Walter C. Morris—  
Pardi, Gujerat, B. B. & C. I. Railway, India.

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### DAILY PROCEEDINGS

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#### First Day.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America convened for its fourth quadrennial session at Fairmount, Ind., June 26, 1919. Neither President nor Vice-President being present, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Anna K. Folger.

Singing: "I Love to Tell the Story."

Devotional services were led by Mrs. Clara McLeister, who read Romans 12th chapter.

By motion the chair appointed Mrs. Bedford and Mrs. Perrine Committee on Credentials.

This Committee gave a partial report.

Mrs. Northam was elected Committee on Courtesies.

Mrs. Mina Danner Shannon, returned Missionary from Africa, was introduced and spoke a few words.

Mrs. Elliott, Miss Lord, Miss Young, Miss Yorton and Miss Tanner, also returned Missionaries from Africa, were introduced, and each spoke words of appreciation and greeting.

The returned Missionaries, already members of the Conference, were introduced, namely: Mrs. Clarke, Miss Jones and Mrs. Ayers.

Moved and carried that all returned missionaries present be given a seat in the Society, with the privilege of voting.

By motion, Mrs. Northam, of the Indiana Conference, was made President pro tem.

Moved and carried that Mrs. A. K. Folger be first member of the Committee on Statistics. Mrs. Bedford and Miss Jones were added to this Committee.

By common consent, the Executive Board was made Committee on Orders of the Day.

Then followed an informal discussion in regard to statistical report blanks.

A motion prevailed that Mrs. Belk be the first member of Committee on Report Blanks. Mrs. Lee was made a member of this Committee. Moved and carried that the present Committee on Statistics also be added to this Committee.

Moved and carried that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at the call of the chair.

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By motion Mrs. M. L. Clarke and Mrs. McLeister were elected Committee on Public Program.

Adjourned by motion.

### Afternoon Meeting of First Day.

Meeting called to order by President pro tem.

Singing.

Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Lee, of Indiana.

Minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Mrs. G. H. Clarke took the chair.

Mrs. Northam, President of the Indiana Conference Society, greeted the General Conference W. H. & F. M. Society, and welcomed us to Indiana for the quadrennial session. Response by Mrs. Folger.

Mrs. Northam, being President pro tem, resigned as Committee on Courtesies.

Mrs. T. P. Baker was then elected to this Committee.

Moved and carried that Mrs. Readett, Mrs. Ovenshire and Mrs. McLeister be Committee on Thanks.

Mrs. Ayres, Mrs. Clawson and Mrs. Elliott, by common consent, were made Committee on Printing.

By motion, Mrs. Belk and Mrs. Bullock were elected Auditing Committee.

Motion prevailed that Mrs. Doty and Mrs. M. L. Clarke constitute Committee on Plans of Work.

Miss Alice Hampe was made Committee on Post Office Addresses.

Moved and carried that Miss Yorton be Committee on Memorials. Miss Yorton declined and Miss McMillan and Mrs. Seekins were elected to this Committee.

Mrs. Folger and Miss Ina Gaines were made the Committee to Memorialize the General Conference.

By motion the Committee on Programs was left to the President-elect to appoint.

Motion prevailed that the Committee on Literature be composed of Mrs. Folger, Miss Gaines and Mrs. Belk.

Meeting for 6:30 in the evening announced.

Adjourned.

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### First Day Evening Meeting.

Home Missionary meeting.

Meeting called to order by President pro tem.

Singing, "Bringing in the Sheaves" and "Jesus Saves."

Prayer by Brother Teter.

Partial report of the Committee on Orders of the Day read and adopted.

Miss Ina Gaines, representing the Blue Ridge Mountain work, spoke to us.

Mr. Frank Roberts, missionary to Alabama, gave a very encouraging report of his work.

Brother Massey spoke regarding the Alabama work.

A meeting for 8 o'clock Friday morning was announced.

### Second Day—Morning Meeting.

Meeting opened with the President pro tem in the chair.

Singing, "Brighten the Corner Where You Are."

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Bedford, who read Colossians 3rd chapter.

Roll call.

Minutes read and approved as corrected.

Partial report of the Committee on Report Blanks was read and referred back to the Committee.

Miss Mudgett, from Iowa, was introduced as a medical student, and spoke a few words.

Report of Organizer was read. Moved and carried that this report be accepted, and that we give her a rising vote of thanks, and an order be drawn to pay for her postage. (See Report No. 5.)

Report of Committee on Literature was read and accepted.

Moved and seconded that we have a Committee to investigate and make arrangements for a missionary magazine, and that this Committee be comprised of Committee on Plans of Work and Committee on Literature.

A resolution regarding districting the Connection for the work of the Organizers was presented by Sister Folger, and referred back to the originator for reconstruction.

A standard of efficiency as adopted by the Rochester Conference was read, and a motion prevailed to make this the standard of the Local Societies of the entire Missionary Society.



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A memorial regarding instructions to the Treasurer was read and adopted.

A set of rules for the Executive Board, defining their duties during the interim, was read, and a motion was made to consider them item by item. Report was adopted, except items 7 and 8.

Moved and carried that these rules be incorporated in our by-laws.

Adjourned by motion.

### Second Day—Afternoon Meeting.

Meeting opened with President pro tem in the chair.

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Northam, of Indiana.

Roll call.

Minutes read and approved.

Unfinished business taken up.

Further report of the Committee on Memorials to the General Body was read and adopted.

Mrs. Belk resigned from the Auditing Committee; resignation accepted, and Miss McMillan elected in her place, by common consent.

Mrs. Belk resigned as Reporter for this body; resignation accepted, and Mrs. N. May Clark elected in her place.

Orders of the day were taken up.

The report of Mrs. McMillan, our President, was read, and a letter of greeting was ordered sent to her. (See Report No. 1.)

Treasurer's report was read and referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Report No. 2.)

Report of Executive Board was read and adopted. (See Report No. 3.)

Election of officers was taken up.

Mrs. Bedford, Mrs. Clawson, Mrs. Lee and Imo Jones were appointed tellers. Election resulted as follows:

Mrs. W. L. Northam, President.

Mrs. Anna K. Folger, Vice-President.

Mrs. Clara Wilson, Treasurer.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ayers, Secretary.

Mrs. Mabel Perrine, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Mary L. Clarke, Superintendent of Y. M. W. B.

Moved and carried that the ladies of each District be a Nominating Committee for their respective Districts.

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By motion, the President appointed a Chairman for each District, as follows: Eastern, Mrs. Bullock; Central, Mrs. Clawson; Southern, Miss Gaines.

Adjourned by motion.

### Third Day—Morning Meeting.

Meeting called to order by the President.

Singing, "If Your Heart Keeps Right."

Devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Ina Gaines, of Central, S. C., who read a part of Matthew 10th chapter.

Roll call.

Minutes read and approved.

By motion, Mrs. Belk was made Assistant Secretary.

Miss Imo Jones, trained nurse, talked to us of the starting of the medical work in Africa.

Miss Tanner gave us a very helpful talk on our medical work, especially regarding the great suffering of our unfortunate sisters of that dark land.

Moved and carried that we adopt the book, "The Crusade of Compassion," for our book of study for one year.

Mrs. Fred DeWeerd, returned Missionary from Southern Africa, was introduced, and gave us a very enthusiastic talk.

Adjourned by motion.

### Third Day—Afternoon Meeting.

Meeting called to order by the President.

Mrs. Hopkins, of Indiana, led the devotional services.

Roll call.

Minutes read and approved as corrected.

Mrs. Edith Lee was appointed to prepare the programs for the coming year.

Committee on Report Blanks gave a final report, which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Memorials read and adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

Singing, "We Shall Meet on That Beautiful Shore."

Moved and carried that Mrs. McLeister, Mrs. Emerson and Mrs. Readett be a Committee to write letters of sympathy and greeting to the following: Miss Bowen, Mrs. Butterfield, Mrs.

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Manwell, M. R. Harvey, to our workers in Africa and India, the mother of Dr. Thomas, and Mrs. Ashton.

Mrs. Clarke read a letter from Sister Ashton.

Meeting to listen to returned Missionaries was announced.

Adjourned by motion.

### Third Day—Night Meeting.

Sister Yorton presented the educational work in Africa. This was followed by a short talk by Sister Ovenshire, who spent one term of service on the field.

### Fourth Day—Morning Meeting.

Meeting called to order by the President.

Singing, "Jesus is All the World to Me."

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. F. S. Lee, of the Rochester Conference.

Roll call.

Minutes read and approved as corrected.

Report of the Executive Board on Constitution for the Senior Y. M. W. B. was read and approved.

Brother A. W. Smith, of the Ohio Conference, was introduced, and spoke of the conditions in our mining towns.

Miss Buntain, Assistant Matron of the City Mission in Canton, Ohio, was introduced and spoke a few words.

Miss Edna Cleveland, volunteer to India, and a trained nurse, was introduced, and spoke of her call.

Singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Adjourned by motion.

### Fourth Day—Afternoon Meeting.

Meeting called to order by the President.

Repeated the 23rd Psalm in concert.

Repeated the Lord's Prayer in concert.

Roll call.

Minutes read and approved as corrected.

Moved and carried that the General Conference be asked to print our minutes under the same cover with theirs.

The Chairmen of the respective districts reported on their

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nomination for Organizer, and the Society elected, by ballot, the following:

Mrs. Anna K. Folger, Organizer for the Southern District.

Mrs. F. S. Lee, Organizer for the Eastern District.

Mrs. Ida Hopkins, Organizer for the Central District.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Eight years ago at the General Conference, Mr. Otis Vickery and wife, students of the Fairmount Bible Training School, offered themselves for the foreign work as a doctor and nurse; and.

Whereas, Said body failed to avail itself of this splendid opportunity,

Resolved, That we, members of the W. H. & F. M. Society, assembled in session at Fairmount, Indiana, this 30th day of June, 1919, do sincerely apologize to Dr. Vickery and wife for said failure. And should they consider working under our body, we would be pleased to assume an amount equal to what we would have expended in said training.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Vickery and wife, and that it be spread on the Conference minutes.

Statistical reports of the following Conference Societies were read and accepted: Ohio, Rochester, Illinois, South Carolina, Kansas, Iowa, Michigan, Champlain, Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina.

Adjourned by motion.

### Fourth Day—Evening Meeting.

Meeting called to order by President.

Prayer by Sister Seekins, of Illinois Conference.

Roll call.

Minutes read and approved.

Statistical reports from North Michigan and Lockport Conference Societies read and accepted.

Miss Ellrod, of South Carolina, volunteer for India, was introduced and spoke a few words.

Miss Tanner made a request for supplies for the dispensary kitchen in Africa.

Moved that we grant this request, and that the cook stove be supplied from the General Fund of the General Conference treasury, and the rest of the list proportioned among the Conference Societies. Carried.

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Report of the Auditing Committee read and accepted.

Brother Butterfield, Connectional Editor, was introduced, and spoke words of appreciation and encouragement to us.

Mrs. Eva Miller, retiring Corresponding Secretary, was introduced, and spoke to us.

Moved and carried that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Miss Tanner thanked the Society for granting the request for kitchen utensils, \$156.00 having been pledged.

Rev. J. S. Willett, Connectional Agent, was introduced and spoke to us.

Brother E. G. Dietrich, President of the Connectional Board, was introduced and gave us a few words of encouragement.

Adjourned by motion.

### Fifth Day—Morning Meeting.

Meeting called to order by the President.

Singing, "He Lifted Me."

Prayer by Mrs. Ethel Bullock, of the Lockport Conference.

Roll call.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of the Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B. read and adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

Report of the Committee on Plan of Work read. Moved and carried that we adopt this report item by item.

Dr. H. C. Bedford, former President of Central College, was introduced and spoke to us regarding our Blue Ridge Mountain work.

Recess to the ringing of the bell.

Called to order by the President.

Singing, "Throw Out the Life-Line."

Rev. F. A. Butterfield spoke to us in regard to the Forward Movement of the Church, and also in regard to the advisability of launching a Missionary Magazine.

Report of the Committee on Plan of Work adopted item by item.

Report as a whole adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

The Organizers' duties were left for the Executive Board to define.

Committee on Correspondence reported they had completed their work. Report accepted.

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Moved and carried that we have a Committee of three appointed to take under consideration and investigation the matter of publishing a magazine.

Mrs. A. K. Folger, Mrs. Clara McLeister and Mrs. H. C. Bedford were made this Committee.

Statistical report of the Indiana Conference read and accepted.

The matter concerning the calendar was referred to the Committee on Plan of Work.

Adjourned by motion.

### Fifth Day—Evening Meeting.

Meeting called to order by the President.

Singing, "When Love Shines In."

Prayer by Mrs. Miller, of the Indiana Conference.

Roll call.

Minutes read, and approved.

Report of the Committee on Thanks read and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Statistics read and adopted with the privilege of adding such reports as come in later. (See Report No. 10.)

Report of the Committee on Post Office Addresses read and accepted. (See Report No. 11.)

Report of the Corresponding Secretary read and accepted.

Report of the Committee on Missionary Magazine read and adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

Report of the Executive Board read and accepted.

Motion made and carried that we pay the Assistant Secretary \$5.00 for her services.

Moved and carried that the District Organizers consult with the Missionary Secretary regarding a returned missionary to visit the Annual Conferences.

Motion prevailed that we pay our Organizer for the past four years twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) as an expression of gratitude for her services.

Minutes of the evening meeting read and approved.

Final adjournment.

Elizabeth Ayers, Recording Secretary.

## REPORTS

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### Report No. 1.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Greetings in the name of our Master!

The time has come again for our quadrennial meeting. The fourth landmark in our history marks another epoch.

Since our last meeting we, in our beloved homeland, have passed through troublous times. We have seen the prophecy of "wars and rumors of wars" literally fulfilled. Many lives have been given to their country. All through this, history has been making and conditions surrounding our Church and missionary work have changed in a marked degree. Doors have been opened, far countries brought nigh and people have been brought to willingness to undertake great things.

I trust that we, as a Church, and as an organization, may profit by these changed conditions. We are deeply grateful to our Master for His blessing upon our work, for without His help all our effort would be in vain.

Through the combined efforts of our efficient Organizer, Rev. A. K. Folger, our returned missionaries, and the Conference Organizers and Presidents, the work of organization has been carried on with marked success, until our slogan, "A W. H. & F. M. Society in every church and a Conference Society in every Conference," may be realized in the not far distant future.

#### I. Home Missions.

During the quadrennial our home mission work has been continued as heretofore, including the mountain work and the work in Alabama.

The mountain work has been most fruitful in good results, and we are especially gratified because of the opening for school work in connection with this department of our work, and would beg to suggest that the W. H. & F. M. Society take the support of the mountain school and that we work out a definite plan for providing for this work.

The industrial branch of our Alabama work seems to appeal

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very strongly to our women and is most worthy of our support. Any definite plan for this work would be a wise move.

### **II. Foreign Missions.**

We have every reason to be encouraged in our foreign work.

The medical work has developed marvelously, the Dispensary being a most necessary part of our mission work on our African field.

Our hearts were made sad because of the loss by death of our Dr. Alice Thomas, who had served one term on the field, then the Father saw fit to take her home. As far as we can see with these human eyes it means a great loss to us, but God raises up workers to fill the vacant places in the ranks. And we trust the W. H. & F. M. Society may very soon place another medical student in training, and that we may give this branch of the work such hearty support that ere long we may have a medical department operating on each of our mission fields, providing fully trained doctors and nurses and good hospital service.

We have made appropriations to both the Africa and India funds at various times and for various purposes.

### **III. Young Missionary Workers' Band.**

The Y. M. W. B. has developed rapidly and is today a leading factor in our missionary work. Through the pioneer and untiring efforts of our beloved Sister Hartson and the devoted leadership of Sister Mary L. Clarke, the Y. M. W. B. has reached the heights it holds today, and "the end is not yet."

### **IV. Printing.**

We have added to our series of leaflets a goodly number of good practical tracts. Let us make use of them. Permanent plans should be perfected for the constant extension of our literature. Sister Anna Folger has done most commendable work in this line during these four years.

### **V. Closing.**

As I close, permit me to again thank you for your hearty co-operation and encouraging assistance. May the Lord bless you and grant that you, with a more efficient leader, may lead our Church on in the great Forward Movement for World Evangelization; and may we become more efficient servants of His.

Respectfully submitted,

Francene McMillan.



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### Report No. 2.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The report of the Treasurer of the General Conference Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America for the quadrennial term 1915-1919:

The Treasurer's books show the following on June 21, 1919:

##### (1) General Fund:

On hand at last report .....	\$388.78
Received during the quadrennium .....	1384.72
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Total .....	1773.50
Disbursements .....	1122.96
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Cash on hand ..	650.54

##### (2) Medical Fund:

On hand at last report .....	126.18
Received .....	612.02
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Total ..	738.20
Disbursements .....	355.04
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Cash on hand ..	383.16

##### (3) Foreign Fund:

Cash on hand at last report .....	390.44
Received .....	2637.94
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Total .....	3028.38
Disbursements .....	2950.88
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On hand .....	77.50

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### (4) Home:

Deficit .....	48.43
Disbursements .....	2811.19
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Total disbursements .....	2859.62
Received .....	2737.59
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Deficit .....	122.03

### (5) India Fund:

Cash on hand at last report .....	48.00
Received .....	1797.87
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Total .....	1845.87
Disbursements .....	1636.50
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Cash on hand .....	209.37

### (6) Africa Fund:

Cash on hand at last report .....	182.20
Received .....	2586.15
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Total .....	2768.35
Disbursements .....	2728.35
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Cash on hand .....	40.00

### (7) Medical Dispensary:

Cash on hand at last report .....	250.00
Received .....	318.55
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Total .....	568.55
Disbursements .....	545.30
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On hand .....	23.25

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### (8) Miscellaneous Fund:

Cash on hand at last report .....	10.95
Received .....	1391.28
Total .....	1402.23
Disbursements .....	1277.53
On hand .....	124.70

### (9) Japan:

Received since last report .....	57.00
Disbursements .....	36.00
On hand .....	21.00

### (10) Summary No. 1:

Cash on hand in—	
General Fund .....	650.54
Medical Fund .....	383.16
Foreign Fund .....	77.50
India Fund .....	209.37
Africa Fund .....	40.00
Medical Dispensary Fund .....	23.25
Miscellaneous Fund .....	124.70
Japan Fund .....	21.00
Total .....	1529.52
Home deficit .....	122.03
Cash balance .....	14.07

### (11) Summary No. 2.

Cash on hand in all the funds at the last report..	1361.12
Received from all sources, and for all purposes, during the quadrennium .....	13587.69
Total .....	14948.81

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Total disbursements for all purposes during the quadrennium .....	13541.32
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Total cash on hand .....	1407.49
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Respectfully submitted,

Clara Wilson, Treasurer.

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### Report No. 3.

Official proceedings of the W. H. & F. M. Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America beginning July 28, 1915:

July 28, 1915—Issued orders in favor of Rev. J. S. Willett for printing blanks and letter heads .....	\$7.50
July 28, 1915—Issued order in favor of Mrs. F. McMillan for salary .....	\$12.50
August 12, 1915—Issued order in favor of Mrs. E. Ayres for Secretary work .....	\$10.00
August 12, 1915—Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter F. M. Roberts' salary .....	\$50.00
August 12, 1915—Issued order in favor of Miss Ina Gaines for Mountain work .....	\$25.00
August 31, 1915—Issued order in favor of Rev. J. S. Willett for printing Constitutions and By-Laws .....	\$6.50
October 6, 1915—Issued order in favor of Mrs. Andrews for Church .....	\$5.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. J. S. Willett for correction on letter heads .....	\$0.50
December 6, 1915—Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for F. M. Roberts' salary .....	\$50.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for Mrs. Dickens' salary .....	\$25.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for Southern School .....	\$25.00

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Issued order in favor of Mrs. Clara Wilson for salary .....	\$10.00
Issued order in favor of Mrs. McMillan for salary .....	\$12.50
January 4, 1916—Issued order in favor of Miss E. Gaines for expenses to General Conference .....	\$19.00
Issued order in favor of Mrs. Andrews for Jamestown Church .....	\$2.00
February 21, 1916—Issued order in favor of Rev. J. S. Willett for printing of Minutes .....	\$25.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for Rev. F. Roberts' salary .....	\$50.00
Issued order in favor of Mrs. McMillan for salary .....	\$12.50
May 16, 1916—Issued order in favor of Rev. J. S. Willett for printing Minutes .....	\$28.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. J. S. Willett for cuts in the Wesleyan .....	\$3.30
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for oxmobile for India .....	\$100.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for Rev. F. Roberts' salary .....	\$50.00
Issued order in favor of Mrs. McMillan for salary .....	\$12.50
June 3, 1916—Issued order in favor of Rev. A. Folger for printing tracts .....	\$2.25
August 2, 1916—Issued order in favor of Ina Gaines for Mountain workers' salary .....	\$50.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for Dispensary obligation .....	\$100.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for sending out missionaries .....	\$500.00
August 12, 1916—Issued order in favor of Rev. A. Folger for leaflets printed in the South .....	\$2.25
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for Masumbo House .....	\$14.00
Issued order in favor of D. Howlett for Veranda .....	\$3.75
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for tools for Africa .....	\$8.00

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August 16, 1916—Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for F. M. Roberts' salary .....	\$50.00
Issued order in favor of Mrs. McMillan for salary .....	\$12.50
August 17, 1916—Issued order in favor of Rev. J. S. Willett for leaflet, "The Place of Prayer in the Missionary Work" .....	\$2.00
September 5, 1916—Issued order in favor of Rev. A. Folger for leaflets .....	\$4.50
October 9, 1916—Issued order in favor of Mrs. Clara Wilson for salary and postage .....	\$15.15
Issued order in favor of Miss McMichael for postage and printing .....	\$6.42
Issued order in favor of Mrs. E. Ayers for postage .....	\$0.50
Issued order in favor of Mrs. McMillan for postage .....	\$3.90
Issued order in favor of J. S. Luckey for printing stationery .....	\$10.00
October 26, 1916—Issued order in favor of Rev. J. S. Willett for reprinting tract .....	\$2.00
Issued order in favor of Ina Gaines for salary of Mountain workers .....	\$50.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for salary of V. Dickens .....	\$25.00
January 29, 1917—Issued order in favor of Dr. Thomas....	\$3.00
Issued order in favor of Dr. Thomas for mission boy's support .....	\$30.00
Issued order in favor of Mrs. McMillan for printing and envelopes .....	\$0.75
February 9, 1917—Issued order in favor of Mrs. McMillan for salary .....	\$12.50
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for F. Roberts' salary .....	\$50.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for Southern School .....	\$2.94
Issued order in favor of Rev. A. Folger for mountain boy .....	\$8.75
Issued order in favor of Rev. L. F. McLeister for Bethshan Home .....	\$1.00
Issued order in favor of Prof. McDowell for Miltonvale .....	\$10.00

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Issued order in favor of Prof. Luckey for Houghton .....	\$10.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for Avery mortgage .....	\$10.00
February 13, 1917—Issued order in favor of Ina Gaines for mountain workers' salary .....	\$75.00
March 5, 1917—Issued order in favor of Miss Barts for gift Resignation of Sister Hartson as Superintendent of Y. M. W. B. received and accepted, and Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke was elected to fill the vacancy.	\$50.00
May 15, 1917—Issued order in favor of Mrs. McMillan for salary .....	\$12.50
Issued order in favor of Mrs. McMillan for printing of report blanks .....	\$2.50
May 21, 1917—Issued order in favor of Prof. Luckey for Education from Rochester Conference .....	\$75.00
June 13, 1917—Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for F. Roberts' salary .....	\$50.00
Issued order in favor of Ina Gaines for Mountain work .....	\$50.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. Teter for foreign work .....	\$500.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for India..	\$100.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. J. S. Willett for printing done .....	\$1.50
July 24, 1917—Issued order in favor of Miss A. Bowen for expenses to Board Meeting .....	\$8.50
September 6, 1917—Issued order in favor of Dr. Paine for expenses of study .....	\$200.00
October 17, 1917—Issued order in favor of Rev. A. Folger for expenses to Conferences .....	\$36.17
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for F. Roberts' salary .....	\$50.00
Issued order in favor of Ina Gaines for Mountain workers' salary .....	\$50.00

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October 31, 1918—Issued order in favor of Rev. A. Folger for expenses to Southern Conferences .....	\$30.00
January 15, 1918—Issued order in favor of Dr. Paine for medical instruments and supplies .....	\$91.37
Issued order in favor of Dr. Paine for Miss Lord itinerating .....	\$40.00
January 27, 1918—Issued order in favor of Ina Gaines for salary of Mountain workers .....	\$75.00
February 28, 1918—Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for F. Roberts' salary .....	\$50.00
Issued order in favor of Mrs. Clara Wilson for salary .....	\$10.00
Issued order in favor of Mrs. McMillan for salary and postage .....	\$41.10
May 1, 1918—Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for Alabama School .....	\$20.18
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for Kunso building .....	\$50.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for native worker .....	\$2.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for Santige .....	\$30.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for Masumbo house .....	\$78.69
Issued order in favor of Rev. J. S. Willett for printing leaflets .....	\$2.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. A. Folger for printing leaflets .....	\$2.00
Issued order in favor of Mrs. Clara Wilson for postage .....	\$2.00
Issued order in favor of Mrs. E. Ayres for postage .....	\$0.40
August 22, 1918—Issued order in favor of Rev. A. Folger .....	\$20.00
January 3, 1919—Issued order in favor of Ina Gaines for Mountain work .....	\$75.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for F. Roberts' salary .....	\$100.00



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Issued order in favor of Rev. A. Folger for expenses to Conferences .....	\$8.00
Issued order in favor of Mrs. McMillan for salary .....	\$12.50
February 3, 1919—Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for outgoing missionaries from Africa Fund .....	\$705.05
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for Vera Macy .....	\$40.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. T. Teter for outgoing missionaries from the General Fund .....	\$392.49
Issued order in favor of Rev. Willett for tracts printed .....	\$11.21
March 4, 1919—Issued order in favor of Rev. A. Folger for Mountain work .....	\$26.00
April 14, 1919—Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for Alabama School work .....	\$55.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for Santige .....	\$30.00
Issued order in favor of Mrs. McMillan for salary .....	\$12.50
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for Vera Macy .....	\$70.00
Issued order in favor of Prof. McDowell for Miltonvale .....	\$2.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. A. Folger for Mountain white work .....	\$232.16
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for F. Roberts' salary .....	\$50.00
June 3, 1919—Issued order in favor of Ina Gaines for Mountain white work .....	\$150.00
Issued order in favor of Mrs. Clara Wilson for salary and postage .....	\$21.83
Issued order in favor of Rev. E. Teter for F. Roberts' salary .....	\$50.00
Issued order in favor of Rev. J. S. Willett for printing .....	\$7.50
Issued order in favor of Mrs. McMillan for salary and postage .....	\$14.80
June 30, 1919—The Executive Board met and ascertained the expenses of its members to the General Conference to be as follows:	

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Mrs. Miller .....	\$10.52
Mrs. Northam .....	\$2.00
Mrs. Folger .....	\$19.00
Mrs. Ayres .....	\$32.00
Mrs. Wilson .....	\$24.25

We recommend:

1. That we assume Miss Mudgett's expenses to the General Conference ..... \$31.00
2. That we pay our Secretary ..... \$25.00
3. That we pay our Treasurer per annum ..... \$15.00
4. That we pay our President per annum ..... \$75.00
5. That we pay our Organizers \$1.50 per day and expenses while in active service.
6. That we pay for the picture of the Executive Board to be used in the first issue of the Wesleyan Missionary ..... \$2.00

Mrs. W. L. Northam, President,  
Mrs. Anna K. Folger, Vice-President,  
Mrs. Elizabeth Ayres, Recording Secretary,  
Mrs. Clara Wilson, Treasurer,  
Mrs. Mabel Perrine, Cor. Secretary,  
Mrs. Mary L. Clarke, Supt. Y. M. W. B.  
Mrs. Edith Lee, Organizer,  
Mrs. Ida Hopkins, Organizer.

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### Report No. 4.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

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

During the quadrennium now closing, the Church and Missionary Society have suffered great loss in the death of some of their most faithful and efficient workers.

Among these was the calling home of Sister Jennie Ayers, of the Michigan Conference, who originated the idea of a General Missionary Society. For some time she was General Organizer,

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and served one term as Vice-President of the General Society. Sister Ayers also gave a son to the work in Africa.

A great loss was sustained in the death of Sister Elizabeth Hartson. The Y. M. W. B. feel this loss, as she was one of its staunchest defenders and supporters, and for eight years served as its Superintendent. During this time she had brought the work of the Band to a high state of efficiency, winning for herself and work the respect and confidence of those without, as well as within the Church.

In the death of Dr. Alice Thomas we lost one of our most capable workers. Her efficiency as a physician won her a prominent place in the medical world; her deep spirituality, and her tireless, unselfish labors of love gave her access to the darkened heart of the African.

We deeply revere the memory of Sisters Miriam Sprague and Miriam Day, who gave their lives while in active service in Africa. To fully appreciate the value of these two lives, one would have to know of their most efficient work upon the mission field. This efficiency was the result of strenuous and persistent effort in preparation for their God-appointed work, and of a constant recognition of their dependence on the Lord as a source of their efficiency.

Sister Mary E. Buell, who spent one term of acceptable service in Africa, passed, to her eternal reward after an extended illness in the homeland. Her life and work were marked by her quiet, unassuming spirit, and love and devotion to God, and the heathen with whom she labored.

We keenly feel the death of Harold Arthur Butterfield, who at the early age of twelve years, felt a definite call to missionary work. In the remaining nine years of his short life, he prepared himself for industrial missionary work in Africa. The last hours of his life were spent in conversing about the work that was on his heart, and in looking forward to the larger field of activity to which he was being called by a living Heavenly Father.

Very sacred to us is the memory of the many local workers who have been transferred from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant.

With sorrowing hearts, but submissive wills, we bury the workmen of God, then push forward anew at the word of our Com-

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mander, who said, "Ask of Me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

Oneida J. McMillen,  
Susie T. Seekins.

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### Report No. 5.

#### ORGANIZER'S REPORT.

In July, I took a trip over the Blue Ridge Mission work. I was in two meetings, traveled one hundred and fifty miles, relieved my expenses, placed a boy in school and assumed his expenses, which I relieved in offerings from different sources. Arranged with Sister Cleo Young and Sister Stella Wood to visit a number of Conferences. I visited eight Conferences, organized a number of Societies and Bands, prepared programs for a period of two and one-half years, raised money for home and foreign work. During this time as Organizer, I wrote 195 letters.

**Miss Stella Wood's Report:**—Number of meetings held, 238. Some of these were evangelistic. W. H. & F. M. and Y. M. W. B. Societies organized, 21. Some were reorganized. Number of members in same at time of organizing, 486. In some Conferences the Conference Organizer followed me and did the organizing of new Societies. Money raised in cash and pledges, \$5,577.96, but not all of this went through my hands. Number of Conferences toured, 9. Number visited, 2. General Conferences, 1. Attended camp meetings, 2. Miles traveled in automobile, 1,015; in wagon, 1,115; in boat, 60; in street car or trolley, 251; in train about 11,000; total, 13,441. In traveling, used clergy permit or mileage book. Used passes and special rates a few times. Total expenses in traveling and all the extras that go with it from the time of arrival until I reached the western coast, \$303.37. Took nearly forty new subscriptions and renewals for the Wesleyan.

**Miss Cleo Young's Report:**—Visited six Annual Conferences and about all the churches in three Conferences, and four churches in the Illinois Conference and five in the Ohio. Amount raised in pledges and cash, \$3,435.79. Number of W. H. & F. M. Societies organized, 4. Number of Y. M. W. Bands organized, 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna K. Folger.

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### Report No. 6.

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your Auditing Committee has examined the Treasurer's books, balanced all accounts and find them correct.

Miss Oneida McMillan.  
Mrs. Ethel Bullock.

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### Report No. 7.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE Y. W. W. B.

At the close of the second year of the past quadrennium our efficient and consecrated leader, Sister Hartson, was called home but not until the \$10,000.00 goal for which she had labored so faithfully was reached. She rests from her labors, but her works do follow her. Were she permitted to meet with us today her joy would be unbounded over the forward movement of the work for which she gave her life.

During the past quadrennium \$61,373.13 has been raised through the Y. M. W. B. A gain over the previous quadrennium of \$47,610.87. The membership has increased from 7,539 to 16,846. There comes to each member of the Band the need of the unreached millions in Africa and India, China, Japan and South America. The young people are responding with a glad, "Here am I." All that the Lord is putting into the hearts of the people to work and pray for is known only to God, but from expressions of faith and joy in the forward move that come from every quarter there must be unlimited possibilities ahead in and through Him who knows no defeat. In the strength and name of Him who is invisible, let us push the battle to victory, always keeping in mind our motto, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. M. L. Clarke.

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### Report No. 8.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLAN OF WORK.

1. We recommend that the W. H. & F. M. Society continue the support of the medical missionary work; and that we pledge

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our loyalty to Sister Mudget, whose training we have undertaken for this work; and that we be ready to meet increased demands by placing suitable persons in training for either of the foreign fields.

2. We recommend that each Local Society be asked to pay at least six dollars annually into the General Conference treasury, through their Annual Conference treasury, for home mission work, to be divided as follows: \$600.00 to be paid quarterly to our Blue Ridge Mountain missionary as salary; \$200.00 on salary of teacher in Blue Ridge Mountain school, to be paid semi-annually; \$250.00 to be contributed toward the support of Rev. F. M. Roberts, Superintendent of the Alabama work, to be paid quarterly; \$150.00 to be contributed toward the maintenance of the industrial work for the Alabama School, to be paid semi-annually.

3. We urge the sending of clothing and other supplies to needy fields by our Conference and Local Societies.

4. That we advise the publishing of a monthly magazine and the compiling and publishing of such literature as will be suitable for general distribution and to meet the needs of our various Societies.

5. We suggest that the Local Societies endeavor to come up to the Efficiency Standard, which is as follows:

(1) Ten meetings during the year in which prayer service is held and business transacted.

(2) Five programs given; 1. Africa; 2. India; 3. Japan; 4. Home Missions; 5. Education.

(3) One public meeting.

(4) Correspondence with missionaries.

(5) The President a subscriber to the Wesleyan Methodist.

(6) The distribution of the leaflets of the W. H. & F. M. Society.

(7) A delegate to Annual Conference Missionary Society.

(8) Report blanks properly filled out on time.

(9) Officers elected at last meeting of Conference year.

(10) A Superintendent and organization of the Y. M. W. B.

(11) Every woman of the church a member of the Society, or a twenty per cent. gain in members.

(12) Money sent to the Treasurer five days before Conference meets.

Ten points each. How will your Society be rated at Annual Conference Missionary Society?

6. That we continue the loyal support of the foreign work.

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7. That the Y. M. W. B. continue the support of our two boarding schools in Africa and as much of the work at the other stations as is open to us and the Lord lays definitely upon our hearts.

8. That the Y. M. W. B. continue the support of its missionaries, children and native workers in India and do such aggressive work as the Holy Spirit may direct.

9. That the Y. M. W. B. continue its prayers and support for Japan, and pray definitely that in our Father's time we may be privileged to enter China and South America.

10. That the Y. M. W. B. continue to keep our training schools before our young people by making much of the annual Educational Day Rally.

11. That the ministry of prayer have a large place in our organization, "that in all things He might have the pre-eminence."

12. As the need of the millions who sit in darkness and the shadow of death is borne in upon us with increasing force, it is urged that we regard as binding the command to pray the Lord of the harvest that He may send forth laborers into the whitened fields at home and in the regions beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara S. Doty,  
Mary Lane Clarke,  
Anna K. Folger,

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### Report No. 9.

#### MISSIONARY MAGAZINE.

Your Committee on Missionary Magazine recommends:

1. That the name of this magazine be "The Wesleyan Missionary."

2. That each issue have at least twenty-four pages.

3. That in size and form it conform to the present Y. M. W. B. Year Book, and that the Y. M. W. B. Year Book be published in one issue of our magazine, or as a supplement.

4. That there be an Editor-in-Chief and an assistant staff of six Associate Editors, assisted by monthly reports of the three District Organizers, our own General Conference President and the Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B.

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5. That Sister Nellie Butterfield be Editor-in-Chief, and Miss Gertrude Dietrich be Business Manager.

6. That the first issue be two thousand copies. That it be put out the first week of each month.

7. That the District Organizers constitute the official canvassers to push the work of getting subscriptions, and forwarding the same to our Business Manager.

8. That the Staff Editors be Miss Lulu Tanner, Miss Stella Wood, Miss Alice Hampe, Miss Estelle Gaines, Mrs. M. P. Manwell, and Mrs. Clara McLeister.

9. That the subscription price be fifty cents to begin with.

10. That the Editor-in-Chief receive a salary of \$100.00 per year, and the Business Manager receive \$50.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. A. K. Folger,  
Mrs. Clara McLeister,  
Mrs. Jennie Emerson.

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### Report No. 10.

#### REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE.

Number of Conference Societies .....	16
Number of Local Societies .....	220
Number of Members .....	4074
Total amount raised .....	57,385.16
Number of members of Y. M. W. B. ....	16,846
Money raised by Y. M. W. B. ....	61,373.13
Total from all sources .....	118,757.97

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. A. K. Folger,  
Miss Imogene Jones,  
Mrs. Nellie Bedford.

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### Report No. 11.

#### POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

##### Officers.

(Name, Office and Address.)

Mrs. W. L. Northam, President, Sheridan, Ind.

Mrs. Anna K. Folger, Vice-President, Central, S. C.



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Mrs. Elizabeth Ayers, Recording Secretary, Fairmount, Ind.  
Mrs. Clara Wilson, Treasurer, Clarence, Iowa.  
Mrs. Mabel Perrine, Corresponding Secretary, Brighton, Mich.  
Mrs. Mary L. Clarke, Superintendent Y. M. W. B., Falconer, N. Y.  
Mrs. Edith Lee, Organizer, Eastern District, 506 William St.,  
Rome, N. Y.  
Mrs. Ida Hopkins, Organizer Western District, 1034 South Arm-  
strong St., Kokomo, Ind.  
Mrs. Anna K. Folger, Organizer Southern District, Central, S. C.

### Presidents.

Mrs. Mabel Perrine, Brighton, Mich.  
Mrs. W. L. Northam, Sheridan, Ind.  
Mrs. Ethel Bullock, Appleton, N. Y.  
Mrs. Clara Wilson, Clarence, Iowa.  
Mrs. Edith Lee, 506 William St., Rome, N. Y.  
Mrs. N. May Clark, 2127 Topeka Ave., Topeka, Kan.  
Mrs. Clara McLeister, 951 Kenyon St., Akron, Ohio.  
Mrs. A. E. Belk, West Asheville, N. C.  
Miss Ina Gaines, Greer, S. C.  
Mrs. Flora Carpenter, 11 Garfield St., Glens Falls, N. Y.  
Mrs. E. E. Brown, Wheeler, Mich.  
Mrs. Clara Doty, Wyandot, Ill.  
Mrs. May Markee, Pataskala, Ohio.  
Mrs. J. S. Anderson, Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
Mrs. D. B. Hampe, 127 E. 53rd St., N. Portland, Ore.  
Mrs. Ella Gillem, Baraboo, Wis.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Jean Hampe, Committee.

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### Report No. 12.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS.

Your Committee on Thanks submits the following:

Resolved, That we, the women assembled at Fairmount, Ind., in this quadrennial session of the W. H. & F. M. Society, do most sincerely and heartily thank the Indiana Conference for their cordial welcome and their splendid hospitality. Not only have our needs

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been anticipated, but most cheerfully have they performed the ministry of love. We pray God's richest blessings upon them.

Mrs. Nettie Readett,  
Mrs. Clara McLeister,  
Mrs. Ethel Ovenshire.

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### Report No. 13.

#### RULES GOVERNING THE EXECUTIVE BOARD DURING THE INTERIM.

1. All obligations shall be promptly met as long as the funds are in the treasury.

2. All letters shall be answered promptly, explaining the work and encouraging those who are interested.

3. When any decision is made by the Executive Board the Recording Secretary shall be notified by the President, and such action shall be recorded in the book kept for that purpose, together with all orders issued.

4. The President shall write at least once a year to each Conference President, explaining the work of the General Conference Society and stating the needs of the work in all the different lines, also items of interest and encouragement.

5. The President shall instruct the Organizers once a quarter as to the need of funds, or any supplies that have been asked for by our workers, so that whoever visits the Conference or Local Societies will know what funds need special mention and effort in their appeals for help.

6. The Treasurer shall make a quarterly statement to the President of the funds in the treasury.

7. The President shall keep in close touch, by correspondence, with all workers whose salaries we pay, or help to pay; also with the Missionary Secretary and the Treasurer and Organizers of the W. H. & F. M. Society.

8. When any of our obligations cease, or when the funds coming into our treasury make it possible, the Executive Board shall by vote make new obligations with the Missionary Secretary through its President. If at any time it is thought best to discontinue any obligation, for good reasons, it may be done by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.

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9. The Corresponding Secretary shall furnish to each Conference Society report blanks, tracts, etc., as they are furnished to her.

10. Upon a written request, signed by not less than four members of the Executive Board, the President shall call a special meeting of the Executive Board. The expense of such a meeting to be paid from the General Fund of the General Conference treasury.

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### Report No. 14.

## MEMORIALS TO THE GENERAL BODY.

We, the members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Conference, memorialize the General Conference now in session that there be a change in our Constitution in this respect, that our work be divided into three districts as follows: I. Eastern, comprised of Champlain, Rochester, Lockport, Allegheny, Canada, Michigan, North Michigan, Ohio, South Ohio; II. Central, comprised of Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Wisconsin, Illinois, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Willamette; III. Southern, comprised of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, North Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee, and that an Organizer be appointed over each district, whose duty it shall be to visit all the Conferences and as far as practicable the Local Societies in her district, organizing Societies and Bands, raising funds for missionary purposes, holding missionary institutes, and strengthening the work in general, reporting to and working in harmony with the General Conference President and Executive Board.

We further memorialize the Conference that Section 5 of our Constitution be changed to read: "The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all moneys of the Society reported to her and shall hold in trust the funds of the Society; but when the Society votes to pay out money for any purpose, let that vote be sufficient authority for the Treasurer to pay it out when it should be paid, without any further order from the President.

Furthermore, that when an official fails to perform the duties devolving upon her, the Executive Board may declare the office vacant.