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# The Indiana Conference

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Akright, H.	Lapaz, Ind.
Akright, Josephine	Lapaz, Ind.
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Baker, J. O.	Fairmount, Ind.
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Baker, S. E.	Evanston, Ill., 825 Ayars Place
Bailey, W. M.	New Castle, Ind., 719 W. Broad
Blake, A. L.	Ekalaka, Mont.
Bears, L. G.	Elwood, Ind., 2706 N. C St.
Bodenhorn, T. M.	Bryant, Ind.
Bodenhorn, Aurie	Bryant, Ind.
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Caldwell, Setta	Cicero, Ind.
Coleman, J. J.	Houghton, N. Y.
Couch, B. L.	Fowler, Ind.
Crowell, F. W.	Marion, Ind., R. R.
Dooley, D. C.	Laketon, Ind.
Eddy, F. R.	Peru, Ind., R. R. 10
Eddy, Dolly R.	Kunso, Sierra Leone, W. Africa.
Eggleston, Richard S.	North Liberty, Ind.
Fooshee, A. P.	Westfield, Ind.
Fisher, R. L.	Fountain City, Ind.
Gilliland, Newton	Peru, Ind., 412 W. 13th St.
Hawkins, H. T.	Mt. Etna, Ind.
Hawkins, S. D.	Lewis Creek, Ind.
Hester, J.	Arlington, Ind., R.R. 20
Hopkins, W. H.	Kokomo, Ind., 1034 S. Armstrong St.
Horbury, W. Z.	
Kinnison, S. C.	Fairmount, Ind.
Linville, Anna	Peru, Ind., 63 E. 8th St.
Mow, S. A.	Wabash, Ind.
Murphy, A. U.	Albion, Ind.
Murphy, Lydia	Albion, Ind.
Morris, Walter	South Bend, Ind.
Morris, Vera	South Bend, Ind.
McClure, Belle	
McMichael, W. W.	Greensboro, Ind.
Noggle, W. W.	Hartford City, Ind.
Pierce, T. J.	Carthage, Ind.
Payne, C. G.	Lewis Creek, Ind.
Payne, Glen	Fairmount, Ind.
Presnall, J. F.	Plymouth, Ind., 1201 N. Michigan St.
Peters, W. S.	Marion, Ind., 906 Spencer Ave.
Pitts, E. J.	Amboy, Ind.
Reber, George	Thorntown, Ind.
Seekins, W. J.	Fairmount, Ind.
Smith, C. S.	Marion, Ind., 3224 Nebraska St.
Smith, N. E.	Fairmount, Ind.
Sears, M. V.	Fairmount, Ind.
Shatford, L.	Plymouth, Ind.
Spitlar, F. O.	Larwill, Ind.
Teter, Eber	Sheridan, Ind.
Turner, E. E.	Olivet, Ill.
Turner, Ora	Olivet, Ill.
Thompson, W. L.	Fairmount, Ind.



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Vickery, L. O.	Valparaiso, Ind.
Van Blaricom, S. M.	Rochester, Ind.
Worth, Aaron	Fountain City, Ind.
Zike, G. W.	Montpelier, Ind.

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Gifford, B. B.	Indianapolis, Ind., R. R.
Moore, M. M.	New Castle, Ind.
Kennedy, W. H.	Riverdale, Md.

### Unstationed List.

Carter, R. A.	Montpelier, Ind.
Brown, J. W.	Rayburn, Tex.
Dickey, E. L.	Warsaw, Ind.
Northam, W. L.	Sheridan, Ind.

### Licentiates on Stationed List.

Barts, Nancy	Plymouth, Ind.
Cory, E. E.	Fairmount, Ind.
Carey, Isaac	Tippecanoe, Ind.
Drake, J. W.	Lewis Creek, Ind.
Enyeart, C. L.	Plymouth, Ind.
Eddy, B. I.	Kunso, Sierra Leone, W. Africa
Martindale, E. E.	Silver Lake, Ind.
Oxley, O. E.	Kokomo, Ind., 714 E. Vale Ave.
Pratt, Lewis	Kirklin, Ind.
Payne, Emma	Fairmount, Ind.
Pearson, Amos	Hamlet, Ind.
Pearson, Maud	Hamlet, Ind.
Smiley, J. E.	Fairmount, Ind.
Smith, Lucinda	Kirklin, Ind., R. R. 2
Tague, Allen	Fairmount, Ind.
Whitecotton, Jesse	Lapel, Ind.
Zike, C. E.	Fairmount, Ind.

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## RECORD OF ATTENDANCE.

	T.	W.	T.	F.	S.	M.
Akright H. ....	2	2	2	2	2	
Akright, Josephine .....	2	2	2	2	2	
Arnold, H. T. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Baker, J. O. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Baker, T. P. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Baker, S. E. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Baker, W. D. ....			1	2		
Bailey, W. M. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Bears, L. G. ....	2	2	2	2	1	1
Billheimer, C. A. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Blake, A. L. ....	2	1		1		
Bodenhorn, T. M. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Bodenhorn, Aurie .....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Brown, H. C. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Burns, Lewis .....	1	2	1	1		
Caldwell, Setta .....	2		2	1	1	1
Carter, L. H. ....	2	2	2	1	2	1
Coleman, J. J. ....						
Couch, B. L. ....	1	2	2	1	2	1
Crowell, F. W. ....	1	2	1	1		
Dooley, D. C. ....	1	1	2		1	
Eddy, F. R. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Eddy, Dolly R. ....						
Fooshee, A. P. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Gifford, B. D. ....						
Gilliland, Newton .....	2	2	2	2		
Hawkins, H. T. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Hawkins, S. D. ....						
Hester, J. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Hopkins, W. H. ....	2	2	2	2	1	1
Horbury, W. Z. ....						
Kinnison, S. C. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Linville, Anna .....	2	1	2	2	2	1
Mow, S. A. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Morris, Walter .....	1	2	2	2	1	1
Morris, Vera .....						
McClure, Belle .....	2	2	2	2	2	1
McMichael, W. W. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Murphy, A. U. ....			2	2	1	



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	T.	W.	T.	F.	S.	M.
Murphy, Lydia .....			1	2	1	
Noggle, W. W. ....	2	2		1	1	
Pierce, T. J. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Payne, C. G. ....	2	1	2	2	2	1
Payne, Glen .....	2	2	2	1	2	
Persnall, J. F. ....	1	2	1	2	2	1
Pegram, G. A. ....	1	2				
Peters, W. S. ....		2	2	2	2	1
Pitts, E. J. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Reber, George .....						
Seekins, W. J. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Smith, C. S. ....	2	2	2	2	1	1
Smith, N. E. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Sears, M. V. ....	2	1	2	2	2	1
Shatford, L. ....						
Spitlar, F. O. ....	2	1	2	2	2	1
Teter, Eber .....	1	2	2	2	2	
Turner, E. E. ....			1	2		
Turner, Ora .....			1	2		
Thompson, W. L. ....	2	2				
Vickery, L. O. ....	2					
Van Blaricom, S. M. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Worth, Aaron .....	1	2	2	1	1	
Zike, G. W. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1

## Supernumerary List.

	T.	W.	T.	F.	S.	M.
Fisher, R. L. ....	2	1	1	1		
Moore, M. M. ....	1	1		1	1	
Kennedy, W. H. ....						

## Unstationed List.

	T.	W.	T.	F.	S.	M.
Carter, R. A. ....						
Brown, J. W. ....						
Dickey, E. L. ....						
Northam, W. L. ....						

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## Licentiates on the Stationed List.

	T.	W.	T.	F.	S.	M.
Barts, Nancy .....						
Brown, H. G. ....					1	1
Cory, E. E. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Eddy, B. I. ....						
Enycart, C. L. ....						
Martindale, E. E. ....	1	1	2	2	1	
Nyhart, C. E. ....	2	2	2			
Payne, Emma .....	2	2	2		2	
Smiley, J. E. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1
Smith, Lucinda .....	2	1	1	1	2	1
Tague, Allen .....	2	2	2	2	2	
Zike, C. E. ....	2	2	2	2	2	1

## Delegates.

	T.	W.	T.	F.	S.	M.
George W. Felton .....	2	2		1		
H. M. Crilley .....	2	2	2	1	1	1
Elizabeth Lee .....	2	1	2	2	2	1
Lona Vanclue .....	1	1				
Eva Lovin .....	1	1	2	2	2	1
Andrew Layman .....	1					
Emma Irby .....	2	2				
A. A. Wilkinson .....	2	2	1	2	2	
Isaac Carey .....	2	2	2		1	1
Odie Kierstead .....		2	2	2	2	
Belle Shelly .....		2	2	1		
Mina Priest .....	1					
Emily Hughes .....		1	2	2	1	1
Frank Noggle .....		2	2	2		
Ella Boone .....		1	2	2	2	
Maud Millis .....		2	2	2	2	1
Viola Thompson .....		2	2	2	2	1
Gertrude Personett .....		1	2	2	2	1
Charles E. Wood .....		2	1	1	1	
Jane Taylor .....		2	1	2		
George Mount .....		2	1	2	2	1
Mary Ebert .....		2	1	1	1	1



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	T.	W.	T.	F.	S.	M.
Georgia Thomas .....	1	2	2	2	1	
O. J. Davis .....	2	1	1	2	1	
Leona Wilson .....	1	2	2	2	1	
Minnie Flagge .....	2	2	2	2	1	
Edna Baker .....	2	2	2			
India Payne .....	1	1	1	1		
Eli Roberts .....	2	2	2	2		
Nora Fenstamaker .....		1				
C. F. Roberts .....	2	2	2	1		
Leotta Noggle .....	2	2	2	1		
Elizabeth Marine .....	1	2	2	2	1	
Eddie Smithie .....	2	2		2	1	
John Lemon .....	2	2	2	2	1	
Harry Kercheval .....	2	1				
Laura Roberts .....	1	2	2	2		
Warren Stites .....	2					
Lester Betz .....	2	1				
George Rager .....	2	2		1	1	
Absalom Miller .....		2				
P. H. Piatt .....	2	2	2			
M. M. Roberts .....	2	2	2	1	1	
James Howell .....	2	2	2	2		
John Renner .....	1	2	1			
Sampson Castor .....	1	2	1			
Charles Buntain .....	1	1				
Joseph Brunner .....	1	2	2	2		
Dora Norman .....	1	2	1	2		
F. S. Fowler .....	1	2	2	2		
Daisy Tague .....	1	2	2	1		
Elsie Stanley .....			2			
Millard McDonald .....			2			
Eugene Hunter .....			2		1	
Sarah Graff .....		1	2	2	1	
Ota Drake .....		1	1	2		
Leander Smith .....			2	2	1	
Auvie Northam .....				2	1	
Munsen Tremain .....				1		

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## ROLL OF HONORED DEAD.

Daniel Worth	John P. Baker	William Stewart
Emsley Brookshire	Wade Roberts	John Alsop
W. M. Lacey	Charles Clemens	Joseph Sextine
Elijah Koate	Wilson Payne	J. Williams
Isaac Meeks	H. Griggs	William Scott
M. R. Armstrong	Francis Root	Seeley Bloomer
Alfred Sweat	John A. Moorman	Stella McClure
William Gladding	James Magrew	Robert Jeffrey
C. F. Wiggins	Hiram Jackson	Lee McClure
Alexander Heywood	Adam Hetzler	Sarah Kennedy
George Richey	John Harrison	Emma Swisher
Luther Wickersham	A. L. Fuller	J. B. Shadle
William Paxton	M. D. Anderson	D. F. Gordon
James Paxton	George Reynolds	J. L. Poff
H. C. West	J. F. Reeves	John O'Neil
Enoch Marsh	D. R. Brown	Miles Moore
Zephinia Bell	George Eviston	John A. Preston
Jotham Wright	W. Griffith	Sanford Basset
James Matheney	Samuel Kennedy	John Manning
William Bennet	Joseph Simpson	Elias Masters
J. W. Hiatt	J. Burke	Alfred Hiatt
Lewis Pettijohn	James Lytle	Jabez Neal
S. Robinson	James Maulby	John Robinson
Joseph Bennet	J. L. Fall	George W. Smith
Calvin Wilson	W. L. Fall	J. W. Elsbury
E. Mason	J. W. Barnes	W. C. Mullenix
Warren Taylor	W. A. McHalstead	W. P. Searing
G. W. Simmons	Jonathan Shaw	J. G. Vanderwaker
J. W. Carle	Elza Lank	W. L. Payne
Josiah Bell	A. Paris	William Talbert
G. B. Rogers	Jabiz Sibley	Owen Williams
Eber Teter, Sr.	William Tharp	Joseph Tague



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### JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

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Fairmount, Indiana, August 17, 1915.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Session of the Indiana Conference assembled in the auditorium on the camp ground at 8:30 A. M. The devotions were conducted by Elders A. Worth, R. L. Fisher, C. A. Billheimer and C. S. Smith, followed by a gracious season of testimony and praise.

The roll was called, 43 Elders and 6 Licentiates answering to their names. The following named persons having presented proper credentials were enrolled as delegates: George W. Felton, H. M. Crilley, Elizabeth Lee, Lona Vanclue, Eva Lovin, Andrew Layman, Emma Irby, A. A. Wilkinson, Isaac Carey, Odie Kierstead, Belle Shelly, Mina Priest, Emily Hughes, Frank Noggle, Ella Boone, Maud Millis, Viola Thompson, Gertrude Personett, Charles E. Wood, Jane Taylor, George Mount, Mary Ebert, Georgia Thomas, O. J. Davis, Leona Wilson, Minnie Flagg, Edna Baker, India Payne, Eli Roberts.

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Conference to arrange statistical blanks in harmony with the form ordered by the action of the General Conference submitted its report. The report was adopted. (See report No. 1.)

Upon motion the Revs. H. T. Hawkins and T. M. Bodenhorn were elected a committee to assist the pastors in harmonizing their reports with the plan adopted.

A motion prevailed that the Conference Secretary be elected Chairman of the Committee on Statistical Blanks. Rev. S. E. Baker was elected a second member of the Committee.

The bar of the Conference was fixed to be the first four seats in front and at the sides of the rostrum together with the rostrum.

Upon motion the time of convening was fixed at 8:30 A. M. and 2:00 P. M. and adjournment upon motion both forenoon and afternoon.

C. S. Smith, C. A. Billheimer, and G. W. Felton were elected a Committee on Memorials.

The Committee on Resolutions was elected as follows: A. Worth, J. O. Baker, H. T. Arnold and George Mount.

The Committee on Finances with L. H. Carter as Chairman was

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filled with the addition of S. C. Kinnison, W. W. McMichael, C. G. Payne, Frank Noggle, Eli Roberts and Arthur Wilkinson.

Upon motion J. Hester was elected first member of the Committee on Ministerial Character. S. A. Mow, Charles E. Wood and F. O. Spittlar were added to the Committee.

The Conference then proceeded to elect a Committee on Pastoral Relations in the following named persons: E. J. Pitts, W. M. Bailey, W. J. Seekins, Edna Baker, Minnie Flagg and Eli Roberts.

L. H. Carter was elected Chairman of the Committee on Vacancies. W. L. Thompson, H. T. Hawkins, H. M. Crilley and Frank Noggle were added to the Committee.

Upon motion Rev. T. P. Baker was elected to succeed himself on the Committee on Elders' Orders to serve three years. Rev. W. J. Seekins was elected to serve four years.

Rev. W. L. Thompson offered his resignation as member of the Auditing Committee which serves this year. The resignation was accepted. The Rev. H. T. Arnold was elected to fill the vacancy. The present Committee was re-elected to serve next year. Rev. T. M. Bodenhorn offered his resignation from the Committee for next year. His resignation was accepted. Rev. S. A. Mow was elected to fill the vacancy. Rev. H. T. Arnold offered his resignation from the Committee for this year. His resignation was accepted and L. H. Carter was elected to fill the vacancy.

C. G. Payne was elected Conference Registrar.

Upon motion the Auditing Committee was instructed to audit the books of the Conference Sunday-school Treasurer.

Edna Baker was elected reporter for the Conference and Campmeeting.

E. J. Pitts and W. S. Peters were elected the Statistical Committee for next year.

The Judicial Committee was elected as follows: C. S. Smith, Chairman, S. A. Mow, J. Hester and T. J. Pierce.

The Campmeeting Committee for the coming year was elected as follows: W. J. Seekins, J. Hester and S. C. Kinnison.

Edna Baker offered her resignation as Conference and Campmeeting Reporter. Her resignation was accepted and Aurie Bodenhorn was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Conference Sunday-school Board was elected as follows: W. J. Seekins, H. T. Hawkins, H. T. Arnold and T. M. Bodenhorn.

A motion prevailed that the Campmeeting Committee be instructed to secure Wesleyan Methodist Evangelistic help for our Campmeetings.



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The following officers of the Library Association were elected: W. L. Thompson, President; G. W. Felton, Vice-President; N. E. Smith, Secretary; J. E. Smiley, Treasurer.

Upon motion Conference adjourned. Benediction by R. L. Fisher.

### Second Meeting, Tuesday, 2:00 P. M.

The devotions were conducted by Elders A. L. Blake and T. J. Pierce.

The roll was called, minutes were read and approved.

The following named persons presented proper credentials and were enrolled as delegates: Nora Fenstamaker, C. F. Roberts, Leotta Noggle, Elizabeth Marine, Eddie Smithie, John Lemon, Harry Kercheval, Laura Roberts, Warren Stites, Daisy Tague.

The President then read his annual address to the Conference. Upon motion the address was approved and ordered published in the Minutes and the Wesleyan Methodist. The President then read his official report. The report was adopted. (See report No. 2.) Upon motion the Rev. Eber Teter was elected Chairman of the Investigating Committee requested by the President. Elders H. C. Brown, C. A. Billheimer, H. T. Hawkins, A. P. Fooshee and Laymen Frank Noggle and George Mount were added to the Committee.

Upon motion Saturday afternoon was made a special order to hear the Sunday-school Board. Motion prevailed to make Wednesday evening the special order to hear the W. H. and F. Missionary Society.

Upon motion Conference adjourned. Benediction by Elder G. W. Zike.

### Third Meeting, Wednesday, 8:30 A. M.

The devotions were conducted by Father P. H. Piatt, who though 92 years of age, recited from memory the third chapter of Matthew and led the Conference in prayer, after which he sang one of the old hymns of the Church. Whereupon an offering was laid upon the table for this brother amounting to \$40.42.

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

The following persons presented proper credentials and were enrolled as delegates: Lester Betz, George W. Rager, Absalom Miller, P. H. Piatt, M. M. Roberts, James Howell.

Brethren H. G. Brown and C. L. Enyeart were excused from Conference on account of sickness.

The Committee on Elders' Orders made a partial report. The partial report was adopted. (See report No. 3.)

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The Committee on Finance offered a partial report. It was moved and carried that the rule with regard to the report of the Finance Committee be suspended for the passing of this partial report. The partial report was adopted. (See report No. 4.)

Recommendations to be received to pursue the Course of Study were presented for Francis Berkebile, Hazel Conover, Paul Billheimer, Lewis Pratt, Earl L. Glover, Charles E. Wood. Upon motion these and all other like papers were ordered passed to the Committee on Elders' Orders.

Upon motion it was made a standing order of Conference that Conference Officials and General Evangelists should be called first in the examination of character. In the regular order F. R. Eddy, T. P. Baker, W. J. Seekins were called and their characters passed.

By consent the Conference heard the report of the Special Committee to consider the questions of law as raised by the report of the President of the Conference. Upon motion the report was amended so as to eliminate that part of paragraph six of the report of the Committee which would eliminate certain things from the President's report. The amendment was carried. The report as amended was adopted. (See Report No. 5.) The telegram received from K. C. McCollum was ordered placed at the close of the Committee's report referring to the matter.

In the continuation of the regular order W. L. Thompson, S. E. Baker, J. Hester, G. W. Zike, A. L. Blake and E. E. Martindale were called and their characters passed.

Upon motion the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Elizabeth Lee.

### Fourth Meeting, Wednesday, 2:00 P. M.

The devotions were conducted by J. F. Presnall, Robert Styers and W. W. McMichael.

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

The following named persons presented proper credentials and were enrolled as delegates: John Renner, Sampson Castor, Charles Buntain, Joseph Bruner, Dora Norman, F. S. Fowler.

Recommendations to be received to study preparatory to travel were read and referred to the Committee on Elders' Orders: J. W. Blanset, Maud Pearson, Harry Kercheval, Eddie Smithie and a recommendation for Jesse Whitecotton for Ordination, and were referred to the proper Committee.

Upon motion S. C. Kinnison was elected chairman of the Com-



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mittee on Ministerial Courtesy. H. T. Arnold was added to the Committee.

Motion prevailed that under the information received Sister Daisy Tague, who was seated as an Honorary member, be seated as the regular delegate from Waveland and the minutes corrected accordingly.

The Secretary read a communication from C. L. Enyeart, the pastor of the Plymouth charge, and was directed to answer the communication.

The Special Order was called and the Conference proceeded to the election of Conference Officials and Evangelists. The Chair appointed W. H. Hopkins, E. J. Pitts, Frank Noggle, D. C. Dooley, and F. O. Spittlar tellers.

T. P. Baker was placed in nomination for President. A motion prevailed to close the nominations. Upon ballot 94 votes were cast, of which T. P. Baker received 91.

W. J. Seekins was nominated for Vice-President. Upon ballot W. J. Seekins received 84 out of 96 votes and was declared elected.

F. R. Eddy was placed in nomination for Secretary. Upon motion the Assistant Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for F. R. Eddy for Secretary. This was done and F. R. Eddy was declared elected.

Upon motion, S. E. Baker having been nominated for Assistant Secretary, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for S. E. Baker for Assistant Secretary. This was done and S. E. Baker was declared elected.

J. E. Smiley was nominated for Treasurer and upon motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for J. E. Smiley for Treasurer. This was done and J. E. Smiley was declared elected.

J. Hester was placed in nomination for Tithing Secretary and upon motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for J. Hester for Tithing Secretary. This was done and J. Hester was declared elected.

The Conference then proceeded to ballot for Ministerial Trustee to succeed Jacob Hester, whose term of office was now expired. The ballot resulted in the casting of 97 votes, all for Jacob Hester. He was declared elected.

George W. Rager and John L. Rigsbee were then placed in nomination for Lay Trustee to succeed John L. Rigsbee, whose term now expires. George W. Rager withdrew. The ballot resulted in the casting 87 out of 90 votes for John L. Rigsbee and he was declared elected.

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George W. Felton was placed in nomination to succeed himself as lay Trustee. Upon ballot George W. Felton received 94 votes and was declared elected.

The Conference then proceeded to elect the Conference Sunday School Secretary and Evangelist. W. J. Seekins was placed in nomination and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for W. J. Seekins for Conference Sunday School Secretary and Evangelist. This was done and W. J. Seekins was declared elected.

W. L. Thompson was placed in nomination for Educational Secretary and Evangelist. The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for W. L. Thompson for Educational Secretary and Evangelist. This was done and W. L. Thompson was declared elected.

J. Hester was placed in nomination for Church Extension Secretary and Evangelist. Upon motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for J. Hester. This was done and J. Hester was declared elected.

A motion prevailed making it a standing order of this Conference for the President to nominate the Advisory Board and that the Conference elect his Nominations. The President nominated and the Conference elected Elder W. L. Thompson and Layman John L. Rigsbee as the Advisory Board.

Expressions of appreciation and promises of faithful service were offered by the newly elected officials T. P. Baker, W. J. Seekins, F. R. Eddy, W. L. Thompson, S. E. Baker, J. Hester and George W. Felton. A popular demonstration of love and confidence in these brethren caused a gracious outpouring of the blessing of the Lord, and a standing vote pledging support to these officials was unanimous.

Upon motion Conference adjourned.

Benediction by H. C. Brown.

Wednesday night at 7:30 the Special Order was called, which was the meeting of the W. H. & F. M. Society. After an appropriate program Sister Cleo Young, a returned missionary from Africa, delivered an effective address. An appeal was made, whereupon cash and subscriptions were given to the amount of \$260.55.

Benediction by Eber Teter.

### Fifth Meeting, Thursday, 8:30 A. M.

The devotions were conducted by C. S. Smith and L. H. Carter. The roll was called. The minutes were read and corrected. They were approved as corrected.



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The following persons presented proper credentials and were enrolled as delegates: Elsie Stanley, Milliard McDonald, Eugene Hunter.

Recommendations to pursue the Course of Study were presented for Eugene Hunter and was referred to the Committee on Orders.

The Committee on Finance gave the first reading of their report.

A motion prevailed instructing the Statistical Committee to make a request for the report of the Hamlet Circuit, and in case they did not receive such a report they were to publish the membership report of last year, and that the provisions of the Discipline were to be carried out in adjusting the report.

In the regular order M. V. Sears, J. O. Baker, W. W. Noggle, Anna Linville, H. Akright, Josephine Akright, L. Shatford, W. H. Kennedy, M. M. Moore, W. M. Bailey, H. T. Arnold, L. G. Bears and C. A. Billheimer were called and their characters passed. Paul Billheimer, who had filled the appointments for his father, assuming the responsibility of the circuit during the Conference year, spoke with regard to the work. On an appeal being made by Brother Thompson, \$227.25 was subscribed for the schooling of the Brother. A motion prevailed that Rev. S. C. Kinnison should have charge of the "Paul Billheimer Education Fund." Upon motion it was ordered that we send Brother Paul Billheimer to Houghton College and pledge ourselves to his support while there.

In the further examination of character T. M. Bodenhorn, Aurie Bodenhorn, D. C. Dooley were called and their characters passed.

Upon motion Conference stood adjourned. Benediction by C. G. Payne.

### Sixth Meeting, Thursday, 2:00 P. M.

The devotions were conducted by J. F. Presnall and G. W. Zike.

The roll was called. The minutes read and approved.

Rev. E. E. Shelhamer of the Free Methodist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, was introduced to the Conference, and upon motion was accorded an honorary seat within the bar.

The following persons presented proper credentials and were enrolled as delegates: Sarah Graff, Ota Drake.

Rev. C. O. Johnson, of the Protestant Methodist Church, and Rev. J. H. Nall, of the United Brethren Church, were introduced to the Conference and accorded an honorary seat within the bar.

Recommendation for Melissa Tibbs to be received to study was presented and passed to the Committee on Orders. The Committee

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on Elders' Orders made a partial report. The partial report was adopted. (See report No. 3.)

The Committee on Resolutions read their report which, upon motion, was adopted and ordered published in the Wesleyan Methodist. (See Report No. 6.)

Upon motion the order of business was suspended to examine the character of H. C. Brown. He was called and his character passed. (See report of Missionary Evangelist No. 7.)

The Special Order was called, which was the presentation of the Bible School Interests. An interesting program was rendered and Rev. J. O. Baker spoke concerning faith and the needs of the school. T. P. Baker presented the matter of finances and \$462 was raised on the Budget.

A motion prevailed to make Friday at 11:00 A. M. a special order for preaching.

Upon motion Conference adjourned. Benediction by T. J. Pierce.

### Seventh Meeting, Friday, 8:30 A. M.

The devotions were conducted by A. P. Fooshee.

The roll was called. The minutes read and approved.

Proper credentials were presented by Leander Smith and he was enrolled as a delegate.

The Conference Secretary read his report and upon motion the report was adopted. (See report No. 8.) The Committee on Elders' Orders made a partial report. The partial report was adopted. (See report No. 3.) The Committee on Pastoral Relations gave a first reading of their report. Upon motion J. O. Baker was made chairman of a Committee to revise the laws and resolutions of the Indiana Conference in harmony with disciplinary provisions. H. T. Hawkins and W. J. Seekins were added to the Committee.

S. A. Mow was called and his character passed. The name of G. A. Pegram was called and the Chairman stated that charges and specifications against G. A. Pegram had been placed in his hands and that his character could not be passed until they were answered. At this point Elders J. O. Baker and S. C. Kinnison stated that in conference with G. A. Pegram he had authorized them to ask his name dropped from the Conference Roll. Upon motion the name of G. A. Pegram was dropped. In the farther examination of character S. C. Kinnison, W. S. Peters, H. T. Hawkins, W. D. Baker, Lewis Burns, L. H. Carter, F. O. Spittlar, Setta Caldwell, J. J. Cole-



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man, B. L. Couch, F. W. Crowell, Dolly R. Eddy, B. I. Eddy, A. P. Fooshee, Newton Gilliland, S. D. Hawkins, W. H. Hopkins, W. Z. Horbury and Belle McClure were called and their characters passed.

Upon motion Conference stood adjourned. Benediction by C. A. Billheimer.

The Special Order for preaching at 11:00 A. M. was called, and Rev. E. E. Shelhamer preached an excellent sermon upon the "Evidences of Deep Spirituality." Benediction by E. E. Shelhamer.

### Eighth Meeting, Friday, 2:00 P. M.

The devotions were conducted by T. J. Piercc.

The roll was called. The minutes read and corrected. They were approved as corrected.

The Committee to revise the Laws and Resolutions reported. The report was adopted. (See report No. 9.) The Committee on Finances submitted a second reading of their report. The Committee on Pastoral Relations submitted a second reading of their report.

A communication from Nellie M. Pegram requesting a letter of standing was received and upon motion the request was granted. A communication was received from F. M. Roberts requesting a transfer for Viola G. Dickens. The request was granted. Elder W. D. Baker requested a letter of standing. On motion the request was granted.

Upon motion 10:30 A. M. tomorrow was made a Special Order for the Ordination Service to be followed by the Memorial Service.

W. H. Hopkins was elected a Committee to obtain the post office addresses of the ministers of the Conference.

The Special Order was called and E. Teter, the Connectional Representative, addressed the Conference.

In the Regular Order E. Teter, E. E. Turner, Ora Turner, R. L. Fisher, Walter Morris, Vera Morris, E. J. Pitts, W. W. McMichael, T. J. Pierce, C. G. Payne, J. F. Presnall, George Reber, C. S. Smith, L. Shatford, L. O. Vickery were called and their characters passed.

Rev. J. T. Logan, Editor of the Free Methodist, was introduced to the Conference and upon motion was accorded an honorary seat within the bar.

Upon motion Conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. T. Logan.

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### Ninth Meeting, Saturday, 8:30 A. M.

The devotions were conducted by A. U. Murphy and B. L. Couch.

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

Proper credentials were presented by the following and they were enrolled as delegates: Auvie Northam, Munsen Tremain.

The Committee on Finance submitted a third reading of their report. The report was adopted. (See report No. 4).

In the Regular Order Glen Payne, Allen Tague, N. E. Smith, S. M. Van Blaricom, Aaron Worth, A. U. Murphy, E. E. Cory, C. E. Zike, Lydia Murphy, B. B. Gifford, R. A. Carter, J. W. Brown, E. L. Dickey, W. L. Northam, Nancy Barts, H. G. Brown, C. L. Enyeart, C. E. Nyhart, Emma Payne, J. E. Smiley, and Lucinda Smith were called and their characters passed.

After a short recess the Special Order was called and in a most impressive service F. O. Spitlar was ordained. C. S. Smith and Aaron Worth then took charge of the Memorial service in memory of Joseph Tague, Nancy Sylvester and Anna Seekins.

Rev. A. D. Fero, of New York State, was introduced to the Conference and upon motion was accorded an honorary seat within the Bar.

Upon motion the conference stood adjourned.

Benediction by H. T. Hawkins.

### Tenth Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 P. M.

The devotions were conducted by Sisters Belle McClure and O. J. Davis.

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

The Auditing Committee submitted their report. The report was adopted upon motion. (See report No. 10.)

The Committee on Elders' Orders submitted their report. The report was adopted. (See report No. 3.) W. J. Seekins offered his resignation from the Committee on Elders' Orders. The resignation was accepted. F. R. Eddy was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Treasurer of the Y. M. W. Band of the Indiana Conference read her report and upon motion the report was approved. The Treasurer of the W. H. & F. Missionary Society read her report. Upon motion the report and the work of our Sisters in connection with the same was approved. The following resolution was adopted: "Inasmuch as the General Conference of the Wesleyan Method-



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1st Church of America approved of the resolution presented to that body by the W. H. & F. M. Society requesting each Annual Conference to show its appreciation of the labor of its Conference Missionary Society by publishing its minutes free of charge, we, the members of the W. H. & F. Missionary Society of the Indiana Conference request that this body ratify the action of the General Conference."

The Conference Treasurer read his report. A motion prevailed that the report be adopted. (See report No. 11.)

The Committee on Pastoral Relations submitted a third reading of their report. The report was adopted. (See report No. 12).

A motion prevailed instructing the Secretary to answer the communications to this body. By consent the Secretary was instructed to word the laws of the Indiana Conference for the list printed in the minutes.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary communicate with our Publishing House as to publishing our minutes, and in case the work cannot be done in a satisfactory time that he use his own discretion in the matter. By consent the Secretary was instructed to procure fifty copies of our minutes for free distribution at Hamlet, Indiana.

The Special Order was called and the Conference Sunday-school Secretary read his report to the Conference. Upon motion the report was adopted. (See report No. 13.) T. M. Bodenhorn then addressed the Conference upon the importance of the Missionary Department of the Sunday-school. H. T. Arnold submitted the report of the Sunday-school Treasurer. The report was adopted. (See report No. 14.) S. E. Baker spoke upon the Temperance Department of the Sunday-school. The Conference Sunday-school Secretary submitted the statistical report of the Sunday-school work in the Conference. (See report No. 15.)

C. A. Billheimer requested a letter of transfer to the Georgia Conference. Upon motion the letter was granted.

A motion was made to amend the rule on the work and reporting of Conference Evangelists so that it will read, "The Evangelists shall be required to devote their entire time to the work and give a report of the first and third quarterly meetings, and the pastors shall report the second and fourth, in the Wesleyan Methodist, and in case of failure to do so, except for lawful reasons, they shall be subject to censure by this Conference." The motion was carried.

Upon motion T. M. Bodenhorn was elected to preach the opening sermon next year. Walter C. Morris was elected alternate.

Upon motion it was ordered that the opening sermon be preached on Monday night next year.

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A motion prevailed that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet Monday at 8:30 A. M.

On motion Conference adjourned. Benediction by L. H. Carter.

### Eleventh Meeting, Monday, 8:30 A. M.

The devotions were conducted by S. M. VanBlaricom and W. H. Hopkins.

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

The following resolution was adopted: "Inasmuch as our people are investing thousands of dollars in these grounds and improvements, and, inasmuch as they continue to respond to appeals for the support of the work of the Campmeeting Association, and inasmuch as it is proper and just that they be properly informed as to the uses made of the funds contributed and methods employed, Resolved: That we, the members of the Indiana Annual Conference, do hereby request the Board of Campmeeting Directors, for the information of the public, to read the minutes of their deliberations to this body."

The Committee on Statistics submitted their report. A motion was made to adopt the report. A motion to amend the report by instructing the Secretary to harmonize the report with the Conference orders, calling any to his assistance he may choose, was carried. The report was adopted as amended. (See report No. 16.)

Upon motion the amount to be paid the Secretary was increased to \$50.

Upon motion \$15 was ordered to be paid to each of the Statistical Committee.

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Campmeeting Association offered the reading of the minutes of the deliberations of the Board of Directors. Upon motion the report of the Secretary was approved.

A motion to give a vote of thanks to our President, Rev. T. P. Baker, for his untiring efforts and warm fellowship was unanimously carried and a popular vote was also unanimous.

The local churches were, by motion, instructed to take the vote on the Tobacco Amendment in the month of June, 1916, and the President was instructed to publish a notice of the same in the Wesleyan Methodist at the proper time.

The Secretary of the Board of Conference Trustees read the minutes of the proceedings of the Board. Upon motion the proceedings of the Board as revealed in the reading of the minutes was approved.



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The following resolution was carried: "Resolved that the Board of Trustees of our Conference are hereby instructed to formulate plans to govern the Educational Secretary and the Church Extension Secretary in their work, this to be a standing rule of the Conference until revoked by this body.

A motion prevailed that the Secretary be instructed to enter the name of W. S. Peters in the list of General Evangelists. A motion prevailed that the name of H. G. Brown be taken from the list To Choose Their Own Field of Labor and be placed in the list of General Evangelists. Upon motion the Secretary was instructed to draw up subscription papers for the support of H. G. Brown and that one be placed in the hands of each evangelist.

Upon an appeal being made a subscription of \$189 was raised for the support of H. G. Brown in the Fairmount Bible School. A motion prevailed ordering the H. G. Brown Support Fund turned over to the Conference Treasurer.

The minutes were read and upon motion they were adopted.

Upon motion Conference adjourned sine die. Benediction by J. Hester.

Thomas P. Baker, President,  
Francis R. Eddy, Secretary,  
Sewell E. Baker, Asst. Secretary.

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### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Indiana Conference:

Through the good providence of God we have been permitted to assemble in the capacity of another Annual Conference, the sixty-seventh session of the Conference's history. Some marked changes have taken place since we last met. A number, who were with us last year in the annual gathering, have been called to the eternal reward, among them Rev. Joseph Tague, pastor of the Westfield charge.

The work in the Conference during the year has been in a great measure prosperous. Every arm of the work has met with a degree of success. A new organization, at Rochester, has been added to the Conference, with Rev. S. M. Van Blaricom, pastor. A valuable church property has been purchased at Thorntown. A new and substantial church building has been erected at Waveland. A new and commodious tabernacle has been built at New Castle. A

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church property has been secured at Sylvania, and a number of churches have undergone repairs at a considerable cost, which certainly speaks well for our work and people and is highly commendable.

A number of our circuits and churches have been blessed with good revivals, which has resulted in an increase of the numerical as well as the spiritual strength of these circuits, which is very gratifying indeed. Some of our churches have held their own in the face of very unfavorable conditions. For this they are certainly deserving of great credit.

In the face of the financial depression of the country and the discouraging effect it has had on our people, the work has been fairly well supported, and on most of the charges the Budget will be full and on some overflowing.

I feel it my duty to commend the work of our faithful pastors for their careful supervision of the work and their untiring effort to make it a success.

It is to be regretted, however, that some of our work has suffered as a result of mismanagement and for want of impartial and unselfish shepherding. A man with no knowledge of the mechanism of a watch could tear it to pieces, but to construct that valuable piece of mechanism requires knowledge, skill, experience and patience.

In the work of God and soul saving men are needed who are skilled in the work of construction, and not in destruction.

The man who seeks above everything else personal aggrandizement, will sacrifice the welfare of the cause and church to reach the end desired; and no church or charge is safe in the hands of such a pastor. Careful, impartial, unselfish shepherding is essential to the success of any church.

That the pastorate is scripturally recognized is seen from many scriptural references. "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, and they shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets, and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." We are to understand that the angels of the churches of Asia Minor were persons sent by Jehovah to preside over those churches, and to them the epistle is directed, not as pointing out their state or condition, but the churches under their care. Angel of the church here, answers exactly to that officer of the synagogue which was called the messenger of the church, whose business it was to read, pray, and teach in the synagogue, and which Paul in Eph. 4:11 terms pastor.

The position of the Wesleyan Church is in keeping with the Scriptures upon this point.



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As political parties must have representatives in office who are of the political faith of those parties, so must churches have pastors who are of the religious faith of the churches they represent and serve as pastors. Hence the importance of Wesleyan churches being served by pastors who are exactly in sympathy with the principles and doctrines of the Wesleyan Church.

As the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is an indispensable qualification for the ministry, it is a part of the equipment of a Wesleyan pastor. It is said to be "the soul's panoply for the Lord's war against the Devil," "and is proof against all distractions and disturbances." "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance," says John, "but he that cometh after me, he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire." Fire baptized pastors will move the people.

True fire has its seat in the heart. It melts the affections; simplifies the desires; expands the sympathies; it suffers long and is kind, and all its furnace flames centers in the love-nature.

False fire runs up in the head and centers in the imagination. It produces rashness; condemns all that do not agree with it; produces an unbalanced view of truth; raises unscriptural doctrines; magnifies non-essentials, and puts the wrong construction on God's word. A fanatic has a hot head and a cool heart; but he, whose heart is the receptacle of true fire, has a warm heart and a cool head.

Just in proportion as the head becomes hot will the heart become cool. Fire is a blessing if it is kept in the furnace, but if it gets in the furniture it will burn down the house.

The pastor must not only possess that equipment that enables him to preach with power and unction, but he must be an example to the flock of which he is overseer. Among the various precepts of the Apostle Paul for Timothy's direction the following is recorded: "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." In Peter's exhortation to the elders this admonition is to be found: "Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory, that fadeth not away."

The true shepherd will care for and protect his flock from the influences that threaten its growth and development. There are devouring wolves which threaten the peace and prosperity of God's Zion. The one to be feared most is the one that appears in the sheep's coat, but inwardly has the disposition to devour.

All who have been ordained elders in the Wesleyan Methodist Church have answered the following question in the affirmative:

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"Will you be ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's word, and to use both public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole, within your charge, as need shall require and occasion be given?" Will you? Do you?

The pastor should be a feeder and not a fleecer. Do not understand me to say that the pastor is not to be rewarded for his services. The ox is not to be muzzled that treadeth out the corn. The servant is worthy of his hire. He that is taught in the word is to communicate to him that teacheth in all good things; but the work of the shepherd is that of feeding and caring for the sheep, and the sheep are to surrender the fleece, when it is necessary for its removal, to give place for the new fleece, and to reward the shepherd for his labor. Give and it shall be given you. There are a lot of people that never don a new fleece, spiritually, because they refuse to give the shepherd of their means as God has prospered them, temporally.

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind."

A, well fed, well sheltered, well cared for flock, will produce a good fleece; but a half fed, poorly cared for flock, will not produce a good fleece.

One of the qualifications requisite on the part of one to be an overseer of the flock of God is that he should not be a novice.

A novice is one newly converted to the faith, inexperienced, untutored in the things to be taught and management of the affairs of the Church, and has no reference to age. It is impossible for one who is not deeply experienced in the things of God to guide others in the way of life.

Then the Apostle gives his reason why a novice should not be appointed to the work of an overseer.

"Lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil." Says Dr. Adam Clark, "It is natural for man to think himself of more importance than his fellows, when they are intrusted to his government. The Apostle's term puffed up, inflated, is a metaphor, taken from a bladder when filled with air or wind. It is a substance, has a certain size, is light, can be the sport of the wind, but has nothing in it but air. Such is the classical coxcomb; a mere puffball, a disgrace to his function and despised by every intelligent man. Should not we say to those to whom it may concern, 'From such Apostles, O ye mitred heads, preserve the Church;



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and lay not careless hands on skulls that cannot teach and will not learn."

There are those, who have assumed the responsibility of shepherding the flock of God and have been for years performing the functions of that office, who have never passed from the novice state. They feed not the flock of God. The diseased they do not strengthen, neither have they healed that which was sick, neither have they bound up that which was broken, neither have they brought again that which was driven away, neither have they sought that which was lost; "but with force and cruelty have ye ruled them," so says the Prophet Ezekiel, "And they were scattered because there was no shepherd."

There is another side to this question which we should not fail to give an intelligent consideration. We cannot expect to organize Wesleyan Methodist churches and establish the principles and doctrines of Wesleyanism with what is known as the driftwood of the world. By this I mean persons who have no stability of character, but are tossed about by every wind of doctrine. They unite with the church under the labors of a certain evangelist, because they become attached to the man, and when the evangelist is gone they are gone, and their religion as well.

Others are taken into the Church at the time of a Church organization, or revival meeting, not according to discipline, perhaps, but simply wholesaled in without a knowledge of the discipline and its requirements; then when the heat of the meeting or the influences under which they were received subsides, and they are face to face with the real issue, they will inform you very emphatically that they are not Wesleyans after that type, and if that is Wesleyanism they want their names dropped from the church roll at once. Their request should be granted.

Others are received into the Church who profess to be in sympathy with the Church and in harmony with the principles and doctrines of the same, but who have soured on the churches to which they formerly belonged because they were not recognized by those churches as suitable persons to be leaders, or because they were not favored with positions of honor and trust in the church at the hands of its membership. Such persons are, usually, insubordinate to law and authority themselves, and when in authority think that everybody else is insubordinate to law and authority, therefore they rule with an iron hand. Of such persons we may expect the same thing, when they fail to obtain what they sought to obtain, by becoming members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Such people will have trouble wherever they go.

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To this class of persons belong those who will leave the Church if the pastor is not returned, or if he is returned, or if a certain preacher is sent to the charge; who will leave the Church, if a certain man is elected President of the Conference, or evangelist; who sings, in long meter, that old familiar song, "Political wire pulling in the Church," just because they are not in position to do the pulling.

There is another thing that cannot be overlooked by any church without suffering loss in its effort for God and souls. It is essential that Christian fellowship and unity exist among the members of a church. There is nothing so convincing to the world of the reality of the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ as to see a profession of it confirmed by these two characteristics of that religion.

In the Master's appeal to the Father for His followers He said, "Sanctify them through Thy truth," "that they may be one," "that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me."

When the membership of a church begins to surrender the delicateness of the Spirit, whether it be the pastor, or the flock, and begin to harden themselves just a little toward their brethren, the glory, then departs from Israel, for the Ark has been removed and the church is converted into a family of Ichabods. They, now, begin to bite and devour one another, and the devil lays down his arms, for the victory is won.

Then it is essential that the members of a church find their place in the body, or sphere of labor, and be content to occupy the same. Victory is sure when every man stands in his place around about the camp. It is when we try to get into the place of another, or fight with a weapon that we are not familiar with, that we suffer defeat and loss to the church.

Shamgar, a Jewish farmer, when attacked by the enemy, had nothing with which to fight but an ox-goad; but he was familiar with its use, and he handled it to a good advantage, slaying six hundred Philistines, and delivered Israel from the hands of the enemy. He fought with something, the use of which he well understood, and God made it omnipotent in his hands.

In war for God and souls, it is best to use the weapon that is best suited to us, or, in other words, ascertain where in the body we belong, or what member of the body we are; then earnestly and diligently apply ourselves to the performance of the functions that is enjoined upon that member, that there may be no schism in the body, but that unity and Christian fellowship may be seen and felt. Then can appropriately be sung, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

Thomas P. Baker.



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### RESOLUTIONS AND LAWS OF THE INDIANA CONFERENCE.

#### I.

The Evangelists shall be required to devote their entire time to the work and give a report of the first and third quarterly meetings, and the pastors shall report the second and fourth, in the Wesleyan Methodist, and in case of failure to do so, except for lawful reasons, they shall be subject to censure by this Conference.

#### II.

It is contrary to the spirit of our Discipline and our principles for our preachers to assist at any service with oath-bound societies.

#### III.

That any candidate for Elders' Orders, or to travel under the direction of this Conference, who fails to attend the Institutes and examinations of the Conference without sufficient cause shall be deemed unworthy of the trust and care of souls and refused a place among us as a minister of the gospel, and when they shall fail to attend the Institute or to report to the Committee for two years, they shall be dropped from the roll.

#### IV.

That it is the sense of this Conference that our houses of worship should not be opened to any evangelist or minister of any other Church to hold a series of meetings or to maintain a regular appointment for another congregation; provided, however, that usual denominational courtesy be extended to other ministers in occasional appointments.

#### V.

Any waiving of the above resolution by contract or lease of buildings must be obtained through the Board of Trustees of the Indiana Conference.

#### VI.

Whereas, the Discipline requires that the stewards meet the pastors and agree with them as to the amount necessary for their support, be it resolved that the circuits may at the same time enter into an agreement in writing with the pastor as to the services he is to render to the Church. In case the pastor shall fail to render

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said services, unless providentially hindered or released by the charge, said failure shall be considered a sufficient cause to make a new adjustment of the amount originally agreed upon. Otherwise the contract shall be binding upon both parties the same as other financial obligations incurred by contracting parties.

### VII.

Each pastor shall file a duplicate report with the Statistical Committee by the second day of Conference, said report to be kept on file one year.

### VIII.

#### Financial Plan.

(1) The President shall travel the Conference holding quarterly meetings and have general oversight of the missionary interests in the Conference and shall be known as the Missionary Secretary and Evangelist. He shall, as he shall have time, assist pastors in raising Conference Funds. He shall, at the time of the passing off his character, give a report of his work during the year and report the condition of the work, together with such statistics as may be useful to the Conference in planning for the work of the coming year.

(2) The second Evangelist shall be known as the Conference Sunday-school Secretary and Evangelist, and his duties shall be that of the Sunday-school Secretary as outlined in the Discipline, together with the duties devolving upon him in the work of the quarterly meetings, and at the time of the passing of his character he shall give a full account of the progress and conditions of the work.

(3) The third Evangelist shall be known as Church Extension Secretary and Evangelist, and his duties shall be to hold quarterly meetings and work up the interests of the Church Extension work.

(4) The fourth Evangelist shall be known as the Conference Educational Secretary and Evangelist, and it shall be his duty to travel the Conference holding quarterly meetings, and in connection with this work up the School interests, obtaining students and money.

(5) These persons thus elected, if not Trustees, shall counsel with them in all plans to make the work a success for God and the Church.



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(6) These persons holding quarterly meetings shall not be excused from the same, only in case of death or sickness in their family, or extreme providential hindrances.

### IX.

The membership, as much as possible, shall pay all their contributions for the Conference and Connectional Interests to the pastors, who shall receipt them for the same and see that it is paid to the proper authorities. Where money is paid direct to the Conference Treasurer by the membership, he shall send a duplicate receipt to the pastor of the charge where such persons are members.

### X.

All charges with a membership of twenty-five or more shall, in addition to the regularly stipulated salary, assume the responsibility of providing a suitable home in which the pastor may live.

### XI.

We recommend that all charges and stations to which the pastor moves pay the moving and transportation expenses of said pastor, the same to be done in addition to the salary, provided that this shall not interfere with previous arrangements between pastors and charges.

### XII.

All unaccounted for numbers appearing on the statistics in the membership list shall be transferred to the discontinued list. The roll of all the classes upon the charges shall be put into the hands of the pastors and they shall have charge of the same and make all entries therein.

### XIII.

The Committee on Elders' Orders are hereby empowered to transfer all persons to the study list who may have been recommended to travel and have not been given work.

### XIV.

It shall be a standing rule of Conference until revoked by vote that the President shall receive \$35, the Secretary \$50, the Assistant Secretary \$15, the same to be apportioned pro rata among the various funds of the Conference.

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### XV.

The official character of no pastor shall be passed until he shall have submitted a satisfactory report including statistics.

### XVI.

The ordination services shall be held in connection with the memorial services of the Conference.

### XVII.

Pastors shall pass their statistical reports to the Committee on Ministerial Character, who shall examine the same and report their regularity or irregularity. Hereafter these reports shall not be read in open Conference.

### XVIII.

The Board of Conference Trustees shall formulate plans to govern the Educational Secretary and Church Extension Secretary in their work, this to be a standing rule of the Conference until revoked by this body.

### XIX.

It shall be a standing rule until revoked by vote of this Conference that the President shall nominate his Advisory Board and the Conference shall elect his nominations.

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## REPORTS

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### Report No. 1.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE STATISTICS.

We, your Committee appointed to arrange Statistical Blanks in harmony with the action of the General Conference, begs leave to submit the following report:

The action of the General Conference ordered a uniform Statistical Blank to be used by all the annual conferences, the same to be printed and distributed by our Publishing House. This took the matter out of the hands of the Committee until such a time as we



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could obtain a supply. This was done at the earliest date possible, but only at a date when it was impossible to confer or to correct certain mistakes and oversights which appear in the makeup of the Blanks. These were to contain blank lines for the use of Conferences having funds not outlined in the uniform plan. This through some oversight, doubtless, was not done and your committee found a serious difficulty in providing a suitable plan for reporting our work this Fall. The matter was further complicated by the fact that funds are called by a different name in the new blank than our methods in the past have provided for. This does not in any way effect the destination of the funds, but confuses our pastors as to methods of reporting their labors. We therefore recommend the following:

1. As our methods require Regular Quarterly Meeting Evangelists and do not provide for a Salaried President, as such, and as it is essential to the work of the Finance Committee to have the Conference Evangelist's apportionment and "Other Evangelistic Help" kept separate, we recommend that the Sub Item "Conference Evangelist" be inserted in Item VII and all monies paid for Quarterly Meetings be reported here. Further, that we leave the Sub Item Conference President's Salary vacant and report all other Evangelistic Help in the Sub Item "Evangelistic Help."

2. Under Item VIII For Benevolences, add the Sub Items "Bible School," "Conference Sunday School Apportionment" and "Minute Fund," these to be included in the Total for said Item. The Sub Item "Undivided Budget," with our methods, is ambiguous, and we recommend that we do not use it, but report our funds itemized as heretofore.

3. We recommend that the Sub Item "Bible School" be added to Item X, as it is properly coordinate with "Education" and is Connectionally assigned to this Conference.

4. We recommend that the Sub Items "Bible School," "Conference S. S. Apportionment," and "Minute Fund" be added to Item XI.

5. We recommend further that inasmuch as blank lines for the use of these Sub Items do not appear in the Uniform Blanks, and inasmuch as these Sub Items are essential to the work of this Conference, that this Conference elect a committee whose duty it shall be to provide blanks for our use that shall contain the above described Sub Items in addition to that provided for by the action of the General Conference.

6. We recommend that this Conference appoint a Committee of two whose duty it shall be to assist the Pastors this Fall in ad-

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justing their reports to those recommendations, said work to be done and turned over to the proper Committees not later than Wednesday noon.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Seekins, Chairman,  
F. R. Eddy, Secretary.

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### Report No. 2.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

During the Conference year the following items of business have been referred to me for my consideration and adjustment.

1. Received J. L. Jones, from the Baptist church, to pursue the Course of Study preparatory to taking work at the hands of the Conference.

2. Granted Elder John G. Kennedy a letter of transfer to the Illinois Conference.

3. Granted Elder Cerena Jay a letter of transfer to the Pentecostal Nazarene Church.

4. Received Rev. Amos Pearson, from the Pentecost church, to pursue the Course of Study, preparatory to taking work at the hands of the Conference.

5. Received Elder B. B. Gifford by letter of transfer from the South Ohio Conference, according to disciplinary provisions.

6. Granted Elder James Jester a letter of standing.

7. Accepted the resignation of Rev. B. I. Eddy as pastor of the Fishersburg charge.

8. Issued a Conference license to the following persons, they having taken work within the bounds of the Indiana Conference: Joseph Tague, Allen Tague, Lucinda F. Smith, Emma Payne, E. E. Cory, B. I. Eddy, K. C. McCollum, F. O. Spitlar, Edgar Zike, C. L. Enyeart and C. E. Neyhart.

9. Appointed Elder J. F. Pressnall pastor of the Fishersburg charge.

10. Appointed Elder Aaron Worth pastor of the Westfield charge, made necessary by the death of the pastor Rev. Joseph Tague.

11. Granted a letter of standing to Elder C. M. Moore.

12. Granted a letter of transfer to Elder J. L. Snider to the Michigan Conference.



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13. Received a church, organized by Elder S. M. VanBlaricom, at Rochester, Indiana, and appointed him pastor of same.

14. Accepted the resignation of Elder Dolly R. Eddy, to take work in Africa, she being appointed to general evangelistic work in this conference.

15. In the month of April, 1915, I received the following communication:

Gunkle Zion Church, Lafayette, Ind., April 18, 1915.

As we, the members of the church, feel keenly the conditions existing by the indifference of the people of the community, and a part of the members, not attending the services and contributing to the expenses, we feel it best to abandon preaching at this time, as we cannot meet the expenses of the church and a pastor. We, as a part of the members who bear a greater part of the expenses of the pastor and church, pray the Indiana Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, to please relieve us of this burden at this time. As we deplore and feel keenly the conditions at present we feel it will be best to disband as a church.

Signed: Edward Gunkle, Nellie Gunkle, Idella Cole, Mary Cole."

In view of the fact that we do not own the church property at this place, and cannot control it, the above request was granted, the Advisory Board consenting.

16. I recommend that the resolutions and laws of the Indiana Conference be published in the Conference Minutes, as last year.

17. Appointed chairman of committees as follows: Memorials Elder C. S. Smith; Resolutions, A. Worth; Finances, L. H. Carter.

18. Because of the importance of the Sunday School interests, I recommend that a special order be made for the consideration of that important subject, and that the Conference Sunday School Board have charge of the program.

19. The ladies of the W. H. & F. M. Society of the Indiana Conference request that time be given them for the consideration of their work. I suggest that a special order be made to suit their convenience.

20. Granted Walter and Miriam Jennings letters of transfer to the Lockport Conference in the same relation they sustained to the Indiana Conference, they being licentiates pursuing the Course of Study preparatory to taking work at the hands of the Conference.

21. Received Elders A. U. and Lydia Murphy by letter of transfer from the North Michigan Conference.

22. Early in the Conference year a controversy arose between

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the pastor of the Hamlet charge, Rev. K. C. McCollum, and members of the Hamlet church, as to the rights of members and the authority of the pastor. Both pastor and members appealed to me for a decision on the controverted point. The point in question was, "Has the pastor the right to remove a member from the church without the action of the church to which he belongs." An attempt was made by the pastor to have the name of the class-leader of that church removed from the roll. The result of the vote was eighteen to nothing in favor of retaining the class-leader in the church. The pastor then held that he had a right to remove his name and asked me for an opinion.

I interpreted Paragraph 61 of the Church Discipline to mean that the authority to receive members into a Wesleyan Methodist church is vested in the church, and not in any person; and that the authority to remove names from the church roll is vested in the church, and not in the pastor or any other person. To this opinion the pastor took exceptions and wrote me that I was wrong in my interpretation of the Discipline.

The pastor then served notice on the class-leader that his rights as leader were taken from him and that he could no longer exercise the functions of that office in the church.

The class leader and two other members of the church exercised their rights under the Discipline and called a meeting of the church over the pastor's protest and notified me to be present to interpret the Discipline in the presence of the church and to rule on the controverted points. With Rev. W. L. Thompson, ministerial member of the Advisory Board, I attended that meeting.

My decision was, 1. That the authority to remove a name from the church roll is vested in the church, and can be done by the church, by the consent of that person, otherwise by due process of disciplinary law. 2. That the pastor of the Hamlet circuit had superseded his authority in his effort to take from the class-leader of the Hamlet church his rights of exercising the functions of that office in the church.

In our effort to adjust matters on this charge we found the pastor insubordinate both in spirit and conduct to the Law and Authority of the church, and he has remained so throughout the year.

On the occasion of the fourth quarterly meeting of the Hamlet charge, held at the Brems appointment, after the license of two licentiates of long service in the church had been discontinued without cause, I urged that the Disciplinary requirement on page 61 of the Church Discipline be observed in that meeting. It reads as follows:



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"The Quarterly Conference shall inquire into the character and usefulness of licentiates and exhorters and may admonish them and take away their license; or it may renew them each year when it shall judge their gifts and usefulness justify a renewal." Feeling that I had in my possession sufficient evidence for the inauguration of an inquiry and for not renewing the pastor's license, whose membership is with this charge, I objected to the renewal of his license for the following reasons:

Reason 1. On page 61 of the Church Discipline is found the following: "No Licentiate, who is delinquent in his effort to pass the Course of Study shall be considered worthy of employment at the hands of an Annual Conference, of which the Committee on Itinerancy and Elders' Orders shall be judge." This Brother is delinquent in his effort to pass the Course of Study, judged so by the Committee on Itinerancy and Elders' Orders, also by the Theological Institute and Ministerial Association, as seen by the records on page 68.

Reason 2. Insubordination to the Law of the Discipline and Authority of the Church.

Reason 3. Writing letters in which he reflects on the former pastor, speaks evil of certain members of his charge, and charges certain Conference officials of falsifying.

A faction of the church, through the influence of the pastor, refused to listen to an inquiry into the pastor's character, and assumed an attitude of insubordination to the Law of the Discipline and Parliamentary usages. At this stage of the meeting we were ordered to vacate the building, which was a schoolhouse, which we did, adjourning the meeting in confusion.

The pastor then presided over a meeting which renewed his license in the absence of a large per cent of the membership.

I recommend that this Conference appoint a committee who are versed in the Discipline of the Church to consider this part of the President's report and report to this body at as early a date as possible, giving special attention to the following points:

1. Was the President correct in his interpretation of the Discipline as to the authority of the pastor and the rights of members?

2. Was the President and his Advisory Board correct in ruling that the pastor of the Hamlet charge superseded his authority in his effort to take from the class leader of the Hamlet church his rights of exercising the functions of that office in the church?

3. Had the President a Disciplinary right to inaugurate an inquiry into the character and usefulness of the pastor, and had he just grounds for objecting to the renewal of his license?

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4. Was the business transacted in that part of the quarterly meeting, over which the pastor presided, legal? and if not what relation does he sustain to the Indiana Conference?

Conforming to the instructions of previous conferences I have prepared a calendar of business. I have included also the special orders.

### Calendar of Business.

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading Minutes of Previous Meeting.
3. Presenting Credentials of Delegates.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. Motions, Recommendations, Resolutions, Reports of Committees, Reading of Papers, etc.
6. Special Orders.
7. General Order of Business.

### Special Orders.

Wednesday, August 18th, P. M., Election of Conference officers.

Thursday, August 19th, P. M., Representative of the Indiana Conference Bible School.

Friday, August 20th, P. M., Connectional Representative.

Thomas P. Baker, President.

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### Report No. 3.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ELDERS' ORDERS

We, your Committee on Elders' Orders, respectfully submit the following report: (1) We recommend that Richard S. Eggleston, an Elder from the Methodist Episcopal Church, be received according to Disciplinary law.

(2) We recommend that Jesse Whitecotton, an Elder of the Christian Holiness Church, be received as a Licentiate, he to receive credit for all studies taken in the Course of Study in his former Church home and to continue our Course of Study to completion, when he shall be ordained according to our form.

(3) We recommend that F. O. Spittlar be elected to Elder's Orders.

(4) We recommend that the following persons referred to the Committee be received and recommended to take up the Course of Study: Eddie Smithie, Harry Kercheval, J. W. Blansett, Amos Pearson, Maud Pearson, Eugene Hunter, Melissa Tibbs, Francis Berkebile.



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Hazel Conover, Paul Billheimer, Lewis Pratt, Charles E. Wood and Earl L. Glover.

(5) The following names have been dropped from the roll because of their failure to attend the Institute and meet the Disciplinary requirements: John Jolly, E. E. Wisehart, J. C. Caldwell, Fred Jessup, Otto Moore, Sarah Morris and Ruth Drake.

(6) We recommend that the following named persons continue the Course of Study preparatory to travel: C. E. Nyhart, John R. Wood, Belle Shelly, Edna Baker, Eva Cook, Mary Green, Charles Buntain, Henry Hamma, Elwood Logan, John Lemon, Charles Whicker, Ora Irvine and O. G. McKinley.

(7) We recommend the following persons to travel under the direction of the Conference and to pursue the Course of Study: H. G. Brown, C. L. Enyeart, B. I. Eddy, Nancy Barts, J. E. Smiley, E. E. Martindale, Edward E. Cory, Lucinda Smith, Emma Payne, William Roberts, Edgar Zike, Allen Tague, Robert Styers, Isaac Carey, J. W. Drake, O. E. Oxley, Amos Pearson, Maud Pearson and Lewis Pratt.

W. J. Seekins, Secretary of Committee.

### Report No. 4.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCES.

We, your Committee on Finances, begs leave to submit the following report:

Item 1. We recommend that the Fairmount Bible School be placed in the Budget, and the Budget be divided as follows: Foreign Missions 10 per cent, Home Missions 10 per cent, Conference Missions 20 per cent, Church Extension 20 per cent, Bible School 40 per cent.

Item 2. We recommend that the present Budget be raised 20 per cent, and that it be apportioned as follows:

	Evangelist	Budget	Minutes
Albion .....	\$82.00	\$100.00	\$3.50
Amboy .....	60.00	75.00	2.50
Anderson .....	40.00	20.00	1.75
Blue River .....	84.00	170.00	3.00
Boxley .....	94.00	250.00	5.00
Bryant .....	74.00	150.00	3.50
Cicero .....	36.00	24.00	2.00

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	Evangelist	Budget	Minutes
Elwood .....	60.00	60.00	1.75
Fairmount .....	94.00	250.00	5.00
Fowler .....	50.00	25.00	1.40
Fowlerton .....	40.00	25.00	1.40
Fountain City .....	40.00	30.00	1.40
Fishersburg .....	64.00	120.00	2.50
New Castle .....	80.00	100.00	4.00
Huntington .....	48.00	54.00	1.75
Hamlet .....	62.00	60.00	3.00
Hartford City .....	34.00	25.00	1.20
Kirklin .....	52.00	48.00	2.20
Kokomo .....	50.00	30.00	2.00
Larwill .....	72.00	96.00	3.50
Laketon .....	60.00	60.00	1.40
Lewis Creek .....	80.00	150.00	3.00
Mt. Etna .....	94.00	210.00	4.00
Marion .....	70.00	72.00	3.50
Marion—Nelson St .....	50.00	60.00	2.50
Miami .....	36.00	40.00	1.00
North Liberty .....	60.00	50.00	2.00
Payne .....	59.00	50.00	2.00
Peru .....	54.00	50.00	3.00
Plymouth .....	82.00	108.00	3.00
Roseburg .....	40.00	20.00	1.40
Seybert .....	20.00	15.00	1.00
Sante Fe .....	82.00	150.00	3.00
Sheridan .....	44.00	30.00	2.00
South Bend .....	25.00	20.00	1.00
Sylvania .....	40.00	20.00	1.00
Thorntown .....	20.00	10.00	.20
Tippecanoe .....	60.00	60.00	2.00
Westfield .....	72.00	90.00	3.00
Wabash .....	70.00	90.00	3.50
Warren .....	80.00	150.00	3.50
Waveland .....	40.00	18.00	1.00
Whitehall .....	40.00	20.00	1.00
Rochester .....	20.00	25.00	1.00

Item 3. We recommend that the Conference President, who is also Missionary Secretary, be paid \$900 per year and the other Conference Evangelists \$800, and, inasmuch as the apportionment is insufficient to meet this need, we further recommend that a suffi-



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cient amount be drawn from the various arms of the work to pay this sum. This to be left to the President and his Advisory Board.

Item 4. We recommend that the Connectional Representatives shall, in their appeals, conform to the Conference Budget.

Item 5. We recommend that all money payable to the Conference Treasurer be paid to the pastor and by him to the Conference Treasurer for his convenience in reporting.

Item 6. We further recommend that all Circuits and Charges that are not paying at least \$500 salary be earnestly requested to raise the sum at least 20 per cent or until it reaches \$500.

### Committee:

L. H. Carter, Chairman.  
A. A. Wilkinson,  
W. W. McMichael,  
S. C. Kinnison,  
F. Noggle,  
E. Roberts,  
C. G. Payne.

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### Report No. 5.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Report of the Special Committee to consider the questions of Church law, as raised by the report of the President of the Conference.

1. The rights of a class leader. The President of the Indiana Annual Conference, of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America, ruled upon this point as follows: That a class leader could only be elected or removed by a vote of the Church of which he is a member, and that when elected, he can exercise the functions of said office until it becomes vacant either by death, resignation, or by vote of the church electing him. On motion, the committee sustained said ruling, which makes it the interpretation of the law in such cases.

2. Who has a right to ask for an investigation into the character or usefulness of licentiates, when their licenses are up for renewal? The committee decided, that the Presiding officer or any member of a quarterly conference had a right to ask for an investigation, and that the President of an Annual Conference, and his advisory board has the right to investigate, the actions of any one employed to travel under the direction of the Annual Conference, and object to the renewal of any license, until said objections are answered to the satisfaction of the quarterly conference, as not being good.

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3. Where a licentiate is traveling under the direction of an Annual Conference and fails to meet the requirements of the discipline, so that said licentiate is not entitled to continue to be so employed or travel under the direction of an annual conference, has the President of an Annual Conference a right to object to the renewal of his license? It was the judgment of the committee that any act or failure of a licentiate that cuts off his right to be continued in the employment as a minister to travel under the direction of an Annual Conference, would be an objection to renewing his quarterly Conference license, unless the reasons for the non-compliance with the requirements of the discipline were satisfactorily explained.

4. The question was raised as to the relation of a licentiate to an Annual Conference, who is insubordinate to the Discipline of the Church, and rules of the Annual Conference, to which said licentiate is amenable. The committee decided, that where such insubordination is proven, that it was a sufficient reason for discontinuing said licentiate in conference relations.

5. All matters contained in the report of the President, that pertained to any personal matters, we judge should be settled as such by the parties, in the way the Discipline prescribes.

6. Since the party at interest in the matters brought out in the President's report has announced his withdrawal from the Wesleyan Methodist Church, we, the committee, decide that it takes all matters to which he might have been a party out of our jurisdiction, and advise that the Indiana Conference so decide.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Teter, Chairman,  
H. T. Hawkins, Secretary,  
Frank Noggle,  
H. C. Brown,  
A. P. Fooshee,  
C. A. Billheimer,  
G. W. Mount.

### COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Hamlet, Indiana, 17

Rev. T. P. Baker,

Dear Sir:—I am an ex Weslin and warn you to not harm my character by a single word. Forty-seven has seceded from the Church being displeased with your conduct as a presiding officer. Will be on camp ground tomorrow. Yours truly,

K. C. McCollum.



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### Report No. 6.

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. The present age is one of unrest in all departments of human life. Never in the history of the world has the spirit of war so dominated all the nations of the earth. Isaiah declares that every battle of the warrior is with confused noise and garments rolled in blood, and never in all the world's history has the hell-born fever fed upon the blood of slaughtered millions as it is doing today.

We record our protest against all forms of war for either commercial supremacy or the acquisition of territory from other powers. We believe the divine mission of Christ meant peace on earth and good will to men, and we pray for the time to speedily come when swords shall be beaten-into plough shares and spears into pruning hooks and nations learn war no more.

2. We recognize but three institutions as divinely ordained of God: the Home, the Church and the State. The marriage relation constitutes the basis of the home and we look with alarm upon the increasing divorce evil in our country by which the foundations of the home are destroyed.

3. We recognize the Church as the proper sphere of all moral and spiritual activity and the multiplication of secret societies for the so called purposes of benevolence uncalled for, as the Church is the true medium for the exercise of the benevolent purposes in caring for the sick and poor.

4. We hail with delight the growing sentiment on the temperance reform in all the world. We congratulate the great Russian Empire, that owns one sixth of the land surface of the globe, in abolishing the drink traffic throughout her entire realm, and when the exigencies of war forced England to undertake the curtailment of the liquor traffic we look with horror at the clergy of the Established Church standing behind the breweries and distilleries and perpetuating the world's greatest curse.

5. We insist that all the voting citizenship of this country shall align themselves with such political parties as declare in their platforms for the utter annihilation of the liquor traffic and the rescue of our boys and girls from the snares of the demon rum.

6. We demand more stringent legislation on the part of the Government for the suppression of the white slave traffic which is endangering the foundations of society and eating like a canker at the core of the Nation's heart.

7. We are in favor of such restrictions in the emigration laws

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of this land as will prevent the influx of such people as are alien in their principles and habits to American ideas and institutions.

8. We look with alarm upon the growing power of Mormonism in our land as a false system of religious faith, and the fact that they own all the good agricultural lands between the Rocky Mountains and the Sierra Nevadas of over 350,000 square miles, and the further fact that they control the electoral vote of six of the Western states ought to cause the Church to send a trumpet blast of protest from every pulpit in the land.

9. We would emphasize our faith in American institutions by an emphatic protest against the pagan superstition of Papal Rome in her hatred of our public schools and our Christian faith, and we will, by every means in our power, maintain the faith of our fathers and protect our free institutions to the end.

Committee:

A. Worth,  
J. O. Baker,  
George Mount.

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### Report No. 7.

#### REPORT OF MISSIONARY EVANGELIST.

Number of services held .....	61
Number of days employed .....	53
Number converted .....	3
Number sanctified .....	2
Amount of money raised .....	\$24.00
Incidental expenses .....	\$12.00

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. Brown.

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### Report No. 8.

#### REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE SECRETARY.

Dear Brethren: At the close of the last Conference I arranged with the United Brethren Establishment at Huntington, Ind., to print the Conference Minutes. On account of the increased convenience I ordered the Statistics printed in page form. The perma-



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ment Journal was filled within a few pages and it was necessary to procure another, and with the advice and upon the order of the President I procured a McMillian Patent Loose Leaf Record. This also being General Conference Year and the Secretary not being able to attend the same personally, I asked the Board of Trustees for directions as to the method of forwarding the Records to the seat of that Body. The expenses of these items, together with the receipts for the same, follow:

Paid for printing Minutes .....	\$118.41
Paid for postage on Minutes .....	6.27
Paid for Conference Record .....	12.00
Paid expense in procuring record .....	1.50
Expense of expressing Minutes to Houghton, N. Y. ....	.60
Paid expense of attending Board Meeting.....	1.75
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Total expense .....	\$140.53
Received from J. E. Smiley, Treasurer .....	\$118.85
Received of Bessie Baker, Treasurer .....	16.57
Received from sale of Minutes .....	3.67
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Total received .....	\$139.09
Deficit .....	\$1.44

Very respectfully submitted,

F. R. Eddy, Secretary.

### Report No. 9.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO REVISE THE LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS.

To the Indiana Annual Conference: We, your Committee elected to revise the Resolutions and Laws of the Indiana Conference, submit the following report. We recommend that rules Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 16, 23, 26, 27, 30 and 31 be dropped, because they contravene, or are covered by the Discipline, or a General Order of this Conference.

Committee:

J. O. Baker, Chairman,  
H. T. Hawkins, Secretary,  
W. J. Seekins.

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### Report No. 10.

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE.

1. We, your Auditing Committee, have carefully examined the books of the Conference Treasurer and find the amount of cash in the bank to be \$2,117.16, showing a deficit of \$2.92 less than the amount shown in the Cash Book.

We also find a surplus of \$1.21 in the report of the funds, leaving a total deficit of \$1.71, which we believe had its origin in the posting of the items of the various funds.

We faithfully believe that, had we the time to further examine the books, the deficit would not appear; therefore, we recommend that this Conference adopt the Treasurer's report, and that we exonerate him from further responsibility as related to the past year's record.

2. We have carefully examined the books of the Sunday-school Treasurer and find that his Journal and Bank Account accurately agree.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee:

T. M. Bodenhorn, Chairman,

L. H. Carter,

E. J. Pitts, Assistant.

### Report No. 11.

#### CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

##### Superannuated Fund.

Cash and notes on hand, accounted for as follows:

Cash on hand from last year .....	\$224.29
Received from all other sources .....	578.93
Total cash .....	\$803.22
Disbursements .....	501.50
Cash on hand .....	\$301.72
Notes for loans to various parties .....	2306.00
Total assets .....	\$2607.72



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### Bible School.

Balance on hand from last year .....	\$584.21
Received from all other sources .....	1675.87
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Total cash .....	\$2260.08
Disbursed for salaries and incidentals .....	1956.16
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Cash on hand .....	\$298.92
Assets—	
Permanent endowment notes .....	\$5355.00
Ten-year payment notes .....	2403.75
Cash on hand .....	298.92
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Total assets .....	\$8057.67

### Conference Missions.

Cash on hand from last year .....	\$424.21
Received from all other sources .....	658.68
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Total cash .....	\$1082.89
Disbursed .....	621.47
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Cash on hand .....	\$461.42

### Home Missions

Cash on hand from last year .....	\$261.39
Received from all other sources .....	355.70
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Total cash .....	\$617.09
Disbursed .....	341.77
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Cash on hand .....	\$275.32

### Foreign Missions.

Cash on hand from last year .....	\$272.30
Received from all other sources .....	512.97
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Total cash .....	\$785.27
Disbursed .....	532.46
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Cash on hand .....	\$252.81

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## Church Extension.

Cash on hand from last year .....	\$559.37
Received from all other sources .....	598.30
Total cash .....	\$1157.67
Disbursed and loaned .....	821.20
Cash on hand .....	\$336.49

## Minute Fund.

Cash on hand from last year .....	\$60.65
Received from all other sources .....	75.15
Total cash .....	\$135.80
Disbursed .....	63.35
Cash on hand .....	\$72.45

## General Conference Delegate Fund.

Cash on hand from last year .....	\$5.45
Received from all other sources .....	329.07
Total cash .....	\$334.52
Disbursed .....	332.00
Cash on hand .....	\$2.52

## Institute Fund.

Cash on hand from last year .....	\$6.94
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## Library Fund.

Cash on hand from last year .....	\$110.42
Received from all other sources .....	1.40
Total cash .....	\$111.82
Disbursed .....	8.55
Cash on hand .....	\$103.27



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### Student's Benefit Fund.

Cash on hand from last year .....	\$2.70
Received from all other sources .....	29.35
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Total Cash .....	\$32.05
Disbursed .....	
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Cash on hand .....	\$

### Albion Church Fund.

Cash on hand from last year .....	\$
Received interest on principal (\$1866.50) and note payments	312.50
Disbursed in payment of interest to pastor of Albion	
Church and loans to others .....	306.50
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Cash on hand .....	\$6.00
Total cash in bank .....	\$2117.16

J. E. Smiley, Conference Treasurer.

### Report No. 12.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS.

Your Committee on Pastoral Relations respectfully submits the following report:

1. We recommend that Noblesville of the Cicero Charge, Peoria Class of the Sante Fe Charge, Brems and Pleasant View Churches of the Hamlet Charge be discontinued.

2. We recommend that Summitville of the Fairmount Charge be detached from the Fairmount Circuit and be joined to Fowlerton to be known as Fowlerton Circuit.

3. We recommend that the name of the Greensboro Charge be changed to Newcastle.

4. We recommend that the work be supplied as follows:

Albion: Albion, Green Chapel, LaOtto—A. U. and Lydia Murphy.

Amboy: Amboy, Plevina—E. J. Pitts.

Anderson: Anderson, Middletown, Hamilton—Glen Payne, Anderson and Middletown; Allen Tague, Hamilton.

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- Blue River: Blue River, Carthage—T. J. Pierce.  
Boxley: Boxley, Liberty, Robert's Chapel, Deming—H. T. Arnold.  
Bryant: Bryant, Portland, Pleasant Grove—T. M. and A. Bodenhorn.  
Cicero: Cicero, Atlanta—Setta Caldwell.  
Elwood: Elwood, Mt. Zion—L. G. Bears.  
Fairmount: Fairmount, Back Creek—S. C. Kinnison.  
Fowler: Fowler—B. L. Couch.  
Fowlerton: Fowlerton, Summitville—Emma Payne.  
Fountain City: Fountain City—E. E. Cory.  
Fishersburg: Fishersburg, Victory Chapel—Jesse Whitecotton.  
Huntington: Huntington, Bluffton—Belle McClure.  
Hartford City: Hartford City—N. E. Smith.  
Hamlet: Hamlet, Davis—Amos and Maud Pearson.  
Kirklin: Kirklin, Frankfort, Greenwood—Lewis Pratt.  
Kokomo: Kokomo, Mt. Olive—O. E. Oxley.  
Larwill: Larwill, Warsaw—F. O. Spitlar.  
Laketon: Laketon, Summit—D. C. Dooley.  
Lewis Creek: Lewis Creek, Hope, Smithland, Wesley Chapel—C. G. Payne; Assistant, J. W. Drake.  
Mt. Etna: Mt. Etna, Lancaster, Monument City—H. T. Hawkins.  
Marion: South Marion, West Eighth Street—C. S. Smith.  
Marion—Nelson Street: Edgar Zike.  
Miami: Miami—S. M. Van Blaricom.  
North Liberty: Beaver Creek, Star, Pleasant Grove, Lapaz—Henry and Josephine Akright.  
New Castle: New Castle, Greensboro, Grant City, Mt. Zion—W. W. McMichaels. Grant City to be supplied with preaching from the Licentiates and Elders of the Charge under the direction of the Quarterly Conference.  
Payne: Smiley, Bethel—L. H. Carter.  
Peru: East Washington Street, West Church—Newton Gilliland.  
Plymouth: Plymouth, Fairmount, Sligo, Shilo—C. L. Enyeart.  
Roseburg: Roseburg, Fairview—F. W. Crowell.  
Rochester: Rochester—S. M. Van Blaricom.  
Sante Fe: Sante Fe, Pleasant Grove—F. R. Eddy.  
Seybert: Seybert—Left in the hands of the President.  
Sheridan: Sheridan—N. E. Smith.  
South Bend: South Bend—W. C. and Vera Morris.  
Sylvania: Sylvania, Cuba—H. C. Brown.  
Thorntown: Thorntown—Left in hands of the President.



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Tippecanoe: Union, Tiptown, Center—Isaac Carey.

Wabash: Wabash, Mill Creek—S. A. Mow.

• Warren: Warren, Plumbers Chapel, Salem—Lewis Burns.

Westfield: Westfield, Carmel, Forest Grove—A. P. Fooshee.

Waveland: Waveland—Lucinda F. Smith.

Whitehall: Whitehall—H. C. Brown.

Connectional Missionary Secretary, E. Teter.

Conference President, Missionary Secretary and Evangelist, T. P. Baker.

Conference Vice-President, Sunday-school Secretary and Evangelist, W. J. Seekins.

Church Extension Secretary and Evangelist, J. Hester.

Educational Secretary and Evangelist, W. L. Thompson.

President of Fairmount Bible School, J. O. Baker.

Conference Treasurer and Instructor in Bible School, J. E. Smiley.

Instructor in Houghton College, J. J. Coleman.

Elders in College Work, S. E. Baker, E. E. Turner, Ora Turner, L. O. Vickery, W. Z. Horbury.

General Evangelists: Aaron Worth, G. W. Zike, George Reber, E. E. Martindale, J. O. Baker, W. W. Noggle, W. H. Hopkins, Anna Linville, L. Shatford, W. M. Bailey, A. L. Blake, M. V. Sears, R. L. Fisher, S. D. Hawkins, J. F. Presnall, H. G. Brown, Richard S. Eggleston.

To choose their own field of labor, W. H. Kennedy, M. M. Moore, B. B. Gifford.

Missionaries to Africa, B. I. and Dolly Eddy.

Returned Missionary from Africa, Nancy Barts.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Seekins, Secretary.

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### Report No. 13.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

##### 1. Evangelism.

Evangelism is winning souls to Jesus Christ through the art of preaching. To evangelize is the same glorious work through the art of teaching. This is the great mission of the church.

The Sunday School is the Church—not a part of it nor a select few chosen to represent the larger part of the church by proxy, but the whole church, organized, God commissioned and mentally and spiritually equipped for successful evangelism. God's plan of sav-

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ing men puts the church under solemn obligation to evangelize the lost in and through the work of the Sunday School.

When the unsaved in our Sunday Schools, the object of His love in redemption, becomes the living passion of our hearts, His heart burden for these, becomes our burden, the travail of His soul our travail. Then, and not until then, shall we have met the fullest obligation to Jesus Christ, growing out of our life relations to Him.

Jesus Christ, when here on earth was "the temple and shrine of eternal divinity." When he returned to heaven with our spiritualized and glorified humanity, he appointed His own sainthood, or body, in His stead and place. And, with the glory of His indwelling divinity, in the person of the Holy Ghost, these "Won Ones" are to carry on the great work of soul saving.

Our teaching, entreaties and prayers for those under our tuition in our Sabbath Schools, are to be as though they were His own. Our love for the lost should be at least a faint reflection of His love. We should teach the "unparalleled condescension" and mercy of God in Jesus Christ. We should do it in a way that they may feel that we feel it and, with Christ, their Salvation.

Salvation received and enjoyed obligates us to show in the Sunday School, as well as elsewhere, our appreciation of this wonderful gift. We can do this by shining, and loving and joyful living, as proof of the gospel we teach.

The Sabbath School affords the best workable material for the great work of salvation. The plastic of the young, their hearts, though tainted by sin, yet uncorrupted by long years of sinfulness, their minds and characters in the formative period are better adapted and more easily reached than in the later years. Many can be saved then and only a few when they live to be older.

One-half of all who are saved are converted before the age of sixteen. Five-sixths of those won to Christ are saved before twenty years old. Where men live to be seventy, only one out of six thousand are converted. Five-sixths before twenty and one-sixth in a rapidly decreasing ratio, until at the age of seventy only one out of six thousand who live Christless lives up to that age are saved. This necessitates that we shall not only sow the seed, but bring forth the harvest, before souls pass into the danger zone beyond the age of twenty years.

These startling facts should not only awaken us to a sense of our obligation in Sunday School work, but stir us to Holy zeal, interest and love for Sunday School evangelism.

The work demands our best in love, in mental training, and in spiritual equipment. Pentecost will do for the officary and



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teachers of our schools what it will do for the pulpit. Pentecostal blazing love and power will bring glorious results of evangelism in our Sunday Schools.

### 2. Our Standards.

A standard has the quality of a model, gauge, pattern or literary attainment; also of a high degree of excellence.

God has always presented high standards for His people. Isaiah says, "Go through, go through the gates; lift up a standard for the people." In the New Testament He has lifted up the standard of Holiness of heart and life for His people, and says, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." One manner the Church has of fulfilling its mission is by lifting the standard and teaching in the Sunday School.

The standards for excellence in our Sunday Schools which we recommend are two:

#### I. A loyal Sunday School.

Three points indicating loyalty are mentioned, the meeting of which places the school in the ranks of the Loyals and are as follows:

1. Loyal to God. A Bible in the hands of each teacher during Class period.
2. Loyal to other Sunday Schools. The names of each member enrolled.
3. Loyal to the Church.
  - a. By paying the Conference Apportionment.
  - b. By using Wesleyan Methodist Literature.

Any school can and should reach these points of excellence, but some have not seen the importance of doing so.

The other standard is higher and is for the benefit of the stronger schools, showing them how to work for Jesus, and is named:

#### II. The Front Line Sunday School.

There are five points of excellence to attain in becoming a Front Line Sunday School.

1. A loyal Sunday School.
2. Graded according to Discipline.
3. Have a local Sunday School Board.
4. Teacher's Meetings.
5. Departments.
  - a. Cradle Roll.
  - b. Home Department.
  - c. Missionary Department.
  - d. Temperance.
  - e. Teachers Training.

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We should not demand that our standards should be lowered, but rejoice that our leaders call our attention to ways, in which we may devote our consecrated efforts in the service of our King and redouble our diligence to attain to them.

3. We hereby instruct the graduates from the Teachers Training Course in our Bible School to take their examinations by using the Indiana State Sunday School Association Questions and thus receive the advantage of the diplomas issued by the Association.

### Finance.

Although the financial condition in our country has been severe the past year, yet a majority of our schools responded either in full or in part to the apportionment by this body.

Forty paid in full their apportionment; and fourteen paid the same in part. Forty-seven schools did not respond in any part to this conference obligation.

We hereby urge and instruct our Pastors, Churches and Sunday Schools to cooperate with the Conference Sunday School Secretary and Sunday School Board to secure the necessary finance to carry on the work. The apportionment for the coming year is eight cents for each member in our schools; one-half of the apportionment to be paid not later than November 1, 1915, the other half to be paid the latter part of the Conference Year.

### Districting the Conference.

We hereby approve of the work of our Conference Sunday School Secretary in holding Sunday School Conventions, believing them to be of great and lasting good to our Sunday School work.

We recommend that the Conference Sunday School Board be authorized to district the Conference for holding District Sunday School Conventions, the object of which will be to awaken an increased interest in all lines of Sunday School Work, these conventions to be in charge of the Conference Sunday School Secretary, who shall conduct the same according to plans inaugurated by the Conference Sunday School Board.

### Statistics.

In harmony with our excellent standards, we have gathered statistics that show the exact relation of each school to these standards. We urge all our pastors and people to study carefully the statistics.



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It affords us great pleasure to report the Sunday Schools on the following charges as "Loyal" according to these standards: Fairmount, 3; Fountain City, 1; Kirklin, 1; Kokomo, 2; Larwill, 2; Mt. Etna, 1; Marion, Nelson St., 1; Peru, 2.

Sunday Schools on the following charges reached our excellent "Front Line" standard: Bryant, 1; Elwood, 1; Hamlet, 1; Marion, Nelson St., 1.

W. J. Seekins,  
Conference Sunday School Secretary.  
T. M. Bodenhorn,  
Secretary of Board,  
H. T. Arnold,  
Treasurer of Board,  
H. T. Hawkins.

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### Report No. 14.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER.

Balance on hand from last year .....	\$134.00
Received during the year .....	190.67
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Total receipts to date .....	\$324.67
Total disbursements to date .....	\$215.80
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Balance on hand .....	\$108.87

H. T. Arnold, Treasurer of Sunday School Board.

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Name of Charge	Loyal Sunday Schools						Front Line Sunday Schools								Name of Pastor
	No. of S. S. on Charge	No. of S. S. where Teachers Use Bible during Class Period	No. of S. S. where all Members are Enrolled	No. of S. S. Paying all the Conference Apportionment	No. of S. S. paying a part of Conference Apportionment	No. of S. S. using Wesleyan Methodist Literature	No. of S. S. graded according to our Discipline	No. of S. S. having an Active Sunday School Board	No. of S. S. having Teachers' Meeting	No. of S. S. having a Cradle Roll Department	No. of S. S. having a Home Department	No. of S. S. having a Missionary Department	No. of S. S. having a Temperance Department	No. of S. S. having a Teacher Training Class	
Albion .....	3		3			3		2		1				1	C. G. Payne
Amboy .....	2					2		2		2					E. J. Pitts
Anderson .....				3		2		2		2					Glen Payne
Blue River .....				3		2		2		2					T. J. Pierce
Boxley .....	4		4	2		4		4		1		1		1	F. R. Eddy
Bryant .....	2	2				2	4	4		4			3		T. M. and Aurie Bodenhorn
Cicero .....	2	1	3		2	2	2	3	1	3	2	3	2	3	Setta Caldwell
Elwood .....	2	2				2	2	2		2		1	1		Walter and Vera Morris
Fairmount .....	2	2	3	3		3	1	3		2	1	1	1	2	S. C. Kinnison and Emma Payne
Fowler .....	1		1	1		1				3	3	3	3		B. L. Couch
Fowlerton .....	1					1									Emma Payne
Fountain City .....	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	E. E. Coy
Fishersburg .....	2					1	1	1		1	1	1			J. Pressnall
Greensboro .....	4		2	1	1	4	3	3		3	3	3	3		W. W. McMichael
Huntington .....	2	1	2		2	2									D. C. Dooley
Hartford City .....	1					1	1	1							W. S. Peters
Hamlet .....	4					1	1	2	4	3	3	3	3	2	K. C. McCollum
Kirklin .....	3	1	2	1		3									Belle McClure
Kokomo .....	2	2	2	2		2	2	2		2	2	2	2		A. L. Blake
Larwill .....	2	2	2			2		1		2	2		2		F. O. Spittlar
Laketon .....	4			1	1	2				1					L. G. Bears
Lewis Creek .....	2					4	1	2		1					C. A. Billheimer
Mt. Etna .....	3	1	3	3		3	3	3		3	3	2	2	3	H. T. Hawkins

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Name of Charge	Loyal Sunday Schools						Front Line Sunday Schools								Name of Pastor
	No. of S. S. on Charge	No. of S. S. where Teachers Use Bible during Class Period	No. of S. S. where all Members are Enrolled	No. of S. S. Paying all the Conference Apportionment	No. of S. S. paying a part of Conference Apportionment	No. of S. S. using Wesleyan Methodist Literature	No. of S. S. graded according to our Discipline	No. of S. S. having an Active Sunday School Board	No. of S. S. having Teachers' Meeting	No. of S. S. having a Cradle Roll Department	No. of S. S. having a Home Department	No. of S. S. having a Missionary Department	No. of S. S. having a Temperance Department	No. of S. S. having a Teacher Training Class	
Marion .....	2		2		2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	S. A. Mow
Marion, Nelson St. ....	1	1	1	1		1	1	1							H. T. Arnold
Miami .....	1	1				1	1	1							Edgar Zike
North Liberty .....	3									3	1			1	Newton Gilliland
Payne .....	2		2	2					2	1			1	2	L. H. Carter
Peru .....	2	2	2				2			2	2		1	2	G. A. Pegram
Plymouth .....	3	3								1		2	2	1	C. L. Enyeart
Roseburg .....	2				2	1		1		1	1	1			F. W. Crowell
Santa Fe .....	2	1	2			2		2		2	1	1	1		A. P. Fooshee
Seybert .....	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		2			1		C. E. Nyhart
Sheridan .....	1	1	1		1	1			1	1			1	1	N. E. Smith
South Bend .....	1	1		1		1		1					1		C. S. Smith
Sylvania .....	1	1	1												H. C. Brown
Thorntown .....															G. Reber
Tippecanoe .....	2		2	2		2		1		1	1	1	1	1	H. G. Brown
Wabash .....	2						3	1		1			1	1	W. D. Baker
Warren .....	3		3	3		3		3		3	3			1	L. H. Burns
Westfield .....	3	3				3	3		1	1					Aaron Worth
Waveland .....	1			1		1									Lucinda F. Smith
Rochester .....			1									1			H. C. Brown
Whitehall .....	1														
Total .....	91	30	47	40	14	84	35	48	11	53	36	27	34	22	

W. J. SEEKINS,  
Conference S. S. Secretary

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## CONFERENCE STATISTICS.

Charge	Pastor	Time Employed	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Sunday School Banners Taken	Teacher's Quartermies	Scholar's Quartermies	Junior Quartermies	Primary Class Papers	Our Little Folks Cards
Albion	C. G. Payne	12	3	3	15	75	15	70	8	26	26
Amboy	E. G. Pitts	12	3	3	11	45	10	41	21	22	22
Anderson	G. H. Payne and A. Tague	12	3	3	36	44	10	40	30	68	30
Blue River	T. J. Pierce	12	3	3	38	36	9	36	8	16	20
Boxley	F. R. Eddy	12	3	3	116	13	175	20	25	30	30
Bryant	T. M. and A. L. Bodenhorn	12	3	3	28	190	19	155	25	35	51
Huntington	D. C. Dooley	12	3	3	6	18	8	66	6	36	30
Cicero	Setta Caldwell	12	3	3	35	9	26	28	25	11	11
Cuba and Sylvania	H. C. Brown	12	3	3	4	80	14	115	50	40	40
Elwood	Walter and Vera Morris	12	3	3	10	25	6	30	8	10	10
Fountain City	E. E. Cory	12	3	3	13	13	3	20	10	8	8
Fowler	B. L. Couch	12	3	3	61	175	35	175	155	90	100
Fairmount	S. C. Kinnison	12	3	3	8	8	8	120	25	20	20
Fishersburg	J. F. Presnall	12	3	3	16	5	50	21	12	12	12
Fowlerton	Emma Payne	12	3	3	80	17	157	34	40	28	28
Greensboro	W. W. McMichael	12	3	3	20	4	29	10	10	10	10
Hartford City	W. S. Peters	12	3	3	15	11	75	45	40	40	40
Hamlet	K. C. McCollum	12	3	3	32	12	50	20	30	38	38
Kirklin	Belle McClure	12	3	3	18	64	9	56	12	18	6
Kokomo	A. L. Blake	12	3	3	86	5	82	25	20	20	20
Laketon	L. G. Bears	12	3	3	15	11	75	55	75	75	75
Larwill	F. O. Spittler	12	3	3	30	18	100	40	30	20	20
North Liberty	Newton Gilliland	12	3	3	20	10	100	40	25	50	50
Lewis Creek	C. A. Billheimer	12	3	3	7	30	8	40	20	10	10
Nelson St.	H. T. Arnold	12	3	3	13	50	16	60	40	36	36
Marion	S. A. Mow	12	3	3	1	1	4	20	12	10	10
Miami	C. E. Zike	12	3	3	40	110	90	110	75	57	57
Mt. Etna	H. T. Hawkins	12	3	3	37	8	65	45	40	40	40
Payne	L. H. Carter	12	3	3	23	65	12	45	15	20	20
Peru	G. A. Pegram	12	3	3	50	7	28	39	10	6	6
Plymouth	C. L. Enyeart	12	3	3	33	7	20	10	10	10	10
Roseburg	F. W. Crowell	12	3	3	25	9	65	12	15	15	15
Rochester	S. M. VanBlaricom	12	3	3	15	4	15	30	15	15	15
Sante Fe	A. P. Fooshee	12	3	3	24	6	20	20	25	25	25
Sybert	C. E. Nyhart	12	3	3	40	10	100	18	18	18	18
Sheridan	N. E. Smith	12	3	3	30	6	30	20	25	25	25
South Bend	C. S. Smith	12	3	3	82	15	120	6	77	77	77
Tippecanoe	H. G. Brown	12	3	3	90	23	170	36	36	52	52
Wabash	W. D. Baker	12	3	3	10	4	30	7	7	7	7
Warren	Lewis Burns	12	3	3	50	12	80	25	30	20	20
Waveland	L. F. Smith	12	3	3	2						
Westfield	A. Worth	12	3	3							
White Hall	H. C. Brown	12	3	3							
Totals		499	97	97	623	2017	502	2921	793	1091	1190

Gunkle Zion, 22, Warsaw 35, North Webster 6, (total 63) were discontinued.



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## CONFERENCE STATISTICS—Continued.

Charge	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Number Reported Last Year	Number at the Beginning of the Year	Present Numbers	Loss or Gain	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Licentiates	Membership	Tithing	No. of Sabbath Schools	No. of Officers not Teachers or Scholars	No. of Teachers
Albion .....	5		6	1		106	106	104	—2	12	5	2	18	3	18	14		
Amboy .....	5		3		5	88	88	85	—3	4	6	2	18	3	18	10		
Anderson .....	20	4		1	9	89	89	95	—6	21	6	6	16	6	16	10		
Blue River .....	9		4			124	124	129	—5	30	6	6	36	4	36	8		
Boxley .....	9		2		5	163	163	165	—2	18	6	6	20	4	20	6		
Bryant .....	7		3	2	4	134	134	132	—2	13	6	6	22	4	22	18		
Huntington .....	8		1		1	79	79	85	—6	8		2	9	4	9	9		
Cicero .....	2		4			42	42	40	—2	1			1	1	1	12		
Cuba and Sylvania .....	2					28	28	30	—2							4		
Elwood .....	36		5		4	57	57	84	27	15	15	1	15	1	15	14		
Fountain City .....	7		1		1	48	48	53	—5	3	4		6	1	6	7		
Fowler .....	2					14	14	16	—2				1	1	1	3		
Fairmount .....	38		4	2	4	281	281	309	28	60	13	4	34	1	34	12		
Fishersburg .....	43		3	1	4	121	121	156	35	6	33	5	28	3	28	22		
Fowlerton .....	6		1			43	43	47	4	13	1		1	1	1	5		
Greensboro .....	28		5	1	3	121	121	140	19	4	11	6	31	4	31	18		
Hartford City .....	1				1	37	37	37				1	1	1	1	4		
Hamlet .....	14		47	7	10	88	88	48	—40	5	8		18	3	18	12		
Kirklin .....	4					83	83	87	4			4	6	6	6	11		
Kokomo .....	10			1		60	60	69	9	12			6	6	6	9		
Laketon .....	15		8		1	51	51	57	6				1	1	1	17		
Larwill .....	52		3	1	1	84	84	131	47			1	11	1	11	13		
North Liberty .....	47		2	4	2	119	119	158	39	26			2	2	2	19		
Lewis Creek .....	8		16	5	2	203	203	190	—13	17	4		2	2	2	19		
Nelson St. ....	7			1		78	78	84	6	12	6		1	1	1	12		
Marion .....	9	1	9	2	11	153	153	139	—14	4	6		35	3	35	12		
Miami .....	16		1		1	19	19	33	14		11		1	1	1	6		
Mt. Etna .....	5		10		4	242	242	233	—9	18	1	2	20	2	20	22		
Payne .....						51	51	51			1		6	6	6	7		
Peru .....	11		11	1	1	89	89	87	—2	11			1	1	1	12		
Plymouth .....	20		1	2	1	142	142	158	16		23	3	15	3	15	14		
Roseburg .....	1		1		2	53	53	51	—2	7			2	2	2	9		
Rochester .....	12					132	132	129	—3				1	1	1	2		
Sante Fe .....				2	1	37	37	18	—19	27					10	2		
Sybert .....			36		3	57	57	53	—4						2	6		
Sheridan .....	5			2		50	50	53	3			1	5	5	5	5		
South Bend .....	13					82	82	78	—4						2	10		
Tippecanoe .....	24		11	2	4	95	95	102	7	6	8	1	3	3	3	15		
Wabash .....	24		17			128	128	142	14	49	30	3	34	3	34	20		
Warren .....	22		2	2	4	31	31	33	2	6	3		1	7	1	3		
Waveland .....	3			1		141	141	139	—2				3	3	3	9		
Westfield .....						9	9	17	8		4		3	4	4	4		
White Hall .....	8																	
Totals .....	536	5	224	41	90	4015	4015	4158	206	393	282	4	87	492	95	274	490	

In Loss and Gain column — indicates loss.

# THE INDIANA CONFERENCE MINUTES

## CONFERENCE STATISTICS—Continued.

Charge	No. of Scholars in Home Department	No. of Scholars in Cradle Roll Department	No. of Scholars in the Main School	Total Number in Sabbath School	Average Attendance	No. of Scholars Converted	No. of Scholars Joining Church	No. of Departmental Superintendents	No. of Teachers in Training Course	No. of Scholars in Adult Bible Class	No. of Books in Library	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Church Buildings
Albion .....	1	16	126	175	90	14	13	1	1			3	\$3000.00
Amboy .....		9	112	136	60	6	3			25		3	3000.00
Anderson .....		51	96	137	75	9	4	2		23		3	3300.00
Blue River .....	21	10	121	160	79			3	12				2700.00
Boxley .....	59	40	212	336	151	6	5	9		45		3	2400.00
Bryant .....		20	252	274	175	9	5	9	12	6	8	3	3500.00
Huntington .....			113	74	2	3						3	2000.00
Cicero .....			99	99	63	2		1		35		3	3275.00
Cuba and Sylvania .....			65	65	35	8	2					1	100.00
Elwood .....	7	58	166	247	126	21	15	2	13	35		2	1800.00
Fountain City .....	12	6	60	91	45	6	3	2	20	29		1	1200.00
Fowler .....		7	15	27	20	3				16		1	1200.00
Fairmount .....	16	46	344	450	240	30	26	12		35		3	6350.00
Fishersburg .....			125	140	95	47	43					2	4000.00
Fowlerton .....			90		35	8	6					1	2000.00
Greensboro .....	14	12	155	179	144	20	26	12		23		4	4800.00
Hartford City .....			50	30						15		1	1000.00
Hamlet .....												2	1800.00
Kirklin .....			80	103	50					22		3	2000.00
Kokomo .....			85	60	7	7						2	2000.00
Laketown .....		8	78	93	61	8	7	1		23		1	2000.00
Larwill .....	5	15	10	155	90	10	10	3		60		2	2800.00
North Liberty .....	5	34	269	230	155	45	40	4				4	2700.00
Lewis Creek .....		31	215	273	178	10	3	5		30		4	4700.00
Nelson St. .....		45	150	195	110	12	5	7	5	35		1	3500.00
Marion .....	8	2	130	140	95	6	2	4		40		2	3000.00
Miami .....			60		41	14	14			15		1	2000.00
Mt. Etna .....	25	51	240	338	175	3	3	7	20	56	16	3	5000.00
Payne .....			55	64	45	10				15		2	1500.00
Peru .....			50	65	92	35	15			10		2	3200.00
Plymouth .....	12	25	160	236	120	21	18	6	16	45	20	3	3200.00
Roseburg .....		7		69	46	2				15		2	2000.00
Rochester .....			30	30	18							2	
Sante Fe .....	19	22	93	131	53			2		21		2	4500.00
Sybert .....		16	30	31		3				6		1	1000.00
Sheridan .....		6	44	56	30	2		1		5		1	5000.00
South Bend .....					47								
Tiptecanoe .....		10	100	130	73	4	8	4	14			2	800.00
Wabash .....	24	37	106	186	106	13	6	3	2	23		1	5000.00
Warren .....			325	325	231	22	22	9	1	30		3	8000.00
Waveland .....			34	40	35					8		1	3000.00
Westfield .....			95	108	76	3	4			25		3	4000.00
White Hall .....		60	60	32	5	4							
Totals .....	234	638	4537	5868	3473	422	270	112	126	828	44	85	\$119325.00



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## CONFERENCE STATISTICS—Continued.

Charge *	Amount of Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Cash or Other Values on Hand	Pastor's Salary	Parsonage Rent
Albion .....		1	\$900.00		\$1800.00	\$525.00	\$72.00
Amboy .....		1	1200.00	\$381.93		400.00	100.00
Anderson .....	\$175.00					198.00	
Blue River .....					100.00	455.16	100.00
Boxley .....		1	1000.00			600.00	96.00
Bryant .....		1	800.00	11.00		500.00	84.00
Huntington .....						208.29	
Cicero .....	75.00				13.00	148.00	
Cuba and Sylvania .....	50.00					40.74	
Elwood .....	25.00	1	800.00	80.00		500.00	96.00
Fountain City .....						152.00	
Fowler .....		1	1200.00		47.15	222.75	100.00
Fairmount .....		1	1600.00	740.00		700.00	96.00
Fishersburg .....	500.00	1	1000.00			400.00	60.00
Fowlerton .....	350.00					200.00	
Greensboro .....	105.00	1	300.00		850.00	500.00	36.00
Hartford City .....	10.00					150.00	
Hamlet .....		1	850.00			417.02	75.00
Kirklin .....		1	1800.00	7.00		271.58	102.00
Kokomo .....		1	1000.00	800.00	521.00	301.30	
Laketon .....		1	1300.00	267.00		300.00	84.00
Larwill .....		1	700.00			609.00	72.00
North Liberty .....						407.50	
Lewis Creek .....		1	1000.00			501.00	60.00
Nelson St. ....	604.00				10.00	600.00	
Marion .....		1	1000.00			703.00	100.00
Miami .....						260.00	
Mt. Etna .....	300.00	1	800.00		200.00	464.00	72.00
Payne .....					638.00	436.78	36.00
Peru .....		1	1500.00		14.00	450.00	100.00
Plymouth .....		1	1450.00			525.00	84.00
Roseburg .....		1	550.00			174.25	52.00
Rochester .....							
Sante Fe .....		1	1600.00	50.00	50.00	460.00	80.00
Seybert .....	218.95				112.50	116.75	
Sheridan .....	236.00				4.50	237.37	
South Bend .....						381.28	144.00
Tippecanoe .....						380.24	86.61
Wabash .....		1	900.00			554.00	84.00
Warren .....	1000.00					650.00	60.00
Waveland .....						138.00	
Westfield .....						174.44	56.00
White Hall .....						34.58	
Totals .....	\$3548.95	22	\$22250.00	\$2336.93	\$4359.65	\$15353.04	\$2081.61

# THE INDIANA CONFERENCE MINUTES

## CONFERENCE STATISTICS—Continued.

Charge	Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts	Conference Evangelist	Evangelistic Help	Sabbath School Expense	Building and Repair
Albion .....	\$21.00	\$24.42	\$642.42	\$88.00	\$48.01	\$116.72	\$114.90
Amboy .....	5.00	129.02	634.02	58.85	43.11	42.31	13.75
Anderson .....	4.00	42.50	244.54	40.00	58.42	48.41	435.00
Blue River .....	2.00	51.44	608.60	84.00	91.07	52.26	10.00
Boxley .....	9.50	74.01	779.51	94.00	83.73	73.96	28.33
Bryant .....	21.00	95.00	700.00	74.00	76.00	152.00	25.00
Huntington .....	7.00	17.00	232.29	46.00	46.00	52.72	91.00
Cicero .....	10.00	9.00	168.00	36.00	33.00	30.00	75.00
Cuba and Sylvania .....			40.79	34.10		11.40	
Elwood .....	6.00	125.00	727.00	60.00	60.00	79.60	329.00
Fountain City .....		11.07	163.07	40.00		23.60	32.66
Fowler .....	10.00	7.75	340.50	50.85	36.12	12.00	52.40
Fairmount .....	25.00	50.00	871.00	94.00	106.00	170.00	235.00
Fishersburg .....	5.00	40.75	505.75	64.00	40.00	50.00	835.00
Fowlerton .....		50.00	250.00	38.00		33.50	217.95
Greensboro .....	11.00	69.61	616.61	80.00	129.00	134.55	1717.52
Hartford City .....		10.22	160.22	34.00	3.00	18.00	18.70
Hamlet .....	11.00	56.51	559.54				
Kirklin .....		21.00	400.58	13.30	162.92	33.51	43.00
Kokomo .....	20.00	80.00	401.30	50.00	66.00	41.60	220.40
Laketon .....	12.00	74.25	470.25	60.00		53.41	242.25
Larwill .....	25.00		706.00	72.00	13.00	96.00	275.00
North Liberty .....	25.50	35.00	468.00	64.00	9.72	93.50	312.00
Lewis Creek .....	21.00	200.00	782.00	80.00	108.00	100.00	247.00
Nelson St. ....	2.00	25.00	627.00	50.00	10.00	117.09	336.84
Marion .....	12.00	60.00	875.00	80.00	60.00	80.00	185.00
Miami .....		20.00	280.00	36.00	16.00	27.00	55.00
Mt. Etna .....	8.00	55.00	604.00	94.00	125.00	164.00	300.00
Payne .....		96.00	568.78	64.00	57.62	76.00	100.00
Peru .....	4.00	80.00	634.00	13.50	42.50	75.00	161.00
Plymouth .....	29.00	80.00	718.00		90.00	63.00	267.00
Roseburg .....	7.50	40.00	273.75	48.00	11.60	51.22	83.00
Rochester .....	5.00	100.00	105.00		15.00	4.00	
Sante Fe .....	2.00	152.00	694.00	82.00		50.71	412.00
Sybert .....	3.00	16.00	135.75	16.25		24.30	
Sheridan .....		2.00	239.37	44.00	36.00	31.72	12.83
South Bend .....	9.00	29.11	563.39	50.00		55.00	84.00
Tippecanoe .....	6.70	163.73	586.86		95.25	45.03	
Wabash .....	7.00	140.32	783.32	62.00	27.23	94.66	205.50
Warren .....	12.00	130.00	852.00	80.00	86.73	111.16	1304.95
Waveland .....		2.65	140.65	41.00	11.00	13.53	2000.00
Westfield .....	40.00	324.85	595.29	72.00	70.59	68.00	25.00
White Hall .....			34.58	34.58		11.93	
Totals .....	\$398.20	\$2470.21	\$20344.83	\$2242.43	\$1955.52	\$2797.40	\$11553.98



# THE INDIANA CONFERENCE MINUTES

## CONFERENCE STATISTICS—Continued.

Charge	Incidental Expenses	Total for Church	Bible School	Missions	Education	Conference Work	Superannuated Ministers' Fund	Other Benevolent Objects
Albion .....	\$126.47	\$488.10	\$97.00	\$49.35		\$25.00	\$6.00	\$60.00
Amboy .....	116.52	274.54	33.65	75.47		32.20	3.85	26.06
Anderson .....	147.00	769.75	1.00	21.00		9.00	1.85	10.00
Blue River .....	89.00	326.33	96.00	71.40		56.10	9.36	13.00
Boxley .....	137.45	417.47	52.00	376.19		137.86	16.33	33.28
Bryant .....	130.00	460.00	61.75	196.60		111.90	4.00	123.00
Huntington .....	103.70	139.42	11.14	2.20		3.30	3.60	51.00
Cicero .....	65.00	239.00	5.00	12.60		4.00	1.50	14.16
Cuba and Sylvania .....	18.90	64.40	2.00				1.00	5.00
Elwood .....	155.00	683.60	5.00	38.31		11.40		173.50
Fountain City .....	32.52	128.78	14.00	11.95		15.05	1.00	8.05
Fowler .....	60.75	212.12	7.50	3.20		4.80	2.00	23.75
Fairmount .....	185.00	800.00	96.00	202.00		120.00	15.00	220.00
Fishersburg .....	125.00	1014.00	38.00	2.40		3.60	1.00	5.00
Fowlerston .....	46.89	336.34	5.00	2.25			1.00	16.45
Greensboro .....	165.59	2226.66	53.00	50.10		45.00	10.00	43.71
Hartford City .....	17.88	111.59	15.00	9.60		14.40		10.00
Hamlet .....			44.50	31.20				
Kirklin .....	130.76	383.49	10.00	26.70		12.55	1.95	5.20
Kokomo .....	75.20	453.17	11.00	12.05		8.25	2.30	2.95
Laketon .....	62.58	418.24		18.56		27.84	2.44	29.00
Larwill .....	100.00	456.00	17.00	16.00		24.00	3.28	304.02
North Liberty .....	70.00	548.20	17.75	14.75		17.50	5.00	5.00
Lewis Creek .....	190.00	665.00	187.00	55.80		58.80	14.00	114.00
Nelson St. ....	161.04	674.97	20.00	93.51			1.36	154.60
Marion .....	100.00	505.00	5.00	14.00		12.00	4.00	65.00
Miami .....	41.00	175.00		6.00		9.00	.50	6.00
Mt. Etna .....	125.00	818.00	60.00	300.32		133.50	14.00	200.00
Payne .....		297.62	40.00	20.16		30.24	7.73	
Peru .....	156.00	448.00	25.00	27.58		10.10	1.00	
Plymouth .....	50.00	470.00	2.00	12.80		36.20	3.00	14.00
Roseburg .....	9.00	202.82	2.00	6.82			3.10	
Rochester .....	40.00	59.00					1.90	
Sante Fe .....	125.00	669.21	10.00	68.00		54.00	5.00	65.00
Sybert .....	10.00	50.55		.60		.90		
Sheridan .....	33.45	152.00		60.26			1.83	5.00
South Bend .....		189.00	10.00	14.65		3.00	.40	
Tippacanoe .....	50.00	190.28	20.00	10.70		24.30	1.71	
Wabash .....	194.15	463.46	5.70	71.33		35.48	5.51	57.67
Warren .....	125.00	1707.84	63.33	74.62		78.00	7.89	33.79
Waveland .....	25.00	2090.53	11.00	9.44		6.67	1.20	10.90
Westfield .....	150.00	385.59	5.00	57.74		30.60		
White Hall .....	20.00	66.51	3.00	1.00		2.50	1.00	5.00
Totals .....	\$3612.65	\$20131.58	\$1162.32	\$2027.21		\$1209.04	\$167.59	\$1913.09

# THE INDIANA CONFERENCE MINUTES

## CONFERENCE STATISTICS—Continued

Charge	Sunday School Apportionment	Minutes	Total for Benevolences	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Benevolences
Albion .....		\$3.50	\$240.85	\$642.42	\$488.10	\$240.85
Amboy .....	\$1.00	2.70	174.93	634.02	274.54	174.93
Anderson .....	5.40	1.20	39.45	244.54	769.75	39.45
Blue River .....		2.90	214.86	608.60	326.33	214.86
Boxley .....	15.41	3.45	634.52	779.51	417.47	634.52
Bryant .....	9.00	3.30	509.55	700.00	460.00	509.55
Huntington .....	2.00	1.35	98.14	232.29	139.42	98.14
Cicero .....	1.76	1.25	38.51	168.00	239.00	38.51
Cuba and Sylvania .....	8.75	.75	8.75	40.79	64.40	8.75
Elwood .....	10.40	.35	239.39	727.00	683.60	239.39
Fountain City .....	3.60	1.95	55.60	163.07	128.78	55.60
Fowler .....		.90	42.15	340.50	212.12	42.15
Fairmount .....	9.00	5.00	667.00	871.00	800.00	667.00
Fishersburg .....		.75	45.75	505.75	1014.00	45.75
Fowlerton .....	2.00	1.05	27.75	250.00	336.34	27.75
Greensboro .....		3.60	206.01	616.61	2226.66	206.01
Hartford City .....			50.00	160.22	111.59	50.00
Hamlet .....			75.70	559.54		75.70
Kirklin .....	4.40	2.20	58.70	400.58	383.49	58.70
Kokomo .....	3.40	.55	38.45	401.30	453.17	38.45
Laketon .....		1.80	79.64	470.25	418.24	79.64
Larwill .....	4.85	3.15	374.05	706.00	456.00	374.05
North Liberty .....	8.75	2.00	62.00	468.00	548.20	62.00
Lewis Creek .....	11.26	3.15	344.01	782.00	674.97	344.01
Nelson St. ....	10.00	1.20	280.67	627.00	505.00	280.67
Marion .....	3.00	3.00	110.64	875.00	175.00	110.64
Miami .....		1.00	22.50	280.00	175.00	22.50
Mt. Etna .....	16.00	4.00	742.82	604.00	818.00	742.82
Payne .....	4.00	.50	112.63	568.78	297.62	112.63
Peru .....		1.80	65.68	634.00	448.00	65.68
Plymouth .....		3.00	68.00	718.00	470.00	68.00
Roseburg .....	1.18	.75	13.25	273.75	202.82	13.25
Rochester .....			1.90	105.00	59.00	1.90
Sante Fe .....		2.00	204.00	694.00	669.21	204.00
Sybert .....	1.00	.15	2.65	135.75	50.55	2.65
Sheridan .....	.90	.45	78.44	239.37	152.00	78.44
South Bend .....	3.60	1.00	32.65	563.39	189.00	32.65
Tippecanoe .....		.80	49.26	586.86	190.28	49.26
Wabash .....		2.20	130.29	785.32	463.46	130.29
Warren .....	24.00	2.25	283.88	852.00	1707.84	283.88
Waveland .....	3.20	1.00	43.41	140.65	2090.53	43.41
Westfield .....			223.29	595.29	385.59	223.29
White Hall .....	1.50	1.00	15.00	34.58	66.51	15.00
Totals .....	\$169.36	\$72.55	\$6799.20	\$20344.83	\$20131.58	\$6799.20



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## CONFERENCE STATISTICS—Continued.

Charge	Total for all Purposes	Budget Assigned	Missions	Bible School	Conference	Total
Albion .....	\$1371.37	\$75.00	\$49.35	\$97.00	\$25.00	\$171.35
Amboy .....	1083.49	60.00	54.80	33.65	32.20	87.00
Anderson .....	1053.74	20.00	20.00	1.00		20.00
Blue River .....	1149.79	140.00	37.40	96.00	56.10	189.50
Boxley .....	1831.50	200.00	376.19	52.00	137.86	566.05
Bryant .....	1669.55	80.00	120.82	61.75	21.50	142.32
Huntington .....	469.85	45.00	3.00	11.14	2.00	16.14
Cicero .....	445.31	20.00	13.04	5.00	19.56	32.60
Cuba and Sylvania .....	113.34	20.00		2.00	2.00	2.00
Elwood .....	1649.99	50.00	11.40	5.50	7.60	24.00
Fountain City .....	327.45	25.00	87.00	14.00	13.05	21.75
Fowler .....	554.77	20.00	3.20	7.50	4.80	15.00
Fairmount .....	2338.00	200.00	83.00	95.00	120.00	203.00
Fishersburg .....	1565.50	100.00	2.40	38.00	3.60	44.00
Fowlerton .....	414.09	25.00	11.10	5.00	16.66	27.75
Greensboro .....	2953.57	75.00	30.00	53.00	45.00	75.00
Hartford City .....	321.81	25.00	12.00	15.00	12.00	39.00
Hamlet .....	635.14	70.00		44.50		44.50
Kirklin .....	842.77	40.00	12.55	10.00	26.70	49.25
Kokomo .....	892.92	25.00	6.20	11.00	12.80	22.18
Laketon .....	968.13	50.00	18.58		27.87	46.45
Larwill .....	1536.05	80.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	57.00
North Liberty .....	1072.20	35.00	26.12	17.75	26.15	50.02
Lewis Creek .....	1791.01	90.00	57.00	187.00	57.00	301.60
Nelson St .....	1582.64	50.00		20.00		20.00
Marion .....	1490.64	60.00	14.00	5.00	8.00	22.00
Miami .....	477.50	15.00	6.00		9.00	15.00
Mt. Etna .....	2164.82	175.00	89.00	60.00	133.50	282.50
Payne .....	979.03	50.00	25.20	40.00	25.20	90.40
Peru .....	1145.68	35.00	19.18	25.00		44.18
Plymouth .....	1256.00		16.00	2.00	16.00	34.00
Roseburg .....	483.60	50.00	6.82	2.00		6.82
Rochester .....	165.90					
Sante Fe .....	1567.21	100.00	36.00	10.00	54.00	100.00
Sybert .....	188.95	15.00				1.50
Sheridan .....	469.81	20.00	35.72			35.72
South Bend .....	785.04	20.00	2.00	10.00	3.00	15.00
Tippecanoe .....	826.40	50.00	18.96	20.00	8.25	50.21
Wabash .....	1378.07	75.00	48.41	5.70	48.40	96.81
Warren .....	2844.72	120.00	48.00	63.33	72.00	183.33
Waveland .....	2274.59	15.00	8.00	11.00	8.11	27.11
Westfield .....	1204.17	75.00	22.00	5.00	29.00	56.00
White Hall .....	116.09		1.00	3.00	3.00	6.50
Totals .....	\$47275.61	\$2485.00	\$1367.44	\$1162.32	\$1095.91	\$3859.72

Worth S. Peters,  
S. C. Kinnison,  
Committee.

TABLE OF INFORMATION, SHOWING SOURCES AND DISTRIBUTION OF BENEVOLENCES.

	Sabbath Schools	Y. M. W. B.	W. H., F. M. S.	Other Sources	Totals
Undivided Budget .....					
Missions, Undivided .....		\$229.44	\$348.31	\$143.50	\$721.25
Home Missions .....	\$90.15	66.87	139.97	375.82	672.81
Foreign Missions .....	4.00	388.48	175.41	374.96	942.85
Specially for Africa .....	2.50	11.29	23.00	88.35	125.14
Specially for India .....	19.42	6.00	16.15	5.00	46.57
Education .....					
Conference Fund, Undivided .....				83.55	83.55
Conference Missions .....	3.25		5.00	949.70	958.05
Conference Minute Fund .....				72.55	72.55
Conference Sunday School Apportionment....	102.86			66.50	169.36
Church Extension .....				169.44	169.44
Superannuated Ministers .....	2.00			165.59	167.59
Other Benevolent Objects .....	174.02	10.74	53.92	1674.41	1913.09
Bible School .....	42.04		20.00	1105.28	1162.32
Totals .....	\$440.34	\$802.82	\$781.76	\$5174.65	\$7204.57



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## LIST OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

### FIRST QUARTER.

	T. P. Baker	W. J. Seekins	J. Hester	W. L. Thompson
Sept. 4-5		Hamlet		
Sept. 11-12	South Bend	Rochester	Roseburg	
Sept. 18-19	Boxley	Huntington	Wabash	Miami
Sept. 25-26	Westfield	New Castle	Anderson	Larwill
Oct. 2-3	Blue River	Sante Fe	Amboy	
Oct. 9-10	Lewis Creek	Elwood	Peru	Albion
Oct. 16-17	Seybert	Bryant	Kokomo	Sheridan
Oct. 23-24	Laketon	North Liberty	Payne	Warren
Oct. 30-31	Fairmount	Fountain City	Waveland	Mt. Etna
Nov. 6-7	Sylvania	Marion	Kirklin	Tippecanoe
Nov. 13-14	Whitehall	Fowler	Hartford City	Plymouth
Nov. 20-21	Cicero		Nelson St.	Fishersburg
Nov. 27-28		Thorntown		Fowlerton

### SECOND QUARTER.

	T. P. Baker	W. J. Seekins	J. Hester	W. L. Thompson
Dec. 4-5	Miami		Huntington	Roseburg
Dec. 11-12	Albion	Boxley	New Castle	Wabash
Dec. 18-19	Larwill	Westfield	Sante Fe	Anderson
Dec. 25-26	Sheridan			Amboy
Jan. 1-2	Warren	Blue River	Elwood	Peru
Jan. 8-9	Mt. Etna	Lewis Creek	Bryant	Kokomo
Jan. 15-16	Tippecanoe	Seybert	Hamlet	Payne
Jan. 22-23	Plymouth	Laketon	North Liberty	Waveland
Jan. 29-30	Fishersburg	Fairmount	Fountain City	Kirklin
Feb. 5-6	Fowlerton	Sylvania	Marion	Hartford City
Feb. 12-13		Whitehall	Fowler	Fishersburg
Feb. 19-20		Cicero		Thorntown

### THIRD QUARTER.

	T. P. Baker	W. J. Seekins	J. Hester	W. L. Thompson
Feb. 26-27	Huntington	Roseburg	Miami	
Mar. 4-5	New Castle	Wabash	Albion	Boxley
Mar. 11-12	Sante Fe	Anderson	Larwill	Westfield
Mar. 18-19	Institute	Institute	Institute	Institute
Mar. 25-26	Elwood	Amboy	Sheridan	Blue River
Apr. 1-2	Bryant	Peru	Warren	Lewis Creek
Apr. 8-9	Hamlet	Kokomo	Mt. Etna	Seybert
Apr. 15-16	North Liberty	Payne	Tippecanoe	Laketon
Apr. 22-23	Fountain City	Waveland	Plymouth	Fairmount
Apr. 29-30	Marion	Kirklin	Fishersburg	Cicero
May 6-7	Fowler	Hartford City	Fowlerton	Whitehall
May 13-14	Thorntown	Nelson St.		Sylvania

### FOURTH QUARTER.

	T. P. Baker	W. J. Seekins	J. Hester	W. L. Thompson
May 20-21	Roseburg	Miami		Huntington
May 27-28	Wabash	Albion		New Castle
June 3-4	Anderson	Larwill	Boxley	Sante Fe
June 10-11	Amboy	Sheridan	Westfield	Elwood
June 17-18	Peru	Warren	Blue River	Bryant
June 24-25	Kokomo	Mt. Etna	Lewis Creek	Hamlet
July 1-2	Payne	Tippecanoe	Seybert	North Liberty
July 8-9	Waveland	Plymouth	Laketon	Fountain City
July 15-16	Kirklin	Fishersburg	Fairmount	Marion
July 22-23		Fowlerton	Cicero	Fowler
July 29-30	Hartford City		Thorntown	South Bend
Aug. 5-6	Nelson St.		Whitehall	
			Sylvania	

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OF THE

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## Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

### OFFICERS OF SOCIETY.

President—Auvie Northam, Sheridan, Ind.  
 Vice-President—Eva McMichael, Arlington, Ind.  
 Secretary—Grace Vickery, Valparaiso, Ind.  
 Treasurer—Bessie Baker, Marion, Ind., 1315 W. 3rd St.  
 Assistant Treasurer—Susie B. Teter, Sheridan, Ind., R. R. 22.  
 Y. M. W. B. Organizer and Treasurer—Nettie Carter, Payne, Ohio.  
 Statistical Secretaries—Ida Payne, Lewis Creek, Ind.; Mary Spittlar, Larwill, Ind.

### SOCIETY ROLL.

Society.	President	Address
Anderson	Brettie Rector	Anderson, Ind., W. 2nd St.
Amboy	Della Butler	Amboy, Ind.
Bryant	Anna Crowell	Bryant, Ind.
Bakers Corner	Olive Hodson	Sheridan, Ind., R. R. 22.
Boxley	Nellie Chamberlain	Sheridan, Ind., R. R. 24.
Blue River	Amanda Northam	Arlington, Ind., R. R. 20.
Cicero	Setta Caldwell	Cicero, Ind., R. R. 12.
Elwood	Mary Ebert	Elwood, Ind., 2519 N. A St.
Fishersburg	Clara Garrison	Lapel, Ind., R. R. 37.
Fairmount	Lena Crilley	Fairmount, Ind.
Fowler	Nora Copas	Fowler, Ind.
Fowlerton	Lenna Dickerson	Fowlerton, Ind.
Huntington	Algeria Raney	Huntington, Ind.
Kirklin	Lucinda Smith	Kirklin, Ind.
Lancaster	Nettie Rich	Huntington, Ind., R. R. 6.
Lewis Creek	Flora Fately	Flat Rock, Ind., R. R. 3.
LaOtto	Ida Woodruff	LaOtto, Ind.
Marion-Nelson St.	Gertrude Personett	Marion, Ind., W. 1st. St.

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Society.	President.	Address.
Mill Creek	Georgia Truitt	Wabash, Ind., R. R. 10.
Mt. Zion	Belle Fort	New Castle, Ind., R. R. 7.
Plumbers Chapel	Belle Carter	Warren, Ind., R. R. 1.
Payne	Rosella Bainbridge	Payne, Ohio, R. R. 1.
Plymouth	Cressida Enyeart	Plymouth, Ind.
Roberts Chapel	Lou C. Sweat	Atlanta, Ind., R. R. 20.
South Marion	Etta Straughn	Marion, Ind., 3713 S. Race St.
South Bend	Anna Kalter	South Bend, Ind., 519 Wenger St.
Sheridan	Dora Norman	Sheridan, Ind., R. R. 22.
Warren	Media McClure	Warren, Ind.
Wabash	Anna Joy	Wabash, Ind.
Westfield	Bertha Gurley	Westfield, Ind.
West Marion	Ethel Biggs	Marion, Ind., W. 9th. St.

Delegates.	Society.
Arnold, Minnie	Marion—Nelson St.
Baker, Amanda	Fairmount
Billheimer, Della	Lewis Creek
Bodenhorn, Aurie	Bryant
Craig, Samantha	Plymouth
Cory, Mable	Mt. Zion
Couch, Alice	Fowler
Carter, Nettie	Payne
Cook, Eva	Anderson
Gilliam, Minnie	Roberts Chapel
Harvey, Auvie	Bakers Corner
Laudig, Susie	Westfield
Mow, Clara	South Marion
Northam, Auvie	Sheridan
Payne, Ida	LaOtto
Reed, Harriett	Elwood
Smith, Mary	South Bend
Smithie, Ella	Wabash
Smith, Lucinda	Kirklin
Shultz, Emma	Warren
Sears, Ethel	Huntington
Shidler, Alma	Lancaster
Schuyler, Carrie	Fishersburg
Teter, Susie B.	Boxley
Thompson, Viola	Amboy



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### RECORD OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.

The Executive Board of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Indiana Conference met at 10:30 A. M. Wednesday, August 18, 1915.

Ethel Sears tendered her resignation as Secretary of the Society. By vote her resignation was accepted. On motion Grace Vickery was elected to fill the vacancy of the unexpired year.

#### First Meeting, August 18, 1915.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Indiana Conference assembled in the school building on the camp ground at Fairmount, Indiana, Wednesday at 2:00 P. M., with President, Eva McMichael in the chair. Devotional was conducted by Lucinda Smith.

The roll of societies was called and twenty responded.

Upon motion Lula Van Matre was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Emma Fall from the Statistical Committee.

Amanda Baker was elected Committee on Courtesies. Susie B. Teter and Ida Hopkins were elected Committee on Credentials.

Credentials for twenty-one delegates were presented and their names were entered upon the roll. Motion carried to seat all delegates not having credentials and give them the privilege to vote.

The following Committees were elected: Committee on Post Office Addresses—Auvie Harvey, Esta Smith; Committee on Memorials—Mary Spitlar, Setta Caldwell; Committee on Resolutions—Stella Pitts, Aurie Bodenhorn, Mary Smith; Auditing Committee—Edna Baker, Effie McMichael.

Bessie Baker, delegate to the General Conference at Houghton, N. Y., read her report. The report was approved.

It was moved and carried to hold our meetings at 7:00 P. M. that they might not conflict with the sessions of the Annual Conference.

Cleo Young, returned Missionary from Africa, was introduced to the Society and gave a most interesting and instructive talk concerning our mission work in Africa.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned. Benediction by Cleo Young.

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### Public Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.

Miss Cleo Young delivered an address of unusual interest on her trip to Africa and her work among the natives. Rev. E. Teter made an appeal for money and \$260.55 by cash and subscriptions was raised.

### Third Meeting, Thursday, 7:00 P. M.

The meeting was opened by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" and scriptural quotations were given by members.

The roll was called and seventeen delegates responded. The minutes were read and approved.

Four more delegates were seated in the body increasing the total number enrolled to twenty-five.

The Treasurer submitted a partial report. On motion the report was adopted. (See report No. 1.)

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and a motion carried to adopt the report item by item. All items were adopted upon motion, except No. 2, which was deferred until some future meeting. (See report No. 2.)

A motion prevailed that an informal meeting be held Friday at 8:00 A. M.

By motion the meeting adjourned.

### Fourth Meeting, Friday, 8:00 A. M.

F. R. Eddy, Secretary of the Annual Conference, gave an explanation at this informal meeting of his work last year in preparing the minutes of this Society for publication. A motion prevailed to extend to him a vote of thanks for his labors.

Letters from Anna Boardman Smith, Dolly R. Eddy and Miriam C. Sprague were read before the Society.

The President gave a list of articles badly needed at the Mission Station in Africa and the different Societies pledged to furnish the same.

It was suggested that each Society send rolls of bandages with the linen, also that we slip in some pretty gifts for Christmas to cheer the missionaries who see so little of the beautiful.

Bessie Baker gave a talk concerning Anna K. Folger's work among the white mountaineers of the South and the need of children's clothing. The members of the Society expressed their inten-



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tions of sending supplies to this work, also to the work in Alabama of which Rev. F. M. Roberts has the oversight. Some clothing has already been sent by different Societies and more expected to be sent soon.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

### Meeting of Executive Board, Friday, 10:00 A. M.

The Executive Board accepted the resignation of Edna Baker as a member of the Auditing Committee and Susie B. Teter was elected to fill the vacancy.

### Fifth Meeting, Friday, 7:00 P. M.

The meeting opened by singing "Rescue the Perishing." Devotions were conducted by Mary Smith.

The roll was called and eleven delegates responded. The roll of Presidents was called and four responded.

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

On motion \$50 was voted to Mrs. Avery. Upon motion \$10 was voted for the schooling of the worthy young man suggested by Anna K. Folger.

A letter from Dolly R. Eddy was read before the Society. Also Susie B. Teter gave a brief review of a letter received from Mrs. F. M. Roberts expressing her appreciation of the buggy received by them.

A motion carried that an itemized account of the articles to be sent by the different Societies to the Mission Station in Africa should not appear in the printed minutes.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to send letters of greeting to Brother and Sister B. I. Eddy and Brother and Sister F. M. Roberts.

By motion the meeting adjourned. Benediction by Eva McMichael.

### Sixth Meeting, Saturday, 8:30 P. M.

The meeting opened by singing "Rock of Ages" and the devotions were conducted by Setta Caldwell.

Eleven delegates and five Presidents responded to the roll call. The minutes were read and approved.

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The Committee on Post Office Addresses submitted its report. On motion the report was adopted. (See report No. 3.) The Committee on Memorials read their report. Upon motion the report was adopted. (See report No. 4.) The Auditing Committee submitted its report. Upon motion the report was adopted. (See report No. 5.)

Nelson Street Missionary Society requested the privilege to withdraw from the contest for the banner. On motion the request was granted.

The Y. M. W. B. Organizer and Treasurer submitted her report. Upon motion the report was adopted. (See report No. 6.)

A letter from Mrs. E. G. Hartson was read before the Society.

The Treasurer submitted her final report. On motion the report was adopted. (See report No. 1.)

The President read her report. Upon motion the report was adopted. (See report No. 7.)

A motion carried to allow the officers of the Society their expenses.

Upon motion the second item of the report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted. (See report No. 2.)

The Committee on Statistics submitted their report. Upon motion the report was adopted. (See report No. 8.)

A motion prevailed that the first ballot in the election of President be a nominating ballot. The Society proceeded to vote and Auvie Northam and Eva McMichael were nominated for President. Upon ballot Auvie Northam received a majority of all votes cast and was declared elected.

A motion carried that the one receiving the next highest number of votes be the nominee for Vice-President. A motion carried that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Society for Eva McMichael for Vice-President. This was done and Eva McMichael was declared elected.

Upon motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Society for Bessie Baker for Treasurer. This was done and Bessie Baker was declared elected.

On motion Nettie Carter was elected Y. M. W. B. Organizer and Treasurer.

Upon motion the Vice-President was instructed to cast the ballot of the Society for Grace Vickery for Secretary. This was done and Grace Vickery was declared elected.

On motion it was made a standing order of the Society that each member of the Statistical Committee be elected to serve two years. To conform to this order, the Secretary was instructed, upon motion, to cast the ballot of this Society for Ida Payne as a member of the



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Statistical Committee to serve next year. On motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of this Society for Mary Spittlar as a member of the Statistical Committee for two years. These instructions were carried out and Ida Payne and Mary Spittlar were declared elected.

The minutes were read and approved. Upon motion the meeting adjourned. Closed by singing the Doxology. Benediction by Clara Mow.

### Executive Board Meeting, Saturday, 10:30 A. M.

Lena Crilley, S. C. Kinnison, and Zola Kitterman were elected as the Committee recommended in the report of the Committee on Resolutions. (See report No. 2, Item No. 4.)

### Executive Board Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 P. M.

Susie B. Teter was elected Assistant Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

Auvie Northam, President,  
Grace Vickery, Secretary.

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## CONSTITUTION OF LOCAL SOCIETIES.

Article I. Name: This Society shall be called the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of .....

Article II. Purpose: The purpose shall be to arouse and give direction to a missionary spirit among the people, to devise lawful means to interest them in missionary work, to put forth systematic efforts to raise money for the support of the gospel at home and in needy places and to do such other work as may be for the good of the souls and bodies of perishing humanity.

Article III. Membership: (1) Active membership in this Society is open to any woman signing these articles of organization and paying into the treasury the sum of \$1 annually.

(2) Any man may become an honorary member by a payment of the same.

(3) The item in this article regarding finance may be considered suggestive rather than compulsory.

(4) Any active member of a local Society is eligible to election to any office in the Society.

Article IV. Meetings: (1) This Society shall, if possible, hold regular monthly meetings.

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(2) The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held the month preceding the Conference Session, and the official year shall begin at the close of said session.

(3) All dues of local societies shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Conference Society, said money to be divided between Home and Foreign Missions as designated by the local Society. Also that at least 25 per cent of all moneys earned to be brought to Conference to be used by the Conference Society.

Article V. Officers: (1) The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, who shall be a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church; a Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Work Director, and Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B.

(2) Officers shall be elected annually by ballot.

Article VI. Duties of Officers: (1) The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society and shall have the general oversight of the work.

(2) In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the office.

(3) The Secretary shall keep a record of members, keep the minutes of all meetings, and make an annual report according to report blanks, to the Conference Society.

(4) The Treasurer shall receive all monies raised by the Society and remit the same as directed by the Society.

(5) The Work Director shall have charge of the manual work performed by the Society.

(6) The Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B. shall be responsible for the organization of bands, shall have general oversight of the band work, and report the same to the Missionary Society. In case no Society exists the Organizer or Conference Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B. shall appoint.

Article VII. Delegates: At the last regular meeting preceding the session of the Annual Conference Society this Society shall elect one person, who, together with the President, shall be the delegates to the Annual Session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Conference.

Article VIII. Committees: There shall be a Program Committee and such other Committees as shall be deemed necessary.

Article IX. The Conference Y. M. W. B. year shall close with our Conference year, and the report of local bands be brought to Conference, including a list of paid-up members, so that our State Organizer shall be able to send a complete report to the Connec-tional Y. M. W. B. Superintendent.



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### Report No. 1.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE W. H. & F. MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

##### I. General Fund.

Receipts—Balance from last year (1914) .....	\$161.09
Received from all sources in 1915 .....	205.02
Total .....	<hr/> \$366.11
Disbursements—Total to all purposes .....	339.72
Balance .....	<hr/> \$26.39

##### II. Home Missions.

Receipts—Balance from last year (1914) .....	\$79.62
Received from all sources in 1915 .....	332.10
Total .....	<hr/> \$411.72
Disbursements—Total to all purposes .....	379.25
Balance .....	<hr/> \$32.47

##### III. Foreign Missions.

Receipts—Balance from last year (1914) .....	\$79.19
Received from all sources in 1915 .....	482.30
Total .....	<hr/> \$561.49
Disbursements—Total to all purposes .....	388.61
Balance .....	<hr/> \$172.88

##### IV. Totals.

Total receipts for the year 1914-15 .....	\$1339.32
Total disbursements for the year 1914-15 .....	1201.27
Total balance .....	<hr/> \$138.05

Bessie Baker, Treasurer,  
Susie B. Teter, Assistant Treasurer.

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### Report No. 2.

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. We recommend that the Constitution of Local Societies be printed in the Minutes.

2. Resolved, that \$50 of the Foreign Money be sent to Clara Wilson, Treasurer of the General Conference Society, to be applied on the Dispensary in Africa for which said General Conference Society has obligated itself.

We recommend that \$100 be appropriated to the India work, whatever part of which is necessary to finish paying for the Oxmobile be expended for that purpose, the remainder to be applied on current expenses. That \$50 of the Home money be sent to the General Conference Treasurer to be applied on the salary of Rev. F. M. Roberts and that his note of \$35, which this Society holds, be cancelled and returned to him. That \$25 be sent to Viola Dickens, teacher in Alabama Mission. That \$25 be appropriated toward the erection of a building for the Industrial feature of the school work at Alabama Mission.

Inasmuch as we have been informed as to the indebtedness of Sister Avery, we recommend that we take steps toward helping to relieve this indebtedness.

3. We recommend that \$15 of the General Fund be given to the Bible School and that \$10 of the same fund be given Miss Sadie Betz, a licentiate from Bryant, to assist in defraying her expenses in the Bible School.

4. We recommend that a Committee of three be elected who shall confer with the officials of the Bible School in making satisfactory plans for a Missionary program during Commencement week. This Committee is to report during Conference session.

5. We recommend that the following resolution be presented to the Conference: Inasmuch as the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America approved of the resolution presented to that body by the W. H. & F. Missionary Society requesting each Annual Conference to show its appreciation of the labors of its Conference Missionary Society by publishing its minutes free of charge, we, the members of the W. H. & F. Missionary Society of the Indiana Annual Conference request that this body ratify the action of the General Conference.

6. We recommend that all money brought to Conference from



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the local Societies and Y. M. W. Bands be in the form of bank drafts or checks made payable to the respective Treasurers of the Conference Society and Band Organizer and Treasurer, the names of said officers to be found in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Committee:

Estella N. Pitts,  
Aurie Bodenhorn,  
Mary Smith.

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### Report No. 3.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

(See the Society Roll.)

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### Report No. 4.

#### COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

We, your Committee on Memorials, submit the following report: Another Conference year has come and gone and as we look over the Society roll we find that some of our number have been called from labor to reward. Among these we would mention the names of the following persons: Sister Anna Seekins, wife of the Vice-President of our Annual Conference, was an active member of the Missionary Society until failing health prevented her labors among us. She remained a faithful and loyal member until death.

William Whybrew, an honorary member of Back Creek Society, has triumphantly joined the throng above.

Sister Nora Serface and Sister Keen, both of Marion, are missed in their respective societies.

Sister Anna Fair, a licentiate of Lewis Creek, has also passed away.

We would make special mention of the lovely Christian character of Sister Bertha Milton, one of Westfield's faithful members.

Wilbur A. Sholtey, an Ex-President of the Sheridan Y. M. W. B., passed away last November. He was an ambitious young man and the sole support of his aged mother.

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Hugh H. Teter, of the Boxley Y. M. W. B., also passed away but a few months ago.

We trust that our loss is their eternal gain, and we bow in submission to Him that doeth all things well.

Committee:

Setta Caldwell,  
Mary Spitlar.

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### Report No. 5.

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee elected to audit the books of the Treasurer of the Conference Society and of the Y. M. W. B., submit the following report:

We have carefully examined the accounts and cash of the year 1915 and find them correct. We find the books well kept and very easy to understand.

Committee:

Susie B. Teter,  
Effie H. McMichael.

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### Report No. 6.

#### Y. M. W. B. ORGANIZER AND TREASURER.

Amboy .....	\$9.18
Bryant .....	12.63
Boxley .....	76.11
Bluffton .....	6.94
Back Creek .....	23.88
Elwood .....	13.30
Fairview .....	6.82
Fairmount .....	21.47
Green Chapel .....	13.00
Huntington .....	7.19
Hamlet .....	9.00
Larwill .....	10.44
LaOtto .....	14.33



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Little Blue .....	31.92
Liberty .....	50.00
Lewis Creek .....	33.17
Marion-Nelson St. ....	21.31
Marion-South Boots .....	13.64
Mt. Zion-Greensboro .....	9.82
Mt. Zion-(Elwood) .....	13.92
Monument City .....	101.57
Payne .....	31.07
Pleasant Grove-(Sante Fe) .....	19.72
Pleasant Grove-(Bryant) .....	12.36
Peru .....	8.63
Roberts Chapel .....	11.18
Sante Fe .....	12.29
Sheridan .....	11.30
Summitville .....	.55
South Bend .....	6.96
Wesley Chapel .....	28.03
Westfield .....	36.50
Wabash .....	37.66
Total .....	<u>\$715.89</u>

Nettie Carter, Organizer and Treasurer.

Payne, Ohio, R. R. 4

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### Report No. 7.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We have again been privileged to meet together and plan our work for the coming year. The necessity that first brought us together still exists. We are needed no less today than we were when first organized. God has richly blessed us in the past and a great work has been accomplished through our united efforts. Our work at first seemed small, but as we moved steadily on our borders have been enlarged and calls are coming from India and Africa for more missionaries and funds to carry on the work.

Returned missionaries are pleading to go back to the work. Others are offering themselves to the Church as ambassadors for Christ. Educated young men are telling us of their call to the

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medical work. One feels that he must go to South America, some to Africa and another preparing, not knowing just where God would have him, but happy in the preparation for his life's work.

Good reports are coming from the Southland. The work among the white mountaineers is progressing nicely. Also the colored work in Alabama. These arms of the work need our help, and may we not double the amount we have given in the past, adopting the motto of our General Conference President, Mrs. Francene McMillan, "We can do it if we will."

One new Society has been organized during the year and plans have been made to send a returned missionary to all our churches who have not been visited this fall to stir up a missionary spirit. We are hoping and praying for great things this coming Conference year.

Eva McMichael, President.



Report No. 8.  
STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE W. H. AND F. MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

	Active	Honorary	No. Meetings	Amount Given During Year	Disbursed Local	Disbursed Home	Disbursed Foreign	Home	Foreign	Medical	Bible School	General Conference Delegate	General Fund
Amboy .....	7			\$11.49		\$3.51	\$ .98	\$3.50	\$3.50				
Anderson .....	15	4	30	17.01	\$11.00			2.50	3.51				
Bakers Corner .....	15		12	26.77				13.38	13.39				
Blue River .....	20	4	9	26.58	2.00			6.08	11.00	\$5.00		\$2.50	5.40
Boxley .....	12	2	18	97.00		49.50	27.40	7.70	7.00			1.40	5.00
Bryant .....	6		3	50.15	18.30	6.00	4.85	3.00	13.00				
Cicero .....	7		12	15.60	3.00			4.00	8.60				
Elwood .....	9	5	8	17.57				10.57	7.00				
Fairmount .....	25	1	10	70.18	9.52	15.00		20.00	20.00	5.66			
Fishersburg .....	17	3	1	23.40	16.40	1.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00			
Fowler .....	6		12	5.46	2.46			2.00				1.00	
Huntington .....	7		9	12.42	10.00				1.21	1.21		1.00	
Kirklin .....	7	2	12	19.20	3.00		5.00	3.00	7.00				
Kokomo .....				5.00				2.50	2.50				
LaOtto .....	8	1	1	8.50				4.25	4.25				
Lancaster .....	16		41	93.34	52.34			20.00	20.00			1.00	
Lewis Creek .....	18	8	12	35.00				16.00	13.00				6.00
Marion, West .....	8	5		63.00	55.93			3.85	4.00				
Marion, South .....	18	13	35	123.60	60.10		3.00		60.00			1.50	
Marion, Nelson St. ....	15	1	30	141.75	59.73		56.02	8.00	8.00		\$10		
Mill Creek .....	6	3	16	15.00	5.00	5.00	5.00						
Mt. Zion-Greensboro ..	11		8	13.00				5.00	5.00	1.50		1.50	
Mount Etna .....	10		3	8.16				4.08	4.08				
Payne .....	9	1	14	34.78	3.50	8.80	3.00	7.48	7.00	5.00		1.20	
Plummers .....	21		12	25.00				7.50	7.50				
Plymouth .....	8		28	72.60	13.30	27.00	20.00	5.00	5.00	2.30			
Roberts Chapel .....	13		12	50.59		22.88	2.00	11.05	10.00	3.66			
Sheridan .....	9		12	18.25		5.00			8.25	5.00			
South Bend .....	12		18	48.15	29.50	5.80	6.85				5	1.00	
Warren .....	14	1	11	53.60	13.08	22.30		6.64	6.64	3.34		1.60	
Wabash .....	10		28	22.00	17.00			2.00	1.00				2.00
Westfield .....	29		9	147.06	61.20	42.11	12.53	8.50	8.50	2.00			
Total .....	388	54	426	\$1371.21	\$456.56	\$213.90	\$150.63	\$180.88	\$269.63	\$43.67	\$15	\$13.70	\$18.40

Number of Societies 32.