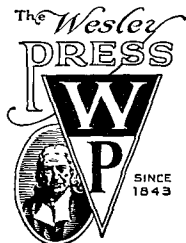


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JUNE 27, 1951

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 Lowell Gilger
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 Harold Lampen

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T. W. Mobley

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J. R. Swauger

O. G. Wilson

Rufus D. Reisdorph

*Lay Delegates-at-large

Religious Services

The Religious Services of the General Conference were marked throughout with a splendid spiritual tone. This was evidenced in the special and congregational singing, as well as in the preaching. Words are very poor vehicles with which to describe the spiritual blessings which came to this great gathering. There was no doubt that this was the largest General Conference that the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America has ever had.

Dr. Oliver G. Wilson, Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST brought the General Conference sermon on Wednesday evening. It was the key-note message indeed, on the subject, "Back To Calvary." The effect of this message stayed with the conference throughout. The subject of this message was oft repeated during the days of this encampment. Dr. F. R. Eddy, Publishing Agent, brought the pre-conference sermon on Tuesday evening. He used as his subject the theme of the General Conference, "By My Spirit." Dr. J. R. Swauger, Home Missionary Secretary, gave over the Thursday evening service to the representative from the National Association of Evangelicals. Time was given to Dr. Swauger in one of the day services. He spoke on the subject, "Into the Next Towns." The challenge was clear and will linger in the minds of the hearers for a long time. Dr. F. R. Birch, Foreign Missionary Secretary, spoke in the Friday evening service. Fresh from a tour of many mission fields Dr. Birch laid the needs of the world upon the hearts of the people. The Saturday evening service was a great Youth Rally. The Rev. H. K. Sheets, General Secretary of the W. Y. P. S., gave a challenging message. The Missionary Team that toured Haiti was presented and each member spoke concerning this open field.

Sunday was truly a great day. Sunday school was held at nine o'clock. A great Communion service was held at ten o'clock, under the direction of the Rev. E. L. Kierstead, President of the Indiana Conference. Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, President of the General Conference, brought the message in the worship service at eleven o'clock. The text of this great message was "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Sunday evening, Dr. C. I. Armstrong, Pastor of the Houghton College Church, and missionary-elect to tour the world brought the message. The service closed in great victory with a number of souls at the altar.

The other evening services of the General Conference were given over to special items of interest with outside speakers. Thursday evening, Dr. Rutherford L. Decker, the representative of the National Association of Evangelicals, brought a clear-cut message on "Evangelicals' Answer To Wickedness in High Places." Monday evening was a great Sunday school Rally, with Dr. R. D. Reisdorph in charge. The Rev. Beauchamp Vick, of Detroit, Michigan, Pastor of one of the largest Sunday schools in the world was the speaker. Space forbids even the mention of other services which were a great blessing to the many who attended.

In the language of our beloved President, Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, "Our Best Days Lie Ahead."—Garl Beaver, Secretary.

THE W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary Society organized a week of intensive Missionary study, planning and praying. With reports, discussions and goals

set challenged the hearts of the women to "Contend for the Faith" which is the theme song for the next quadrennium.

Throughout the week the plan of holding the evening services at 6:30 o'clock were followed. These were open to the general public, and they brought before the church the various interests of the Missionary department. A goodly number of missionaries both from the Home and Foreign Fields were introduced and each gave words of greeting.

The appeal on Sunday afternoon, given by the Rev. Robert Finley, recently returned from a tour of evangelism to the Orient, highlighted the service with one hundred Wesleyan Methodist Young People responding heartily to the Missionary challenge of the Church.

Nate Scharff, a converted Orthodox Jew from Dayton, Ohio, awakened us with his tender message concerning the evangelization of the Hebrew Race. He provoked our thinking by showing that "Israel was an object lesson of those who do not mind God."—Kathryn Beaver.

WESLEYAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

The sixth quadrennial convention of the Wesleyan Young People's Society, under the direction of General Secretary H. K. Sheets and General President George B. Hilson, was outstanding because of the unusual sense of the Divine presence and guidance throughout. The theme, "By My Spirit," truly became a reality in all the services.

Fraternal delegates from the Free Methodist and Nazarene Churches were presented. The Rev. Ernest Keasling, General Superintendent of the Free Methodist Y. P. M. S., with members of his council, told briefly of their trip to the Dominican Republic, of God's movings in city-wide revival campaigns and of Mr. Keasling's experiences in Youth For Christ in Brussels, Switzerland, Holland, and France. "It's either missions or munitions," was his pertinent summary. Mr. L. D. Tucker represented the Church of the Nazarene.

The day started at 7:30 with prayer time, Karl Johnston presiding. Our hearts were melted, purposes deepened and spirits prepared for the work of the convention and the urgent needs back home, as we waited in His presence. The stirring, practical messages delivered in the morning services by Martin Cox, George Failing, Robert McIntyre, and Paul Lawrence, were very profitable, as were the afternoon challenges to get busy immediately in the fields of personal evangelism, church extension, and child evangelism. High-lighting each day was the afternoon **Youth Witness Hour**. Under the capable leadership of Forrest Gearhart, consecrated youth from north, east, south, and west humbly witnessed through word of mouth, reading, song or instrument, to the glory of God. These were thrillingly Spirit blessed, as were the brief inspirational challenges presented then.—Gracia L. Fero.

Agenda

Theme: "By My Spirit"—Zechariah 4:6

Tuesday

C. D. T.

P. M.

7:30—Pre-Conference Message: "By My Spirit"—Dr. F. R. Eddy,
Vice-president of the General Conference.

Wednesday

A. M.

- 9:00-10:00—Special Prayer Hour—The Rev. Leslie D. Wilcox
- 10:00-11:00—Convening of the General Conference
- (9:00-10:00) Central Standard Time
- 11:00-12:00—Report of the President of the General Conference

(Combined Assembly)

Adjournment

P. M.

- 1:30 - 4:30—Report of the Publishing Agent and Treasurer
- Report of the Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST
- Report of the Editor of Sunday School Literature
- General Business
- 6:30—Missionary Hour in charge of the W. M. S.
- 7:30—General Conference Sermon—Dr. Oliver G. Wilson, Editor
- of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST

Thursday

A. M.

- 8:30—Devotional Period—President W. S. Freeborn, Miltonvale
- Wesleyan College
- 9:00-11:00—Report of the Secretary of Foreign Missions
- Report of the Secretary of Home Missions
- Introduction of Fraternal Delegates
- 11:00-12:00—Dr. Rutherford L. Decker, Representing the National Asso-
- ciation of Evangelicals (Combined Assembly)

Adjournment

P. M.

- 1:30 - 4:30—Report of the Commission on Church Merger
- Presentation of Fraternal Delegates
- General Business
- 6:30—Missionary Hour in charge of the W. M. S.
- 7:30—Church Extension Service—"Into The Next Towns"—Dr.
- J. R. Swauger, Secretary of Home Missions

Friday

A. M.

- 8:30—Devotional Period—Dr. Wilbur T. Dayton
- 9:00-11:00—Election of General Conference Officers
- Presentation of Fraternal Delegates—Bishop M. D. Orm-
- ston, Free Methodist Church; N. H. A. Representative
- 11:00-12:00—Wesleyan Commission for Men in Service Hour
- (Combined Assembly)

Adjournment

P. M.

- 1:30 - 4:30—Election of Denominational Officials
- Presentation of Fraternal Delegates
- General Business

6:30—Missionary Service in charge of the W. M. S., Music by Raleigh Harris.

7:30—"Into The Regions Beyond"—Dr. F. R. Birch, Secretary of Foreign Missions

Saturday

A. M.

8:30—Devotional Period—The Rev. E. A. Coates

9:00-11:00—Stewardship Hour in charge of Dr. Oliver G. Wilson, General Conference Tithing Secretary

Address by W. C. Lovin

Report of the Committee on the Superannuated Pension Plan

11:00-12:00—Dr. James V. Claypool, Representing the American Bible Society

(Combined Assembly)

Adjournment

P. M.

1:30 - 4:30—Memorial Service, In charge of the Rev. Joseph B. Markey

Educational Hour—Dr. Stephen W. Paine

Reports of the College Presidents

6:30—Missionary Service in charge of the W. M. S.

7:30—Youth Night in charge of the W. Y. P. S. Officers

Sunday

A. M.

9:00-10:00—Sunday School Hour, in charge of Dr. Rufus D. Reisdorph, General Sunday School Secretary

10:00-11:00—Communion Service, In charge of the Rev. E. L. Kierstead, President of the Indiana Conference; Assisted by Elders representing all areas of the Church

11:00-12:00—Message by President of the General Conference
Dinner

P. M.

2:30 - 4:00—Public Missionary Service, In charge of the W. M. S. Officers

6:30—Missionary Service in charge of the W. M. S.

7:30—Evangelistic Hour—In charge of the Rev. H. Gilbert Williams, Secretary of Evangelism

Message by Dr. C. I. Armstrong, Pastor-Evangelist, Missionary-elect to tour the world.

Monday

A. M.

8:30—Devotional Period—The Rev. A. M. Gilmer, President of the South Ohio Conference

9:00-11:00—General Business

11:00-12:00—Wesleyan Commission on Child Evangelism with Mr. Winfield Ruelke of New York City as speaker

(Combined Assembly)

Adjournment

P. M.

1:30—Prohibition and Public Morals—Dr. William F. McConn
General Business

6:30—Service in charge of Child Evangelism Crusade

7:30—Sunday School Night in charge of the General S. S. Secre-
tary, Dr. Vick of Detroit, speaker

Tuesday

A. M.

8:30—Devotional Period—The Rev. W. D. Correll

9:00-12:00—General Business

Final Adjournment

Daily Proceedings

First Meeting—Wednesday, 10:00 a. m., C.D.T., June 27, 1951

Opening—The twenty-eighth quadrennial session of the General Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America was held at Fairmount, Indiana. The first meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, June 27, 1951, at 10:00 a. m. Following the opening remarks made by the President, the Rev. E. L. Kierstead, President of the Indiana Conference, gave very fitting words of welcome to the Conference. Dr. F. R. Eddy gave the response.

Chairman of Committees—The President read his appointment of chairmen of the General Conference committees. (Listed with members, See Report No. 8.)

Committee on Credentials—Reported as follows: "The Committee on Credentials has examined the credentials submitted to the General Conference Secretary and the list will be read by the Secretary as the roll call." Respectfully submitted by Chairman Charles A. Dayton.

Roll Call—The roll was called with 75 ministerial delegates present out of a possible 77, and 65 lay delegates out of a possible 77. The report of the Committee on Credentials was approved by vote, and the roll approved as the official roll of the General Conference.

Bar of Conference Fixed—The Conference Bar was fixed as the first six tiers of seats in front and on either side and including the rostrum.

Chairmen of Committees—The President appointed Paul Davidson as reference clerk, and the Rev. Noel Winterholter, secretary of the Indiana Conference, as reporter of the Conference to the press. These and the previous appointment of committee chairmen were approved by the vote of the Conference.

Committee on Committees—The election of the Committee on Committees of which Dr. Stephen W. Paine has been appointed chairman, resulted as follows: Rev. Charles A. Dayton, Rev. C. W. Dunbar, Rev. E. L. Henderson, and Dr. Hollis Stevenson.

Agenda—The chairman asked the secretary to read the agenda for the entire Conference. The agenda was adopted by vote. (See Agenda preceding these minutes.)

Announcements—Dr. F. R. Eddy reported concerning the purchase of disciplines. Rev. Vestal VanMatre reported concerning the places of meetings of the various committees. Dr. R. D. Reisdorph announced concerning the physical condition of Sister Reisdorph's mother, whose condition is serious. The Rev. Wm. A. Smith made a suggestion that the Board of Administration be authorized to be the nominating committee which would help to expedite business. This was only a suggestion however. Dr. Reisdorph announced concerning the exhibits which were on display in the Academy Building.

Communication—Communication was read by the secretary from the Australia annual conference. Motion passed that the secretary make proper reply thereto.

Orders of the Day—Prof. Herman Baker led the Conference in singing "Faith of our Fathers." Dr. F. R. Eddy, Vice-President of the General Conference, was asked to take the chair, and called for the order of the day which was the hearing of the report of the President of the Gen-

eral Conference. The report was adopted by vote and a rising vote of thanks was given for the excellent message. (See Report No. 1.)

Recessed by limitation of time.

Benediction by Dr. Wilbur T. Dayton.

Wednesday, 1:30 p. m.

Opening—Congregational singing was led by Prof. Herman Baker. The Rev. Leo G. Cox, missionary to Australia, offered prayer.

Roll Call and Minutes—Motion passed by vote that we call the roll in the morning and recess at noon, and that the minutes be read once per day and this be in the mornings.

Bar of Conference Fixed—By vote it was passed to make the first 9 tiers of seats in front instead of the 6 tiers of seats as was previously passed.

Report of General Conference President—It was voted that the report of the General Conference President be included in the printed minutes. (See Report No. 1.)

Orders of the Day—The report of the Publishing Agent and General Treasurer was given and approved by vote. (See Report No. 2.)

The report of the Treasurer of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America was given and approved by vote. (See Report No. 3.)

The report of the Treasurer of the Pension Plan was given and adopted with the instructions that the Treasurer send a copy of this to each member of the plan, particularly the balance sheet, but preferably the whole report. (See Report No. 4.)

The report of the Superannuated Ministers' Aid Society was given and approved by vote. (See Report No. 5.)

Each of the four above reports was given by the Treasurer, Dr. F. R. Eddy.

The report of the Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST was given by Dr. O. G. Wilson and the report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 6.)

The report of the Editor of Sunday School literature was given by Dr. R. D. Reisdorph and the report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 7.)

Committee on Courtesy—The Rev. E. J. Mills, General Secretary of the Wesleyan Burial Association, was presented and gave a report of the work of this association and urged others to join.

Pension Plan—Archie Crapo of the Lockport Conference asked the question concerning the eligibility of staff and other laymen for pension plan benefits. It was voted that this be referred to the proper committee, and by consent this matter was directed to the Executive Board of the Board of Administration for their consideration.

Communication—The secretary read communication from the Secretary of the Houghton College Staff concerning the same question which Mr. Crapo asked. The same was referred to the above said Executive Board.

Prayer Request—The President reported the fall of Miss Annie Northam who had the misfortune of falling since arriving on the grounds and the report of her injury has not been found out as yet. (Later report revealed that her hip was fractured.)

Committee Chairmen—The motion passed by vote that the President be authorized to appoint the committee chairmen for the next General Conference.

Committee Members—The motion passed that the Board of Administration be authorized to nominate the other members of the different General Conference committees and present the same to the first meeting of the General Conference.

Extension of Time—The motion passed to extend the time in order to give the Committee on Committees time to report.

Committee on Committees—Dr. Stephen W. Paine gave the report of the recommendations of the members of the various committees. The same was approved by vote. (See Report No. 8.)

Adjourned by limitation of time.

Benediction by Mr. Elwood Kachel.

Second Meeting—Thursday, 8:30 a. m., June 28, 1951

Opening—The meeting was called to order. Congregational singing was led by Prof. Herman Baker. President Warren S. Freeborn, Sr., president of Miltonvale Wesleyan College, led in the devotions. He read from Ephesians chapter 4, and I John chapter 2, and led in prayer.

The roll was called with 71 ministers and 66 laymen present.

Change of Roll—By vote of the Conference, the Rev. J. A. Treese was seated as a member of the General Conference in place of the Rev. E. L. Shigley who was called home due to the serious illness of his daughter. The Rev. Mr. Treese was the elected first alternate delegate from the Alabama Conference.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with this correction that the word "fracture" should be used instead of the word "broken" in the report concerning Miss Annie Northram.

Agenda—The President announced that Dr. Rutherford L. Decker, the representative of the National Association of Evangelicals, could not be present for the 11:00 hour. Motion passed by vote that the orders of the day be amended. First, that we hear the report of the Joint Commission at the 11:00 hour, and second, that Dr. Decker be heard at 2:30 this afternoon. Rev. E. L. Kierstead was asked to convey this information to the W. M. S. and the W. Y. P. S.

Orders of the Day—The report of the Secretary of Foreign Missions was given by Dr. F. R. Birch and was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 9.)

Agenda—Motion passed by vote that the Orders of the Day be changed to permit the hearing of the report of the Secretary of Home Missions without interruption, as it might extend past the 11:00 hour.

Orders of the Day—The report of the Secretary of Home Missions was given by Dr. J. R. Swauger and it was adopted by a standing vote of thanks. (See Report No. 10.)

Orders of the Day—The giving of the introduction of the tentative report of the Joint Commission of the Wesleyan and Free Methodist Churches on church union. (See Report No. 11.)

Recessed by vote.

Announcement—The President reported that the daughter of the Rev.

E. L. Shigley, Mrs. Spruielle, is slightly improved and continued prayer is requested.

Benediction by the Rev. John A. Giles.

Thursday, 1:30 p. m.

Opening—Congregation was led in singing by Prof. Herman Baker. The Rev. George E. Davis of the North Georgia Conference led in prayer.

Agenda—By consent it was agreed that the Orders of the Day set for 2:30 p. m. be changed and that the Order of the Day be called upon the arrival of Dr. Decker, who was originally scheduled to speak at the 11:00 hour.

Orders of the Day—The continuation of the tentative report of the Joint Commission of the Wesleyan and Free Methodist Churches on church union. At the completion of this report the motion was made and supported that it be adopted. The motion was made that the report be referred to a committee as to doctrinal points and then referred back to the body. This motion was lost by vote. The motion was made to amend Article XIII of the Articles of Religion of this report by adding the words: "This work is attested by the baptism with the Holy Spirit and comprehends in one experience the cleansing of the heart from sin and the abiding indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit empowering the believer for life and service." The amendment was lost by vote. The original question was called and the report of this committee was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 11.)

Announcement—By consent permission was granted that Dr. Rutherford L. Decker, the representative of the National Association of Evangelicals, speak in the evening service.

Extension of Time—It was voted to extend the time to hear the report of the General Secretary of the W. Y. P. S.

W. Y. P. S. Secretary's Report—The General Secretary of the W. Y. P. S., the Rev. H. K. Sheets, gave the report and it was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 12.)

Adjourned by limitation of time.

Benediction by the Rev. T. A. Robertson.

Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

Orders of the Day—(Since the hearing of a representative from the National Association of Evangelicals was on the approved agenda of this body, and since that representative was unable to attend the Conference until the evening service, it is listed here as Orders of the Day.)

Dr. Rutherford L. Decker, the Representative of the National Association of Evangelicals, gave the evening message on the subject, "Evangelicals' Answer to Wickedness in High Places." This message was very clear and pointed and very outspoken concerning the wickedness which is abroad in our land. Dr. Decker showed very clearly that these conditions could not be handled by any one denomination but showed by specific example how Bible-believing Churches could co-operate to cope, under God, with such conditions. The Rev. Paul L. Kindschi, President of the Iowa Conference, gave the response.

Third Meeting—Friday, 8:30 a. m., June 29, 1951

Opening—The meeting was called to order by the President. The congregation was led in singing by Prof. Herman Baker. Mr. James Hane sang a solo entitled "My Father Watches Over Me." Dr. Wilbur T. Dayton, dean of the theological department of Marion College, led in the devotions. He read from Titus 3:5-11, and gave an exposition of this message and made very practical application. Dr. Dayton led in prayer.

The roll was called with 76 ministers and 66 laymen present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Committee on Courtesy—Dr. H. C. Benner, President of the Nazarene Seminary of Kansas City, Mo. was presented.

Orders of the Day—It was voted that we listen to the fraternal delegate from the Church of the Nazarene. Dr. H. C. Benner, president of the Nazarene Seminary of Kansas City, Missouri, brought greetings from the Church of the Nazarene. His message emphasized the distinguishing doctrine of both of our denominations, which is Holiness. He spoke of two great phases of church union, that of the unity of spirit and the unity of purpose. His message was very heartwarming. The Rev. C. Wesley Bradley, pastor of the Philadelphia, Pa., church, gave the response.

Orders of the Day—The election of the General Conference officials. By consent the President was authorized to appoint the tellers of which the Rev. A. L. Nabholz had been elected chairman. The following appointments were made: E. W. Zuber, Lowell Gilger, E. L. Gunby, Walter E. McKee, J. C. Poole, T. W. Mobley, John Huff, and Glenn Root.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for the General Conference President, and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

Orders of the Day—Dr. C. I. Armstrong, former pastor of the Houghton College Church and missionary-elect to tour the world, spoke as the representative of the National Holiness Association of which he was the former president. He described the work of this association and of its progress. The Rev. Garl Beaver, Secretary of the General Conference, gave the response.

General Conference President—The report of the canvass of the ballot for General Conference President revealed that Dr. Roy S. Nicholson was elected with 126 votes out of 145 ballots cast.

Ministerial Vice-President—The Conference then cast a ballot for the Ministerial Vice-President of the General Conference, and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

W. Y. P. S. Officers—The W. Y. P. S. Quadrennial Convention submitted to the General Conference the election of the following officers: General President, the Rev. Karl W. Johnston. Area Presidents: Houghton, the Rev. Forrest Gearhart; Central, the Rev. C. Wesley Lovin; Miltonvale, the Rev. Martin Cox; Marion, the Rev. Robert McIntyre. This election was ratified by vote.

The W. Y. P. S. Quadrennial Convention submitted to the General Conference the nomination for General Secretary, the Rev. H. K. Sheets. By vote he was elected.

Memorial—The Committee on Revision presented a memorial through its secretary, David A. Rees, pertaining to representation of ministers and laymen from the school areas on the Board of Administration. It passed by vote that this be referred to a committee consisting of a representative

from each school area. The following were elected: Central Area, S. D. Herron; Houghton Area, D. T. Perrine; Miltonvale Area, J. F. Simpson; Marion Area, J. W. Shatford.

Communication—The secretary read a communication from the Rev. K. M. Ridgway and the Rev. A. Hughes of Australia, which pertained to the work of that conference.

Agenda—It was voted that immediately after the opening of the afternoon meeting we hear the representative from the Free Methodist Church, Bishop M. D. Ormston.

Membership in N. H. A.—It was passed by vote that the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America become an affiliate of the National Holiness Association.

Ministerial Vice-President—The report of the canvass of the ballot for General Conference Ministerial Vice-President revealed that Dr. F. R. Eddy was elected with 85 votes out of 145 ballots cast.

Lay Vice-President—The Conference then cast a ballot for the Lay Vice-President of the General Conference, and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

Secretary—It passed by vote that the Secretary of the General Conference be elected by acclamation. The Rev. Carl Beaver was elected by vote.

Orders of the Day—The Wesleyan Commission for Men in Service hour. All servicemen and veterans of wars occupied the seats on the platform and a very fitting program was presented, during which letters from servicemen were read, special numbers given, roll of honored dead was read, and an appropriate message given by the Rev. Ernest Keasling, Director of Servicemen's Department of the Free Methodist Church.

Recessed by limitation of time.

Benediction by the Rev. Charles C. Cross.

Friday, 1:30 p. m.

Opening—The congregation was led in singing by Prof. Herman Baker and the Rev. Lester R. Fletcher led in prayer.

Unfinished Business—The report of the canvass of the ballot for the General Conference Lay Vice-President revealed that Dr. Stephen W. Paine was elected with 122 votes out of 140 ballots cast.

Committee on Courtesy—Bishop and Mrs. M. D. Ormston and Dr. and Mrs. Byron S. Lamson of the Free Methodist Church were introduced. Mrs. Ormston, Mrs. Lamson and Dr. Lamson, Secretary of Foreign Missions of that church, each gave a word of testimony.

Orders of the Day—Bishop M. D. Ormston, fraternal delegate from the Free Methodist Church, gave a very inspiring and heartwarming message. The Rev. David A. Rees gave the response.

Orders of the Day—The election of denominational officials.

Denominational Editor—A ballot was cast for the Denominational Editor and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

Insurance on Church Property—Mr. E. D. Cheney of the Michigan Conference presented the following motion which was adopted by vote: that the President of the General Conference appoint a committee to formulate a plan to assist churches in the event of fire or wind destroying their property, and then this committee report at the next Quadrennial session.

Committee on Audit and Invoice—It was voted that the same committee members serve in this capacity as during the last quadrennium; namely, Rev. David A. Rees and Dr. Willard G. Smith.

Committee on Chaplains—It was voted that the President of the General Conference be this committee.

Committee on Orders of the Day and Agenda—It was voted that the General Conference President be chairman of a committee appointed or created by either the Executive Board or the Board of Administration which shall constitute the committee on Orders of the Day for next General Conference.

Committee on Church Union—It passed by vote that the same members serve on this committee as served during the last Quadrennium; namely, Dr. R. S. Nicholson, Dr. F. R. Eddy, Dr. W. F. McConn, Mr. J. D. Williams, and Dr. S. W. Paine.

It passed by vote that the Board of Administration be the advisory committee to the committee on church union throughout the ensuing quadrennium.

Denominational Editor—The report of the canvass of the ballot for Denominational Editor revealed that Dr. O. G. Wilson was elected with 138 votes out of 145 ballots cast.

Publishing Agent—A ballot was cast for the Publishing Agent, and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

Committee on Pooling General Conference Expense—It was voted that a committee be elected consisting of one member from each of the school districts. It was voted to include the treasurer of The Wesleyan Methodist Church in this committee. The election resulted as follows: Houghton, the Rev. Charles A. Dayton; Central, the Rev. E. L. Henderson; Miltonvale, the Rev. Paul Kindschi; Marion, the Rev. E. L. Kierstead. The motion was made that a layman from each of the school districts be added to this committee, but the motion was lost by vote. The Rev. Paul L. Kindschi resigned from the committee. The motion was made to accept his resignation. The chair was in doubt when the voice vote was taken and a standing vote was called and the resignation accepted by vote. It was then voted that Mr. L. L. Hildebrandt, a layman of the Dakota Conference, fill this vacancy.

Publishing Agent—The report of the canvass of the ballot for Publishing Agent revealed that Dr. F. R. Eddy was elected with 96 votes out of 141 ballots cast.

Secretary of Foreign Missions—A ballot was cast for the Secretary of Foreign Missions, and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

General Conference Sermon—It was voted that the Board of Administration be authorized to appoint the person to preach the General Conference sermon.

Leaders' Conference—The motion was made that leaders' meetings be called as occasion makes it necessary. The motion was made to refer this matter to four conference presidents, one from each school district, to be appointed by the President. Following some suggestions that were made pertaining to these leaders' meetings, it passed by vote that the General Conference President meet with this committee in an advisory capacity.

Publish Minutes—By vote the Rev. Garl Beaver, Dr. R. S. Nicholson, and Dr. O. G. Wilson were chosen to edit and publish the General Conference minutes.

Edit Discipline—By vote Dr. R. S. Nicholson was elected chairman of this committee, the Rev. David A. Rees was elected second member, and Dr. O. G. Wilson was elected third member. Dr. R. D. Reisdorph was nominated but not elected by vote due to his living some distance from the publishing house.

Unfinished Business—It was voted that the Board of Administration be given the power to transact any unfinished business overlooked by this body.

Secretary of Foreign Missions—The report of the canvass of the ballot for Secretary of Foreign Missions revealed that Dr. F. R. Birch was elected with 120 votes out of 146 ballots cast.

Secretary of Home Missions—A ballot was cast for the Secretary of Home Missions, and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

Printed Minutes—Through a question asked by the Secretary, motion was made to include only those portions of reports that were read on the conference floor and delete that which was deleted. This motion was amended which passed by vote that none of the Joint Commission's report should be deleted. The motion passed by vote as amended.

Secretary of Home Missions—The report of the canvass of the ballot for Secretary of Home Missions revealed that Dr. J. R. Swauger was elected with 103 votes out of 145 ballots cast.

Sunday School Secretary and Editor—A ballot was cast for the Sunday School Secretary and Editor, and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

Sunday School Secretary and Editor—The report of the canvass of the ballot for Sunday School Secretary and Editor revealed that Dr. R. D. Reisdorph was elected with 121 votes out of 142 ballots cast.

General Conference Group Picture—Time had been set to take a group picture of the General Conference at 4:00 o'clock. It was therefore voted not to return to business after the taking of the picture, but to meet in the morning at 8:30.

Benediction by our beloved Missionary, Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke.

Fourth Meeting—Saturday, 8:30 a. m., June 30, 1951

Opening—The meeting was called to order. The congregation was led in singing by Prof. Herman Baker. Dr. Warren S. Freeborn, Jr. sang the old song, "More Love to Thee." The Rev. E. A. Coates, pastor of the Miltonvale Wesleyan College Church, led in the devotions reading from I Timothy chapter 1, who spoke from this passage and led in prayer.

The roll was called with 69 ministers and 67 laymen present. The minutes were read and approved. By vote the secretary was asked to delete Dr. Eddy's announcement concerning Delegate expense to the General Conference.

Agenda—By vote the Order of the Day, the report of the Committee on Superannuated Pension Plan, be postponed till Monday morning.

It was also voted that the General Stewardship hour be set for 10:30 a. m. instead of 9:00 as was previously set.

Orders of the Day—The time for the Stewardship Hour arrived and Dr. Oliver G. Wilson, General Conference Tithing Secretary, took charge of the service. After the singing of a hymn, Mr. Maxwell Enyeart and the Rev. Sherwood Eddy each sang a solo which was appropriate to the hour. The Rev. W. C. Lovin, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church

in High Point, North Carolina, gave a very fitting message on the subject, "Stewardship Responsibility."

Leaders' Conference—The chairman made the appointment of the committee to study the matter of Leaders' Conferences as the Conference had delegated him to do. From the Houghton Area, the Rev. H. C. Van-Wormer; Central Area, the Rev. E. L. Henderson; Miltonvale Area, the Rev. J. F. Simpson; Marion Area, the Rev. R. J. Stratton.

Committee on Courtesy—The Committee on Courtesy presented Dr. James V. Claypool, a Methodist minister and the representative of the American Bible Society, to this assembly.

Orders of the Day—Dr. James V. Claypool explained the work of the American Bible Society and gave a very inspiring message concerning the distribution of the Word of God to the world. Dr. Hollis Stevenson gave the response.

Committee on Courtesy—Mrs. James V. Claypool was presented to the Conference.

Recessed by limitation of time.

Benediction by Dr. James V. Claypool.

Saturday, 1:30 p. m.

Orders of the Day—The Memorial Service. Prof. Lorenzo Harvey led the singing. The Rev. Joseph B. Markey of the Allegheny Conference was in charge of this service. He announced the death of Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph's mother and called on Dr. C. I. Armstrong to lead in prayer for the family. The Rev. Mr. Markey gave the names of several ministers and laymen who passed on during the last quadrennium. The Rev. Wm. E. Foster led in the memorial prayer. Mrs. Betty Clemmons sang a beautiful number. After the reading of some verses of Scripture and a moment of silent prayer, Mr. Markey closed the service with prayer.

Orders of the Day—The Educational Hour with Dr. Stephen W. Paine, President of Houghton College, in charge. Prof. Stanley E. Banker of Central College led the singing and Dr. Paine led in prayer. A brass ensemble of Houghton College provided a number. Dr. R. C. Mullinax, president of Central Wesleyan College, spoke on the subject, "The Place of Education in the Early Holiness Movement." The Marion College male quartet for 1949-50 sang a number. The Rev. W. S. Freeborn, Sr., president of Miltonvale Wesleyan College, spoke on the subject, "The Wesleyan Methodist Church and Her Schools." The Rev. Leo G. Cox, president of our latest college which is in Melbourne, Australia, was introduced and spoke in its behalf. A bass solo was sung by Mr. Paul Britton with his sister, Mildred Britton, at the piano. Dr. W. F. McConn, president of Marion College, spoke on the subject, "Learning and Spirituality." The male quartet of the Wesleyan Methodist College of Central, South Carolina, sang a number. The Rev. George Failing, director of public relations of Houghton College, spoke on the subject, "Crises for our Colleges." Dr. O. G. Wilson, editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST and long-time teacher of theology in Miltonvale Wesleyan College, led in the closing prayer.

Committee on Courtesy—The committee presented some of our home missionary workers and each gave a word of testimony. The Rev. Leo G. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davidson, Mrs. Paul Gilmore, the Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Eling, the Rev. George Davis, the Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, the Rev. L. D. Harris, and the Rev. J. I. Rambo.

Expression of Sympathy—It was passed by vote that the General Conference Secretary send an expression of our sympathy and the promise of our prayers to Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Reisdorph because of the death of Mrs. Reisdorph's mother.

Orders of the Day—The reports of the college presidents. The treasurer of Marion College, Mr. Russell S. Baldwin, gave the report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 13.) The president of Marion College, Dr. W. F. McConn, gave the report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 13.)

Extension of Time—It was voted that time be extended until 5:00 o'clock.

Orders of the Day—The president of Miltonvale Wesleyan College, the Rev. W. S. Freeborn, Sr., gave his report which was adopted by vote. He also gave the treasurer's report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 14.)

Adjourned by vote.

Benediction by Mr. Raymond Smith.

Fifth Meeting—Monday, 8:30 a. m., July 2, 1951

Opening—Prof. Herman Baker led in congregational singing. The Rev. A. M. Gilmer, president of the South Ohio Conference, led in the devotions. He read from Genesis 17:1-11. He spoke especially of the leading of the Lord and the obedience to the Lord in the life of Abraham, and led in prayer.

The roll was called with 73 ministers and 60 laymen present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It passed by vote that the Orders of the Day which were set for Monday morning, the report of the pension plan, be postponed until Tuesday morning.

It passed by vote to extend the afternoon meeting until 5:00 o'clock and that we meet at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Committee on Courtesy—The Rev. H. Gilbert Williams, Secretary of Evangelism, was presented with 24 general evangelists of the Church.

Secretary on Evangelism—The Rev. H. Gilbert Williams, Secretary of Evangelism, who had been appointed by the Board of Administration to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. W. D. Correll, gave his report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 15.)

Special Committee—The committee to which was referred the question of representation from the school districts on the Board of Administration submitted the following recommendation: "In order that each school district have an equitable representation on the Board, we recommend that four members be elected from each district, two elders and two lay members, and that paragraph 221, section X, of the Discipline, be amended to conform to this change." Signed by the committee: the Rev. S. D. Herron, chairman; the Rev. D. T. Perrine, Mr. J. W. Shatford, and the Rev. J. F. Simpson. The report was adopted by vote. It also passed by vote that this recommendation become effective at once.

Committee on Boundaries—The Committee on Boundaries read its report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 16.) It also passed by vote that this recommendation become effective at once.

Committee on Courtesy—Dr. L. W. Sturk, General Superintendent of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, was presented.

Orders of the Day—The fraternal delegate from the Pilgrim Holiness Church, Dr. L. W. Sturk, General Superintendent, brought the warmest greetings from his denomination. The Rev. Charles C. Cross of Cleveland, Ohio gave the response.

Secretary of Home Missions—The motion was made but withdrawn that the matter of the time of hearing the Home Missionary Secretary be referred to the Committee on Orders of the Day. It was then voted as the Order of the Day for 2:00 o'clock this afternoon and that the W. M. S. and W. Y. P. S. be invited.

It was voted that the fraternal delegates be asked to leave copies of their speeches which are to be filed with THE WESLEYAN METHODIST.

Board of Administration—It was voted that the Board of Administration be excused from the 11:00 Orders of the Day to transact business.

Trustees of The Wesleyan Methodist Church—The tellers were called and a ballot was cast for the first Ministerial Trustee and another ballot was cast for the first Lay Trustee. The tellers retired to canvass the ballots.

Fairmount News—The editor of the Fairmount News provided complimentary copies of his paper to be distributed to the Conference. The secretary was instructed to convey thanks to the editor and also to the businessmen of Fairmount for a fine bouquet of flowers.

Lay-Delegates-At-Large—A Committee of three was elected on this committee of which the Rev. Russell L. LeRoy had been appointed chairman. The Rev. W. C. Black and the Rev. W. A. Smith each were elected by vote.

Conference Records—The Committee on Conference Records read their report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 17.)

Orders of the Day—The Wesleyan Commission on Child Evangelism with the Rev. Alton J. Shea in charge and the Rev. Winfield Ruelke of New York City as the speaker. The Rev. Ruelke gave a very clear explanation of the need for child evangelism. A sense of responsibility was felt by all.

Recessed by limitation of time.

Monday, 1:30 p. m.

Opening—After the singing of a congregational song, the Rev. Watson C. Black led in prayer.

Orders of the Day—The report of the Committee on Prohibition and Public Morals was given by its chairman, Dr. W. F. McConn. The report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 18.)

Orders of the Day—The 2:00 o'clock hour had been designated for the hearing of the Secretary of Home Missions, who spoke on the subject, "Into the Next Towns." This service was enjoyed by a combined assembly of the W. M. S., W. Y. P. S. and the main conference.

Trustees—The report of the canvass of the ballot for the first Ministerial Trustees revealed that Dr. Roy S. Nicholson was elected with 107 votes out of 128 ballots cast. The report of the canvass for the first lay Trustee revealed that Dr. Stephen W. Paine was elected with 82 votes out of 123 ballots cast. The Conference proceeded to cast a ballot for the second Ministerial Trustee and following this also cast a ballot for the second Lay Trustee, and the tellers retired to canvass the ballots.

Committee on Young People's Work—The Rev. Earl T. Gentry, secretary of the Committee, read the report, and it was moved and supported that the report be adopted. It was then moved and supported to refer it back to the committee because of the exception made that the officers of the W. Y. P. S. on college campuses need not be members of The Wesleyan Methodist Church. By vote it was not referred. There was an amendment offered to the motion that the adult counsellor and two of the other officers should be members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. A motion was made and supported to call the previous question. A rising vote was taken which resulted in 102 voting for and 2 opposed. The amendment was then stated and passed by vote. The original motion was put and adopted as amended by vote. (See Report No. 19.)

Trustees—The report of the canvass of the ballot for the second Ministerial Trustee revealed that Dr. F. R. Eddy was elected with 101 votes out of 115 ballots cast. The canvass of the ballot showed that there was no election for the Lay Trustee.

Committee on Church Merger—It passed by vote that in case of vacancies within the Committee, the Board of Administration be empowered to fill such vacancies.

Trustee—A ballot was cast for the third Ministerial Trustee and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

Committee on Resolutions—The Rev. Charles C. Cross, secretary of the committee, read its report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 20.)

Committee on Revisal—It was voted that we hear at least part of this committee report.

Trustee—The report of the canvass of the ballot for the second Lay Trustee revealed that Mr. Floyd G. Douglass was elected with 85 votes out of 123 ballots cast. The report of the canvass of the ballot for the third Ministerial Trustee revealed that Rev. David A. Rees was elected with 103 votes out of 132 ballots cast.

General Secretary W. Y. P. S.—A rising vote of thanks was given to the Rev. H. K. Sheets, General Secretary of the W. Y. P. S. and the Rev. E. L. Kierstead was asked to convey this information to the W. Y. P. S. Conference.

Board of Administration—Pending the arrival of Rev. David A. Rees, permission was granted to hear the report of the Houghton caucus, which reported the following nominations: the Rev. David A. Rees, the Rev. C. Wesley Bradley, Dr. Hollis C. Stevenson, Mr. Floyd G. Douglass. They were elected by vote.

Mr. Russell S. Baldwin moved that in Paragraph 221 of the Discipline the line which reads, "Three of these twelve shall be chosen from each of the four school districts in which they reside," be changed to read "Four of these sixteen shall be nominated by ballot from each of the four school districts in which they reside." This motion passed by vote.

The report of the Miltonvale Caucus presented the following nominations: the Rev. J. F. Simpson, the Rev. C. W. Dunbar, Mr. Charles Bakke, and Mr. Laverne Tolle. They were elected by vote.

Committee on Revisal—The Rev. David A. Rees, secretary of the committee, read the report. By vote the secretary was asked to read only the action of the committee. (See Report No. 21.) Item 1 was recommended by the committee and the conference approved their action by vote. Item 2 was referred by the committee to a special committee which

recommended that it not be approved. The conference approved their action by vote. Item 3, the first seven paragraphs were referred to the Committee on Resolutions which was approved by the vote of the conference. Paragraphs 8 and 9 were not recommended and this action was sustained by vote. Item 4 was referred by the committee to the Committee on Budget. Their action was approved by vote. Item 5 was referred to the Committee on Sunday School. Their action was approved by vote. Item 6 was referred to the Committee on Course of Study. Their action was approved by vote. Item 7 was referred to the Committee on Book Concern. Their action was approved by vote. Item 8 was not recommended and this action was approved by vote. Item 9 was referred to the Committee on Evangelism. Their action was approved by vote. Item 10 was referred to the Committee on Home Missions. This action was approved by vote. Item 11, the committee recommended the election of a special committee to study this item during the next quadrennium. By vote this action was approved and the Committee on Church Merger was elected to be this special committee. Item 12 was referred to the Committee on Men's Organization. The report of this committee was read. It was moved and supported that the constitution of the Men's Fellowship League be adopted. By vote it was amended that 25% of the dues may be kept in the Conference Treasury for promotional work. The constitution was then adopted as amended by vote. It was further amended that one meeting shall be for aid to seminary students or for the educational interests of the respective school district as the local fellowship shall specify. This amendment passed by vote and then the whole report was adopted by vote as twice amended.

Adjourned by a standing vote, to meet at 6:30 P. M. in Young People's tabernacle.

Monday, 6:30 P. M.—Young People's Tabernacle

Dr. Stephen W. Paine, Lay Vice-President, presiding. After the singing of a couple verses of an old hymn and prayer by the Rev. R. C. Kendrick, the chairman called the meeting to order for general business.

Central College—Dr. R. C. Mullinax, president of Central College, gave the quadrennial report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 22.) The financial report of Central College was presented by Dr. Mullinax which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 22.)

Melbourne College, Australia—The Rev. Leo G. Cox, president of Melbourne College, gave the report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 23.) The financial report of Melbourne College was presented by the Rev. Leo G. Cox and was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 23.) A rising vote of appreciation was given to the Rev. Leo G. Cox for his fine work in Australia.

Board of Administration—The report of the Marion Caucus presented the following nominations: the Rev. Charles L. Blanchard, the Rev. E. L. Kierstead, Mr. J. W. Shattford, and Mr. Glenn Root. They were elected by vote. The caucus asked for a raise in the educational budget of 50¢ per member. By vote this was referred to the Budget Committee.

Reconvening of Conference—It was passed by vote that the Conference reconvene in the Young People's Tabernacle after the Sunday School Rally service.

Extension of Time—By vote time was extended to hear all of the Houghton College president's and treasurer's reports.

Houghton College—Dr. Stephen W. Paine, president of Houghton College, gave the report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 24.) The financial report was read by Dr. Paine and was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 24.)

Recessed by limitation of time.

Monday, 10:15 P. M.—Young People's Tabernacle

Dr. Stephen W. Paine, Lay Vice-President, presiding. The Rev. Watson C. Black led in prayer.

Board of Administration—The report of the Central District caucus presented the following nominations: the Rev. E. L. Henderson, Dr. R. C. Mullinax, Mr. W. E. Hobson, Jr., and Mr. T. W. Mobley. They were elected by vote.

The caucus recommended the following: "That each conference have one representative on the Local Board of Managers of Central College for each one thousand members or major fraction thereof, with the understanding that the Disciplinary provision that each Conference have at least one representative not be violated. The membership upon which this representation will be based shall be that reported at the first Annual Conference session following the rise of the General Conference." Approved by vote.

Committee on Evangelism—The committee stated that they had collaborated with the Secretary on Evangelism, the Rev. H. Gilbert Williams, in making the report. The report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 25.)

Secretary on Evangelism—The Rev. H. Gilbert Williams was elected by vote to be the Secretary on Evangelism for the ensuing quadrennium.

By vote the report of the Committee on Evangelism is to be presented to the editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST to be published if he so desires.

The item which pertained to finance in the report of the Committee on Evangelism was referred to the Board of Administration by vote with power to act.

Committee on Delegates-at-large—The committee read its report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 26.)

Committee on State of the Church—This committee gave its report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 27.) By vote this report is to be presented to the editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST to be published at his discretion.

Committee on Tithing—The report of this committee was presented and passed by vote. (See Report No. 28.)

Committee on Home Missions—The report of this committee was presented and passed by vote. It was voted that the recommendations of this committee be taken up item by item. Recommendation No. 1 in the report of the committee passed by vote. The items on Budget were referred by vote to the Budget Committee. Recommendation No. 2 in the report was adopted by vote, and the last recommendation made by this committee was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 29.)

Adjourned by vote.

Benediction by the Rev. W. A. Smith.

Sixth Meeting—Tuesday, 7:30 a. m., July 3, 1951

Opening—Prof. Herman Baker led in the singing. The Rev. W. D. Correll was in charge of the devotions. Short prayers were offered by the Rev. D. T. Perrine, the Rev. R. C. Kendrick, the Rev. C. Wesley Bradley, and Dr. Roy S. Nicholson. Brother Correll read from John 16:7-11, emphasizing especially verse 8 and these words of that verse, "When He is come." The devotional period closed with Brother Correll leading in prayer. The Conference was called to order for business by the chairman.

The roll was called with 69 ministers and 47 laymen present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Committee on Courtesy—The Committee presented the following W. Y. P. S. Officers: The Rev. H. K. Sheets, General Secretary; the Rev. Karl W. Johnson, General President; and the following area presidents: The Rev. Forrest Gearhart of the Houghton Area, the Rev. C. Wesley Lovin of the Central Area, the Rev. Martin Cox of the Miltonvale Area, and the Rev. Robert McIntyre of the Marion Area.

Upon the motion of the Rev. E. L. Kierstead, a rising vote of thanks was given to the MARION CHRONICLE for its publicity of this gathering and to the Rev. Noel Winterholter for the reporting.

Upon the motion of the Rev. Donald Howard, it was voted that due to the need of a closer study and understanding of the report of the Joint Commission on Church Merger, the Publishing Agent be instructed to publish in booklet form, aside from the minutes, a sufficient number of the report of the committee to be made available at a price through the Conference Presidents to the pastors of our churches and all other desiring it.

Committee on Revisal—It was moved and passed by vote that the Board of Administration be the Committee on Revisal for the next General Conference.

Leaders' Conferences—The special committee elected to bring in recommendations concerning the Leaders' Conferences gave its report. It was amended by vote that the following words, "Presidents and Vice-Presidents" add the following words: "or any person the Conference may designate in their place." Report was adopted as amended.

Committee on Revisal Continued—(See Report No. 21.) Items 13 and 14 were referred to the Statistical Committee by vote. Item 15 was recommended by the committee and approved by a standing vote of the conference by 114 for and no opposing votes. Item 16 was not recommended. Following some discussion it was voted to limit debate to one minute to each speaker. This motion passed by a standing vote of 87 in favor of limiting debate and 11 opposed. The recommendation of the committee was sustained by a standing vote of 82 for and 26 against. Item 17 was recommended by the committee and their action approved by vote. Item 18 was referred to a committee which is to report to the Board of Administration. A motion was made and it was supported to sustain the action of the committee. Following some discussion, it was moved that debate be limited to one minute per speaker, the motion was lost by 40 votes for limiting debate and 47 against it. By vote the conference sustained the action of the committee. Item 19 was referred to the Committee on Clarification of the Discipline. No objection was heard. Items 20, 21, and 22 were each recommended by the committee and the conference approved by vote. Item 23 was not recommended and the conference voted to approve their action. Items 24 and 25 were recommended and ap-

proved by vote. Item 26 was not recommended and the conference voted to sustain the action of the committee. Item 27 was recommended and approved by vote. Item 28 was referred to the Committee on Co-ordination of Forms. No objection was heard. Item 29 was not recommended and this action was approved by vote. Item 30 was recommended and approved by vote. Items 31, 32 and 33 were referred by the committee to the Committee on Boundaries. These items have been taken care of in previous action. It was moved and supported and passed by vote that the paragraph referring to California be amended to include the State of Arizona. Item 34 was referred to the Committee on Clarification of the Discipline. No objection was heard. Item 35 was recommended and passed by vote. Item 36 was not recommended by the committee and it was voted to approve their action. Item 37 was referred to the Executive Board since it deals with the Pension Plan. It passed by vote that the Pension Plan be made an Order of the Day for this afternoon. Items 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42 were referred to the Committee on Pension Plan by vote. Item 43 was referred by the committee to the Committee on Clarification of the Discipline. No objection was heard. Items 44 and 45 were recommended and approved by vote. Items 46 and 47 were referred to the Committee on Young People's Work. No objection was heard. Items 48, 49 and 50 were each recommended by the committee and approved by the vote of the conference.

Official Road-side Church Sign—The sign which was on display as a road-side sign was referred to the Board of Administration, they recommended that this sign be used but that it not be the official sign of the Church. Approved by vote.

Committee on Revisal Continued—(See Report No. 21.) Add to Paragraph 256, (1) "Melbourne Bible College District: Australia." Approved by vote. Add to Paragraph 257 a new sub-paragraph to be (6) "The Board of Administration shall be the Board of Trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist College of Melbourne, Australia." Recommended and approved by vote.

Child Evangelism Committee—This Committee had been set up by the Board of Administration and recommended the following: 1. That Child Evangelism be continued. 2. That the Board of Administration employ a full-time children's worker as soon as possible. 3. That the Child Evangelism work be operated under the direction of the Sunday School Department. Approved by vote.

Department of Church Architecture—Concerning this item it was voted that the Board of Administration designate a committee to study and to report to the Board their findings. Approved by vote.

Sunday School Assessment—Whereas the Sunday School Department is responsible for the promotion of Child Evangelism; and whereas a wider expansion of the Sunday School activities are essential, we recommend that the assessment for the Sunday School Department be ten cents per member on the basis of the enrollment in the main school, and that these funds be forwarded to the Sunday School Department. By vote this was approved by the Conference.

Committee on Clarification of the Discipline Continued—(See Report No. 31.) In Paragraph 86, sub-p. 3, line 5 change the word "men" to "persons." Approved by vote. By vote a list of corrections of the Discipline, such as typographical errors etc., was authorized to be corrected. Item 1 was moved and supported but moved to amend that it be referred to the Board of Administration and instruct the Board to appoint a com-

mittee to draft a constitution for the Church. Passed by vote. Item 2, (Paragraph 91), approved by vote. Item 3, (Paragraph 93), approved by vote. Item 4, (Paragraph 94), approved by vote. Item 5, (Paragraphs 96, 103, 104), approved by vote. Item 6, (Paragraph 86), approved by vote. Item 7, (Paragraph 107, 108), approved by vote. Item 8, (Paragraph 110), approved by vote. Item 9, (Paragraphs 111, 115), approved by vote. Item 10, (Paragraph 120), approved by vote. Item 11, (Paragraphs 138, 149), approved by vote. Item 12, (Paragraph 146), approved by vote. Item 13, (Paragraph 157, 158), approved by vote. Item 14, (Paragraphs 100, 120), approved by vote. Item 15, approved by vote. Item 16, (Paragraph 396), approved by vote. Item 17, (Paragraph 403), approved by vote. Item 18, (Paragraph 407), approved by vote. Item 19, (Paragraph 211), moved and supported, but a motion was made to amend to make it read "third Wednesday" instead of "fourth Wednesday" but the motion was lost by vote. The original motion passed by vote.

Extension of Time—By vote time was extended to complete the hearing of the Committee on Clarification of the Discipline.

Item 20, (Paragraph 212), approved by vote. Item 21, (Paragraph 256), approved by vote. Item 22, (Paragraph 170), approved by vote. Item 23, (Paragraph 242), (See Report No. 21, Item 34), approved by vote. Item 24, approved by vote, and the Executive Board was elected to be the Committee called for. They were elected by vote.

Recessed by limitation of time.

Tuesday, 1:30 p. m.

Opening—Mr. Maxwell Enyeart led in the singing and Mr. Russell S. Baldwin led in prayer.

Committee on Courtesy—The officers of the W. M. S. and the Y. M. W. B. were presented to the conference.

President of W. M. S.—Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, president of the W. M. S. gave a financial report of this society which report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 32.) She also presented a graph showing the progress of the W. M. S. in membership, money raised, Wesleyan Missionary Subscriptions, etc. since 1903 to 1951.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the W. M. S. and its officers for this excellent progress.

Superintendent of Y. M. W. B.—Mrs. Aileen O. Shea, gave report of this band which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 33.)

Committee on Societies of the World—Motion passed by vote that this report be counted as read, all excepting any recommendation, and published in the minutes. (See Report No. 34.) Upon the recommendation of this committee it was voted that the secretary draw up a resolution taken from this report and present it to the proper ones as suggested in this report.

Committee on Statistics—It was passed by vote that this report be counted as read, all excepting any recommendations, and be put in the minutes. (See Report No. 35.) An amendment was made to the recommendation that each foreign mission work give an annual statistical accounting. The motion was lost by a standing vote of 25 in favor and 30 opposed. The recommendations of the Committee on Statistics were adopted by vote. (See Report No. 35.)

Church Extension—Dr. J. R. Swauger, Secretary of Home Missions,

presented the following resolutions: "Whereas, Foreign Missions was the theme of the Great Missionary Rally on last Sunday afternoon, and whereas, over five thousand dollars was raised in cash and pledges in public services for Foreign Missions, and whereas, no public offerings were taken for Church extension, and whereas, Church Extension has loomed into a phase of Church work that has tremendous importance in these critical days; Therefore, Be it Resolved, That we as the members of the Twenty-Eighth Quadrennial session of the General Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, humbly request that the Committee on Orders of the Day for the next Quadrennial Session of the General Conference give consideration to making the Sunday afternoon service of the next Quadrennial Gathering a great Church Extension Rally." It was moved, supported and approved by vote.

Committee on Courtesy—The Rev. Alton J. Shea, Secretary on Child Evangelism was presented to the Conference.

Secretary on Child Evangelism—The Rev. Alton J. Shea, Secretary on Child Evangelism, gave a report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 36.)

Committee on General Conference Entertainment—Mr. L. L. Hildebrandt, secretary of the committee, gave the report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 37.)

It was moved and supported and passed by vote that a statement of receipts and disbursements of the General Conference entertainment be published in THE WESLEYAN METHODIST.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the Treasurer, Dr. F. R. Eddy, for his work in this regard.

Orders of the Day—The report of the Committee on Superannuate Pension Plan. The Rev. David A. Rees, secretary of the committee, reported. (See Report No. 38.) Item 1, (Section XIII-A, Paragraph 313. Item 1. Sub-paragraph (1)), approved by vote. Item 2, (Sub-paragraph (2)), approved by vote. Item 3, (Sub-paragraph (3)), approved by vote. Item 4, (Sub-paragraph (4)), approved by vote. Item 5, (Add Sub-paragraph (5)), approved by vote. Item 6, (Paragraph 314, Sub-paragraph (1) and (2)), approved by vote. Item 7, (Paragraph 315, Item 3, Sub-paragraph (1)), approved by vote. Item 8, (Sub-paragraph (3)), approved by vote. Item 9, (Paragraph 316, Sub-paragraph (4)), approved by vote. Item 10, (Item 37 of Report No. 21, Paragraph 317, Item 5, Sub-paragraph (1) and (2)), not recommended. The Board action was approved by vote. Item 11, (Paragraph 317, Sub-paragraph (4)), approved by vote. Item 12, (Paragraph 317, Sub-paragraph (5)), approved by vote. Item 13, (Paragraph 317, Sub-paragraph (7) a new paragraph), approved by vote. Item 14, (Sub-paragraph (8) as is, (9), See Report No. 21, Item 37), not recommended. By vote the conference sustained their action. Item 15, (Item 39, of Report No. 21 (Paragraph 317)), not recommended. By vote the conference sustained their action. Item 16, (Item 38 of Report No. 21) recommended, and approved by vote. Item 17, (Paragraph 318, Sub-paragraph (6)), approved by vote. Item 18, (Item 37 of Report No. 21 (Paragraph 319)), not recommended. Conference sustained by vote. Item 19, (Item 40 of Report No. 21) amended and approved by vote as amended. Item 20, (Item 41, No. 1 of Report No. 21) not recommended and by vote the conference sustained. Item 21, (Item 41, No. 2), approved by vote. Item 22 (Item 41, No. 3) not recommended and by vote the conference sustained their action. Item 23, (Item 42 of Report No. 21), not recommended and by vote the conference sustain-

ed their action. Item 24, not recommended and by vote the conference sustained the recommendation.

Board of Administration—It was voted that the Executive Committee of the Board of Administration be the committee to receive and study complaints of the Pension Plan.

The Rev. D. T. Perrine, who found it necessary to be excused from the Conference, was asked by the chairman to lead in a word of prayer. The chairman stated that Brother Perrine has given the longest number of years as a Conference President of any among us.

Mr. L. L. Hildebrandt brought the following motion: That our beloved president and wife be directed to take at least a two weeks vacation yet this year, salary paid plus a \$300.00 expense account to be taken from the General Conference travel expense fund, providing there is any surplus after all expenses have been paid. Passed by vote.

Committee on Memorials from the W. M. S. and Y. M. W. B.—The report was brought through the secretary of the Committee on Revision. The same was adopted by vote of the Conference. (See Report No. 39.)

Committee on Memorials from the W. Y. P. S.—We recommend that the Rev. H. K. Sheets be named the associate editor of THE WESLEYAN YOUTH. Passed by vote.

Special Committee—The report of the special committee of the Home for the Aged was read, moved and supported that it be adopted. Then moved to refer to the Board of Administration which motion was withdrawn. A motion to amend passed by vote that the words at the close of the report be added, "if feasible." The report was adopted by vote of 62 in favor and 5 opposed. (See Report No. 40.)

Budget Committee—The Rev. Homer McRoberts, secretary of the committee, reporting. Moved and supported that the report be adopted. The motion was made to amend No. 6 of the report to make it read, "Church Extension \$1.00 and Home Missions, 50¢." The amendment was lost by vote. The report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 41.)

Committee on Headquarters and Publishing House Location—This committee read its report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 42.)

Committee on Revisal Continued—Recommendation concerning Paragraph 238-B. Passed by vote of the conference. (See Report No. 21, Item 51.)

Extension of Time—The motion passed by vote that time be extended to finish the business.

Committee on Book Concern—The secretary of the committee, the Rev. W. C. Brannon, read the report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 43.)

Committee on Education—Dr. R. C. Mullinax, chairman of the committee, read the report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 44.)

It passed by vote that the expense of the delegate, the Rev. Leo G. Cox, be paid from the General Conference entertainment and expense fund.

Dr. F. R. Eddy made the motion and it passed by vote that in assuming the cost of the General Conference Minutes publication the various departments assume their share of the expense based on the proration by pages.

Committee on Sunday Schools—The motion passed that this report be considered as read and it appear in the minutes. The report was adopt-

ed with the exception of the recommendations. The recommendations were read and approved by vote. (See Report No. 45.)

Committee on Foreign Missions—Mr. Russell S. Baldwin, secretary of the committee, reporting. The report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 46.)

Transportation Secretary—The Rev. J. F. Simpson was elected by vote.

Committee on Course of Study—It was voted that the Board of Administration be this committee.

Board of Review—Dr. O. G. Wilson, Dr. R. D. Reisdorph, Dr. F. R. Eddy, Dr. Stephen W. Paine, and Dr. Hollis Stevenson each were elected by vote.

Place of the Next General Conference—By vote this matter was left in the hands of the Board of Administration.

Vote of Thanks—A rising vote of thanks was given to the Rev. E. L. Kierstead and the Indiana Conference for the splendid entertainment of the General Conference.

The minutes were read and approved. By vote, the minutes as they have been read and amended from time to time were approved.

Adjourned sine die.

Congregation sang together "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

Benediction by Dr. F. R. Eddy.

Signed, Roy S. Nicholson, Chairman;

Garl Beaver, Secretary

Reports of the Conference

Report No. 1

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

1947 to 1951

Dear Brethren of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America:

It is an honored privilege, as the president of the General Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, to address you in this 28th quadrennial session. For 108 years our Church's record of service to Christ's Cause has been untarnished. Let us earnestly pray that this General Conference will have only pleasant memories for all, and that it may be recorded that it signally exemplified that holiness of heart and life which the Church has always advocated. In 1843 our motto was "Holiness Unto the Lord." It is the same today. The world is on a pilgrimage, and we must go on with it or perish. The Church cannot stand still or go back. It is go forward or die. The whole religious world is being greatly affected by the world-wide political dislocations and the emergence of Communism as Christianity's greatest foe. Even the powerful and ecclesiastically authoritative Roman Catholic Church, the avowed foe of Communism, has had to make adjustments to meet this new politically authoritative monster from Asia.

In "such a time as this" we have assembled to consider questions of far-reaching importance. Let them be given your prayerful consideration. In growing organizations, institutions and movements there constantly arise occasions for frank discussion of, and calm deliberation upon, points wherein there may be honest differences of opinion. For more than a century, which has experienced catastrophic changes and unprecedented perils, God has kept our Church united in spirit in its efforts to "girdle the globe with salvation, with 'holiness unto the Lord.'"

With a deep sense of personal unworthiness to walk in the footsteps of those godly and heroic men who have filled this honorable office, the duties assigned by the last General Conference were undertaken with fear and trembling. There were unpredictable things ahead. The proposed work would take one into many areas where the principles of his predecessors were all he had to serve as his guide and guard. But the sympathetic co-operation of each one, the Vice-Presidents of the General Conference, the Presidents of the Annual Conferences, the pastors, and the members of the local churches is hereby acknowledged with heartfelt gratitude. At one time during the early part of this quadrennium when life seemed to hang in the balances, the prayers and remembrances of the Church brought great comfort and assurance. God heard and answered prayer for my recovery. To Him and to all of you we offer our thanks.

Activities During This Quadrennium

Four years ago when the General Conference adjourned and the newly-adopted program of co-ordination and supervision was to be set in motion, all acknowledged that it presented a definite challenge, but none of us

knew all the problems involved. Office space was provided at headquarters in remodeled quarters previously rented as an apartment. All office equipment had to be secured, and that presented a problem owing to scarcities in some items incident to the war economy. The matter of living quarters became a pressing problem at once due to the lack of available and suitable properties for rent or for sale at a price the Church could afford. The Thanksgiving Offering, previously taken, proved to be most timely in these days of inaugurating this work.

Until August 15, 1947, this new work was conducted in connection with our work as Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST. During the quadrennium many of the newly-adopted activities have been set in operation and many others were expanded. The change of names of the various corporations was completed and properly recorded in keeping with the directions of the last General Conference. The setting of the Pension Plan in operation was placed under the supervision of the Board. Dr. F. R. Eddy was elected Treasurer of the fund, and his report will detail its financial condition. At a proper time this committee's report will be presented for your consideration. Despite certain needed clarifications and some desirable amendments, this new department is financially sound and deserves the hearty support of all who are eligible for membership. Only two of our Annual Conferences have not approved the plan.

"The possibility and advisability of securing a suitable headquarters property for the use of the general departments of the Church, including the Publishing House in a more central location," (which has been presented to the General Conference intermittently since 1903) was referred to the Board of Administration which was made the committee to undertake this study. The Board subsequently elected a special committee to study specific phases of this complicated question. Inasmuch as no funds were provided for this purpose, it has been necessary to restrict such studies to what was possible by correspondence or by discussions at those occasional times when the members of the committee were attending the annual Board meeting at Syracuse. At a suitable time this committee will report the results of its studies and offer its recommendations.

The Hymnal and the History

Two of the undertakings approved by the last General Conference—with the details to be handled by the Board of Administration—have been completed during the quadrennium. They are the preparation and publication of a new Wesleyan Methodist Hymnal, which was also to contain a selection of suitable gospel songs; and the preparation of a revised edition of Dr. I. F. McLeister's "History of The Wesleyan Methodist Church."

The Board named Dr. Oliver G. Wilson as Chairman of the Hymnal Committee and associated with him the Rev. David A. Rees, Dr. C. I. Armstrong, Prof. Herman Baker of Marion College, Prof. Charles H. Finney of Houghton College, Dr. George Beverly Shea, and Roy S. Nicholson. The Free Methodist Hymnal Committee invited us to collaborate with them, since they proposed a new edition of the Hymnal which both Churches had used for forty years. Acceptance of that invitation was approved by the Board.

The Free Methodist Committee included the Board of Bishops: Doctors Leslie R. Marston, Charles V. Fairbairn, M. D. Ormston and J. Paul Taylor; and the Rev. Roland E. Cochrane, Prof. Lawrence Schoenals,

Prof. Robert W. Woods, Dr. Leroy M. Lowell, Mr. B. H. Gaddis, Prof. Clark Brandt, Prof. Barclay Warren and Dr. A. W. Secord.

Collaboration in this undertaking, which involved enormous expense and an unbelievable amount of time, was a pleasure. The labor expended in carefully scrutinizing each hymn and gospel song for doctrinal, literary, musical and other values was exceedingly exacting. Nothing was approved until it had passed repeated examinations by the various committees. Just before the General Conference convened, this Hymnal came from the Light and Life Press at Winona Lake, Indiana. "Hymns of the Living Faith" (the name was offered by a member of the Wesleyan Committee) is presented as the completed report of this committee. The zeal with which each member of the Hymnal Commission applied himself to his work, and the magnanimity each showed in the discussions when differences of opinion arose, made this excellent Hymnal possible. To each of them is extended a hearty "Thank you!"

The revision of the History was a greater task than was anticipated. Doctor McLeister's painstaking work was remarkably accurate, but so many far-reaching changes had transpired in the intervening years that many additions were in order and much material had to be prepared amidst the demands of many other duties. The book was corrected till the time it went to press in March, 1951. The revised edition, now on sale at the book stand, represents the completion of that labor of love for the Church.

The Commission on Church Merger

Another item which took considerable time was the work of the Committee on Church Merger. There have been a number of meetings of the Wesleyan Committee with the Free Methodist Committee in Joint Commission meetings during this quadrennium. Owing to the time required for a proper study of the areas in which problems were encountered and for proposing mutually accepted formulas for their solutions to be presented to you, there has been little to report until now. But in March and May of this year the results of the Joint Commission's studies were gathered into a report which endeavored to fulfill the mandate of the last General Conference for "a definite plan of reorganizing as one the two denominations, without commitment to approval of union." In order that there would be ample time for a deliberate consideration of this report, it was sent to each delegate prior to the General Conference, and its consideration has been made an order of the day for Thursday afternoon. It is earnestly hoped that this document, which represents eight years of extensive research, frequent and frank consultations, and fraternal collaboration with these brethren of "like precious faith," will receive your most prayerful and deliberate consideration.

Wesleyan Methodist Leaders' Conferences

During this quadrennium, pursuant to the direction of the last General Conference, there have been three meetings of the General Officials of the Church with the Presidents of the several Annual Conferences for the "greater inspiration, co-ordination and growth of our Church." These were held at Marion College Church (1948); Waterloo, Iowa First Church (1949); and Central College Church (1950). None was planned for 1951 since it was the year for the General Conference. The preparation of the program and plans for these conferences was our responsibility, and it was the consensus that these gatherings were profitable. They resulted in a

greater consciousness of the essential unity of our Church and a deeper appreciation for the vexing problems that face us as a holiness Church.

Special Conference With Presidents

It became apparent, near the end of the quadrennium, that in order to plan more intelligently for the work of the next quadrennium, some matters should be given serious consideration. It is increasingly difficult to plan with any degree of certainty, and in this age of nuclear energy and supersonic speeds it is necessary to have extensive understanding and wide counsel on these vital issues. Therefore, in co-operation with Doctor Swauger, meetings with the presidents and other key officials of these Conferences were held in each college area. The first was at Syracuse, New York in December, 1950; the second, Dayton, Ohio, January, 1951; the third, Charlotte, North Carolina in March; and the fourth, Waterloo, Iowa in April. These smaller group meetings permitted discussions in greater detail and in a more practical manner on the problems pertinent to each area, as well as problems of general concern.

The work of the **Committee on Chaplains** increased considerably during the last year of the quadrennium. The first three years its work was largely routine, furnishing an annual ecclesiastical endorsement for chaplains in the reserves to the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, which certifies our men to the General Commission on Chaplains. Chaplain Lewis F. Uhlendorff (Middle Atlantic States Conference) was our only chaplain on active duty for several years. Now there are two others: Chaplains Glenn D. Lauby (Oregon Conference) and Frank W. Warren (Alabama Conference). As military activities are accelerated and more men are inducted into service, our Church may be asked to furnish more chaplains. And that will necessitate a decision on the question of where funds with which to meet the necessary expenses in connection with this work may be found. It is impossible to meet all the expenses which are gradually being turned to the Administrative Department, in view of the constant rise in operating costs as inflation threatens our nation's economic system.

As our Church's activities were enlarged, attention was focused on areas where we must operate if we were to have a properly balanced Church program and fulfill our mission. Hence, it became necessary during the quadrennium to extend our activities into these new and useful areas. It is natural that for the present these plans are in a rudimentary stage. They will need modification in order to be more effective, but each new thing undertaken grew out of the sincere conviction that a definite need existed in that area. Whatever has been done was felt to be the most expedient course to be taken in view of all that such a course involved. The new activities, about which details will be given later by the proper persons, are: Wesleyan Men's Missionary League, Wesleyan Commission on Child Evangelism, Wesleyan Commission for Men In Service, Committee on Aid to Seminary Students, Denominational Sunday School Council, and the Committee on Guidance and Counsel for Wesleyan Youth. Each meets a pressing need in a vital field and should be developed to the point of maximum efficiency.

The Mid-Century Goals

During this mid-century quadrennium it seemed advisable to set some very definite objective to be attained before General Conference. There-

fore, the Board of Administration approved the following as our Mid-Century Goals: (1) A net gain of 10% in new churches organized, (2) A net gain of 10% in our church membership, (3) A net gain of 10% in enlistments for full-time Christian service, (4) A net gain of 10% in our contributions for all budget items, (5) A total of 17,500 subscriptions to THE WESLEYAN METHODIST; 15,000 subscriptions to THE WESLEYAN YOUTH; and 15,000 subscriptions to THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY (6) The Superannuate Pension Plan in operation in each Conference, (7) A Wesleyan Young People's Society organized and functioning in each local church, (8) A total enrollment of 100,000 in our Sunday schools, and (9) A substantial gain in the enrollment of all four of our colleges, with especial attention being given to those who are candidates for the ministry and the mission field.

It is a disappointment that all these goals were not reached, but there were definite gains in each item. The gain in new churches equalled 9%, and our membership gain exceeded 10%. Our Sunday School enrollment exceeds 100,000, which means that we have a wonderful evangelistic challenge to win them to Christ, for an enrollment three times as great as our entire Church membership represents a white and waiting harvest field which it will be tragic to neglect.

Summary of Activities

The performance of duty incident to this office has included attendance at, or participation in, more than 4,500 religious services and public or private conferences (which averages over three such per day); more than 100,000 miles of travel; voluminous correspondence, which averages 10 letters per day; and constant preparation of manuscript for the religious press. Through the kindness of Dr. Oliver G. Wilson, our Editor, some message or article has appeared in practically each issue of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST. During the quadrennium it was our privilege to serve as fraternal delegate to the General Assemblies of The Church of the Nazarene and The Pilgrim Holiness Church, and at the General Conference of The Free Methodist Church of North America. The cordial response of these sister holiness churches convinced that "we be brethren" and share a "like precious faith." We have also served as the Church's representative at the annual meetings of the National Holiness Association and the National Association of Evangelicals, and the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society. Each of these organizations is rendering distinctive service to the Cause of Christ in their areas of service and will have a fraternal representative at this Conference. Considerable attention has been given to the cultivation of contacts with outside groups whose aims parallel our own. This affords better acquaintance with others' methods of procedure and assists in more effectively co-ordinating our mutual activities.

The Financial Situation

There have been three items wherein disappointment was experienced: (1) It has been impossible to make official contacts within each Conference during the quadrennium, but if present plans mature, all will be reached by August 15. (2) Owing to circumstances incident to launching this work on a full-time basis and the completion of assigned duties, it has been impracticable to hold regular quarterly discussions with all the General Officials of the Church. Several have been held as conditions permitted. The next quadrennium should be less packed than this one, since the new

program is now well under way; hence, these meetings should be possible on a regular schedule. (3) The real disappointment is that the 1950 Easter Offering did not completely remove the indebtedness on the General Conference President's parsonage.

That introduces the question of this department's finance. When the General Conference adopted the plan of full-time supervision for this office, it made the plan effective upon the rise of that session. It also adopted a 25-cents-per-member budget for the new department. One-sixth of the fiscal year was past and several Conferences had recently met when this action was taken. So it was April 30, 1949 before a complete fiscal year's report was possible. At that time the plan had operated for 22 months, but the total budget income had been **less** than the apportionment for a 12-months period. Faced with the imperative necessity to purchase every item of office equipment and to provide a house in which to live, it was necessary to invest the previously-raised Thanksgiving Offering which amounted to \$5,837.89. The purchase of the President's parsonage took \$3,000 of this money, over \$1,600 went for office equipment, and about \$1,000 was for twenty months' rent paid in advance to provide funds with which to renovate the rental apartment into offices for this department.

Since this budget came in so slowly, it was apparent that supplemental aid was imperative. That was when the Board of Administration authorized the Easter (1950) Offering which produced one-half the anticipated amount. It is embarrassing to report any liabilities. But a careful study of the financial report will show that the department has assets of \$12,000.57 and liabilities of \$3,737.08. Our **net assets** are \$8,263.49. Our liabilities for the first quadrennium, including the total indebtedness on the President's parsonage, equal only 31% of our assets. The budget apportioned for this department for the quadrennium was \$31,042 of which \$21,362.91 was paid, leaving \$9,679.09 unpaid. Thus it is immediately apparent that if the apportioned budget had been fully met, instead of any liability there would be a cash balance on hand of \$5,942.01. And if one ponders the fact that the budget asked for this department for 1950 was only two-tenths of one percent of the total raised for all purposes (or 19 cents out of every \$100), it cannot be said that our Administrative Budget is costly.

But despite this, the future gives concern. When this budget was set four years ago, it was not anticipated that some of the items it had to bear would be placed upon it, and it was expected that some of the "war" taxes would be removed, particularly the tax on travel costs. Instead of a decline in operating costs, the trend toward inflation has caused them to steadily spiral upward. Therefore, if the Administrative Department is to render effective service and afford creative leadership to plan the General Conference's program properly, it **must** receive its full budget. In view of the achievements in this quadrennium, it is believed that with adequate support the department can render more effective service to the Church next quadrennium.

With the permission of the General Conference, it would be a pleasure to present an attempted appraisal which it is believed should be of interest and profit as we plan for the years ahead.

AN ATTEMPTED APPRAISAL

In order that we may resist any temptation to think that because present conditions are so bad it would be wonderful to return to earlier days,

let us recall some of the conditions which prevailed in John Wesley's day. The founder of Methodism did not find things ideal. But he knew that isolation from the main stream of life, with its problems and idle dreaming about the past, would produce "death in the nest." Therefore, he faced things as they were.

Reviewing Yesterday

Wesley's day was one of industrial revolution when greed exploited the physical at the cost of all that was spiritual. Living conditions were abominable for many workers. The religious leaders were too sound asleep in unconcern to see new opportunities or to feel their plight. They were unwilling to amend their inherited traditions — even to save souls! Hence, most of the people had no spiritual instruction. Edwards said that at the opening of the Eighteenth Century men "worshipped the idol of Good Taste," but by the close of that century they "fell down before the Baal of Commerce and Industry."

Low moral standards produced ostentatious ill living and cynicism. As a result of violent reactions against the chafing restraints of Puritanism, the people appeared wholly abandoned to pleasure, deliberately sought for enjoyment, and many took delight in outraging morality. Vice was covered by a mere veneer of good taste. Masses of the people rapidly drifted beyond the Church's influence, sensing that it neither had a message for them nor felt any concern about them. It had neglected to face the real issues of life and dealt almost entirely with ephemeral externals.

Corrupt government and political intrigue also characterized Wesley's day. Self-centered politicians filled the public offices, "party" was made superior to the country, and the individual's interest was put ahead of party. The financial situation was iniquitous, unreasonable and intolerable. "Spiritual fatigue, dim ideals, expiring hopes and uninspiring materialism" had to be overcome. Because of a lost vision there was "spiritual inertia and spiritual sterility." The masses became lawless, brutal and violent, highways were robber-infested and police power could not cope with lawlessness.

Due to the absence of doctrinal preaching and teaching, Christianity became a mere system of morality. "The substitution of a moral for the supernatural basis of religion led to the decay of morality itself." Although the Church rejoiced at having eliminated "enthusiasm," it had to endure, as a consequence of this and of its inflexibility and indifference, "extraordinary coarseness and inefficiency in all departments of life." In reality the Church was more apathetic than disbelieving, and more indifferent than vicious. The people felt that it sustained no vital relation to their life and problems. In the main its ministers' attitude was **very professional**. They considered reason and logic supreme, and this provoked many religious controversies while decreasing church attendance. Scepticism seemed to abound.

Methodism's Message and Mission

In such a turbulent period John Wesley established Methodism as a new and flexible movement, with a spiritual message of hope for all men.

Wesley's message held tremendous appeal for the masses whom he sought, instead of waiting for them to seek him. His appeal to **experience**, instead of reason alone, helped overcome some of the reaction against

the emotional fervor of the Puritans. His emphasis on experience also led him to the basic spiritual needs and the heart cravings of the masses. They were attracted by this new emphasis on the worth and dignity of the individual. Wesley taught them that a vital, conscious and satisfactory spiritual experience did not depend upon station, wealth, or culture, but that through faith in Jesus Christ such an experience was possible to all men.

Methodism's early glory lay in two facts: (1) During an unspiritual, uneasy and unsettled age it had a positive, and conscious message which produced widespread moral, economic, social and spiritual transformations; and (2) its polity stressed respect for authority while at the same time it did not override personal liberty of conscience.

Adjustments are Necessary

Each decade of our history reveals some adjustment to be necessary if our message is to remain effective and if we are to accomplish our mission. Varying conditions necessitate changes in some of our methods and certain of our emphases. These changes enlarge our sphere of service and greatly increase our responsibilities. Therefore, we need to ask ourselves: "Why does our Denomination exist? What message have we to cope with the basic problems and needs of this mid-twentieth century period? Have we a positive message and a clear understanding of our mission?" We must present a solid front and a positive, appealing message in order to convince our age that what we stand for meets humanity's deepest needs and entitles us to an existence and support.

We must not sacrifice the present and the future by dreaming that we can turn events backward. The Church must keep step with progress. Looking backward may inspire us with zeal, but if we are to give proper emphasis and direction to our action, let us proceed to study "the present and the near future."

Surveying Today

By a study and survey of today's conditions one discovers the Church to be fighting for its life. It faces a different type of competition than it ever faced before. But of the perils within and without, the most deadly are those within. The most provoking perils are at these three points: (1) Mastering competition, (2) Retaining relevancy, and (3) Maintaining essential principles.

With respect to the first, if our people are to attract attention to the ideal, their daily living must be above the average of religious professors. But whatever means are employed to identify one as different from others, they must be used only to enable him to be at his best for the glory of God and not to secure the praises of men. It should be observed, however, that saintliness is neither produced nor proved by what one puts on or takes off. But that affords no excuse for any worldly conformity in dress or diversions.

Years ago the Rev. A. T. Jennings, in an editorial in THE WESLEYAN METHODIST of November 2, 1910, outlined three ways of dealing with competitors. One, lie down alongside them and be swallowed up, as when a lamb lies down beside a lion. Two, destroy the competitor and thus remove him. But we are builders, not destroyers. The third, and best way by far, be lifted so far above the competitor that there is no real comparison. This requires that we learn the lesson of comparative

values, lest we forfeit a future best for a present good. Our progress must not be by amputation, or by cutting off those whom we dislike. Instead it should be thorough patient cultivation of the individual so that he may keep up with the crowd. It is folly to neglect the individual. It is better to cultivate individuals who help to elevate the group than to appeal to a multitude of individuals.

Four Types of Individuals

In church work, as elsewhere, four distinct types of people are encountered. They have the responsibility to "think deeply, investigate thoroughly, understand completely, accept conscientiously, and act courageously" for the best interests of the Church today and tomorrow. They are: (1) **The reactionaries**, who are always wanting to return to something in the past. Like a pendulum, they would swing from what is to what was. (2) **The Conservatives**, who insist that we "maintain" the "status quo," who seem to think there is nothing better than the present. They forget that they inherited something from men who progressed beyond the positions of their fathers, and that to keep faith with them requires that we enlarge our inheritance. (3) **The radicals**, who would go to the other "extreme of individualism" and discard all the achievements of the past and turn the present upside down in order to set up a new system to suit their imagination. Their extreme views tend to drive conservatives farther from the center than they would go otherwise. (4) **The realists**, who with honest hearts and open minds carefully weigh new ideas before adopting, adapting or rejecting them. They are not "captiously cynical" toward adventures, nor "perilously cowardly in the face of present complications." They show the patience of self-control, the generosity of tolerance, and the steadfastness of faith.

Constantly Recurring Problems

Our present situation is not a new thing. Forty-eight years ago a report adopted by the General Conference declared: "On the one hand there has ever been working for our hurt a tendency toward worldliness and compromise; on the other hand there has ever been present a tendency to extreme legalism in seeking to correct this worldly tendency; an attempt arises frequently in religious bodies like our own to do by law what can only be done effectually by grace." The report recognizes that it is easier to preach the law and get into bondage than to preach grace that leads to liberty; that it takes greater grace to preach liberty than to preach law. The report expressed gratitude that "the type of legalism thus indicated has spent itself" to the extent it has, and contained a most fervent prayer that if it "has yet life enough to do harm" that it "may soon come to an end, and that all of our people may fully understand that we are set for liberty and not for bondage." The period of peace which followed this report saw the Church make some of its greatest forward moves and established three of its four colleges and opened new mission fields.

Figures for Serious Study

Wesleyan Methodism was once the **fastest growing** religious movement in the land. But a careful survey of our records for a 40-year period will startle one. In that time we:

- (1) Gained 353 churches, an average of 8.8 churches per year.
- (2) Gained 14,619 members, an average of 365.5 members per year, or one per day.

The average membership of each local church has grown from 33.6 to 36.5, or a gain of 3 members per church. Yet 54% of our churches have less than 30 members. (19.8% of our local churches—almost 1 out of 5—have less than 15 members each.)

Only 4.5% (or 41) churches reported over 100 members, and only 12 churches report over 150 members. The average Annual Conference membership is 1,208, but 64% (18) of them are below the average. 36% of our Conferences have 60% of members. That is, almost $\frac{1}{3}$ of our Conferences have $\frac{2}{3}$ of our members in them.

- (3) Received 115,869 members—an average of 2,897 per year, or 7.9 members per day.
- (4) Lost by death 12,392 members, or 310 per year or .9 member per day.
- (5) Granted letters to 30,164 members, or 754 per year, or 2 per day.
- (6) Lost by discontinuance (and otherwise) 58,694 members, an annual average of 1,467, or 4 members per day.

This means that we have received 7 members per day more than we have lost by death, yet we lost 6 out of these 7 per day by letter, discontinuance or otherwise. Thus we have retained only 1/7 of the members we have received. In 40 years we have lost by discontinuance alone a number greater by 10,000 than our present membership in full relation.

- (7) Multiplied our pastors' receipts over 12 times.
- (8) Multiplied our giving for missions over 13 times.
- (9) Multiplied our giving for education over 5 times.
- (10) Raised for local church and Conference work (not including Home and Foreign Missions and Education) the sum of \$27,258,027, or an average of \$681,450 per year—or \$1,600 per day (over a 40-year period).

This means that over a 40-year period each new member gained has cost us \$1,871 for local church and Conference work. The cost of local and Conference work throughout our Church for the 1943-1947 quadrennium was \$5,926 per day. Thus, each member gained from 1943-1947 cost us \$5,020 for local and Conference work.

This brings us face to face with the problem of why we operate so near the margin. We need to ask whether we have a proper conception of our mission as a Church, whether our methods are as effective as they should be in view of the enormous amount of money we spend each year, and whether we have misplaced our emphases. In a word, what prevents churches from growing? Doctor Sheridan gives a succinct answer in "The Experimental Note": "Churches die first at the heart. They die by losing sight of the ideals and principles that gave them birth . . . They die when religion by inheritance displaces a religion of vital union with God. They die by reverting from the Christian to the Judaic type . . . They die by substituting the incidental and secondary for the primary and fundamental. They die by letting the speculative and intellectual and ornate in preaching displace the evangelistic and experimental. They die by sup-

pressing the natural and spontaneous gladness of the soul in love with its Lord by a pompous and artificial religious ceremonialism." (Page 171)

Attention to Our Emphases

We should be very careful of our emphases for, as Rattenbury says, it is hard for the second generations of great movements to maintain the perspective of their founders. Much of today's confusion is due to an obscuring of the essentials of the Gospel and its "full relevancy" to our faith and life. We must shift our emphasis from the negative to positive, from the defensive to the offensive, and from the destructive to the creative. "A misplaced emphasis by the artist changes portraiture into caricature. A misplaced emphasis by the orator changes conviction into doubt. A misplaced emphasis by the preacher changes God's evangel into man's evasion and is more fatal than many heresies."

We should also beware of the trend toward a greater emphasis on liturgy and ritual, or ceremony. There is need for enough form to preserve order in our worship, but the tendency is to stress the esthetic and overlook the essential, to confuse the enjoyment of the beautiful with the possession of proper spiritual emotions, to substitute beauty of Sunday worship for personal righteousness in everyday living.

"The supreme need of Methodism today is a renaissance **not** of its early forms or methods or nomenclature, indeed, but of its early, simple, fervent and heroic spirit, its essential message and life, which will also be a renaissance of apostolic Christianity."

Some indication of the dislocation of things and the need for a lesson in comparative values may be seen in the Comparison of American Expenditures between 1939-1950 (issued by the Golden Rule Foundation through the Graphics Institute of New York City). In that 11-year period the dollar expenditures for **taxes** leaped from 2.4 to 22.7 billions, for luxuries from 9.3 to 23.6 billions, for **savings** from 2.7 to 8.6 billions, for **war** from 1.9 to 30 billions, but for **charity** it barely managed to slightly more than double itself from 1.4 to 3 billions. Shame on us! We spent 10 times as much for war in 1950 as for all religious and charitable purposes. America needs a better sense of values!

The situations which confront us demand a constructive statesmanship instinct with love, and instead of stern repression, there is need for moral and spiritual leadership. The present chaos is the soil out of which serious and ruinous reactions spring when the masses fall under the influence of subversive elements and are herded into misdirected mass movements. In such a time as this it will be tragic if Christ's Church takes more interest in trifles than in the great elemental forces that scheme to work beneath the surface.

Facing Tomorrow

As we face tomorrow we must frankly ask ourselves whether or not our best years lie ahead of us, or whether we are at the end of our usefulness. In a word, has Wesleyan Methodism a hopeful future? There may be prophets of pessimism who will say that our best years are behind us. If that be so, why should we endeavor to carry on at such terrific cost? The truth is that our best years **are** ahead if we face our problems fairly, maintain the principles of our founders, do not obscure the essentials of the Gospel message and requirements; if we experience the transforming power of the Gospel and proclaim it as a testimony and witness because

of its effect upon us; and if we endeavor primarily to preserve Christianity and not some human organization or ecclesiastical machine for some personal gain or preferment.

In order that this be a reality and not an empty ideal, our Church must constantly analyze herself critically to see wherein she may have failed, and repent where that is needed and amend her plans where that is required. We must never become static and inflexible; we must avoid the snare of dealing with panaceas instead of principles; we must avoid majoring on superficial externals and get down to the bed rock of motives as to **why** things are done, or not done; and we must shun the pitfalls of secularism that sap spirituality. There may be some who think that we must adhere to each detail as we received it from our founders. But as life and human needs change, so must our methods change to meet the new demands. But since principles never change, we must maintain the principles of our fathers and place our emphases upon current situations which need such messages. All about is evidence of need for inner renewal, for reform of policies that are inadequate for our day, for unity and certainty as to what is essential and what is only incidental, and for relating the Church to the major concerns of our day. It is not enough to **know** that transformations are needed along certain lines—we must work together to bring them about lest we find the Church frustrated and defeated. If we move ahead to our best years, we must neither exalt tradition above the written Word of God nor shift our emphasis from the Spirit-filled life to a law-controlled life, howsoever noble the origin of the laws.

A New Conception of Leadership

We need a new conception of the nature of true leadership, as well as greater respect for moral and spiritual leaders. This properly begins with the cultivation of such reverence for God and sacred things that deadening familiarity, which breeds contempt, is not tolerated. But if our leaders are to merit respect they must be personally attentive to all that pertains to their work and avoid every semblance of a professional and unethical attitude toward their work and their people.

We need a new conception of the Church and church membership. The Church is more than a movement, a machine, or a human organization. It is the Bride and the Body of Christ. It is a fellowship of believers in Christ. Its mission is character-transformation, and its message is that "Jesus Christ is at the heart and center of the Gospel . . . Christ is at the heart and center of the Gospel because God was in Christ . . . Christ is at the heart and center of the Gospel because God was in Christ for man's redemption."

And there needs to be greater respect for the authority of the Church, which has adopted a central supervisory system while respecting the true liberty of the individual. Forty years ago the honored Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST wrote: "It is coming to be an easy thing to set up individual opinion against the combined judgment of the Church, and there is danger of religious anarchy at this point." Let us not lightly dismiss these words of warning.

A New Conception of Stewardship

We also need a new conception of Christian stewardship. Wesleyan Methodists are liberal Christians. For the past several years their per

capita giving for all purposes has shown a steady gain, until in 1950 it amounted to \$131.93. Our local church treasurers in recent years have reported greater balances than ever before. But throughout a 30-year period our gifts for missions dropped from 9% of the total for all purposes to 5.3%, and gifts for education dropped from 3% of the total for all purposes to 1.7%. The cost of operating our local churches approximates 80% of the total raised for all purposes, placing us fifth in a list of 47 denominations whose reports were analyzed. Christian stewardship involves more than one-tenth of our income. It involves the proper use of time, talents and influence. According to the figures relating to our slow growth and the cost per new member gained, it appears that we need a better sense of balance in our stewardship. May it not be that many are in danger of substituting the sharing of things with the Church for the sharing of one's personal witness with the lost? There is too great a difference between the liberal giving of our people and the scant numerical gains of our churches. (Think of it! In 40 years each church has gained only 3 new members. That is almost unbelievable!) In these days of increasing taxation by the government and the rising costs of living, as well as church operation and maintenance, we must recognize the stern fact that unless we gain **more new members** to help finance the Church program, the present members will have to increase their contributions greatly or our extension program at home and our mission work abroad will begin to die. Surely Wesleyan Methodism needs a keener sense of its obligation to conserve its converts and cultivate them as supporters of its world-wide program of holiness evangelism. We are not seeking to burn incense to statistics, but to save souls and to prevent them from turning back to the beggarly elements of the world.

A Better Evangelistic Program

It will assist us greatly if we have a new conception of evangelism. "Evangelism" is on everyone's lips these days, but do we have a correct understanding of it? Are we substituting the **revival method** for the **evangelistic spirit**? Those who fear that a desire for numbers is an unmitigated peril need a proper understanding of the evangelistic emphasis which is winning men to Christ. That prevents confusing evangelism with ecclesiasticism, or the building of a church organization. Our first obligation is to win men to Christ, and the most effective evangelism comes through an organization which is so simple and flexible that its operation is not complicated or burdensome.

History reveals that generally the true and full gospel is more faithfully and efficiently preached in the so-called "small groups" than in the great bodies, for often the larger groups are distracted by doctrinal and other controversies. In fact, contention puts out revival fires. Effective evangelism requires unity, but "unity is not the result of coercion, but . . . wherever there are differences of opinion the Brethren differing should confer and discuss the questions involved until they have come to the point of agreement . . . In the progress of the Church there may be more or less demand for the discussion of questions upon which there is a difference of opinion among the Brethren." In deliberations upon such matters, one must realize that it is always better to preserve the unity of the Church than to have his own way. Thus one is enabled by divine grace to preserve that unity when he recognizes its "superior value."

A Revival of Romanism

Everywhere today we face a resurgence of Romanism which is positive of its authority and aggressive in entering every possible area of human relationships. In a press release appearing in the SYRACUSE HERALD-JOURNAL of June 1, 1951, the Catholic Directory asserted that Catholicism in the U. S. A. (including Alaska and Hawaii) had gained 868,737 adherents. It listed 4 cardinals, 24 archbishops, 156 bishops and 43,889 priests. It is organized to secure results. This tremendous gain was due to an increase in births, a decrease in deaths, and the converting of 100,000 to Catholicism from other faiths. The total number of Catholics in America was listed at 28,634,878. That presents a challenge for us to launch a crusade for converts. If Protestantism doesn't convert them, Catholicism and Communism will. It is making much ado over the divisions and disputes within Protestantism, which appears to rely too heavily on the rear guard and defensive action of mere protest. But we must do more than **protest** against what we do not believe. We must **proclaim** our belief and give positive and incontrovertible proofs of its validity and relevancy to life. "Our final authority on matters of faith and life is not any man or creed, but the living Word of God. ". . . It was the rediscovery of the good news about God in Christ that made Protestantism in its greatest moments a living, vital, and unequivocal manifesto of divine truth. The recapture of that positive, creative note is the crying need of our day. It is not only reform that we need, but a positive affirmation of faith." (Kerr) We must do more than attack the evils of our times—we must have a positive message and declare it. We do not need less talk about sin, but more assurance that full salvation is possible to all men here and now through Jesus Christ.

Our evangelistic emphasis must be that "evangelism" is **not** the "special vocation of selected individuals or groups," but "the prime responsibility of all who call themselves Christian and of all churches that profess the gospel. Evangelism is now seen to be, not merely **one** of the ways in which the Church witnesses to the gospel, but **the** way and the **only** way." And we must convince the great masses that the churches do not "represent special and privileged interests that are either inimical or indifferent to the common working man."

We must beware lest in our concern to reach men we forget that religion is not by "inheritance." To consider that religion is by inheritance exalts the influences of tradition and birth and adds members who are not converted. When that happens "the religion of strong feeling and the heart passes into the religion of custom and, therefore, of form and of law. . . . Real religion becomes a closed book." Its most important element (personal experience) has evaporated.

Losing Sympathy For Souls

The Church must be evangelistic or it may ultimately cease to be evangelical. Only as the Church is evangelistic is it fervent and vital. Unless we do try to **win** souls we will lose our sympathy for souls. If we are not evangelistic, we shall lose appreciation for spiritual "fellowship" and drift toward a "class" consciousness. When the Church is not evangelistic, its ministry tends to become academic and professional. Evangelism does work! It transforms churches and individuals when everything else has failed.

The true evangelistic spirit will "infuse a new sense of meaning in all our discussions. . . . Give a free and personal expression" to the fact that fellowship is possible despite differences on non-essential matters; and it will "infuse the worship of the Church . . . with a divine purpose . . . and mean a virtual resurrection from the dead" for the Church.

Some Practical Suggestions

And now, my dear Christian colleagues, in the face of calamitous conditions, in this dark moment which hints strongly of an impending cataclysm, when sober thinkers acknowledge man's inability to cope with the present situation, there rests upon each of us a solemn responsibility to keep calm in spirit and refuse to be stampeded by anything. We must be charitable and refuse to become divided over anything. We must be truly spiritual: living for God and not for self; living for souls, not for things; living for eternity, not for time. This sincerity will produce a heavenly radiance which will be far more convicting than cold logic, however correct that may be! A Christlike attitude displayed at all times, despite diabolical provocations, will condemn the world and silence its criticisms.

But such will demand the fullness of the Spirit, for "the human spirit fails unless the Holy Spirit fills." Man must possess an unquenchable thirst for the deep things of God.

If our Cause is to triumph, we must have "a great concern." As Mackay reminds, all our members must live on the frontiers of life—those places "where life's most crucial issues await a Christian decision," and where there are "new areas to be possessed in the name of Christ." Also we must have "a great conviction," that "Jesus Christ shall triumph in history and not merely beyond history." And if Wesleyan Methodism is to fill her God-appointed role today and tomorrow and "rise to the height of its calling," its members must "abandon all by-paths" and "believe adventurously in God." They must get rid of all those trivial things that hinder, they must forsake every semblance of complacency, and they must courageously cross those boundaries which have kept them from new conquests for Christ.

One has described the day's need for mountain-minded men in these words:

**"Give me men to match my mountains,
Give me men to match my plains;
Men with empires in their purpose
Men with eras in their brain." (Foss)**

And another challenges us to face hardship courageously, by declaring:

**"Manhood dies on the roads of ease
Where the skies are always blue." (Guest)**

There is noble work for us today. It is possible, necessary and reasonable. We can be more successful in our work and make a better showing to the glory of God if we will learn to (1) Conserve our converts, (2) Enlarge our borders, (3) Strengthen our extension program, (4) Concentrate our energies, (5) Multiply our giving, (6) Raise the level of our

living, (7) Increase the intensity of our intercession, (8) Be more alert to our possibilities, and remember God's promise: "For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed" (Isaiah 50: 7).

A Closing Appeal

In this hour, when the world appears to be walking as in a daze in a slippery path on the crumbling edge of perdition, oblivious to the impending crisis, may God keep us from devoting precious time to trifles. Such a momentous hour as this in the world's history should find each Christian at his best for God. That the gravity of the present situation may be visualized, permit this illustration:

A restless child tossed on his bed long after the household was asleep. To while away the lonely time he had counted the strokes of the huge grandfather clock. When it began to strike the hour of midnight the child counted: "One, two, three," and through till "twelve." But then something happened! The old clock struck again! At the stroke of "thirteen" the child gave a scream, leaped out of bed and ran through the hall shouting: "Get up, everybody! It's later than it has **ever** been before!"

May God assist us in this General Conference to sense the fact that it **is** later than it has even been before. May He help us to "serve the present age, our calling to fulfill" assured that if we betray our trust we "shall forever die."

Respectfully submitted,

Roy S. Nicholson

Report No. 2

REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING AGENT AND GENERAL TREASURER

OF THE

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA

For the Quadrennium 1947-1951

Dear Brethren and Members of the General Conference:

Another quadrennium has passed into the annals of history. The record of trials and victories, the result of battles of conquest, are only shown in part in the figures that are here presented. The efforts of the men assigned duties are never known in all their elements in the annals of men. The depth of the devotion can never be measured by any means at the command of mortals in this time world. We have only a few poor material things to tell you about and a few gains that are mostly material, can be shown on the balance sheets of the journals and ledgers of the business of the Church.

The quadrennium has been spent in seeking to recover from the ravages of war and take advantage of the changing economic situation in a manner that will leave the Church in a better position in the business world than the beginning of the term made possible. The financing of the changes that have come upon us has been the most difficult that we

have experienced in all of the years that this servant has been intrusted with planning and management. The increases in overhead expenses authorized at the beginning of the period made a serious problem for many months. The advances voted in periodical prices could not be realized for from six months to one year, yet the expenses began at once and ways had to be found to meet the need. This was done temporarily by way of loans which have not been all repaid as yet.

The rearrangement of official life made other expenses in remodeling the Publishing House, to care for the changed official life. This was carried out as rapidly as was physically possible. Labor could not be obtained and the expense would have been prohibitive if we could have found the men. The manager, together with personnel from the regular employees, did the major part of this remodeling and in this manner the changes were accomplished at a modest sum compared to that which a commercial job would have accumulated.

We now have no rentals other than the departments of the church in the Publishing House. The former apartments were so changed as to make usable offices for the Foreign Department, the Home Department, the Pension Plan Office and the Executive Offices. These offices are by no means ideal, but they are workable and we neither owe a mortgage on the property, nor do we have an excessive tax load to carry.

During the quadrennium we have added a number of automatic machines that were imperative with the increased volume of the business. Part of this investment had to be financed on time notes and part of it was cared for by loans from among our church interests. The latter were at a more favorable rate of interest than would have been possible by the factory plan. We have two late machines that are on the partial payment plan. We sought for annuities for these items of investment without success and finally secured the machines on a monthly basis at sums that the business could carry readily. In every case the machines have been very successful and are more than paying their way in savings in production costs. We are slowly reducing this load of liability.

The subscription list of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST has materially grown this quadrennium. This is a very healthy thing for it means that the message of the Church is going now far beyond its own membership and this is the primary task that lies before us as a denomination. The subscription list of THE WESLEYAN YOUTH is very materially increased but it is not yet as large as we believe it should be.

We have rearranged the plan of work with the acquisition of the former rentals and now have the work so streamlined that there is little or no backtracking in the production of the literature of the Church and its distribution. The capacity of the mailing department has recently been enlarged and we will now be able to care for a much increased demand on any or all of our supplies and periodicals. The efficiency of our pressroom is very high and our machines are in excellent condition. We need additional equipment for them from time to time but they are in excellent working order.

The History of The Wesleyan Methodist Church has been revised according to the order of the last General Conference and we are presenting it for sale at this session. The new Hymnal produced by the Joint Committee of The Wesleyan Methodist Church and The Free Methodist Church has been completed and we present it to you at this session. We are happy to report that we printed and sold six thousand copies of the Church Discipline this quadrennium; this is an all-time record. It

is a good omen for when a Church has, and reads, its law it is far better able to live up to the ideals of the denomination than it otherwise would be. During the past quadrennium we also obtained a new Gospel Song Book, separate from the Hymnal, that is designed especially for social, Sunday School and revival meetings. This was obtained at a much lower price than is possible for the Hymnal.

We wish to pay high tribute to our Assistant, the Rev. David A. Rees. His untiring efforts in the office, as well as in the field, have made possible many things that could not have been accomplished without assistance. The Rev. O. G. Wilson has served in the capacity of Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST and Editor of THE WESLEYAN YOUTH in a very efficient manner. No finer Christian gentleman could be found to work with in the shop and in the office. The Rev. Rufus Reisdorph has been untiring in the production of the materials for the Sunday School literature. We have sought to co-ordinate this with additional material for the use of our people so that we could supply them with as wide a variety of helps as the market could produce from safe and secure sources.

In the following pages we present an accounting of our stewardship of the work of the Church in: The Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association, The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, The Superannuated Ministers' Aid Society of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, including the Pension Plan work which is conducted under the same corporation, of which we are the active Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cash Receipts

All Sources, 1947-1948	\$188,726.36
All Sources, 1948-1949	202,228.42
All Sources, 1949-1950	197,306.21
All Sources, 1950-1951	213,578.70
Total Receipts	\$801,839.69
Cash on Hand, May 1, 1947	5,200.10
TOTAL	\$807,039.79

Disbursements

For All Purposes, 1947-1948	\$182,793.25
For All Purposes, 1948-1949	210,057.30
For All Purposes, 1949-1950	190,228.40
For All Purposes, 1950-1951	207,613.14
Total Disbursements	\$790,692.09
Cash on Hand, April 30, 1951	16,347.70
TOTAL	\$807,039.79

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT EARNINGS

	1947—1948	1948—1949	1949—1950	1950—1951
Sunday School Supplies	\$ 81,463.93	\$ 91,878.68	\$102,314.09	\$104,148.77
Books and Merchandise	32,687.12	36,594.51	33,307.52	35,018.10
Job Printing	38,532.65	36,347.39	37,060.62	33,017.67
Wesleyan Subscriptions	12,115.49	12,466.52	16,577.49	17,085.61
Wesleyan Youth Subscriptions	6,152.33	6,337.95	7,352.71	12,082.84
Rents	2,017.50	2,597.50	2,600.00	2,890.00
Sunday School Dues and Contributions ..	1,487.02	3,017.80	2,745.71	3,633.71
Miscellaneous	2,845.20	6,531.82	595.96	554.33
Discounts	559.37	585.78	352.14	535.22
Advertising				165.65
Inventory	9,388.09	4,521.62		5,157.88
Totals	\$187,248.70	\$200,879.57	\$202,906.24	\$214,289.78
Grand Total				\$805,324.29

SALARIES AND EXPENSE

	1947—1948	1948—1949	1949—1950	1950—1951
Executive and Clerical Salaries	\$ 24,352.82	\$ 34,684.68	\$ 35,684.65	\$ 37,603.54
Direct Labor—Gas, Heat and Power	51,780.92	42,251.68	42,510.44	46,069.02
Supplies	66,810.74	83,602.67	70,044.59	74,523.81
Mechanical Department	6,101.00			
Building Maintenance	8,073.10	30,143.96	34,267.00	38,999.49
Fixed Charges	4,187.53			
Other Expense	18,050.22	10,051.09	14,143.73	12,710.39
Depreciation	4,626.40			
Totals	\$183,982.73	\$200,733.48	\$196,650.41	\$209,906.25
Grand Total				\$791,272.87

Earnings \$805,324.29
Salaries and Expense 791,272.87

Net Business Gain for Quadrennium \$14,051.42

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

April 30, 1951

ASSETS

Currents Assets:

Cash in Bank	\$ 16,240.70
Canadian Cash	17.00
Petty Cash, Office	88.00
Petty Cash, S. S. Secretary	300.00
	\$ 16,645.70

Accounts Receivable:

Trade Accounts (Debit Balances)	8,191.09
Wesleyan Commission for Men in Service	66.00
	8,257.09

Loans Receivable	1,514.85
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Inventories:

Merchandise for Resale	32,279.57
Supplies	14,405.00
Work in Process	5,000.00
Expense Supplies	582.00

 52,266.57

Total Current Assets \$ 78,684.21

Investments:

Mortgage Receivable, J. M. Byars	3,992.72
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Fixed Assets:

Land, Plant Property	\$ 40,000.00
Building, Plant Property	50,000.00
Machinery & Equipment, Composing Room	27,776.99
Machinery & Equipment, Press Room	28,998.25
Basement Tools and Fixtures	2,081.84
Building Maintenance Equipment	8,947.87
Cuts and Electros	6,431.68
Furniture and Fixtures	21,567.38
Land—Executive Home	2,000.00
Building—Executive Home	8,000.00

 195,804.01

Less: Reserves for Depreciation 13,524.20

 182,179.81
Deferred Charges:

Prepaid Insurance	2,474.51
Board Meeting Expense	301.50
Post Office Deposit	459.25
Group Insurance	14.95

 3,250.21

TOTAL ASSETS \$268,106.95

LIABILITIES**Current Liabilities:**

Accounts Payable:	
Trade Creditors	\$ 4,456.43
Payroll Taxes Withheld	714.62
Credit Balances Accounts Receivable	142.58
Wesleyan Missionary Magazine	646.00

 \$ 5,959.63

Loans Payable 26,300.00

Deferred Income 3,995.90

Deferred Credits:

Board Meeting Expense	615.47
Wesleyan Methodist Reserve	86.60
Payroll Control	2.25

 704.32

Total Current Liabilities 36,959.85

Capital Liabilities:

Annuities	14,600.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	51,559.85
Net Worth	216,547.10
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	\$268,106.95

Report No. 3**REPORT OF THE TREASURER****OF****THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA****For the Quadrennium 1947-1951**

The General Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, Greeting:

This is the first experience in the operation of two elements of this department of the work of the Church. First, the Executive Budget is an entirely new element and, because it was new and experimental, we have chosen to keep the account entirely separated from the other finances of the account. For that reason it is being shown in both its receipts and disbursements separately from the General Account which handles all other matters passing through these channels. It was necessary to purchase a house for the President to use. This was done at the earliest date possible. This had need of certain improvements which were cared for and are here accounted for.

The second element that is entirely new is that of the Pooled Expense for the General Conference and its delegates for all departments. This has been carried in the General Account but is shown entirely separately so the matter is in no manner to be confused with other monies passing through this channel. It will be noted that since several conferences met just before the session of the General Conference they could not hand down a Budget asking to cover these two special items until the next session of the annual conference which occurred nearly a year after the beginning of the work of the quadrennium. These conferences found themselves handicapped in paying the full allotment for the quadrennium and in at least some instances have not been able to do so.

This delay in Budget receipts has made a difficult problem for the operation of the Executive Budget in particular. Much of the quadrennium it has operated with a deficit which was carried by the funds in the other accounts. This will naturally adjust itself beginning with the new quadrennium but we are of the opinion that the Executive Budget is too low and should be increased.

The matter of the General Conference Expense Account is yet to be tested for the entire matter was of necessity based upon an estimate and only actual experience will reveal the needed funds in a more accurate figure.

We hereby present the Quadrennial Report of the Treasurer of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. Eddy, Treasurer

THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA GENERAL FUND

Quadrennial Report—1947-1951

RECEIPTS

	1947—1948	1948—1949	1949—1950	1950—1951	Total
American Bible Society	\$ 1,510.27	\$ 1,222.74	\$ 1,435.83	\$ 1,372.82	\$ 5,541.66
Gen. Conf. Entertainment ...	348.75	2,907.87	3,614.39	6,833.78	13,704.79
Leaders' Conference	1,390.55	1,413.62	1,580.10	31.00	4,415.27
Radio Fund Contributions ...	7,658.46	282.51	31.58	13.00	7,985.55
Borrowed for Radio Fund ...	3,000.00				3,000.00
Employees' Loans Repaid ...	75.00	153.75			228.75
Interest Earned		6.18			6.18
Watt Estate for Distribution.		4,456.79			4,456.79
Nat. Asso. for Evangelicals ..		11.00	8.40	19.17	38.57
Wes. Com., Men in Service ..				15.92	15.92
Aid for Seminary Students ..				4.00	4.00
Miscellaneous	54.35				54.35
In and Out		1,000.00			1,000.00
TOTALS	\$14,037.38	\$11,454.46	\$ 6,670.30	\$ 8,289.69	\$40,451.83
Cash on Hand May 1, 1947 ..					2,306.63
					\$42,758.46

DISBURSEMENTS

	1947—1948	1948—1949	1949—1950	1950—1951	Total
American Bible Society	\$ 1,510.27	\$ 842.32	\$ 1,816.25	\$ 1,372.82	\$ 5,541.66
Gen. Conf. Expense 1951		70.45		1,243.75	1,243.75
Gen. Conf. Expense 1947					70.45
Leaders' Conference Expense ..	1,126.13	1,362.63	1,502.78	60.72	4,052.26
Radio Fund	8,428.60				8,428.60
Paid on Radio Notes	2,239.86	282.51	31.58	13.00	2,566.95
Loans to Employees	225.00				225.00
Annuity Payments	235.00	235.00	235.00	287.50	992.50
Watt Estate Distribution:					
Legal Expense \$ 300.00					
W. M. P. Assn. 2,078.40					
Admin. Fund 2,078.39		4,456.79			4,456.79
Dues and Contributions		155.00	280.00	25.00	460.00
Nat. Asso. of Evangelicals ..		11.00	8.40	19.17	38.57
Wes. Com., Men in Service ..				15.92	15.92
Miscellaneous	54.35				54.35
In and Out		1,000.00			1,000.00
TOTALS	\$13,819.21	\$ 8,415.70	\$ 3,874.01	\$ 3,037.88	\$29,146.80
Cash on Hand April 30, 1951					12,412.58
Advanced to Adm. Bud. Fund					1,199.08
					\$42,758.46

THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA

GENERAL FUND

Balance Sheet—April 30, 1951

ASSETS

Bank—First Trust & Deposit	\$12,412.58
Advanced to Administrative Budget Fund	1,199.08
TOTAL ASSETS	\$13,611.66

LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED CREDITS

Aid for Seminary Students	\$4.00
General Conference Entertainment Fund	12,461.04
Leaders' Conference	363.01
Annuity	500.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$13,328.05
NET ASSETS	283.61
TOTAL	\$13,611.66

THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FUND

Quadrennial Report—1947-1951

RECEIPTS

	1947—1948	1948—1949	1949—1950	1950—1951	Total
Administrative Budget	\$ 2,576.58	\$ 5,087.27	\$ 7,285.00	\$ 6,414.06	\$21,362.91
Easter Offering			4,439.09	2,624.14	7,063.23
House Fund		308.09	75.00	1,013.00	1,396.00
Gifts	76.94	103.26	455.00	7.00	642.20
Watt Estate Bequest		2,978.39			2,078.39
Notes Payable (Pres. Home)	7,000.00				7,000.00
Sale Office Furniture		80.00	15.00		95.00
Travel Expense Credit		16.41	407.58	332.42	756.41
Promotional Expense Credit			19.50	22.75	42.25
In and Out		23.23		50.75	73.98
TOTALS	\$ 9,653.52	\$ 7,696.56	\$12,696.17	\$10,464.12	\$40,510.37
Cash on Hand May 1, 1947 (Forward Movement Fund)					5,837.89
TOTAL					\$46,348.26

DISBURSEMENTS

	1947—1948	1948—1949	1949—1950	1950—1951	Total
Real Estate—Pres. Home ...	\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00
Furnace—President's Home ..	235.00				235.00
Office Furniture and Fixtures	1,652.28	312.56	40.75	386.40	2,391.99
Notes Payable (Pres. Home)				4,500.00	4,500.00
Interest Paid		350.00	250.00	300.00	900.00
Salaries	4,067.41	5,037.76	5,056.89	5,396.92	19,558.98
Office Supplies	397.50	235.95	159.30	486.62	1,261.37
Postage		125.78	182.79	125.19	433.76
Telephone and Telegraph		48.12	36.26	59.43	143.81
Office Rent	1,000.00		600.00	600.00	2,200.00
Auditing and Accounting		64.00	115.51	154.37	333.88
President's Home Expense ...	198.61	1,415.53	225.91	111.40	1,952.45
Travel Expense	329.38	848.51	1,076.75	1,052.83	3,307.47
Promotional Expense		5.85	27.30	66.63	99.48
Miscellaneous	26.92	16.25			43.17
Withholding Tax Paid	412.60	479.20	461.17	547.70	1,900.67
In and Out		23.23		50.75	73.98
Total Disbursements ..	\$18,301.70	\$ 8,952.74	\$ 8,233.33	\$13,838.24	\$49,336.01
Less Tax Withheld	468.10	464.40	455.27	550.90	1,938.67
Net Disbursements	\$17,833.60	\$ 8,498.34	\$ 7,778.06	\$13,287.34	\$47,397.34
Cash on Hand April 30, 1951 (Petty Cash)					150.00
					\$47,547.34
DEFICIT (Advanced From General Fund)					1,199.08
					\$46,348.26

THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA**ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FUND****Balance Sheet—April 30, 1951****ASSETS**

Petty Cash	\$150.00
Real Estate	10,000.00
Fixtures—Home (depreciated)	164.50
Office Furniture and Fixtures (depreciated)	1,686.07

TOTAL ASSETS \$12,000.57

LIABILITIES

Note Payable	\$2,500.00
Withholding Tax	38.00
Due General Fund	1,199.08

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$3,737.08

NET ASSETS 8,263.49

\$12,000.57

Report No. 4

**QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE
PENSION PLAN
OF
THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA**

To the General Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America,
Greetings:

The Pension Plan has reached the close of the last fiscal year of its first Quadrennium. The problems that have confronted its operation have been monumental. There were no rules of procedure to follow in its operation and every move had to be explored for feasible and sensible methods to accomplish that which had been envisioned in its creation. There were no finances to operate with and no office materials made available to the Treasurer.

In order to begin the work, after the appointment by the General Board, sufficient money was used from the General Fund of the Superannuated Ministers' Aid Society to buy the necessary books and supplies until such time as money began to be made available by the members who joined in the early days of the Quadrennium.

Very early in the year, Miss Esther Perrine of the Zion Church of the Allegheny Conference became available and was hired as secretary in the office of the Pension Plan. She arrived in Syracuse just as the first Thanksgiving Offering began to arrive. We feel very positive that the Lord directed us in obtaining this fine Christian lady. She has entire charge of the books, the work of the office and all correspondence has been handled by her under the direction of the Treasurer. She is the only person receiving salary from the funds of the Pension Plan.

The Board of Administration set up the needed plan and forms of operation and these were largely prepared by mimeograph so that the operating costs have been kept at a minimum. Proper furniture and a new typewriter were obtained for the use of the secretary and fireproof files were secured for the safeguarding of all records and files of the Plan. A second hand desk was secured for the use of the treasurer and such other material was secured from time to time as the efficient operation of the work demanded. No salary has at any time been paid to the treasurer but he has given his attention as needed in addition to his other duties in the Publishing House. Space was arranged for the office in the Publishing House at a nominal cost and telephone service was obtained in the same manner.

At the direction of the General Board the funds were deposited in the Syracuse Trust Company so that all funds belonging to this department are in a different bank from any other fund that is in charge of the General Treasurer, thus safeguarding against the possibility of confusing with the funds of any other part of the Church finances.

Our Auditor informed us that the wording of the Discipline made it impossible to use any part of the so-called Sinking Fund for any purpose even of setting up the work of the Plan until specific legislation was enact-

ed directing the manner of the use of this fund. In compliance with that instruction we have invested these funds, as they have accumulated from the Thanksgiving Offerings and Membership Fees, in Government Bonds and now have in our Lock Box in the Syracuse Trust Company the sum of \$60,350.00. The first purchase of these bonds were Coupon Bonds and the rest have been Time Bonds bearing a little larger rate of interest. The General Conference should make arrangements whereby the Board of Administration may be able to administer this fund as the needs of the Pension Plan may demand and an emergency may arise. At the present time only the interest from these funds is available for any purpose.

To the present time, all operating cost and expenses have been paid from the current budget and assessment receipts from the conferences and the members who have joined the Plan. We now have 546 members signed up in the Plan and are paying benefits to 113 members who have filled out proper applications for benefits. It became necessary to meet the need of certain widows who were already on some sort of a benefit from their Conference Plans. The Board instructed the treasurer to pay to such widows whatever sums their conferences were paying at the time the Pension Plan was set in operation. This has been done and is now in operation.

We have been able to pay the maximum benefit to all claims, so far, from the current receipts, but we would call attention to the fact that we are not yet on a full load of benefits to widows and a larger level of receipts will need to be arranged for to meet such a condition as will occur within a very few years when the widows of the present membership shall all have come onto the benefit list. We suggest that the proper committee make a very careful study of these problems and bring in a report that will make the future operation both safe and satisfactory. It would certainly seem that some sort of a Pension Field Day should be designated to occur each year in which special offerings should be made for the special support of the Pension Plan. The laity of the Church has certainly voiced their approval of the effort that is being made as each Thanksgiving Offering of the Quadrennium has been larger than any preceding one.

It is very evident that we have begun a move that will be a great encouragement to the ministry of the Church and fill a need that we have too long neglected. The correspondence from the aged beneficiaries would thrill the heart of the most unemotional. The gratitude of those who would be Public Charity without this assistance from the Church they have given their lives to, is very touching. We feel that every minister in the Church should become a supporting member at once, if they have not done so already, and that every Annual Conference in the denomination should support the Plan to the fullest degree.

We hereby present the Quadrennial report of the Treasurer of the Pension Plan of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America:

SUPERANNUATE PENSION PLAN—QUADRENNIAL REPORT

June 30, 1947—April 30, 1951

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

	1947—1948	1948—1949	1949—1950	1950—1951	Total
Membership Fees	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 6,724.41	\$ 2,562.13	\$ 747.08	\$11,283.62
Income Assessments	52.19	8,893.19	11,976.45	10,862.05	31,783.88
Church Budget	1,818.22	31,143.22	36,990.77	38,044.72	107,996.93
Departmental Assessment		1,168.85	1,187.66	1,176.46	3,532.97
Gifts or Bequests		71.22	52.54	113.43	237.19
Thanksgiving Offering	10,558.16	11,792.39	13,577.33	15,317.42	51,245.30
Interest Received			207.61	400.00	607.61
Suspension Fund*	125.00	2,200.78	782.76		3,108.54
Checks Returned (Beneficiaries Deceased) ..			180.00	383.94	565.94
Total Receipts	\$13,803.57	\$61,994.06	\$67,517.25	\$67,047.10	\$210,361.98

DISBURSEMENTS

	1947—1948	1948—1949	1949—1950	1950—1951	Total
Benefits Paid		\$18,282.18	\$32,464.03	\$40,329.07	\$91,075.28
Widows Pension Adjustment**		250.00		250.00	500.00
Refund					
Membership Fees		162.50		5.00	167.50
Income Assessment		34.53	41.74	102.58	178.85
U. S. Savings Bonds			20,350.00	40,000.00	60,350.00
Office Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 474.53	722.50		265.15	1,462.18
Salaries	953.00	1,715.39	1,726.17	1,783.68	6,178.24
Sick Leave			28.69		28.69
Office Supplies and Expense..	305.42	309.90	215.18	567.20	1,397.70
Postage	9.27	18.64	25.62	16.47	70.00
Telephone		22.00	24.00	24.00	70.00
Rent Paid		360.00	360.00	360.00	1,080.00
Bank Charge		1.59	9.00	10.15	20.74
Checks & M. O. Returned ..			436.36	23.68	460.04
Auditing Expense			84.52	136.35	220.87

	1947—1948	1948—1949	1949—1950	1950—1951	Total
Outside Office Expense*** ..		94.08	96.88	62.09	253.05
Bond Expense			14.06		14.06
Withholding Tax Paid		161.80	169.90	198.08	529.78
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,742.22	\$22,135.11	\$56,046.15	\$84,133.50	\$164,056.98
Less Tax Withheld	23.00	153.60	167.10	202.58	546.28
Net Disbursements	\$ 1,719.22	\$21,981.51	\$55,879.05	\$83,930.92	\$163,510.70
Cash on Hand April 30, 1951					46,851.28
					\$210,361.98

* Funds awaiting allocation until further information is received.

** Payment to widows not members of the Plan.

***Office expense incurred elsewhere than at headquarters.

SUPERANNUATE PENSION PLAN—QUADRENNIAL REPORT

June 30, 1947—April 30, 1951

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Petty Cash	\$25.00
Cash in Bank	46,826.28
United States Savings Bonds	60,350.00
Total	<u>\$107,201.28</u>

Fixed Assets:

Furniture and Fixtures	\$1,462.18
Less Depreciation Reserve	361.85
Total	<u>\$1,100.33</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$108,301.61</u>
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LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities and Reserves

Sinking Fund*	\$62,475.33
Suspension Fund**	8.00
Withholding Tax	16.50

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	\$62,499.83
Net Assets	<u>45,801.78</u>

TOTAL	<u>\$108,301.61</u>
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* Thanksgiving Offerings and Membership Fees

** Funds awaiting allocation until further information is received.

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. Eddy, Treasurer

Report No. 5

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' AID SOCIETY

of

THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

April 30, 1951

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$ 1,719.36
Loans Receivable:	
J. M. Byars	\$ 1,440.02

Central College	1,300.00		
Donald Cordner	400.00		
Joseph Cox	331.40		
Clarence Hosford	100.00		
Houghton College	600.00		
Middle Atlantic States Conference	1,000.00		
D. A. Rees	3,679.00		
Kenneth J. Vose	542.08		
Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association	3,400.00		
Rev. Hugh Newcomb	30.00		
L. C. Swordfager	600.00		
Charles L. White			
Principal	\$300.00		
Accrued Interest	186.00	486.00	13,908.50
Total Assets			\$ 15,627.86

LIABILITIES

Annuity (Ottie L. Holden)	\$ 500.00
Total Liabilities	500.00
Net Worth:	
Balance May 1, 1950	14,571.80
Add—Excess of Income over Expenses	
Year Ending April 30, 1951	556.06
Balance April 30, 1951	15,127.86
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	\$ 15,627.86

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET WORTH FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1951

Income:	
Interest earned	\$655.86
Expenses:	
Annuity Interest	\$27.50
Audit Expense	21.45
Bank Charges .....	.85
Miscellaneous	50.00
	99.80
Net Increase in Net Worth	\$556.06

STATEMENT OF LOANS RECEIVABLE

AT APRIL 30, 1951

(Name)	Balance May 1, 1950	New Loans Granted	Interest Charged	Payments Received	Balance April 30, 1951
J. M. Byars	\$1,645.79		\$ 67.23	\$ 273.00	\$1,440.02*
Central College	1,400.00			100.00	1,300.00*
Donald Corder		\$ 600.00		200.00	400.00*
Joseph Cox		695.00	11.40	375.00	331.40*
Clarence Hosford		150.00		50.00	100.00*
Houghton College	600.00				600.00*
M. A. S. C.	1,100.00			100.00	1,000.00*
D. A. Rees	3,179.00	500.00			3,679.00*
Kenneth J. Vose	596.08			54.00	542.08
W. M. P. A.	1,000.00				1,000.00*
W. M. P. A.	500.00				500.00*
W. M. P. A.	750.00			750.00	*
W. M. P. A.	2,900.00			1,000.00	1,900.00*
Charles L. White	486.00				486.00
Rev. Hugh Newcomb		50.00		20.00	30.00
L. C. Swordfager		600.00			600.00
Totals	\$14,156.87	\$ 2,595.00	\$ 78.63	\$ 2,922.00	\$13,908.50

*Interest Paid or Charged.

Report No. 6

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST
AND WESLEYAN YOUTH

Mr. President and Members of the General Conference: Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

It is with a feeling of deep gratitude to Almighty God for His continued help and guidance throughout the quadrennium that this report is submitted to you. In every dark place He has been a light; for every heavy burden He has been a help; for every hour of temptation He has been a refuge. He has been a glorious living Lord, a companion, a counselor, an understanding friend.

Dr. John Haynes Holmes, editor of UNITY and pastor of the Community Church, New York, says, "A religious periodical is significant in proportion as it deals with the impact of religion upon life and deals with all questions of public interest from the religious point of view." This I believe is a fair analysis of the purpose of a religious publication.

The denominational paper, which is the official organ of the Church, should be unreservedly committed to the interpretation, propagation, and application of the historic faith, in accordance with the traditions and confessional standards of the denomination. It should aim to unfold the everlasting truths of the Gospel and strive at all times to deal with con-

temporary issues in Church and State from the viewpoint of God's revelation of Himself in the Bible and in Jesus Christ.

The denominational paper must defend the doctrines of the Church against the attacks of the skeptics and atheists. It must be able to detect and expose heterodox teachings. It must contend for the essential unity of the Church regardless of race or color. The unity of the Church is not ecclesiastical; it is not based upon uniformity, but in union with the risen Lord. The official Church paper must be clear in its theology if the Church is to be saved from confusion.

The Church paper is duty bound to promote the denominational interests. This "the Wesleyan" has attempted to do. It has stood by every denominational enterprise and endeavored to be a medium of information through which these corporations may inform the Church of their activities.

THE WESLEYAN METHODIST has endeavored to stand by anyone that is right and not to withdraw from the battle because the cause becomes unpopular. Six basic threats to morals have been opposed:

- (1) The beastly march of intemperance and the revolting use of tobacco;
- (2) The defiance of the sanctity of marriage;
- (3) Unchristian attitudes in industrial relations by both management and labor;
- (4) The wave of gambling that sweeps our nation;
- (5) The countenance of unchristian discrimination in race relationships; and
- (6) The trend to nudity which stems from the jungle.

THE WESLEYAN METHODIST has not only opposed wrong and evil, it has positively espoused the cause of regeneration by faith alone, entire sanctification as an experience to be obtained by faith here and now, a holy life that is a rebuke to a sinful age. It has taught the great doctrines of the Church; and has urged its readers to be ready for the imminent coming of Christ.

It is the conviction of the Editor that our Church stands unitedly for scriptural holiness, that there is an unflinching desire to keep unspotted from the world, and a firm resolve to hold an uncompromising attitude toward fanaticism, formalism and secret societies.

THE WESLEYAN METHODIST is limited in its service because of the continued rise of prices. Many features could be added which would add to its attractiveness and worth were the finances available.

Much charity has been asked of the readers and contributors because limited space has necessitated deleting important reports and articles. This is a grief to the Editor and a cause for friction among the contributors. Your continued charity is solicited.

THE WESLEYAN YOUTH is the mouthpiece of our Youth organization. It serves a large place among the young people. It has been criticized, praised and ignored. Yet it continues to grow in influence. It is planned with the purpose of helping to solve youth problems. (It makes its appeal to the youth age-level.) This policy will be continued and expanded should the present arrangement be continued beyond August 15.

Since the Editor is liable to mistakes, many errors have crept into the pages of the two periodicals; some upon being observed afterward were cause for deep embarrassment. Your general goodwill, your many expressions of appreciation, your kindly spirit of tolerance has been greatly

appreciated and, as the Editor closes his term of service, he feels that he has given his best and is now conscious of the presence and approval of our Christ.

Appreciation is here publicly expressed to Dr. F. R. Eddy, Agent, to Rev. D. A. Rees, Assistant to the Agent; to Rev. J. M. Byars, Shop Foreman; to the entire staff in the shop, pressroom and mailing room. They have been kindly in spirit, courteous in attitude, and gracious in manner. Mrs. Wilson has been my constant companion, chief adviser, and sustaining inspiration; to her I am eternally indebted.

The guiding image for your Editor through the past four years has been threefold: instruction, inspiration and information.

The denominational paper must defend the doctrines of the Church against the attacks of the atheists. It must be able to detect and expose heterodox teachings. It must contend for the essential unity of the Church, regardless of race or color. The unity of the Church is not ecclesiastical; it is not based upon uniformity, but upon union with the risen Lord. The official Church paper must be clear in its theology if the Church is to be saved from confusion.

Oliver G. Wilson

Report No. 7

QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

June 28, 1951

To the members of the General Conference, greetings in the name of our Lord.

To report to you concerning the activities of thousands of Sunday school workers in the Church and to render praise to God for His gracious assistance throughout the quadrennium is a privilege.

Sunday-school workers in The Wesleyan Methodist Church, like Sunday-school workers across the land, are now rejoicing in the marked improvement in the general situation concerning Sunday schools.

Thirty years ago, there came into the Sunday schools of America a sinister and forceful emphasis on liberal theology; unwholesome methods for promoting Sunday-school work were also introduced. Prior to that time the leadership in the Sunday-school movement rested to a large degree in the hands of fundamental and evangelistic men, and the Sunday schools made a vital contribution to the church life of America.

Beginning about 1925 and continuing for sometime this sinister influence reaped a harvest, it brought about a decrease of attendance in the Sunday schools of America by more than two million. The largest decreases were shown in Churches that welcomed the new emphasis. But it must be observed that evangelical Churches, such as the Wesleyan Methodist, the Free Methodist, the Nazarenes, the Assembly of God, and certain other organizations did not share in the decrease which plagued the liberal institutions.

This downward trend in Sunday-school attendance was not completely overcome until about 1947. Between 1944 and 1947 some large denominations

ations continued to suffer losses. But the Southern Baptist, Free Methodist, Southern Presbyterian, Assembly of God, Nazarene, Mennonite, and the Wesleyan Methodist Churches, with some others, enjoyed a fair increase in attendance.

Many factors have contributed to bringing about a change in the trend of the Sunday-school movement. The shocking losses which several Churches suffered resulted in awakening them to employ drastic efforts to reclaim their pupils.

Evangelical Churches, observing the general decrease in Sunday-school attendance intensified their efforts, and thus were able in some degree to gain what others were losing. But a vital factor which brought about an awakening and brought together the evangelistic forces interested in the Sunday school was the reorganizing of the National Sunday School Association. Doubtless, this organization has in recent years done more to stem the tide and change the downward trend of the Sunday-school movement than any other one factor.

Current reports reveal an upward trend and renewed interest in the Sunday-school work of America; for this all who are concerned about the moral and spiritual welfare of our country are giving thanks. Many religious organizations, are taking up the work. According to authoritative sources there were in 1949 in the United States 243,454 Sunday schools with an enrollment of 28,893,789. Protestant Sunday schools comprised more than ninety per cent of the total enrollment in this type of school; but others contributed. The total picture is as follows:

Protestants, 222,776 schools, with 27,122,149 enrolled.

Roman Catholics, 17,639 schools with 1,500,000 enrolled.

Jewish, 1,200 schools with 143,769 enrolled.

Eastern Orthodox, 822 schools, 52,596 enrolled.

Other Catholics, 327 schools, 7,496 enrolled.

Other religious groups, 690 schools with 76,790 enrolled.

In this renewed interest and progress in the Sunday-school work of America, Wesleyan Methodism has not been in arrears. In a recent report, Dr. Ross of the International Council of Religious Education placed Wesleyan Methodist Sunday schools near the head of the list in percentage gain.

It is needful that all evangelical organizations in the United States arise to the great need of the hour and challenge wicked forces that stalk across our land.

John Edgar Hoover states, "Crime is on the march in America. Day after day, year after year, the appalling tide of criminality continues to rise. Crime in 1950 surpassed even the shocking record of 1949, a serious offense occurring on the average of every eighteen seconds. And young America still makes its alarming contribution to the sum. During 1950, 14.9 percent of all persons arrested and fingerprinted were under twenty-one years of age. This undoubtedly is a conservative figure, since many jurisdictions as a matter of practice do not fingerprint youthful offenders.

"The continuing flood of immorality and crime accompanies an all too evident substitution of a secular, materialistic philosophy for the historic reliance upon divine guidance which has been a cornerstone in our democracy.

"Is it coincident that this criminality and this secularism go hand in hand? I do not think so. I think that the criminal flood is an inescapable result of our earlier failure to teach God convincingly to the youthful un-

fortunates our adult criminals of tomorrow. I think that the one sure way to stem the tide and restore our nation to moral sanity is to bring about a return to religion as our guide for daily living."—Quoted in The Sunday School Times of May 5, 1951.

The fact that many of the crimes committed are by young people emphasizes the need of the Sunday school in the community. It is estimated that fifty percent of all crimes against property are committed by young people under twenty-five years of age. Mr. Hoover points out that many youthful offenders are not fingerprinted. Yet in 177,562 cases in 1949 involving young people under twenty-one years of age, law enforcement agencies regarded the offences sufficiently serious to take the fingerprints of the offenders for inclusion in the fingerprint files of the F.B.I. These represent some fifteen percent of all persons arrested; as a group, persons under twenty-one years of age account for 43.8 per cent of all persons arrested for auto theft; 38.2 percent of all persons arrested for burglary; 30.4 percent of all persons arrested for rape; 26.7 percent of all persons arrested for robbery; and 11.9 percent for all persons arrested for felonious homicide.

One half of the pupils of the public school system in America receive no religious training aside from the little they may receive in the home.

It is important that young people be touched by the Church and won for the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a well-known fact that young people begin to drift from the Church at about the age of twelve years, and ninety percent of those past the age of twenty who have never joined the Church will never belong to a Church, nor will their children.

In order to take their place in advancing the cause of Christ, the Sunday schools of Wesleyan Methodism have emphasized certain essential aspects of the task.

Teachers' Training

The Department now recommends six courses in Teachers' Training: "Olympiad Bible Lessons No. 1," "Olympiad Bible Lessons No. 2," "The Pupil and How To Teach Him," "Principles of Teaching for Christian Teachers," "Pocket Bible Handbook," by Halley, and "Foundations of Christian Doctrine," by Jessop.

Each of these courses is given a certain number of Credit Points, and a certificate is granted to the individual as he completes a course. When further courses are taken other certificates are given; the total number of Credit Points earned is always designated on the last certificate presented. Thus the individual continues from one course to another, accumulating Credit Points which reveal the amount of work done in preparation for teaching.

Teachers' Training has found an interest in our Sunday schools recently. During the current quadrennium, ninety-seven certificates were issued, most of which were granted during the last two years; this fact evidences a deepening in specialized preparation. This is an important phase of the Sunday-school work, and deserves special consideration by all local schools.

Thanksgiving Offering

The Thanksgiving Offering has become an occasion of growing interest in the Sunday schools of the Church. It gives them opportunity to express thanks to God and appreciation to their fellow men, but contributing jointly to some worthy project. Thanksgiving Sunday is the only

day in the year on which all Sunday schools in the Denomination put forth a special effort to raise funds for one common purpose. This practice not only provides an avenue of spiritual blessing, but also contributes to the cause of Christ, and tends to unite the Sunday schools into a unit.

The last session of the General Conference voted that all the Thanksgiving Offerings for the current quadrennium go to the Superannuate Ministers' Fund. The Sunday schools rallied to this invitation and challenge. The offering in 1947 amounted to \$10,558.16; in 1948 \$11,792.39; in 1949 \$13,577.33; in 1950 \$15,317.42 making for the quadrennium a grand total of \$51,245.30. The Sunday schools counted it a privilege to thus have a share in cheering the way of veterans of the Cross.

Vacation Bible School

It has been impossible to get accurate figures on the Vacation Bible School work, but it is known that hundreds of schools are being held each summer and thousands of children are being instructed in the Word.

This work has come to the foreground in our schools in recent years, but since it was inaugurated, the number of schools has increased rapidly. They have brought an evangelistic message to the children and led many to Christ.

Statistics

Some may declare that they are not interested in figures, but whether we are interested in them or not, they are very convenient, and take on great significance when representing immortal souls, or other phases of the Lord's work.

Sunday schools of The Wesleyan Methodist Church have written an impressive record across the years. Considering the last four quadrenniums, we discover the following: In 1935 we had 652 schools with an enrollment of 55,312. At present we have 999 schools with an enrollment of 99,310. This presents an increase of 58 percent in the number of schools in a period of sixteen years, and an increase of 79.5 percent in enrollment in the same period.

During those years the number of Teacher's Quarterly increased from 4,200 to 8,300; an increase of 97 per cent. The Senior Quarterly increased from 22,300 to 38,000; an increase of 71 per cent. The Home Department Quarterly increased from 1,600 to 3,000; or 87.5 per cent. The Intermediate Quarterly increased from 6,400 to 10,700; or 67.1 per cent. The Junior Quarterly increased from 9,300 to 14,000; or 50.5 per cent. The Primary Quarterly increased from 4,100 to 7,800; or 90.2 per cent.

The Sunday School Banner increased from 16,200 to 40,000; or 146.9 percent in sixteen years. The Junior Class Paper increased from 7,400 to 17,000; or 128.7 percent. The Children's Friend increased from 5,400 to 13,500; or 150 percent.

At present 70,500 copies of Wesleyan Methodist Sunday-school papers are presented in the schools each Sunday, and 82,000 quarterlies are distributed each quarter. This represents an increase for the current quadrennium of 11.5 per cent on quarterlies and 19 per cent on Sunday-school papers.

At present the enrollment in the Sunday schools is approximately three times our church membership. This situation is unusual in Sunday-school history, and there are some elements in the picture that cause one to wonder if we have reached the saturation point.

One is compelled to ask: How far beyond church membership can Sunday-school enrollment be carried? It is a problem which faces the Sunday-school workers of Wesleyan Methodism at this time, and demands that serious thought be given to our promotional program. It is evident that further gains in the Sunday-school enrollment over Church membership will be made only by greater efforts in the promotional field.

Field Contacts

Editorial demands make it impossible for the Secretary to personally contact large segments of the Church, yet considerable work has been done on the field. District conventions have been held in several Conferences upon invitations from the Conference Sunday School Secretaries. But it has been impossible to answer all the calls.

The Sunday School Department has also been represented at two of the annual conventions of the National Sunday School Association. Other valuable contacts have been made in person.

Approximately twelve thousand letters have gone into the mail, and thousands of miles have been traveled in behalf of the Sunday school work and other interests of the Church.

Foreign Service

The Sunday School Department is not usually looked upon as a missionary organization, but makes contributions through several missionary channels, toward projects at home and abroad.

During the current quadrennium the Department has found an added channel of service. Manuscript for the Senior Quarterly is now being sent to both South America and Haiti, where it is translated into Spanish and Creole respectively. Thus the Sunday School Department bears witness abroad by preparing lesson helps for thousands of natives.

Spiritual Values

It is interesting to note that all gains in the Sunday School Department are not to be counted in the amount of money raised, the number of scholars contacted, the number of special days observed, and in the increase of our teaching staff. During the quadrennium, 20,512 scholars were converted and 8,677 joined the Church. These we consider as the greatest accomplishments of the quadrennium.

It has been the purpose of the Department to win the lost to Christ, to edify and strengthen believers, and to open a door of service for those who know Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord. Twenty thousand conversions during the quadrennium speak of the interest, the prayers, and the labors of the Sunday-school workers of the Denomination who have given sacrificially in order to advance the Kingdom through the ministry of the Sunday school under the leadership and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

For what has been accomplished we give due credit to our small, but hard-working staff in the office, to those who assist by printing and distributing the material and to the thousands of faithful Sunday-school workers scattered throughout the Church.

We also give praise to our glorious Redeemer for what He has wrought by His power through the instruments consecrated to Him.

Rufus D. Reisdorph, General S. S. Secretary

Report No. 8

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Committee on State of the Church—Dr. O. G. Wilson, Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, the Rev. W. C. Black, the Rev. W. A. Smith, the Rev. H. C. VanWormer, Talmage Evatt, John Carey, E. D. Cheney.

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Committee on Sunday Schools—Dr. R. D. Reisdorph, the Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, the Rev. E. W. Zuber, the Rev. C. R. Rickman, the Rev. C. A. Hoover, George Walquist, Oren Felton, George Shriver.

Committee on Young People's Work—The Rev. P. L. Kindschi, the Rev. Earl T. Gentry, the Rev. Loring Peterson, the Rev. C. D. Crabill, the Rev. C. Wesley Bradley, J. O. Cundiff, Don Campbell, E. R. McMillan.

Committee on Evangelism—The Rev. C. L. Blanchard, the Rev. T. O. McCracken, the Rev. B. H. Phaup, the Rev. L. R. Fletcher, the Rev. W. D. Correll, J. W. Shatford, Hibert Vipond, J. E. Comer.

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Committee on Societies of the World—The Rev. V. A. Mitchell, the Rev. Henry B. Aarhus, the Rev. W. T. Brinson, the Rev. R. C. Kendrick, H. A. Williams, John Huff, Charles Bakke, Floyd Douglass.

Committee on Resolutions—The Rev. D. T. Perrine, the Rev. Joseph Kephart, the Rev. Reginald Hewitt, the Rev. E. L. Gunby, the Rev. C. C. Cross, J. C. Poole, George Shriver, K. K. Rothrock.

Committee on Tithing—The Rev. D. A. Manker, the Rev. A. M. Gilmer, the Rev. D. P. Denton, Elwood Kachel, Glenn Root, M. L. Moore, W. P. Marshburn.

Committee on Budget—The Rev. David A. Rees, the Rev. Donald Howard, the Rev. H. M. Roberts, W. W. Kiser, Otto Terrill, Athol Dale.

Committee on Prohibition and Public Morals—Dr. W. F. McConn, Miss Virginia Keever, Mrs. Rosalie Duggar, Mrs. George A. Thomas, Miss Norma Curtis.

Committee on Conference Boundaries—The Rev. Everett Elliott, the Rev. E. L. Henderson, J. N. Gilliam, Floyd Merrill, Charles Schoellhorn.

Committee on Conference Records—The Rev. E. L. Crocker, the Rev. Garl Beaver, the Rev. Lyman F. Lance, the Rev. L. D. Harris, W. E. Hobson, Jr., S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

Committee on Statistics—The Rev. C. W. Dunbar, the Rev. W. E. McKee, the Rev. Lowell Gilger, Dennis M. Brenner, J. C. Putnam, Art A. Costello, Maurice Broad.

Committee on Courtesy—The Rev. E. L. Kierstead, the Rev. Vestal

Van Matre, the Rev. J. I. Rambo, Maxwell Enyeart, Frank Davison, Harold Lampen.

Committee on Credentials—The Rev. Charles A. Dayton.

Committee on Lay Delegates-at-Large—The Rev. R. L. Leroy. (Committee to be elected.)

Committee on Communion Arrangements—The Rev. E. L. Kierstead. (To choose his own committee.)

Committee on Memorial Service—The Rev. Joseph B. Markey.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen W. Paine,
E. L. Henderson,
C. W. Dunbar,
Charles Dayton,
Hollis Stevenson.

Report No. 9

QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SECRETARY

1947-1951

Dear Beloved Brethren:

This is my second Quadrennial Report. I bring it with deep humility and with great gratitude—gratitude to God for His wonderful grace and for His kind providences, gratitude to the members of the Board of Administration, gratitude to the editors of our publications, gratitude to the officials of the Church and to the Woman's Missionary Society, the Y. M. W. B., the W. Y. P. S., the Sunday Schools, the missionaries on each field and on furlough, and to the faithful and efficient ladies of our office staff at headquarters. To every one of you we voice our deep gratitude.

Expansion on Foreign Fields

The past four years have seen a fair degree of expansion in the work of the Foreign Department. When we last met in General Conference we had opened a small work in China and Brother Gibbs was bidding us good-bye to go out and reopen Japan. Now our Japan field is well established, and in addition we have a prosperous field in the island of Haiti. There has also been a good degree of expansion in missionary personnel. Last General Conference we had 49 missionaries and now we have 60, with 11 more under appointment.

Financially

There has also been a rather steady rise in our finances. In 1948 we raised \$145,329; in 1949 we had \$164,810; in 1950 you gave us \$183,720; and this year of 1951 finds us with \$194,256. We are amazed and humbled as we see what God through you has done. We humbly say, "Thank you."

Round the World Trip

In December of 1950 I was permitted to visit each of our mission fields except China. It was a wonderful privilege to fellowship with the missionaries and to come to know more of their problems first-hand. It was a remarkable experience and I thank you all.

China

Last General Conference we were just beginning in China. Today there is a total ban on missionary work there by foreign missionaries. But the Evangelistic Church in China is bending instead of breaking, and we can take hope from the fact that our Chinese pastors are still preaching and so far have not been disturbed. Brother Wager in Japan hears from them through Hong Kong from time to time and he keeps me advised.

Japan

At our last General Conference at Houghton Brother Gibbs bade us good-bye with his memorable words, "Don't forget," and "jeeped" away to reopen Japan. I have just come from there. Our Japan work is now bearing good fruit and is well organized and running smoothly. While I was there we made plans for the establishment of a Bible College for the training of Japanese workers. Tent meetings are in progress even as we are met here in this conference, and a great Youth Camp is planned for the summer months. Brother Gibbs was God's man of the hour for the reopening of Japan, and he is now seeing some of the fruit from his labor.

India

The great upheaval which came to India just on the heels of our last General Conference left it shaken and bruised. Along with its new freedom India inherited many problems. A brave effort is being made to meet and solve them. The statesmen of India have a major job ahead of them. We found our churches enjoying a fair degree of success. The farm colony was fine and it was good to see these contented Christian families. Only at Dandi was a revival going. The India work is suffering now as it seeks to change from a mission to a church. It will require the very best in missionary statesmanship to make this transition smoothly.

Africa

This, our oldest field, made a fine comeback after the war and for a time bade fair to outstrip the others. Then reverses in the form of a Socialist-Communist movement hit our work. It took away much of the fruit of our many years of labor. Now, however, we are back on the up-grade and all except our educational work is going fine. This, too, has all been reorganized and a part of it is back on government grant. Part of it is closed and part of it has been taken by the Roman Catholics. Here again we have the problem of our transition from a mission to a church. It is a hard step to take, but we fully believe it will be accomplished soon. The evangelistic work and Bible School work and the Girls' School and hospital were all going nicely.

Colombia

My visit to this field only two months ago brought a sense of joy and a sense of peril. Joy that some few were finding God, but peril in that the preaching of the vital Protestant faith was rapidly being restricted. Only a few months ago we opened our new work at Puerto Salgar, and already a dastardly attack has been made on our workers. Hundreds have been mutilated or killed in Colombia and other hundreds were driven from their homes. And this in a country which has signed the "Bill of Rights" of the United Nations but which seems unable or unwilling to restrain its nationals from such deeds of violence in the name of religion. Only our printing and publishing are prospering in Colombia. The rest of our work is nearly at a standstill. We should prayerfully consider our field in this area. The lives of our missionaries are in danger.

Haiti

This, our newest field, is reaching out and bearing fruit. From the poverty-stricken mountain homes they turn out to fill the churches, and they love the Lord and His word. Souls are being added to the churches and new churches are being built. The missionaries are happy and morale is high. The national workers are co-operating beautifully, and God is helping them. Plans are under way for a headquarters building and further extension of the field. The Torbeck area might well be enlarged. There is a fine student body in the Bible School and this gives hope for further extension as these students go out into the field.

Conclusion

I have just returned from a world tour. I came home burdened, and I remain burdened with a sense of immense opportunity and immense peril. At no time that I can discover has the Christian world and the Christian Church been confronted with such an opportunity as lies before it today. A great portion of mankind is standing at one of the great junction points along the road of life. It still is not too late to direct great portions of the world toward Christ and heaven. This is our day. **Herein is the great opportunity.** If in mission lands today we had a powerful virile Church aflame with the power of the Holy Spirit and burning with a passion to make Christ known to men, we could still stem the tide of nationalistic communism and save mankind from the red flame that threatens to consume it.

But this is the peril. The most distressing thing that I witnessed on my trip was the low standard of Christianity in the mission churches. To bring people from paganism to a superficial level of Christian faith is not difficult, and there can be no doubt but that many are sincere in their profession, but to lead people forward into the deep things of the Spirit is a different matter. Low standards do not matter too much so long as the converts are moving forward and walking in the light. **It is when the low standard comes to be accepted as the norm of Christian life that the peril enters.** Then the Church settles down to a complacent half-Christianity, and the danger becomes acute. Much of Europe and America has already reached that stage; and when once this ossification has set in, experience indicates that neither tears nor prayers can melt the ice and set the waters flowing. **Herein lies the great peril in mission lands, and, in fact, in the whole Christian world.**

Our own Christian churches are young and are still moving forward, but they are surrounded with this peril that accepts a half Christianity as the proper standard of Christian life. It is having its effect already on our mission churches. Some feel that our standards are too high. This is the **peril of our day**. Were the churches on fire we could contain the Communists and Nationalists and be more than conquerors. But the sense of immense opportunity also remains. **It is still not too late**. If we can arouse ourselves and our people, we can present Jesus Christ as Lord and ruler of the hearts of men, and we can show that it is not to the State nor yet to the Church but to God through Jesus Christ that men owe their supreme loyalty and undying devotion.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

When He displays His healing power,
Death and the curse are known no more;
In Him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT QUADRENNIAL REPORT

May 1, 1947 - April 30, 1951

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts		1947—1948	1948—1949	1949—1950	1950—1951	Total
General Fund		\$79,404.66	\$85,972.84	\$83,066.52	\$91,412.38	\$339,856.40
Africa		14,915.92	13,714.16	17,879.49	14,204.70	60,714.18
China		6,353.42	4,742.65	823.77		11,919.84
Haiti			3,078.79	5,266.09	13,301.29	21,646.17
India		10,306.18	7,353.62	7,944.52	10,259.89	35,864.21
Japan		9,881.19	7,028.12	5,838.93	9,478.54	32,226.78
South America		8,602.29	8,238.83	10,332.78	10,677.56	37,851.46
Total Budget Receipts		\$129,463.66	\$130,129.01	\$131,152.01	\$149,334.36	\$540,079.04
Designated Funds		15,865.98	34,681.18	52,568.85	44,922.41	148,038.42
Total Contributions		\$145,329.64	\$164,810.19	\$183,720.86	\$194,256.77	\$688,117.46
Interest Income		4,426.26	3,962.63	3,705.71	4,152.96	16,247.56
Loans, Notes and Mortgages Repaid		13,175.62	13,798.28	11,218.18	8,432.18	46,624.26
New Annuities		1,500.00		3,600.00		5,100.00
Automotive Equipment Sold ..		450.00	1,000.00			1,450.00
Mission Supplies Sold		450.86	622.73	320.29	17.33	1,411.21
From Home Department on Y. M. W. B. Expense			337.58	414.54	645.06	1,397.18
Refunds on Travel and Shipping to and from Fields ...		357.40	1,403.85	444.95	19.19	2,225.39
In and Out		2,170.32	2,361.05	3,341.73	6,815.91	14,689.03
Miscellaneous		1,151.90	566.22	840.67	687.74	3,246.53
Total Receipts		\$169,012.00	\$188,862.53	\$207,606.95	\$215,027.14	\$780,508.62
Cash on Hand May 1, 1947..						46,885.35
						\$827,393.97

Disbursements

Africa	\$34,546.91	\$36,074.07	\$37,832.20	\$32,409.08	\$140,862.26
China	12,375.63	9,335.70	10,212.01		31,923.34
Haiti		9,577.45	10,925.51	16,577.56	37,080.52
India	26,898.13	23,387.06	19,949.41	22,156.66	92,391.26
Japan	7,154.48	14,929.15	10,017.20	16,715.36	48,816.19
South America	27,246.64	19,214.12	24,786.88	26,770.92	98,018.56
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Designated Funds	\$108,221.79	\$112,517.55	\$113,723.21	\$114,629.58	\$449,092.13
	24,580.55	25,757.53	34,783.90	36,363.62	121,485.60
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Total for Fields	\$132,802.34	\$138,275.08	\$148,507.11	\$150,993.20	\$570,577.73
Loans, Notes, Mortgages	11,500.00	8,000.00	3,090.00	7,600.00	30,190.00
Syracuse Home—Garage	1,225.00				1,225.00
Lot at Intercession City			800.00		800.00
Automotive Equipment			2,200.00	1,241.00	3,441.00
Furniture and Fixtures, Office	788.06	2,304.50	88.40		3,180.96
Furniture and Fixtures, Mis-					
sionary Home	957.16		341.00	194.50	1,492.60
Mission Supplies	919.89	755.22	390.98	185.85	2,251.04
In and Out	2,091.40	2,714.69	2,778.85	8,699.58	16,284.52
Administrative Expense	7,480.63	8,956.75	10,031.95	11,099.38	37,568.71
General Expense	5,144.75	5,382.72	5,821.64	8,914.31	25,263.42
Annuity Payments	2,065.00	2,132.50	2,082.50	2,298.50	8,578.50
Y. M. W. B. Expense	4,123.16	4,507.76	5,738.98	5,246.10	19,616.00
Rebate to W. Y. P. S.		651.27	249.87	305.66	1,206.80
Wesleyan Commission on Child					
Evangelism			400.00	300.00	700.00
Supracannuate Pension Plan					
Assessment		647.32	650.65	655.76	1,953.73
From Missionary Benefit Fund		138.50	3.60	700.00	842.10
Missionary Home Expense	2,995.87	1,992.59	2,878.38	1,029.44	8,896.28
Miscellaneous Items	718.10	55.43	164.32	458.01	1,395.86
Payroll Taxes Paid	367.40	692.92	878.67	992.62	2,931.61
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Total Disbursements	\$173,178.70	\$177,207.25	\$187,096.90	\$200,913.91	\$738,396.76
Less Taxes Withheld	410.10	708.22	853.47	1,034.79	3,006.58
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Net Disbursements	\$172,768.60	\$176,499.03	\$186,243.43	\$199,879.12	\$735,390.18
Cash on Hand April 30, 1951					92,003.79
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					\$827,393.97
Cash on Hand April 30, 1951					\$92,003.79
Less Current Liabilities and Reserves (see Balance Sheet)					68,269.71
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CASH ON HAND FOR CURRENT EXPENSE April 30, 1951					\$23,734.08

BALANCE SHEET, APRIL 30, 1951**ASSETS****Current Assets:**

Petty Cash	\$300.00
First Trust & Deposit Company	42,280.44
Syracuse Trust Company	17,221.94
Commercial Trust Company, Jersey City	4,520.39
American State Bank, Lansing	16,498.62
Bank of Lansing	11,182.40
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Total Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$92,003.79
Deposits Outstanding	1,500.00
In and Out Account Balance	2,930.32
Certificates and Bonds	19,556.25

Loan—Y. M. W. B.	240.00
Notes Receivable	23,682.27
Mortgages Receivable	26,467.27

Total Current Assets	\$166,379.90
Designated Funds—Advances	1,798.17

Fixed Assets:

Mission Property—Africa	\$60,700.00
—China	2,500.00
—Haiti	9,250.00
—India	54,500.00
—Japan	12,500.00
—South America	41,150.00

Total Foreign Properties	\$180,600.00
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Syracuse Home, depreciated	\$9,394.75
Missionary Home, Jersey City, depreciated	13,830.00
Seekins Memorial Home, depreciated	1,865.00
Intercession City Rest Cottages, depreciated	2,764.00

Total Real Estate U. S. A.	\$27,853.75
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Furniture and Fixtures, Office, depreciated	\$3,229.19
Fixtures, Syracuse Home, depreciated	400.95
Furn. and Fixt., Missionary Home, depreciated	2,455.04
Furn. and Fixt., Intercession City, depreciated	311.32
Furn. and Fixt., Y. M. W. B. Office, depreciated	112.26

Total Furniture and Fixtures	\$6,508.76
Automotive Equipment, depreciated	2,156.28

Total Fixed Assets	\$217,118.79
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$385,296.86
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LIABILITIES**Current Liabilities and Reserves:**

Withholding Tax	\$90.10
Social Security	9.67
Designated Funds—Africa	\$9,554.00
—China	136.25
—Haiti	4,058.14
—India	31,485.95
—Japan	551.88
—South America	3,979.03
—Miscellaneous	818.87

Reserve for Annuity Payments	50,584.12
Reserve for Missionary Benefit Fund	2,400.00
Reserve for Transportation of Missionaries	5,185.82
	10,000.00

Total Current Liabilities and Reserves	\$68,269.71
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Capital Liabilities:

Annuities	\$46,750.00	
Sinking Funds	8,200.00	
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Total Capital Liabilities		54,950.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$123,219.71
Net Worth		262,077.15
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TOTAL		\$385,296.86

Report No. 10**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF HOME MISSIONS**

Dear Fellow Workers:

We bring you our report for the work of the Quadrennium just closed with a deep sense of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His overruling Providences and His divine aid repeatedly bestowed on His work and on His workmen.

The past Quadrennium has definitely been one of progress. While spirituality is a realm wherein advancement is not always an easily discernible factor, it has been our grand objective. Revival fires, converted souls, sanctified believers, holy lives—these are items of supreme importance, for they indicate the fulfillment of the Master's Great Design! For a full report on this part of our work, we must together await the Judgment.

In keeping with what appeared to be the sentiment of the last General Conference, we have earnestly striven to emphasize the work of Church Extension throughout the entire Denomination. The results, when given a close-up inspection, are indeed gratifying, but when viewed before a back-drop of the nation's overwhelming need, they seem pitifully limited and inadequate.

We believe that our people have given generously in this great work, and that there is an ever-increasing realization of its importance. While in this respect there is "a going in the tops of the mulberry trees," and we are encouraged from time to time by definite expressions of a vital interest, yet in many instances the sense of the needs of the Home Front appears to be woefully dwarfed. We sincerely trust that this may be corrected as time goes on.

The work of the Secretary has been varied in nature and diverse in situation. We have traveled hither and yon as needs have required and, at the same time, have endeavored to do the work in the office that demanded attention, as promptly as possible.

Australia

At the instruction of the Executive Board, a trip was made to Australia, October 2, to November 30, 1947. This was a visit of investigation relative to our work in that field. The token organization of an earlier date, which had been given recognition by the last General Conference, was formally and officially reorganized as the Australia Conference.

The field in "the land down under" proved to be one of great need and opportunity for the vital message of Full Salvation.

The Rev. K. M. Ridgway, our representative had done excellent work. His visit to some of our churches in the United States, and to the last General Conference, will be long remembered for the challenge and inspiration of his messages.

The imperative need for a Bible School was a very clear-cut issue. The providential leadings of the Lord are an outstanding memory in those days of searching for property and investigating of resources. How God definitely led in the establishing of the Australia Bible School is a matter of historical fact, and has been a cause for thanksgiving again and again.

In November 1948, the Rev. and Mrs. Leo G. Cox of Miltonvale, Kansas, having been duly elected by the Board of Administration at its June Meeting arrived in Australia with their three children. The providences of God, we feel sure, directed to the selection of these godly people as the representative of Wesleyan Methodism in Australia. Under their noble leadership, the work has been making definite progress. The group is small, but there is a solidity, stability, and unity that holds promise for future development.

Financing our work in Australia has been no easy matter. The last session of the General Conference made the provision that the Secretary of Home Missions should be permitted to ask for one offering during the Quadrennium for Australia. This response was generous indeed, and definitely indicated that the Church-at-large was giving its whole hearted sanction to the Australia enterprise.

After a time, however, it became evident that the one offering provided by the General Conference would never suffice to carry the work through the remainder of the Quadrennium. When it is recalled that we were authorized to operate both a Mission Field and a Bible School, and that no constant source of finance had been established, it can be easily understood that we labored under a definite handicap.

The Board of Administration faced the issue manfully, and authorized the Secretary of Home Missions to inaugurate the Australia Bible School Picture Plan. To the credit of our noble Wesleyan Methodist constituency, be it said, the response to this plan has helped the work to survive to this date. Some few, not fully understanding the situation, have been tempted to criticize, but others have nobly entered into the challenge, and the work has left its mark on people who shall have cause to rise up at the Judgment and call those blessed, who thus came to their rescue.

Church Extension

As already stated, the interests of Church Extension have been especially emphasized during the Quadrennium. Pioneer churches have been assisted in the purchase of lots, in the erection of churches and parsonages, and in the liquidation of debts. The complete list of church projects aided will be found on the last page of this report.

In harmony with suggestions made at last General Conference, care has been taken to give aid only to those points which had the approval of Conference Officials. Such a plan has not been without benefits.

It is not within the scope of this report to describe each project, but we do not wish to pass by the opportunity to state that we now have some lovely Wesleyan Methodist Churches with prosperous outlooks, that four

years ago were non-existent. To our noble pioneer pastors, with their loyal groups who stand by them, goes the credit for these splendid advances.

Some New Churches

The establishment of our splendid new church at Phoenix, Arizona, is one of the high lights of the Quadrennium, and deserves special mention. The thanks of the denomination goes to the officials of the California Conference who projected this endeavor, and to the worthy pastor and his wife who labored sacrificially to accomplish it.

In Pinellas Park, Florida, there stands one of the most handsome small churches of Wesleyan Methodism. This, too, was built during the Quadrennium and deserves special attention as an example of what can be accomplished when vision and faith are combined with sacrifice and toil. The noble workers who achieved these things shall not go unrewarded in Heaven.

One of the encouraging things of the year was the gift of \$1,000 from a Lutheran of New York State, toward the erection of a place of worship in our field near Rogers, Arkansas. We have a beautiful church at that point as a result of that gift. It is no elaborate structure, but it has a splendid appearance and meets the need.

A splendid new church at North Platte, Nebraska, is another example of the application of the pioneer spirit in the face of need. At Plattsmouth, Nebraska; Springfield, Massachusetts; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Lawndale, California; Lebanon, Oregon; Greeley, Colorado; Wayne, Nebraska; Oak Lawn, Illinois; Belleville, Canada, and in many other towns which our limited space forbids mentioning, stand places of worship that have had aid from the Department of Home Missions, but whose real human foundations are laid in the loyalty and sacrifice of the men and women who dared to look a need full in the face and then venture forth in the strength of the Lord, to meet that need.

The Challenge of Communism

It is our solemn conviction that **Evangelism of a permanent type** is the only answer to Communism. Church Extension is one form of such Evangelism, and we must press this issue in our day, or shortly the time will come when there will be no such issue to press. We cannot emphasize this point too strongly. During the Quadrennium we have been trying our best to show our people the salient facts in the case. The results have not been too encouraging, but we dare not cease this emphasis while we have the privilege. The possibility of such an opportunity being crushed under the iron heel of Communistic power is too close for comfort. We must work while it is day.

"Communistic rule has grown in thirty-three years, until now it commands more people than any other system of Government on earth—more than any ever has before in the history of the world."—100 Things about Communism.

In view of the conditions which prevail, it would seem wise if the Church gave itself more thoughtfully to a consideration of Home Front needs. The disparity between the Home Missionary Budget and the Foreign Missionary Budget does not seem geared to the rapidly changing events of the times. Building hospitals in tropical countries, to meet the physical needs of lost humanity there, is a Christian duty, but the ques-

tion arising is this: "Will such activities stop Communism in America?" Do we not owe it to ourselves and to our posterity to take cognizance of the peril which has suddenly sprung up within our own gates?

The bold, unvarnished truth of the matter is simply this: If we do not stop the activities of Communism in America, Communism will stop our activities in India and elsewhere. The preservation of all our Foreign Fields is directly dependent upon the preservation of our Home Base. As certainly as Communism has closed the door to our further missionary activity in China, so certain is it that once Communism dominates our own land, it will close our missionary activity in **all** foreign fields.

Footnote: For official disclosures of the terrific impact of Communism in Government, read "100 Things you should know about Communism." Write: Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. Price, 25¢.

America—The Greatest Mission Field

It is a matter greatly to be deplored that the change in the general attitude of the public towards Communism does not indicate a revived reverence for God, and a whole-hearted acceptance of evangelical truth. The serious fact of the case is that America has drifted so far from spiritual and moral anchorage that she is now being tossed on a storm-swept sea of spiritual uncertainties, to an alarming degree. Our nation needs Gospel Preaching as much as Africa. In fact, Dr. Nicholson has declared that America is the greatest neglected mission field in the world today. To help our Church to realize this without seeming to under-value the tremendous needs and responsibilities of Foreign Mission activities, is one of the problems we face. Our desire is to protect our Home base so that our Foreign Fields may continue to operate. May God grant to all of us wisdom and power in this great fight which is as much a battle for the Foreign Mission Department as it is for the Home Mission Department. In fact, it calls for a church wide unitedness, for if "one member suffer, all the members suffer with it."

New Conferences

During the Quadrennium, the Secretary of Home Missions was authorized to organize two new Home Mission Annual Conferences.

On May 30, 1949, at Peoria, Illinois, the new Illinois Conference was organized, with the provision that the organization was to begin operation with the rise of the Iowa Conference the following August. This plan was followed and the Conference is making a good showing in a field of millions of people. The Rev. William Dyer was elected President of the new Conference, and has given faithful service.

The Florida Conference was organized on March 8, 1950 at a tent meeting located at the Tourist Camp of the Rev. J. I. Rambo, in Intercession City. This new organization began to function immediately and is making good progress. The Rev. J. I. Rambo was chosen first President, and has acted with wisdom and ability.

Move to Syracuse

In January of 1948 the office of the Secretary of Home Missions was moved from Apollo, Pennsylvania to our Headquarters Building in Syra-

cuse, New York. This has ended permanently, I trust, the era of departmental offices being lodged in some crowded room of a private residence.

During the recent years the work has expanded greatly, and the need for enlarged office quarters increased with that expansion. Not only was more office space imperative, but additional office help became an absolute necessity. When your present Secretary of Home Missions came into office in 1943, he found himself the head of a department whose equipment was pitifully limited. It did not own a desk or even a chair; it had one, small, portable typewriter, an adding machine, a Cardvertiser, and two or three files.

The move into our Syracuse office was accompanied with growing pains along the lines of office equipment. Today we have a well-equipped office which will probably be adequate for years to come, for we have tried to purchase our furnishings with an eye to future requirements, as well as to practically care for present needs. This has meant a heavy overhead at times, but we believe that future years will vindicate the wisdom of this course.

Our Home Mission Fields

In our emphasis on Church Extension, we have not been unmindful of the needs of our various Home Mission Stations. It is not improbable that we could have greatly expanded in these fields if we had been free to push this phase of our work. The over-all policy has been to **conserve our gains and to work our present fields** as efficiently as circumstances might permit.

We regret to report that our station at Mount Judea in the Ozark Mountains has been closed, and that the work at Preston, Kentucky, passed into other hands due to the defection of workers at that place. This loss painfully points the assertion that it is the part of wisdom for individuals, churches, and conferences to operate through the regularly established channels of denominational efforts.

We have two stations on our Mexican Field in Southern California; these are Carlsbad and Oceanside. We also have one outstation, Vista, which is visited by our workers each Sunday. In the Ozarks we have two mission stations where our workers reside among the people they serve. These are Rogers and Highland. One of our workers and his wife visit several preaching points which constitute a sort of old-time Circuit, but these are not Mission Stations in the true sense of the word. In the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina are three stations which are operated under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference. They are Tuckasegee, Glenville, and Buck Creek. In the Kentucky Mountains we have Zion's Hill Mission, Hope Mission, Means Mission, Cook's Branch Mission, and Wheelrim Mission. For the Onondaga Indians in New York, we have been operating the Onondaga Mission for many years.

During the Quadrennium, we acquired the Brainerd Indian Training School near Hot Springs, South Dakota. There was an indebtedness of around \$12,000, but in acquiring the property, it was agreed that this responsibility was not to be transferred. However, as a Denomination, we did enter into the problem of liquidating this debt, and by April 1950 we were completely clear of these obligations. Today we have a fine campus and a number of buildings to serve the spiritual and, in a limited way, the

educational wants of our needy Sioux Indians. Much work remains to be done in order to get our campus and its buildings in proper order, but we are making progress in this direction.

We have refrained from an extended description of each of our Mission Stations because of our limited time and space. Such descriptions have been prepared and printed in a series of booklets discussing our Home Mission Fields. This series of booklets came as an answer to a desire for such information in a convenient and permanent form. There are eight booklets in the series as follows:

1. The Wesleyan Methodist Church in the Blue Ridge Mountains
2. The Wesleyan Work in the Kentucky Mountains
3. Wesleyan Methodism in the Ozark Mountains
4. Wesleyan Methodism among the Indians
5. Mission Work among the Mexicans
6. The Hephzibah Orphanage
7. The Wesleyan Witness to America
8. The Wesleyan Methodist Church in Australia

Copies of these booklets are on display at the Home Missionary Display Booth and may be obtained there.

There has been a widespread acceptance of these booklets and favorable comment has been heard from various sources.

We wish to pay tribute to our loyal workers in our Home Mission Fields. To them comes not the glamor of distant scenes. They know not the romance of foreign shores. Theirs is the hard grind of daily chores, faithfully and joyously performed. They are quite largely unnoticed; often they are not even appreciated, and sometimes they face the fires of opposition. Heaven, however, is keeping watch over them. Their sacrifices are not unnoticed. When the books are opened and the rewards are bestowed, our noble workers will be in obscurity no longer. Their recompense will be large and their joys will be full.

Hail to our Pioneers!

We also wish to pay tribute to our earnest Pioneer Pastors. Here are men and women whose keen sense of vision comprehends the possibilities of a vacant lot or an unused store building. With faith they build castles in the night seasons that have steeples for church bells and pews for worshippers. Souls bow at the altars of these dream cathedrals, and the King of Heaven comes down to receive the offering of praise and adoration of assembled multitudes.

The realization of these dreams generally lies at the end of a long hard pathway of sacrifice, toil, tears and handicaps. Some times the period between the seed sowing and the reaping seems very long. But no matter how difficult the road, nor how the days stretch out into months and years, our noble, patient, undecorated heroes faithfully and sacrificially march onward—ever onward to the grand climax when their dreams are fulfilled and there is joy in the presence of the angels because more souls have been born into the Kingdom of God as the result of their consecrated lives. May God's blessing be on our Pioneers!

The Hephzibah Orphanage

One of our special projects through the years has been Hephzibah Orphanage in Macon, Georgia. This benevolent enterprise has been in existence for over fifty years. On October 26, 1950, there was held a Golden Jubilee Celebration and Home Coming. An appropriate program was provided, which was greatly enjoyed by a goodly company from various points far and near. Our workers have changed at various times during the Quadrennium. It is not our purpose to mention names of workers in this report, but to all of these noble laborers, the Church is greatly indebted. They have served earnestly and at the sacrifice of positions which paid more money and demanded less expenditure of time and strength. The Lord has been good to our denomination to give us such a group of God-fearing men and women to rear the children whose lives might otherwise have been forever blighted and ruined by sin's dreadful curse.

The development of a Wesleyan Methodist Church in Macon is meeting a long-felt need by giving our children a Church Home within the framework of their own Denomination. This is a distinctive achievement, and I wish to pay tribute to the Pioneer Pastors who labored with diligence and earnestness to erect the splendid house of worship where our children and workers now meet. The exterior is beautifully finished, but funds are needed to complete the interior.

Lecture Courses

During the Quadrennium, a series of Lectures on Church Extension was provided for each of our colleges by some of our Denominational Leaders. We are grateful to our College Presidents for their splendid co-operation in this effort. Dr. Nicholson delivered the lectures at Central College, Dr. F. R. Eddy at Houghton College, Dr. O. G. Wilson at Miltonvale College, and the Rev. H. K. Sheets at Marion College. Reports of these lectures indicated that they were well received and much appreciated.

CARD CALL INFORMATION

Received in General Fund from May 1, 1947 to March 15, 1948 ..\$13,775.16
Received in Card Call Fund from March 15, to April 30, 1948 ... 2,010.13

Total Received in 1948	\$15,785.29
Total Received in 1949	17,837.97
Total Received in 1950	19,826.10
Total Received in 1951	15,369.17

Total Received During Quadrennium\$68,818.53

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Assets

April 30, 1951	\$ 67,859.50
April 30, 1947 (Corrected)	59,162.61
Gain in Assets for Quadrennium	\$ 8,696.89

Receipts for all Purposes

Quadrennium Ending April 30, 1951	\$406,374.34
Quadrennium Ending April 30, 1947	190,861.28
Gain in Receipts for Quadrennium	215,513.06

Card Call

Card Calls This Quadrennium—21;	Receipts—\$ 68,818.53
Card Calls Last Quadrennium—21;	Receipts— 23,933.52
Gain in Card Call for Quadrennium	44,885.01

NET WORTH

Assets, April 30, 1951	\$ 67,859.50
Liabilities, April 30, 1951	17,512.50
Net Worth, April 30, 1951	\$ 50,347.00

Presidents' Round Tables

At the suggestion of Dr. Nicholson, plans were made, programs arranged, and calls sent out for Area Round Tables with the Presidents of Conferences, accompanied by either their Conference Vice-Presidents or their Conference Pioneer Secretaries. These plans were carried out as follows: In December 1950, the group from Houghton Area Conferences met at Syracuse, New York. The Marion Area men met at Dayton, Ohio, in January 1951, while those of Central Area met at Charlotte, North Carolina, in March. The fourth and last Round Table—Miltonvale Area—was held last April in Waterloo, Iowa.

The consensus of opinion regarding these meetings has been very favorable—one might almost say it was enthusiastic. The small size of the groups made it possible to face problems informally and frankly. The fine spirit of loyal understanding and mutual respect, even where opinions differed, was noteworthy. None questioned the profitableness and usefulness of these discussions. In each of them, Dr. Nicholson brought the benefit of his experience and wisdom, which was a dominant factor in making these meetings successful.

Card Call

The Card Call Plan has been continued at a high level. In fact, it is operating at a point where we cannot push it much further, so long as Budget Credit is given for Card Call remittances.

In February 1950, the Secretary of Home Missions was authorized by the Executive Board to take a poll of Card Call subscribers to ascertain their views and willingness concerning the matter of discontinuing Budget Credit for Card Call remittances. These ballots were mailed the following April. The returns were received over an extended period. As of May 10, 1951, the ballots returned stood as follows:

In favor of discontinuing Budget Credit—	1,210
Against discontinuing Budget Credit —	297
Neutral —	19

In view of this large majority (4 to 1), it seems as though it would be the part of wisdom to consider the removal of Card Call from Budget Credit. The ballots sent out were formulated to allow such action legally, if it should be deemed wise to do so by this body.

One of the profitable developments during the Quadrennium was the publication of the "Card Call Bulletin" a two page sheet devoted to the publicizing of the work of the Card Call Plan. It was mailed to all Card Call Subscribers and received an enthusiastic acceptance. A special "Card Call Bulletin" has been issued in conjunction with the date of General Conference, a copy of which has been included in this report. Additional copies are obtainable at the Home Mission Display Booth.

During the Quadrennium, 21 Calls have been issued. Receipts have totaled \$68,818.53, which were distributed among 58 different Church enterprises in 14 Conferences. This is a remarkable response. The above figures include a Special Call for the Brainerd Indian Training School—which was issued by the authority of the Executive Board of the Board of Administration. Thousands shall have occasion to be grateful for the blessings channeled their way because of the Card Call Plan. If the Rev. Walter L. Thompson left no other heritage, this plan for helping pioneer churches to get a start in needy fields, is a large and noble memorial to his enterprising spirit and live missionary-mindedness.

Home Mission Dividends

An interesting and revealing study of some statistics of the year 1948 was made both by Dr. Nicholson and by your Secretary of Home Missions. At the Leaders' Conference in Waterloo in April 1949, Dr. Nicholson showed that each new member gained in 1948 cost the Denomination an average of \$415.75. For the same year, our Home Missionaries reported 197 converts, the average cost per convert being \$129.73.

Our Home Mission costs were based on the "Total Expended," while Brother Nicholson's cost per member was based only on cost of "Other Evangelistic Help." If all other expenses had been added in (as was done with Home Mission costs), the cost per new member gained would have reached the astonishing figure of \$6,034.09.

These comparisons are far from accurate, for two different types of statistics were used, but they are as much alike as are available. The pictures presented, however remote they may be from reality, portray, nevertheless, a reasonably clear view of the fact that for each dollar invested in the year reviewed, the Home Mission Stations appear to have more fruitage in souls converted, than do the churches in general of the entire denomination. We do not set this forth as a positive assertion, nor as a continual situation, but the thought is worthy of consideration.

When we note that sometimes churches may go through service after service, and through revival after revival, and frequently barely touch people outside their own usual constituency, it is time to think sober thoughts. Is it not true that in some instances a whole year's work may not yield one genuinely new convert?

While we are working with and edifying and cultivating our own select group, are we not in danger of overlooking the multitudes? Practically all of our churches are surrounded by a needy Home Mission Field, but not all seem to be making a great impact on their field.

In 1948, to maintain 912 churches, we spent \$3,216,171.54 and gained

533 members. The average cost per church served was \$3,526.50, and the average cost per member gained was \$6,034.09.

In the same year in our Home Mission Fields we operated in twenty communities at a total cost of \$25,557.70 or an average cost of \$1,277.89 per community served. There were 197 converts, as already reported, at an average cost of \$129.73.

Those who may be tempted to question whether or not Home Mission efforts pay, are urged to look into the matter a little more fully.

A Great Mission Field

In one of our Round Table Meetings, mentioned earlier in this Report, a rather surprising fact was called to our attention. It was stated that one of the greatest Home Mission Fields accessible to practically every church in the Denomination, lies in our Sunday School enrollment. As one Conference Sunday School Secretary put it, "Here are thousands of people who are practically daring us to convert them."

Let us assume that in the average Sunday school 33⅓ per cent of the enrollment are unconverted. According to the Statistical Report of our Editor of 1950, that would mean no less than 28,000 persons out of the 86,409 enrolled. According to the same report, 4,213 or 4.9% were converted during the year. What about the others? Here is an estimated army of almost 25,000 who weekly present themselves to us for instruction, leadership and guidance. Shall we fail them and fail our church by not pressing the Gospel's claims? The Sunday school is one of the greatest potential fields of our Denomination. May the Lord help us to take advantage of it for His glory.

Child Evangelism

Child Evangelism is definitely related to Church Extension. It is desperately needed, and is filled with unusual possibilities. In view of the fact that there are about 37 million children in the United States without any religious influence—Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish—we need to recognize our responsibility.

When we consider the vast amounts expended in past years for revivals in our churches, which are quite largely conducted on the adult level, and the limited interest and effort made to evangelize our children, it would seem that a proper balance had not been maintained.

Some one has said that we spend 90% of our money for adult effort and 10% for our children. 85% of our members and 90% of our workers come from the area where we spend 10% of our money.

Lenin, the great Russian Revolutionist, said, "Give us the child for eight years and it will be a Bolshevik forever."

The Committee on Un-American Activities says, "The kindergarten program is the biggest, broadest and most elaborate branch of the whole Russian school system."—100 Things about Communism, Page 49.

We now have a special Commission promoting this important work in our Denomination, and this activity will be presented in its proper place, yet the matter is so closely related to Church Extension and Home Missions that we would emphasize its importance and urge the fullest co-operation with our leaders in this great movement.

Our Home Mission Conferences

There are now fourteen Home Mission Conferences. For your convenience, they are listed below:

Australia	Illinois	Tennessee
California	Nebraska	North Georgia
Canada	Oklahoma	South Georgia
Middle Atlantic States	Oregon	South Ohio
Florida	West Tennessee	

FINANCIAL SUMMARY—MAY 1, 1947-APRIL 30, 1951

Year Ending April 30	Balance at Beginning of Quad.	Balance by Transfer (3/15/58)	Yearly Total Received	Quad. Total Received	Yearly Total Plus Balance	Quad. Total Plus Balance	Yearly Total Expended	Quad. Total Expended	Balance at End of Year	Balance at End of Quad.
GENERAL FUND										
1948	7,275.11		89,022.02		96,297.13		90,123.50		6,172.63	
1949			77,159.86		83,332.49		73,442.47		9,890.02	
1950			65,759.43		75,642.45		72,446.36		3,203.09	
1951			62,953.56		66,156.65		63,025.29		3,131.36	
Totals				294,824.87		302,169.98		299,033.62		3,131.36
AUSTRALIA FUND										
1948		1,668.80	14,530.11		16,198.91		10,891.25		5,307.66	
1949			13,732.03		19,039.69		17,211.60		1,828.09	
1950			9,720.53		11,543.62		8,182.81		3,365.81	
1951			8,484.52		11,850.33		7,771.49		4,078.84	
Totals				46,467.19		48,135.99		44,057.15		4,078.84
CARD CALL FUND										
1948		1,025.00	2,010.13		3,035.13		1,868.47		1,166.66	
1949			17,837.97		19,004.63		13,084.86		5,919.77	
1950			19,826.10		25,745.87		20,872.16		4,873.71	
1951			15,369.17		20,242.88		12,900.31		7,342.57	
Totals				55,043.37		56,068.37		48,725.80		7,342.57
GRAND TOTALS	7,275.11	2,693.80		395,405.43		405,374.34		391,821.57		14,552.77
TOTALS										
1948	7,275.11	2,693.80	105,562.26		115,531.17		102,884.22		12,646.95	
1949			108,729.86		121,376.81		103,738.93		17,637.88	
1950			95,306.06		112,943.94		101,501.33		11,442.61	
1951			86,807.25		98,242.86		83,697.09		14,552.77	
GRAND TOTALS	7,275.11	2,693.80		395,405.43		405,374.34		391,821.57		14,552.77

Some Statistics

We regret to report a decrease in Home Mission receipts. The preceding page shows a complete Summary of our income and expenditures during the Quadrennium. We invite your careful study of this Summary, for it presents a trend that is very significant—a trend that may be regarded as quite serious.

In this chart is given yearly total receipts and expenditures for each of the three Funds operated by the Department, and also the totals for the Quadrennium. The second part gives the combined totals of all Funds for each year, and also for the Quadrennium.

"The Trend"

Page 88 is Graph No. I showing a comparison between the annual receipts for Home Missions and for Foreign Missions. During the Quadrennium we have repeatedly tried in writing and in speaking, to call attention to the disparity which exists between the receipts of these two Departments who are called upon to work for identical objectives but in different areas.

We have tried to show the desperate situation in our national life, and the unprecedented peril threatening the welfare of individuals and communities. We have insisted that our only answer to Communism is to scatter the potency of Scriptural Holiness over the country. We have repeatedly asserted, as we have already mentioned in this report, that unless we save the Home Base, we can expect our Foreign Fields to close.

When General Conference was discussing the problems of budget at our 1947 session, I arose, after having privately discussed the matter with Dr. Nicholson, and said that the Department of Home Missions could get along all right on its present budget. My feeling was that any increase granted ought to go to the Department of Foreign Missions. I was very willing for that.

"Eating My Words"

Today I find myself in the humiliating place of having to "eat my words." The development of the Communistic pattern across the months has revealed a diabolical plot which in the last two years has been brazenly announced in Moscow. In October or early November of 1949, Malenkov, Russia's No. 3 man (next to Stalin and Molotov in rank) made an authoritative address in which he plainly branded United States as an "enemy" and declared that the expressed purpose of the Soviet was to gain control of the whole world. The high rank of the speaker and the important nature of his speech made even official Washington sit up and take notice.

The Fight is On

The Communistic attack is already on. The strategy has been planned, the campaign has been begun.

The Committee on Un-American Activities states: "An estimated 800 American Communists have been trained there (in the highest college of Communist training at Moscow), and returned to the United States. They serve as the high officers of a secret army now being drilled to overthrow our Government."—100 Things about Communism, Page 61.

COMPARISON OF RECEIPTS

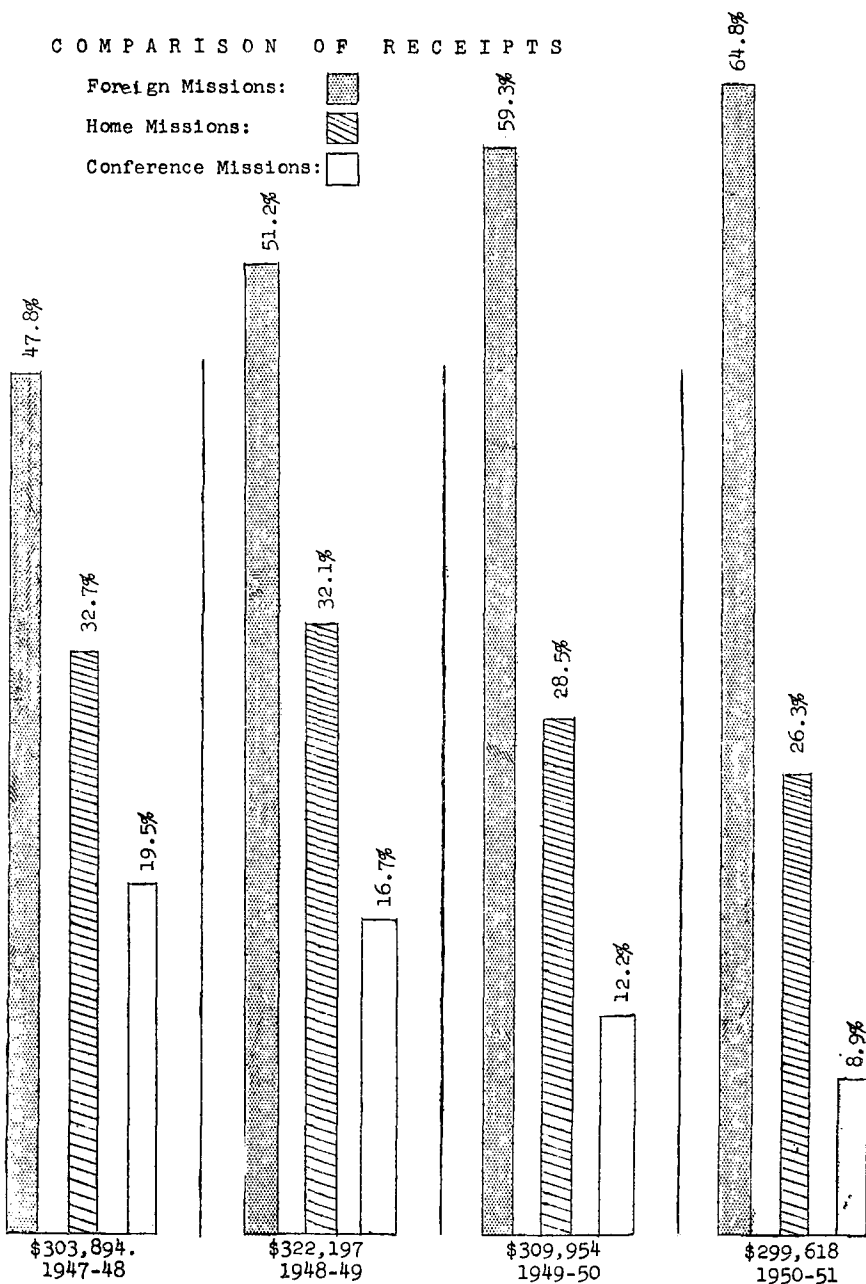
Foreign Missions:



Home Missions:



Conference Missions:



With this "new war" opened, the Department of Home Missions, The Wesleyan Methodist Church—in fact all Christendom, faces an assault on all our institutions, homes, churches, schools, governments—that is unparalleled in history. Already the situation is such in the highly strategic Panama Canal Zone, that the United States District Attorney there has openly declared it a public danger.

It is this development that has made me to "eat my words." We are desperately in need of funds and men and churches.

Realigning our Forces

The disparity between Home Mission receipts and Foreign Mission receipts has steadily grown during this Quadrennium. "The Trend" has been started, a pattern has been established, that seems to be to demand immediate and serious attention. I am inclined to view with alarm the direction that we are traveling as a denomination at this time. It appears to me that the realignment of hostile forces calls for the realignment of our own forces. New circumstances now surrounding us demand the complete re-thinking of our own position. If we are going to face our foe at the point where he is making his attack, we had better mass our strength at that focal point, and do it quickly.

Can We Overbuild?

If we build our superstructure beyond the capacity of the foundation to support it, are we not in danger of bringing the superstructure down with such a crash that it will destroy both superstructure and foundation? Ought not the foundation to be expanded with the expansion of the superstructure?

May we change the figure slightly? It is said that New York City suffered its distressing water famine within the past two years, because it had failed to make provision for a water supply adequate for its population expansion. Their situation became acutely serious.

The Home Field is a supply base for expansion abroad. Can we safely enlarge the field abroad, without keeping the source of supply properly expanded to meet those increasing needs?

Consider the catastrophe that might have visited New York City, if the major portion of her efforts had been continued in the endeavor to enlarge her borders, while neglect of her water sources was augmented by destructive forces that further depleted a supply that was already proving insufficient. Would it not have been better to discontinue expansion temporarily until the supply had been both increased and protected?

Table No. I on Page 90 gives the totals received in contributions by both the Home Department and the Foreign Department. These totals include no repayment on loans, no interest on loans, and no in-and-out transactions. They are in the class of bona fide contributions. The totals received by both Departments, the amounts received by each Department, and the percentage which came to each Department, are shown.

You will notice that the percentage of the Foreign Department goes steadily higher, and that throughout the Quadrennium the percentage for the Home Department goes steadily lower. This is pictured on Graph No. II on Page 92.

TABLE NO. I

Year Ending April 30	Total Received	Foreign Missions	Home Missions
1948	\$ 244,697	\$145,330—59.4%	\$ 99,367—40.6%
1949	268,222	164,810—61.4%	103,412—38.6%
1950	272,077	183,721—67.5%	88,356—32.5%
1951	273,025	194,257—71.1%	78,768—28.9%
Totals	\$1,058,021	\$688,118	\$369,903

TABLE NO. II

Year Ending April 30	Total Received	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Conference Missions
1948	\$303,894	\$145,335—47.8%	\$ 99,367—32.7%	\$59,197—19.5%
1949	322,197	164,810—51.2%	105,412—32.1%	53,975—16.7%
1950	309,954	183,721—59.3%	88,356—28.5%	37,877—12.2%
1951	299,618	194,257—64.8%	78,768—26.3%	*26,593— 8.9%

*Estimated Amount. Based on ratio of decrease which prevailed over preceding period.

TABLE NO. III

Year Ending April 30	Total Received	Foreign Missions	Home Missions and Conference Missions
1948	\$303,894	47.8%	52.2%
1949	322,197	51.2%	48.8%
1950	309,954	59.3%	40.7%
1951	299,618	64.8%	35.2%

Conference Missions

I was interested to see if the contributions for Conference Church Extension (contributions to be used within the Conference) had a similar relation to that revealed above. I examined the records from all Conference Minutes for the fiscal years ending in 1948, 1949, and 1950. There is no uniformity in reporting; some funds are called Pioneer Funds, some Church Extension and some Conference Missions. It would be impossible to get an accurate record from such diversified sources and systems of accounting. However, I believe I obtained a reasonably accurate picture from the figures obtained. Table No. II above gives these statistics.

This table is very illuminating. It reveals the same trend: as the one item increases, the other two both decrease. Conference Missions shows a rather serious drop. Conference Presidents may rightly find this trend distressing, and perhaps a partial explanation of local shortages.

It was, of course, not possible to secure figures for 1951 for Conference Missions. To arrive at what seemed a logical amount, we found the ratio of decrease which existed between 1949 and 1950, and applied that ratio as the factor to determine the 1951 figure. We make no claim that this is even closely accurate, but it seems like a reasonable figure unless there should be an unusual change in the trend.

Table No. III above, shows the above figures combined and evaluated on the percentage basis; it gives emphasis to the fact and direction of the trend as it affects the Church Extension Program in its total Church-wide effort.

Graph No. I on Page 88 and Graph No. II on page 92 picture this trend—as one item rises the other decreases.

Some Vital Questions

In view of the fact that the Wesleyan Pocket Book has practical limitations, ought not great care to be exercised in the way its resources are apportioned? If the battle with Communism is within Continental America, should we not be reinforcing our position here? Since the downfall of America would spell utter defeat for the whole Church and blot out Foreign Missions as well as Home Missions, does it not appear that it is our practical duty to our Foreign Missionary enterprises to make safe their source of supplies?

Not everyone may regard this trend as serious. Some may even think it is a proper and fortunate situation. Whatever opinion each may hold, these figures present facts to which we ought to give attention.

If this trend they reveal is a proper trend, then we may well congratulate ourselves, for beyond all question we have made good progress in following it.

If, on the other hand, it has in it the element of warning, (which I personally believe it has), we will do well to proceed with caution, lest we find our Home Bases ravished and our Foreign Fields famished.



Future Prospects

Much depends on how we answer the questions involved, and how successfully we combat Communism with spirituality. Always will there be an enemy to wage war against us. If we continue in the grand old tradition of Wesleyan Methodism without wavering, without compromise, without hesitation, equivocation or altercation, we shall find glorious victories awaiting our advances.

The future of the work of the Department of Home Missions is as vast as the nation's expanding needs. New churches, more new churches—and then more new churches is the cry! This may and does involve church buildings and parsonages, but fundamentally and foremostly it has to do with souls.

We are interested in property only as it can be translated into hosts of happy believers. We are futile in our efforts and wasteful of our energies if we expend them with any other motive than the leading of souls into the Kingdom for the glory of the King.

Four new Conferences have been added to our roll in the past two Quadrenniums. In my personal file in my office, I have a list of no less than six fields which I consider prospective new Mission Conferences. Some of these seem ripe for organizing at any time so far as numbers are concerned.

Handicaps We Face

The Department of Home Missions faces handicaps in presenting the work of Church Extension to the Church-at-large. Church Extension work is too close home to arouse much interest. It is already a familiar story for most people—in fact a great many have had such close contact with some phases of pioneering that it has lost all semblance of charm for them. In some instances the needs of the pioneer church are only a repetition of local needs and instead of being moved to respond, the solicited are perhaps inclined to feel that they ought to be receiving help themselves, rather than giving help to others as requested.

The commonplace excited no interest and, consequently, gains little attention. Sympathies that respond generously when aroused by a moving scene of need in China, are frequently little moved by a needy family in a familiar alley in one's own town. Such is the way of human nature. Remoteness seems to lend strength to an appeal. Because Church Extension presents a need close at hand, a need familiarly observed, it does not stir imagination, inspiration, nor co-operation in the hearts and minds of hearers to that degree to which it is entitled.

We are handicapped further in our work by the inability to publicize needs and conditions in our Home Mission Fields. To describe and publish certain pitiful scenes which might appeal to the emotions of individuals, is not possible because the communities concerned will frequently get hold of the literature describing their plight. A native loyalty and natural pride resent being thus presented to the world as a public spectacle, and when such articles appear in our publications and are then circulated in the communities described, an antagonism develops which may take years to overcome, and which presents real problems to our workers. In fact, we have learned just recently of a very able worker in a sister denomination, who had to completely withdraw from the field under just such a situation.

What the Department of Home Missions needs is a full time Pro-

moter in each area of our denomination who can present the needs of the Department to Churches, Rallies, Missionary Meetings, Conferences and Camp Meetings. Local Missionaries are not acquainted with the whole needs to a degree that they can present them to the churches. It requires some one with a nation wide vision, who has no other responsibility than to present the needs, interests, activities, and prospects of Church Extension to all our people.

Hearty Thanks

Before I bring this report to a close, I wish to express my appreciation to all those who have co-operated in any way to make the work go forward. Dr. R. S. Nicholson and the Executive Board at Syracuse have been wise in their counsel and helpful in their suggestions. I am grateful for their interest and advice.

To my consecrated office workers, who have efficiently and diligently lifted the routine of office toil onto the high level of Christian service, I am indebted beyond measure. Their earnings cannot be met with salary checks. Of them it can be said, "Great will be their reward in the Kingdom."

Through the General Woman's Missionary Society we have received \$118,790.85. To Sister Ruby Reisdorph, the President, and Mrs. Helen Stuckey, the Treasurer, as representatives of this great organization, we say a hearty "Thank you."

To Mrs. Aileen Shea and her loyal Y. M. W. B. Members, we are grateful for \$19,198.03. This is a splendid contribution, and will not be forgotten by the Master.

The Young People's Societies sent in \$9,550.79 during the Quadrennium. To the Rev. H. K. Sheets and the great host of Wesleyan Youth we proffer our hearty thanks.

To the army of Card Call Subscribers whose loyalty was repeatedly manifested to the amount of \$68,818.53, we would express earnest appreciation. It is such faithfulness, woven into the fiber of our denominational life, that makes possible our expansion. May the Lord's blessing rest on them all.

A noble and distinguished group of Wesleyans is often overlooked when expressions of thanks are being given. I wish to recognize these men; they have been a source of help to me again and again. They are our Conference Presidents and our Conference Treasurers. By their sympathetic understanding and counsel, I have repeatedly been aided to find the best course to pursue when facing involved problems. To our noble pastors and our devoted laymen—to all our fellow Wesleyans scattered throughout the length and breadth of this great nation—whose courtesy, patience, and kindness have been my portion again and again, I extend my heartfelt thanks.

As stated in the opening paragraph of this report, our deepest gratitude is owing to our Heavenly Father, whose patience, mercy and love have been vouchsafed to us without reserve, He has granted strength for service, protection for travels, and shelter, both spiritual and material, as we have earnestly striven to do His sweet will. To Him be glory, majesty and power forever and forever.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Swauger, Secretary of Home Missions

States having No Wesleyan Methodist church

	Population
1. Maine	847,226
2. New Hampshire	491,524
3. Connecticut	1,709,242
4. Rhode Island	713,346
5. Louisiana	2,363,880
6. Texas	6,414,824
7. New Mexico	531,818
8. Utah	550,310
9. Nevada	110,247
10. Idaho	524,873
Total	14,257,290

States having only One Wesleyan Methodist church

	Population
1. Arizona	499,261
2. Arkansas	1,949,387
3. Massachusetts	4,316,721
4. Mississippi	2,183,796
5. Vermont	359,231
Total	9,308,396

States having Two to Ten Wesleyan Methodist churches

1. Florida	9	7. Delaware	3
2. Oregon	8	8. North Dakota	3
3. Illinois	7	9. Wyoming	3
4. Minnesota	7	10. Colorado	2
5. Montana	6	11. Maryland	2
6. Missouri	4	12. Washington	2

States having More than Ten Wesleyan Methodist churches

1. Indiana	119	12. Iowa	25
2. New York	89	13. Virginia	24
3. North Carolina	77	14. Wisconsin	22
4. Pennsylvania	74	15. Tennessee	17
5. Michigan	72	16. Nebraska	15
6. Ohio	71	17. New Jersey	13
7. South Carolina	65	18. Kentucky	12
8. Kansas	43	19. West Virginia	12
9. Alabama	31	20. California	11
10. Georgia	29	21. Oklahoma	11
11. South Dakota	26		

The Dominion of Canada has 15 Wesleyan Methodist churches

Report No. 11

**TENTATIVE REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMISSION
OF THE
WESLEYAN AND FREE METHODIST CHURCHES
ON CHURCH UNION**

**For Presentation
To The Respective General Conferences
Of June, 1951**

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I. HISTORY OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS**A. Resume of Earlier Union Negotiations****The First Efforts, a Half Century Ago**

In the General Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1903, Bishop W. T. Hogue of the Free Methodist Church appeared as a fraternal delegate and made a stirring address. In response to this the following motion was made: "That the Book Committee be authorized to appoint a committee of not less than five, whose duty it shall be to consider the relation that exists between us and the Free Methodist Church whenever their appointing body shall see fit to appoint a like committee." So far as the records reveal this was the initial move toward an attempt at merger of the two churches. In the General Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1907 the official report was made that such a committee had been appointed by the Free Methodist Church and the Wesleyan Methodist Board proceeded to appoint the committee to take up the task. In the General Conference of 1911 the full report of the work of this Joint Commission was made and its record shows very careful study and evaluation.

Points of Similarity and Difference at That Time

The report showed that in doctrine and approach to the Scriptures the two churches were in entire accord. The two major differences noted at that time were the rule in the Free Methodist Church with regard to music and the reluctance of The Wesleyan Methodist Church to General Superintendency. There were also major differences in pastoral appointment and the term of pastoral service, and some differences in ordination and manner of church voting.

Two meetings of the Joint Commission are reported and the second was saddened by the very serious illness of Bishop Hogue. Correspondence was carried on by the commission following this meeting but there seem to have been no further meetings of the men. The feelings of the membership of the two churches were so involved with their particular methods that nothing seemed to be possible as to progress until a further change of methods by the two denominations could be effected.

I-A. Resume of Earlier Union Negotiations

Overtures Renewed by the General Conferences of 1943

The matter of church union was merely the desire for an ideal relationship until the General Conferences of 1943 when another study was proposed and the present Joint Commission was set up and work begun. It was recognized that a better understanding of each other was a necessity if anything of value was to be accomplished. The Joint Commission at once sought to foster relationships of fraternization that would let the members of each denomination learn the true character and the worship methods and beliefs of the other denomination. Fellowship meetings were planned and an interchange of speakers was urged and sought on various levels of church life.

Joint Findings After First Quadrennium of Study

The sincere study of the present standards of method and conduct of business was begun and continued throughout the quadrennium. In the General Conferences of 1947 reports were made to each body. The following is a copy of the agreed findings and recommendations of the Joint Commission and reported at that time:

B. Joint Commission Report of 1947 Reprinted

"Whereas, after a frank consideration of the major involvements, the Joint Commission are encouraged to believe that there are no barriers to the ultimate organic union of the two churches which are necessarily insurmountable provided that the two constituencies become better acquainted with each other's fundamental principles; and

"Whereas, it is the consensus of the Joint Commission that in the meantime the work of God can be promoted more effectively by the closer co-ordination of the respective activities of each body; therefore,

"Be it resolved by the Joint Commission that we urge upon our administrative bodies that in all matters of common interest there be the closest collaboration; and that we urge upon our people everywhere an exchange of fellowship in local, district, and other devotional and evangelistic gatherings, which we urge all our people to attend."

Certainly it would not be the desire of your Committee nor of the Joint Commission to claim any credit for the many occasions and ways in which there have been opportunities for co-operative effort between the Free Methodists and the Wesleyan Methodists during the last two or three years. But, it is certainly not amiss to say that these times of united action must certainly result in an increasing mutual understanding and affection between these two holiness denominations.

I-B. Joint Commission Report of 1947 Reprinted

Pursuant to an action by the first meeting of the Joint Commission, the Chairmen of the two delegations, acting as a committee, segregated seven areas where it was felt that problems would be encountered in any plan of union, and assigned these areas to sub-committees for careful study. These seven fields were as follows:

1. Pastoral placement and superintendency.
2. Educational institutions.
3. Doctrinal standards.
4. Ordination.
5. Conference boundaries.
6. Missions.
7. Corporate problems.

The subsequent meetings of the Joint Commission were devoted in large measure to hearing reports in progress by the committees assigned to these seven fields.

Perhaps one resolution growing out of a report of the Committee on Educational Institutions is worthy of notice at this point. It was adopted unanimously at the third regular meeting of the Joint Commission, and reads as follows:

"Resolved, that it is not the intention of the Joint Commission to propose any scheme of re-organization and re-alignment of our existing educational institutions that would involve the arbitrary elimination of any one of them." In this matter as well as in other parallel problems, the Joint Commission has found itself desirous of conserving as far as possible all existing values in the event of a merger between the two denominations.

At the fifth, and final, meeting of the Joint Commission held at Wilmore, Kentucky on April 24, 1947, a Sub-Committee on Findings made its report with the intention that this report, if adopted, would serve in large measure to acquaint the respective denominations of the essential progress made by the Joint Commission during the quadrennium. This report was unanimously adopted by the Joint Commission, and your Committee on Fraternal Relations now conclude their own accounting in the words of this recital of findings which follows:

"The Joint Commission, through prolonged study and deliberation on the essential features of the two denominations, has reached the following conclusions:

"I. DOCTRINE: The two denominations agree essentially in doctrine both holding firmly and without compromise to evangelical, Wesleyan Arminianism, especially declaring as a distinctive tenet the Scriptural and experiential validity of entire sanctification as a second work of grace.

"II. CONDUCT: The two denominations agree in principle of conduct which emphasize Wesleyan simplicity, modesty and clear-cut separation from the world. At a few points only the Free Methodist Church is found to be more specific in the definition of the application of these principles. The general rules, essentially the same in both denominations, are regarded as enforceable restrictions on particulars of conduct in Free Methodist practice, and in The Wesleyan Methodist Church as basic principles in terms of which specific legislation on occasion may be enacted by constitutional methods.

"III. CHURCH POLITY: In Church polity the two denominations moderately but definitely differ, The Wesleyan Methodist Church inclining toward congregational patterns due to the issues prominent in its origin, the Free Methodist Church toward traditional Methodist patterns because of a differing origin. The divergence in neither direction, however, is extreme. These differences consist mainly in:

1. The restriction of women's ordination to a lower order by the Free Methodist Church, and the equal recognition of women with men in the full ordination of both by The Wesleyan Methodist Church.

2. The use of the title "bishop" by the Free Methodist Church for its chief supervisory officers, although such officers, as in The Wesleyan Methodist Church, have no appointive authority nor control over men and committees by virtue of their office apart from constitutional controls and limitations.

3. The removal of the ministry of the Free Methodist Church from membership in the local church organization in such a way as to imply a separate order of church membership, whereas the Wesleyan Methodist polity maintains one order of church membership for all, and conceives of the ministry as an office rather than an order of membership.

4. The appointment of pastors to charges by the Free Methodist Church through a conference committee upon the representation of an uninstructed delegate, rather than upon the call of the congregation ratified by a conference committee according to Wesleyan Methodist polity. In both denominations the conference holds ultimate authority.

"IV. CHURCH PROPERTY: Policies of the two Churches must be defined separately as applying to congregational property and college property.

1. Congregational property in both denominations is guaranteed to the denomination, by annual conference checks in The Wesleyan Methodist Church and by general conference checks in the Free Methodist Church.

2. The title to college property is vested in local or regional trustees in the Free Methodist Church, in a general denominational board in The Wesleyan Methodist Church.

"V. MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES: There remain two miscellaneous differences to be noted:

1. Local college boards have final jurisdiction and the general board largely an advisory function in the Free Methodist Church, whereas in The Wesleyan Methodist Church local boards initiate and

direct the colleges subject to the final authority of the general denominational board.

2. The Free Methodist Church restricts the local congregation in the use of instrumental music and selected singing by general and annual conference checks, whereas The Wesleyan Methodist Church grants to the congregation as the worshiping body the determination of instruments to be used and the organization of singers.

"VI. RECOMMENDATIONS: The advancement of Inter-Church Fellowship has been commendable and the alliance of church interests is advancing well and should be pursued to a fuller co-operation as fast as possible.

"Following long study and conference on the question of church union it is our consensus that merging of the two denominations is possible if there be the will to union among our respective groups.

"We recommend a continuation of the Joint Commission on Church Union, seeking to secure an alliance of church operations pending such time as organic union may appear feasible.

"We recommend that the Joint Commission appoint a Committee on Church Comity to which shall be referred all questions of inter-church relations in extension and location.

"We further recommend that this General Conference instruct the Joint Commission, if continued by mutual agreement of the two Quadrennial Bodies, to present for the 1951 General Conferences a definite plan of reorganizing as one the two denominations, without commitment to approval of union."

I-C. History of the Commission's Activities

During the Quadrennium Ending in June, 1951

The Inherent Slowness of Careful Studies of Church Union

Studying the working principles of two different denominations with a view to a possible merger of those bodies is a very tedious and lengthy program. It will be well for us to remember that the history of all such movements, no matter how desirable or advantageous they may be, or may have been, is that long periods of time are always consumed in the study of the integral parts and methods of each, so that the best of both may be fairly conserved, and the plans of each so evaluated, that the best of both is written into the merger. The work for the merger of the recent bodies of Methodism extended over several quadrenniums. The recent merger of the Evangelical and United Brethren Churches occupied several quadrenniums before any attempt at merger could be focused. In view of these and other historical moves for the merger of established denominations it is evident that we have made sizeable advancement.

It would be possible for one denomination to bodify join the organization of the other, but that would not be merger and could never become a satisfactory manner of operation, and so was never even considered by the Joint Commission. It has been recognized that any plan must include all of the tried and tested principles of life involved in the work of each of the denominations.

The studies of the previous quadrennium, of very necessity, were first based upon the knowledge that each of the church bodies must come to know the other one better than they have ever done before, or a merger would be both impossible and undesirable. Second, there must be fully understood the hidden, fundamental, meanings of the things that so deeply concern and motivate the workings of each. That work was almost wholly exploratory, and was reported as such at the last General Conferences. Those investigations were merely general field work for a base of operation in the present study and evaluation.

The Progress of the Joint Commission in the Quadrennium Now Closing

The work of this quadrennium was then carried on to seek some manner of stating the conclusions of these investigations so that the underlying principles might be clearly stated and placed in a form that made them presentable to the present deliberative bodies. In order to implement this task the recent meetings of the Joint Commission worked by the method of dividing the task among selected sub-committees to seek formulas of statement that would make the best possible composite of the good and desirable of both church bodies. No fundamentally unreconcilable things were found. The effort of the Joint Commission then was to bring into workable form the great principles that have so long motivated the two churches.

This has been a laborious task and we believe that it has been done in good faith and with great care by the sub-committees to which the different elements have been assigned. We present these studies as the best that we have found in the great statements of each. They have not been the result of compromise. They have been the result of a study of the method of approach to great themes and doctrines. The methods suggested are not matters of compromise to gain a working advantage. They are the result of what we believe is the best method possible to obtain that which the Fathers of each denomination purposed in the matter of evangelizing the world.

The studies that have been made are not the sacrificing of principles in any instance, but they are a new approach to great and tried principles which have been dear and important to the great men and women who have comprised the constituencies of these two church bodies. In no case has any principle or truth been avoided or compromised. Methods need to be changed with the changing economic world about us. Methods are not principles, they are adaptable manners of doing things that principles and doctrines may be carried into effect.

This study has been sincerely and carefully made. No effort or care has been omitted in a faithful effort to carry out the task assigned to your Joint Commission. There has been no ambition to do other than find the will of God for the two denominations here represented. With these things in mind we conclude the work of the second quadrennium.

II. PROPOSED TENTATIVE PLAN OF UNION

A. Introductory Statement

When the Joint Commission of the Wesleyan and Free Methodist Churches began its work after having been set up by concurrent action of the two General Conferences of 1943, its first meetings almost instinctively

turned their attention to a study of the principal differences of the two churches, in an attempt to segregate problem areas. This activity was exploratory in its nature and had the effect of raising certain basic questions, the answers to which would have a direct bearing on the probable possibility of working out a feasible plan for uniting the two churches as one.

Joint Commission Began with Specific Problems

It was realized by the men of the Joint Commission that the important questions which were thus being discovered and formulated were all a part of the one large question which would inevitably be raised by the official bodies of the two churches, namely, "What will be the cost and what the probable advantages of a union of these two holiness churches?"

As these questions were brought into focus one after another, they were assigned to sub-committees for more intensive study. As a result of the work of these sub-committees there began to emerge first a general agreement as to the probable best line for seeking solutions in each problem area. As the work of the Joint Commission through these sub-committees went forward still further, there began to be elaborated increasingly exact and detailed statements of suggested solutions.

In other words, the Joint Commission began its work with an intensive approach. Rather than taking a broad over-view of the entire field, it naturally addressed itself first to specific questions. This was an inductive method of proceeding toward a whole solution.

Quadrennial Report Must Be Concise Yet Full

As the current quadrennium progressed and the time of the 1951 General Conferences drew nearer the Joint Commission found itself confronted with the specific question as to what to present to the General Conferences of 1951 in answer to the mandate given concurrently by them in June, 1947 "to prepare for the June, 1951, General Conferences a general plan of reorganizing as one the two denominations, without commitment to approval of union."

Just what items should be included in such a "definite plan"? It was felt to be impractical at this juncture to report in full all the elaborations thus far worked out by the commission through its sub-committees. These deal with only a limited portion of the entire book of discipline. Such presentation would naturally be expected if and when the study should come to the point of presenting an actual proposed book of discipline, with the remaining parts also worked out in considerable detail.

The final decision of the Joint Commission was that this "definite plan of reorganizing as one the two denominations" should include the following three divisions:

1. An extension or over-view of the plan of union—a synthesis of the rules and regulations and organizations of the present churches.
2. An intensive treatment of the constitutional law of the reconstituted church.
3. A treatment of vital practical questions arising in view of the proposed union.

Birds-eye View of Union

The first section of the proposed plan—an extension or over-view of the plan of union—has been worked out by going into the two books of

discipline of the respective churches and from these working out a synthetic outline which, it is felt, will give in its broad implications the probable over-all picture of a union of our two churches.

In connection with this task it was discovered that the Free Methodist Church has recently authorized a carefully considered rearrangement of its book of discipline so as to present in proper order the various phases of church law, which naturally tend to become somewhat scattered as they are amended and added to by succeeding General Conferences, so that in the resulting book of discipline of the Free Methodist Church these are now given in a very careful and organized manner.

The Wesleyan Methodist book of discipline contains a fine amount of detail on the various phases of church organization and regulation, but this material has a tendency to be more loosely organized, representing as it does the accumulated actions of the many General Conferences, compiled under the hand of different editors from quadrennium to quadrennium.

Hence the Joint Commission in working out an over-view of the tentative plan of union has felt it wise to utilize to a considerable extent the logical framework of the revised Free Methodist book of discipline, searching out the various corresponding portions of the Wesleyan Methodist discipline and indicating a suggested synthesis which will perhaps serve to provide the General Conference delegates with a broad picture of the probable results of church union, at the same time being in such a form that it might at a later time, if desired by the two churches, serve as a basis for an outline of the book of discipline of the reconstituted church.

The Area of Constitutional Law

Within this broad view of the probable effect of a merger, it was felt by the Joint Commission that any or all parts of the church rules and regulations which are to be regarded in the light of basic organic or constitutional law should be segregated and stated in full, thus presenting to the delegates in a concise manner a picture as to how well and with what results the essential geniuses of the two churches lend themselves to combination.

In the area of constitutional law it was noted that The Wesleyan Methodist Church has apparently carried down through the years a rather clear and well defined and deeply rooted feeling that certain divisions of the law of the church should be regarded as constitutional and should not be made subject to immediate change but should require concurrent ratification by the General Conference, the annual conferences, and the membership of the local churches. But while the Wesleyan Methodist discipline contains a section on "Constitutional and Statutory Law," yet the actual items of constitutional law are scattered in various parts of the book of discipline.

The Free Methodist Church also has had a concept of constitutional, as differing from statutory law. This idea as to matters which should be regarded as constitutional and restricted has not been quite as extended in the Free Methodist Church as has been the case with the Wesleyan Methodists. However the Free Methodist discipline has the advantage of presenting concisely and in one place in the book of discipline a section called "The Constitution" where such matters are available for easy reference by all concerned.

The Joint Commission has approved the procedure of the Free Methodists in thus presenting a single unified statement of constitutional law. Into this framework have been introduced substantially all of the matters now included as constitutional in the book of discipline of The Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The resulting statement provides a tentative constitution, worked out in full detail, for consideration and possible approval by the two General Conferences as a basis for further elaboration of the remaining parts of a combined book of discipline.

Vital Questions Come Into Focus

Finally, and growing out of these extensive and intensive syntheses of the church law of the two communions, it was realized that vital practical questions would naturally arise as to what would be the actual effect of this union at the level of individual, organizational, and institutional church life. Hence it was felt that the Tentative Plan of Union should anticipate the most important of these questions and should endeavor to indicate the direction in which it is felt that these may find a practical and wholesome solution. These questions are grouped in accordance with that part of the general over-view where they would most logically arise.

With this introductory statement, we present first an over-view of the Tentative Plan of Union which, to the extent approved, might later serve as a basis for an outline of a unified book of discipline.

II-B. OVER-VIEW OF TENTATIVE PLAN OF UNION OUTLINE OF THE WHOLE BY CHAPTERS OR PARTS

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HISTORICAL

No special problems in this area. This historical section can simply be assigned to a committee of two—one from each of the constituted denominations—and can thus be written up for approval of the two churches at the last moment after the history of this union question is more clear.

PART I. THE CONSTITUTION

As before stated, this part on the Constitution has been elaborated in full detail by the Joint Commission and is presented in this complete, though tentative form for study by the general conference delegates in the section of this report next following.

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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA

PREAMBLE

In order that we may wisely preserve and pass on to posterity the heritage of doctrine and principles of Christian living transmitted to us as evangelicals in the Arminian Wesleyan tradition, and to insure church order by sound principles of ecclesiastical polity, and to prepare the way for more effective evangelization of the world and more effective co-operation with other branches of the Church of Christ in all that makes for the advancement of God's kingdom among men, we, the ministers and lay members of The United Wesleyan Methodist Church of America meeting in official assemblies, do hereby ordain, establish, and set forth as the fundamental law, or constitution, of The United Wesleyan Methodist Church of America the articles of religion, rules of Christian living, privileges and conditions of church membership, and articles of organization and government, here following to wit:

DIVISION I

ARTICLES OF RELIGION

I. Of Faith In the Holy Trinity

There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body or parts, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness; the maker and preserver of all things, visible and invisible. And in unity of this Godhead there are three persons of one substance, power, and eternity—the Father, the Son (the Word), and the Holy Ghost.

II. Of the Word, Or Son of God, Who Was Made Very Man

The Son, the Word of the Father, very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the Virgin Mary, so that the two whole and perfect natures, the Godhead and manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God and very man. In the fullness of time, He appeared to make a perfect redemption, propitiation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world, both original and actual. Being delivered into the hands of wicked men, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and there maketh intercession for us.

III. Of the Resurrection of Christ

Christ did truly rise again from the dead, according to the Scriptures, and took again His body, with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature, wherewith He ascended into heaven, there He ever liveth to make intercession for us; from thence He shall come again, with glory, to judge all men, both the quick and the dead.

IV. Of the Holy Ghost

The Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty and glory with the Father and the Son, and is the Third Person of the Triune Godhead, very and eternal God. In this Dispensation, He is uniquely the Representative and Executive of Deity, and the sole Administrator to men of the benefits of the Atonement. As such, the Holy Ghost is ever present and efficiently active in and with the Church of Christ, convincing the world of sin, regenerating those who repent and believe, sanctifying the children of God, guiding them into all truth as it is in Jesus, and as the promised "Paraclete" ministering to believers on behalf.

V. Of the Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures For Salvation

The Holy Scriptures were given by inspiration of God and are fully inerrant in their original manuscripts, and reveal the will of God concerning man in all things necessary to his salvation; so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed necessary as an article of faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation. By the term Holy Scriptures, we understand the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments, as sanctioned by the great Protestant Councils and Creeds.

The names of the canonical books of the Old Testament are: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, First Samuel, Second Samuel, First Kings, Second Kings, First Chronicles, Second Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

The names of the canonical books of the New Testament are: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, the Acts, the Epistle to the Romans, First Corinthians, Second Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, First Thessalonians, Second Thessalonians, First Timothy, Second Timothy, Titus, Philemon, the Epistle to the Hebrews, the Epistle of James, First Peter, Second Peter, First John, Second John, Third John, Jude, and the Revelation.

VI. Of the Old Testament

The Old Testament is not contrary to the New; for in both the Old and New Testaments everlasting life is offered to mankind through Christ, who is the only Mediator between God and man. Wherefore they are not to be heard who feign that the old fathers did look only for transitory promises. Although the law given from God by Moses, as touching ceremonies and rites, doth not bind Christians, nor ought the civil precepts thereof of necessity to be received in any commonwealth; yet, notwithstanding, no Christian whatsoever is free from obedience to the commandments which are called moral.

VII. Of the Fall and Depravity of Man

Man was created by God in His own image and "after His likeness" in "righteousness and true holiness," with understanding, freedom of will, and various affections. Our first parent, however, fell from that holy estate in which God created him by separating his will from the Divine will, thus making himself a sinner, internally and spiritually, which state manifested itself in external transgression, sensuous and fleshly. By this disobedience sin entered into the world and all were made sinners (became sinners) (were made sinful). This inherited depravity, commonly called

original sin does not consist in the following of Adam as some falsely teach, but is the corruption of every one naturally engendered of the offspring of Adam, so that man is wholly gone from original righteousness, and of his own nature inclined to evil and that continually. Not that every son of Adam is as bad as he can be, nor, in every instance, as thoroughly depraved as it is possible for him to become; but there are in every man tendencies which, if allowed to pursue their natural course unhindered by the grace of God, operate to his complete ruin.

VIII. Of Free Will

The condition of man after the fall of Adam is such that he cannot turn and prepare himself by his own natural strength and works of faith and calling upon God; wherefore we have no power to do good work, pleasing and acceptable to God, without the prevenient grace of God by Christ working in us, that we may have a good will, and working with us when we have that good will.

IX. Of Atonement By the Sacrifice of Christ

God did not leave mankind to perish in sin, but sent His only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself, that all men might be delivered from the guilt, power, pollution, and punishment of sin and restored to the image and favor of God. Christ being both God and man, and perfectly righteous, there was infinite value and merit in His death: and through it, undergone for our sakes and in our stead, Almighty God exercises His mercy in the forgiveness of sins, consistently with His justice and holiness. As to God, the Atonement thus made manifests Divine righteousness; as to God and man, it effects a perfect reconciliation; as to man, it provides a complete redemption. From this certain universal benefits flow: the dispensation of God's grace for all mankind, the offer of eternal life in Jesus Christ to all, the probation of all, and the ability of every man to accept salvation through the grace of God. This offering of Christ once made is a perfect redemption, propitiation and satisfaction for all the sins of the whole world, both original and actual, and is the sinner's only hope for mercy and ground of salvation. The atonement is graciously efficacious to the salvation of the irresponsible and to children in innocency, but is efficacious to the salvation of those who reach the age of accountability only upon repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

X. Of Justification By Faith

Justification is the divine judicial act of God by which He applies to the sinner, believing in Christ, the benefit of the atonement, and absolves him from all guilt and regards him as righteous only for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Justification is not of our own works or deservings, but only through the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and is received by faith alone, which is a most wholesome doctrine and very full of comfort. Those who thus by faith receive the benefit of the atonement are made new creatures in Christ, being renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit in the image and likeness of God. When they are thus born again, then their sanctification, their inward and outward holiness, begins, and God, of His own free grace, bestows upon them the name and privileges of the sons of God. Justification, regeneration, and adoption, while successive in thought, are simultaneous aspects of the same work of grace, to which the Holy Spirit bears witness.

XI. Of Good Works

Although justification is by faith alone and not by works, nevertheless, the justified state which ensues is attested by works of righteousness. Since those works follow justifying faith, they therefore do not effect original justification; but they do give evidence that the faith in Christ, which was exercised, was a real and living faith. As they continue to follow, they further evidence the genuineness of that faith as a permanent and living principle. Works cannot put away sins nor endure the severity of God's judgment, yet they are pleasing and acceptable to God. "For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

XII. Of Sin After Justification

Personal salvation is a covenant work involving man's will and his faith in Christ's atoning sacrifice. Christ's covenant provides for the maintenance of spiritual life in the soul to the end. The source of this grace is the intercession of Christ; its maintenance is the all-sufficient power of the Holy Spirit; and its nature is superabundant and persistent, contingent upon man's perseverance in fidelity. Man while on earth is in a probationary state as a free and responsible agent, his moral character being developed and therefore subject to change. The sinner may repent and be recovered; and one who has received the grace of God may through unfaithfulness go astray despite the display of heavenly influences, forfeit his relationship as a believer and so far fall from God as to become totally apostate and perish everlastingly. Not every sin willingly committed after justification is the sin against the Holy Ghost and unpardonable. Wherefore the grant of repentance is not to be denied to such as fall into sin after justification and who, by the grace of God, rise again and amend their lives. Therefore they are to be condemned who say they can no more sin as long as they live here, or who deny the place of forgiveness to such as truly repent.

XIII. Of Entire Sanctification

Entire sanctification is that work of the Holy Spirit, subsequent to regeneration, by which the fully consecrated believer, upon exercise of faith in Christ, is cleansed from all inward sin and empowered for Christian service. This work is attested by the witness of the Holy Spirit and is retained by obedience and faith. Entire sanctification prepares the believer for greater growth in grace and enables him to love God with all his heart, soul, strength, and mind, and his neighbor as himself.

XIV. Of the Church

The Church is the Spirit-constituted, universal fellowship of faithful persons who confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Faith in Christ is a fundamental requirement, and baptism is the public testimony to and seal of that faith. The visible Church is the sphere as well as the organ of the Spirit's administration of redemption. It is invested with divine tokens of authority as Christ's agency for the work of evangelization and the spiritual edification of believers, and contains the divinely instituted means for the attainment of these ends. The divine purpose of this fellowship is the maintenance and manifestation of sound doctrine through the preaching of the pure Word of God as its standard of faith, its guide to duty, and its charter of privileges; the defense and administration of the sacraments in their purity and simplicity, according to Christ's ordinance; the

impartial exercise of spiritual guidance and discipline more effectually to promote personal holiness and true religion, and thus to help the whole fellowship attain to its fullest possible stature.

The Church has authority to establish rites and ceremonies providing adequate forms of worship. It is not necessary that these be the same in all places, for they have been changed according to the necessities of divers countries, times, and customs. As witness and custodian of the Holy Scriptures the Church has authority to function as arbiter in all controversies concerning doctrine, and to impose and remove censures as truth and righteousness may require. But the Church has no authority to expound one scripture so that it is repugnant to another; or to ordain or require anything as necessary to salvation which may not be concluded and proved by the Scriptures.

XV. Of Speaking In The Congregation In Such A Tongue As The People Understand

It is a thing plainly repugnant to the Word of God and the custom of the primitive Church to have public prayer in the Church or to minister the sacrament in a tongue not understood by the people.

XVI. Of The Sacraments

Sacraments are holy ordinances instituted by Christ, wherein, by outward and visible signs, Christians make profession of having received inward and spiritual grace. In the reception of a sacrament, the Christian recognizes anew his solemn obligation to devote himself to God and to His service; and to such as worthily, and by faith, receive a sacrament, Christ and the benefits of the New Covenant are afresh revealed and imparted, and their faith is quickened, strengthened and confirmed.

Christ our Lord, in His Gospel, instituted two sacraments in His Church: Baptism and the Supper of the Lord.

XVII. Of Christian Baptism

Christian baptism is a sacrament which relates to regeneration, yet is neither the cause, nor the sole means of it, either in adult or infant. The new birth is not dependent on ecclesiastical forms, including the sacraments; nevertheless the sacraments are more than mere badges or tokens of Christian profession or impressive ritualistic emblems. The impartation of regenerate life may accompany baptism, precede it, or follow it; but as an integral part of the New Covenant in Christ it is important, and to such as comply with the covenant conditions and receive the sacrament of baptism with faith, the Holy Spirit doth minister grace.

The sacrament of baptism, administered to an adult, witnesses that the recipient is now Christ's and a member of His kingdom. Baptism implies personal faith and conscious acceptance of the terms of the Christian covenant.

The sacrament of baptism is extended to young children upon request of parents or guardians who pledge for them the necessary Christian training. The baptism of infants is appropriate as an act of dedication but principally as a recognition of their relation to God through Christ and to the covenant of grace and of their membership already in the universal Church of Christ. Infants are incapable of personal faith and acceptance of the covenant; but when Christ said: "OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN," He admitted them to the privileges of His covenant, including

the operations of the Holy Spirit to afford them all the preliminary influences of His salvation. The Church on its part accepts them in their irresponsibility as belonging to God and by this sacrament receives them into its care for nurture and instruction.

XVIII. The Supper of the Lord

The Supper of the Lord is not only a sign of love that Christians ought to have among themselves one to another, but is above all else a sacrament of our redemption by the death of our Lord Jesus Christ. To such as rightly, worthily, and with faith receive the supper of the Lord, God doth communicate grace to their hearts.

XIX. Of the Duty of Christians to the Civil Authority

It is the duty of all Christians, and especially of all Christian ministers, to observe the laws and commands of the governing or supreme authority of the country of which they are citizens or subjects or in which they reside, where freedom of religion is allowed, and to use all laudable means to encourage and enjoin obedience to the powers that be, so that Christians behave themselves as peaceable and orderly subjects or citizens.

XX. Of Christian Men's Goods

The riches and goods of Christians are not common as touching the right, title and possession of the same, as some do falsely affirm. The Christian should recognize his stewardship to God and his obligations to his fellowmen by acquiring wealth honestly and apart from the exploitation of another person's time, talents or energies; by living simply; and by contributing to the work of the Lord as God hath prospered him.

XXI. Of a Christian Man's Oath

As we confess that vain and rash swearing is forbidden Christian men by our Lord Jesus Christ, and James the apostle, so we hold that the Christian religion doth not prohibit, but that a man may swear when the magistrate requireth in a case of faith and charity, so it be done according to the prophet's teaching, in justice, judgment and truth.

XXII. Of the Second Coming of Christ

The Scriptures teach the second coming of Christ to be a bodily return to earth, and that He will cause the fulfilment of all prophecies concerning His final and complete triumph over all evil. Differences in millennial interpretation within this confession shall not violate the fellowship of the church.

The doctrine of the second coming of Christ is a precious truth and a strong incentive to godly living and holy zeal for the evangelization of the world.

XXIII. Of the Resurrection of the Dead

The Scriptures plainly teach the resurrection of the dead; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ is a fact in history, a miracle of supreme importance, and a pledge of our own resurrection which will be the reuniting of spirit and body for eternity.

XXIV. Of Judgment and Future Rewards and Punishment

The Scriptures reveal God as the judge of all mankind, and the acts of His judgment to be based on His omniscience and eternal justice. His administration of judgment will culminate before His throne of great majesty and power, where records will be examined and final rewards and punishments will be administered.

DIVISION II

RULES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

A. General Rules

The General Rules of the Methodist Episcopal Church as they appeared in 1840, before either of the bodies now organized as the United Wesleyan Methodist Church of America had its origin, are accepted as a part of our heritage of Methodism and as valid for guidance and control of the conduct of our members. Two statements therein, referring to financial responsibilities of class leaders, are no longer relevant and are enclosed in brackets to indicate that they are not a part of the constitution or law of the church. Their wording is retained to preserve intact this historic statement of Methodism.

The Nature, Design, and General Rules of our UNITED SOCIETIES

1. In the latter end of the year 1739 eight or ten persons came to Mr. Wesley in London, who appeared to be deeply convinced of sin, and earnestly groaning for redemption. They desired (as did two or three more the next day) that he would spend some time with them in prayer, and advise them how to flee from the wrath to come, which they saw continually hanging over their heads. That he might have more time for this great work, he appointed a day when they might all come together; which from thenceforward they did every week, namely, on Thursday, in the evening. To these, and as many more as desired to join with them (for their number increased daily), he gave those advices, from time to time, which he judged most needful for them; and they always concluded their meeting with prayer suited to their several necessities.

2. This was the rise of the United Society, first in Europe, and then in America. Such a Society is no other than "a company of men having the form and seeking the power of godliness; united in order to pray together, to receive the word of exhortation, and to watch over one another in love, that they may help each other to work out their salvation."

3. That it may the more easily be discerned whether they are indeed working out their own salvation, each Society is divided into smaller companies, called classes, according to their respective places of abode. There are about twelve persons in a class, one of whom is styled the Leader. It is his duty

- I. To see each person in his class once a week at least; in order,
 1. To inquire how their souls prosper.
 2. To advise, reprove, comfort, or exhort, as occasion may require.
 3. To receive what they are willing to give toward the relief of the [Preachers, Church and] poor.*

* This part refers to towns and cities, where the poor are generally numerous, and church expenses are considerable.

II. To meet the Ministers and the Stewards of the Society once a week; in order,

1. To inform the Minister of any that are sick, or of any that walk disorderly, and will not be reprov'd.

2. [To pay the Stewards what they have received of their several classes in the week preceding.]

4. There is only one condition previously required of those who desire admission into these Societies, "a desire to flee from the wrath to come, to be saved from their sins." But wherever this is really fixed in the soul it will be shown by its fruits. It is therefore expected of all who continue therein, that they should continue to evidence their desires of salvation,

First, by doing no harm, by avoiding evil in every kind, especially that which is most generally practiced; such as,

The taking the name of God in vain.

The profaning the day of the Lord, either by doing ordinary work therein, or by buying or selling;

Drunkenness, or drinking spirituous liquors; unless in cases of necessity.

The buying and selling of men, women, or children, with an intention to enslave them.

Fighting, quarreling, brawling, brother going to law with brother, returning evil for evil, or railing for railing; the using many words in buying or selling;

The buying or selling goods that have not paid the duty.

The giving or taking things on usury, that is, unlawful interest.

Uncharitable or unprofitable conversation; particularly speaking evil of magistrates or of ministers.

Doing to others as we would not they should do unto us.

Doing what we know is not for the glory of God: as,

The putting on of gold and costly apparel.

The taking such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus.

The singing those songs or reading those books which do not tend to the knowledge or love of God.

Softness, and needless self-indulgence.

Laying up treasures upon earth.

Borrowing without a probability of paying, or taking up goods without a probability of paying for them.

5. It is expected of all who continue in these Societies that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation,

Secondly, by doing good; by being in every kind merciful after their power; as they have opportunity, doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all men.

To their bodies of the ability which God giveth, by giving food to the hungry, by clothing the naked, by visiting or helping them that are sick or in prison.

To their souls, by instructing, reprov'g, or exhorting all we have any intercourse with; trampling under foot that enthusiastic doctrine that "we are not to do good unless our hearts be free to it."

By doing good, especially to them that are of the household of faith, or groaning so to be; employing them preferably to others, buying one of another, helping each other in business, and that so much the more because the world will love its own and them only.

By all possible diligence and frugality, that the Gospel be not blamed.

By running with patience the race which is set before them, denying themselves and taking up their cross daily; submitting to bear the reproach of Christ, to be as the filth and offscouring of the world, and looking that men should say all manner of evil of them falsely for the Lord's sake.

6. It is expected of all who desire to continue in these Societies that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation,

Thirdly, by attending upon all the ordinances of God; such are,

The Public worship of God.

The ministry of the word, either read or expounded.

The supper of the Lord.

Family and private prayer.

Searching the Scriptures.

Fasting, or abstinence.

7. These are the General Rules of our Societies; all which we are taught of God to observe, even in His written word which is the only rule, and the sufficient rule, both of our faith and practice. And all these we know His Spirit writes on truly awakened hearts. If there be any among us who observe them not, who habitually break any one of them, let it be known unto them who watch over that soul as they who must give an account. We will admonish him of the error of his ways. We will bear with him for a season. But if then he repent not, he hath no more place among us. We have delivered our own souls.

B. Special Rules

1. Members shall conform to the scriptural standard of attire, and shall wear only such apparel as modestly and properly clothes the person.

2. The church includes under softness and needless self-indulgence, and therefore forbids its members, snuffing, chewing, smoking, growing, manufacturing or selling tobacco; the habitual use of opiates; and the manufacture, buying or selling or using intoxicating liquors unless for mechanical, chemical, or medicinal purposes, or in any way intentionally and knowingly aiding others so to do.

3. The church condemns secret societies on scriptural grounds and as contrary to the glory of God, and forbids membership in the same.

4. The church recognizes no other ground for divorce than that permitted by the Word of God (Matt. 5:32; Mark 10:11, 12). Any person guilty of violating this law shall have no place among us.

DIVISION III

MEMBERSHIP

The privileges and conditions of full membership in the church are constitutional, and changes therein may be made only by constitutional enactment. Nothing shall be included in the membership ritual that is contrary to the following definitions of conditions and privileges of membership.

The conditions of full membership are:

1. Christian baptism, confession of a personal experience in regeneration, and a pledge to seek diligently until sanctified wholly if that experience has not been attained;
2. Acceptance of the Articles of Religion, the rules of Christian Living, and the authority of the **Discipline** in matters of church government;
3. A covenant to support the church, to live in fellowship with the members thereof, and to seek God's glory in all things;
4. Recommendation to membership by the officials of the church and approving vote of three-fourths of the members of the receiving church who are present and voting.

The privileges of full membership are:

1. Participation in the sacraments and ordinances of the church;
2. The right to vote and to hold office;
3. The right to trial and appeal if charged with failure to maintain the conditions of membership, with the specific provision that joining another religious sect shall of itself sever membership in the church without trial.

Church membership may be terminated only by:

1. Voluntary withdrawal;
2. Joining another religious sect or a secret order.
3. Expulsion after proper trial and conviction;
4. Persistent neglect of church relationship by a member residing at a distance from pastoral and church supervision, which in effect is voluntary withdrawal.

DIVISION IV

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT

ARTICLE I. Pastoral charges:

The members of the church shall be grouped into local churches, one or more of which shall constitute a pastoral charge.

ARTICLE II. Annual Conferences:

The General Conference shall organize the work at large into annual conferences, of which the traveling preachers in orders shall be permanent members; and to which at each session one lay delegate shall be admitted from each pastoral charge. The General Conference shall enact such legislation as may be necessary to maintain the principle of equal representation of the ministry and the laity in the annual conference.

ARTICLE III. General Conference Membership:

The General Conference shall be composed of ministerial and lay delegates who are properly certified from the annual conferences, to be chosen as hereinafter provided, and such general conference officers as the General Conference may establish by legislation.

ARTICLE IV. General Conference Ministerial Delegates:

1. Each annual conference shall be entitled to send one elder as ministerial delegate to the General Conference and additional ministerial dele-

gates according to membership on a basis of representation to be fixed by General Conference.

2. The ministerial delegates shall be elected by the ministers of the annual conference by ballot. Such delegates must be elders, and at the time of their election, as also at the time of General Conference, shall be members of the annual conference which elected them.

ARTICLE V. General Conference Lay Delegates:

1. Each annual conference shall be entitled to send the same number of lay delegates to the General Conference as the quota of ministerial delegates.

2. The lay delegates to the General Conference shall be elected by ballot by the lay delegates of the annual conferences they are respectively to represent, and shall be chosen from the members of the church in full relation within the bounds of the annual conferences they represent, and at the time of the General Conference they shall be members of the church within the bounds of the annual conference which elected them.

ARTICLE VI. General Conference Sessions:

1. The General Conference shall meet on the third Wednesday in June in every fourth year from the uniting conference in at such place as shall have been determined by the preceding General Conference or by the Board of Administration. However, in case of emergency the Board of Administration shall have power to change both time and place of the General Conference.

2. The president or presidents, or if there be none, the secretary of the General Conference, whenever two-thirds of the annual conferences shall request it, shall call an extra session of the General Conference, fixing the place thereof and the time of assembling later than the next ensuing session of each annual conference.

ARTICLE VII. Presiding Officers of General Conference:

1. The General Conference shall elect, by ballot, one or more traveling elders to the office of (bishop) (general superintendent), and the same shall preside at the various sittings of the General Conference in such order as they may determine; but in case no (bishop) (general superintendent) be present, the General Conference shall elect, by ballot, an elder as president *pro tem*. A (bishop's) (general superintendent's) term begins with the adjournment of the General Conference which elected him.

ARTICLE VIII. Other Officers:

The General Conference shall elect, by ballot, a secretary and such other officers as it shall decide upon.

ARTICLE IX.

1. There shall be a Board of Administration to carry out the will of the General Conference during the quadrennium. Such board shall be made up of the (bishops) (general superintendents), the secretary of the General Conference, and an equal number of elders and laymen chosen by the General Conference to represent equitably the several areas of the church. Representative members of the Board of Administration shall not exceed thirty-two in number, and a majority of them shall be members of the General Conference electing them.

2. The Board of Administration shall have general supervision of all

the activities of the church during the intervals of the General Conference, and shall constitute the Board of Trustees of each and all of the United Wesleyan Methodist societies and/or institutions now incorporated or to be incorporated under the laws of any state of the United States or of any province of Canada or under any other jurisdiction where such is permitted by the laws of said jurisdiction.

ARTICLE X. General Conference Quorum:

At all times when the General Conference is in session, it shall require a majority of all the delegates elected by the annual conferences to form a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time, until a quorum is obtained.

ARTICLE XI. General Conference Voting:

The ministers and lay members shall deliberate in the sessions of the General Conference as one body, but upon the final vote on any question except proposed amendments to the constitution, on a call of one-fourth of the members, the house shall divide and ministers and lay members shall vote separately; and it shall require a majority vote of each branch to pass any question upon which the division has been called.

ARTICLE XII. Powers and Restrictions of General Conference:

The General Conference shall have full power to make rules and regulations for the United Wesleyan Methodist Church of America subject to the constitution and the following restrictions:

1. It shall not have power to revoke, alter, or change our Articles of Religion, or any Rules of Christian Living, or establish any standards of doctrine contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine.

2. It shall not change or alter any part or rule of our government, so as to destroy the principle of equal representation of ministers and laymen in the representative bodies of the church; or to do away with the general superintendency, the right of each General Conference to elect its own officers, the maintenance of an itinerant ministry, or the system of free seats in our churches.

3. It shall make no rule that shall deny any church the right to receive, discontinue or expel its own members subject to their right of appeal; or to elect and remove its own officers; or that shall deny to the annual conference the final disposition of all pastoral arrangements, or that shall deny to preachers and churches initial negotiations concerning the same.

4. It shall make no rule that will discriminate against any member or minister on account of ancestry or color.

5. It shall make no rule that will interfere with the supervision of the annual conference over the ministers and churches within its bounds, except those ministers whom the General Conference elects or employs in the work of the general church.

6. It shall not have the power to deprive any member or minister of the right of trial by an impartial committee, or of the right of appeal.

ARTICLE XIII. The Supreme Judiciary:

1. There shall be a Judicial Council whose number of members, qualifications, terms of office, and method of election shall be determined by the General Conference.

2. The Judicial Council shall have authority:

- a. To determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference upon appeal of the (bishops) (general superintendents), or one-fifth the members of the General Conference.
- b. To hear and determine any appeal from the decision of a presiding officer on a question in law made in the annual conference, and to review and pass on all such decisions regardless of appeal.
- c. To hear and determine the legality of any action by any general church board upon appeal of one-third the members thereof, or by request of the (bishops) (general superintendents).
- d. To render decision on the constitutionality of any proposed legislation of the General Conference or any proposed act of a general church board upon request of the body contemplating action, or upon request of the (bishops) (general superintendents).
- e. To settle questions in dispute between annual conferences upon appeal of two-thirds of the membership of a conference that claims it has a grievance against another conference.

3. A decision of the Judicial Council shall be final unless the General Conference votes to over-rule the same by a two-thirds vote, in which case the question at issue shall be submitted to the annual conferences and the churches; and if two-thirds of the membership of the several annual conferences and two-thirds of the membership of the church vote to over-rule the decision of the Judicial Council, said decision shall be set aside.

ARTICLE XIV. Amendments to the Constitution:

1. Upon the recommendation of a majority of all the members of the several annual conferences who shall be present and vote on a proposed change of any matter involving the Constitution, except the restrictive rules of Article XII and Section 3 of this Article XIV, and upon concurrent recommendation of a majority of all the members of the local churches who shall be present and vote on the same, the next ensuing General Conference may by a majority vote ratify the same and it shall become constitutional law. Also, when the General Conference shall originate and recommend by a majority vote any such change, as soon as a majority of the members of the several annual conferences and a majority of all the members of the churches shall have concurred, then the same shall be declared constitutional law.

2. The restrictive rules of Article XII, except the last, may be amended by the procedure outlined in "1" of this Article but only upon the concurrent approval of two-thirds of the members of the General Conference, annual conferences, and the local churches respectively.

3. To amend this Article XIV shall require the concurrent approval of two-thirds of the members of the General Conference, annual conferences, and the local churches respectively.

II-D. IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH CONSIDERATION OF CHURCH UNION

I. Questions Deemed Important

In The Area of Part I, The Constitution

DIVISION II

Rules of Christian Living

Question: Is there to be change in the General Rules?

Answer: It is proposed to restore the General Rules of the Methodist Episcopal Discipline of 1840, substantially unchanged from Wesley's original edition, which Discipline was in use in the parent church before either of the merging bodies separated from it.

Question: What will happen to revisions of and additions to the General Rules made by the negotiating churches since their organization?

Answer: These shall be set up as Special Rules in the same division of the Constitution and subject to the same amending procedures as the General Rules. See Constitution Div. II, A. and B.

Question: What will happen to the items upon which the Free Methodist Church has legislated by resolution and by approval of decisions in law, not integrally a part of the General Rules?

Answer: These are omitted because of the divergent policies of the negotiating bodies concerning procedures for defining conditions of membership.

Question: Are regulations included under Special Rules which either or both negotiating bodies have not previously enacted as constitutional law with restrictions upon their amendment?

Answer: The matter of divorce, now included under Special Rules in the proposed constitution, has been constitutional law with the Wesleyan Methodist Church, but included under statutory law with the Free Methodist Church.

DIVISION III

Question: What is proposed as the name of the reconstituted church?

Answer: "The United Wesleyan Methodist Church of America." (Minutes, Sixth Meeting, p. 3)

Question: Will there be a distinction made between constitutional and statutory law, the former being protected and restricted with respect to the readiness with which it may be amended?

Answer: Yes. (Minutes, Sixth Meeting, F. M. Report, sec. 12). See also proposed draft of constitution, Division III, Article XIV.

Question: Will there be provision for a jurisdictional agency for declaring interpretation of church law?

Answer: Yes, the Judicial Council. See Division III, Article XIII.

Question: In the reconstituted church, will the parity of lay and ministerial representation be maintained in the representative bodies of the church?

Answer: Yes, under the Constitution, Division III, Article XII-2.

DIVISION IV

Church Membership

Question: Are the conditions and privileges of church membership protected against easy change?

Answer: Yes, the conditions and privileges of membership are constitutionally defined, and therefore protected against easy change.

II. Questions Deemed Important In The Area of Part II, The Church

Question: In addition to general and special rules of a constitutional nature, will there be Special Advices adapted specifically to the current need, open to revision or additional by the General Conference?

Answer: Yes, See Over-view, Part II The Church, Chapter I, "Admonitory Advices."

III. Questions Deemed Important In The Area of Part III, Official Bodies

Annual Conference Level

Question: How is it proposed to handle the question of conference boundaries in the union?

Answer: "The Joint Commission recommends that overlapping conferences be permitted, in the reorganization, to continue their separate identities with expectation that in time it will be possible to establish the fixing of permanent conference boundaries. Pending definite demarcation of conference boundaries, local churches may have the privilege of transferring to the associated conference by a two-thirds vote of the congregation. Extension ventures of one conference within the vicinity of a church of the other conference (within the same city or within a distance of 15 miles of such church) must have the approval of a comity council of the united denomination. The usual code of ministerial ethics and etiquette will govern relationships of pastors to other congregations than their own . . ." (Minutes, Sixth Meeting, p. 4).

Question: How would the matter of conference administration be cared for?

Answer: Free Methodist Annual Conferences are at present organized by districts under the supervision of elected district superintendents. Wesleyan Methodist Annual conferences are under the supervision of elected conference presidents with a tendency on the part of the larger conferences to elect full-time assistants to the conference president. It is proposed that in the reconstituted church each annual conference be under the supervision of an elected conference superintendent, with the provision that an annual conference may at its discretion elect as many assistant superintendents as it may deem necessary to collaborate with the conference superintendent and under his discretion in the supervision of the annual conference with its districts.

Question: What provisions will be made for the chairmanship of Annual Conferences?

Answer: "With regard to the matter of customarily assigning to each annual conference a presiding officer, the assigned denominational representative shall be recognized except that by vote a conference may choose its own presiding officer." (Minutes, Sixth Meeting, p. 3)

Question: Will there still be Home Mission Annual Conferences?

Answer: The Wesleyan Methodist Church has certain of its newer pioneer conferences designated as "Home Mission Annual Conferences" and receiving supervision and assistance from the General Missionary Society (The Board of Administration through the Secretary of Home Missions.) In this category is the work in Australia, which although geographically distant is among English speaking peoples whose problems differ qualitatively from those of the foreign mission fields.

It is envisioned that in the reconstituted church these "Home Mission Annual Conferences" would have liaison with the Board of Administration through the Commission on Evangelism, Church Extension, and Charities and would be called Church Extension Annual Conferences.

Question: Will there be Foreign Mission Annual Conferences?

Answer: Both denominations now have organized annual conferences on foreign mission fields. It is recommended that these be continued in case of merger. In addition the Free Methodists have a Japanese Annual Conference in the United States. It is recommended that any such annual conferences among national or racial groups, whose pattern of organization varies from the regular annual conference pattern, shall have special liaison with the Board of Administration through the Commission on Missions and would be designated as National Annual Conferences.

Local Church Level

Question: What will be the policy regarding union of local churches?

Answer: It is recommended that in the event of a merger, each local church shall remain intact. Should there be local churches in specific localities who mutually desire to unite as one local church, if the conferences in which each is located have united, then the local churches desiring to unite may be permitted to do so by the unified annual conference within whose boundaries they are situated. If the local churches desiring to unite are in different annual conferences, then the local churches desiring to unite shall by vote indicate in which annual conference they desire to be included. The request shall be submitted to a comity council of the united denomination, whose decision shall stand for the time. Both the vote to unite and the vote as to annual conference affiliation must be carried by a two-thirds vote of the members of each church, who are present and vote.

Question: How will the organization of the local church be affected?

Answer: The local officers and committees would include a board of stewards, Sunday school superintendent, class leader, church advisory committee, and board of trustees. In addition there would be an official board in each local church or circuit, comprising "the pastor, the class leader or leaders, the church treasurer, the Sunday school superintendent or superintendents, the stewards, the trustees, the local W.M.S. president, the president of the Men's Missionary League, if any, and the president of the Young People's Society," whose duty it shall be "to look after the spiritual and temporal needs of the church or circuit, and to perform all other duties that may be prescribed by the General Conference." (*Minutes*, Ninth Meeting, Report No. 4)

Question: What will be the rights of a local church in the matter of pastoral selection?

Answer: "Each annual conference has complete jurisdiction over all pastoral appointments within its area.

"Each charge or circuit may vote upon the return of a minister and also may make a new pastoral arrangement with any preacher who is a member of the conference in full or one in preparation for the ministry. However, all arrangements between churches and pastors are subject to review by the conference stationing committee and may be set aside if that committee deems the agreement not for the best interest of the work. The approval of the conference committee for a new pastoral

agreement or a renewal must be given at each annual conference session. Temporary arrangements terminating at the next annual conference session may be made with the approval of the conference superintendent or designated assistant superintendent.

"Churches which are not asking approval of the annual conference upon a ministerial arrangement shall receive a minister appointed direct by the stationing committee or said committee shall make such temporary disposition of the appointment as it may deem wise" (**Minutes**, Ninth Meeting, Report No. 3).

Question: How will the merger affect budget askings?

Answer: "Analysis and comparison of the general budgets of the two denominations lead to the conclusion that a merged organization could operate on a per capita basis of approximately \$6.00 if colleges and missions are not included" (**Minutes**, Ninth Meeting, Report No. 2).

Question: How will it affect the use of music in the churches?

Answer: Liberty of both the former Free Methodist and the former Wesleyan Methodist congregations would be maintained (**Minutes**, Sixth Meeting, F. M. Report, Section 8).

Educational Institutions

Question: What will be the manner of control of educational institutions by the church?

Answer: "The Board of Administration of the reconstituted church would be specified by the church law as the legal board of trustees of all of the church's educational institutions, said board to hold the basic ownership and authority and to maintain liaison with the schools through its Commission on Christian Education.

"The immediate management of each institution would vest in a Board of Managers elected by the conferences comprising the school's territory, the number and conference distribution of members such Local Boards of Managers to be set by the General Conference upon recommendation of the delegates coming from the various several school areas.

"The Board of Administration or the General Conference shall outline the areas of authority normally to be exercised by the boards of managers and by the Board of Administration, provided that the right of the Board of Administration to assume original jurisdiction if it deems this advisable in any matter shall not be abridged" (**Minutes**, Ninth Meeting, Report No. 7).

Question: What will be the effect of the merger upon existing educational institutions?

Answer: "Resolved, that it is not the intention of the Joint Commission to propose any scheme of reorganization and realignment of our existing educational institutions that will involve the arbitrary elimination of any one of them" (**Minutes**, Third Meeting, p. 2).

Question: What will be done about the assigning of territory to educational institutions as a basis for promotion and support?

Answer: "Distribution of the Conferences into School Districts.

We recommend that this plan be continued in the reconstituted church. Each conference should continue in the educational district of the school of which it formed a part before the union. In view of the uniting of conferences there should be an understanding that for a stated period, say until twelve years after the date of the union, each local church continue in the educational district of the school of whose district it was originally a part.

The General Conference or the Board of Administration would need to set up or designate a board to decide any additional matters of school districting which shall arise in view of uniting local churches. The ultimate reorganization of school districts shall be subject to the action of General Conference and shall recognize insofar as is practicable the will of the annual conferences and an equitable division of the membership of the church among the schools of the church" (**Minutes**, Ninth Meeting, Report No. 7).

Question: What is proposed to be done concerning the Free Methodist Central endowment fund for educational institutions?

Answer: Since the Wesleyan Methodist Church has turned over to its several schools from time to time all endowment or other funds received for the schools by the central denominational education society, and since the Free Methodist schools have instead been given, in a certain ratio, **the returns only** from such centrally received endowment monies, in the event of a merger the decision as to the disposition of this fund shall rest with the Free Methodist Church, whether it desires the fund to be retained by the reconstituted church, the proceeds to be distributed as formerly among the former Free Methodist schools, or whether it desires to divide the endowment fund itself among the former Free Methodist schools now that these schools would be under the direct trusteeship of the Board of Administration of the reconstituted church.

General Level

Question: What will be the plan of general superintendency? Will there be a specific plan for sharing of the superintendency at first by the two constituting groups?

Answer: "The General Conference shall elect by ballot traveling elders to the office of general superintendent. At the uniting General Conference the Free Methodist delegates shall elect four general superintendents and the Wesleyan Methodist delegates shall elect three general superintendents; and at the first General Conference thereafter the delegates voting as a body shall elect four general superintendents who were Free Methodists previous to the uniting General Conference and three general superintendents who were Wesleyan Methodists previous to the uniting General Conference. All General Conferences thereafter shall have power to decrease or increase the total number of general superintendents and to elect these from the elders of the church without respect to previous affiliation."

PART III. OFFICIAL BODIES

Question: How will the merger affect the organization of the Board of Administration?

Answer: See Constitution above. The Constitution provides that the number of members on the Board of Administration shall be determined by the General Conference, not to exceed thirty-two. The Board will still be elected by the General Conference subject to area or regional recommendation. The Free Methodist Board of Administration is organized into four commissions through which business is customarily channeled for study and recommendation to the Board. Departmental secretaries and supervisors work in liaison with the appropriate commissions in planning and executing their work. The Wesleyan Methodist Board of Administration has moved in this direction in its setting up of subordinate groups such as the Advisory Council for Missions and the General W. Y. P. S.

Council. In the event of merger it is recommended that the united church adhere to the procedure of organizing and channeling the work of the Board of Administration by means of appropriate commissions of the Board.

Question: How will the merger affect the Superannuate Pension Plan?

Answer: From a comparative study of the retirement plans of the two denominations (See Appendix, Exhibit No. 1) it appears that the Wesleyan Methodist policy is more optimistic than that of the Free Methodist Plan. The Wesleyan plan makes a lesser premium demand and offers a higher maximum return, although it should be remembered that the Wesleyan plan does not guarantee to its members the maximum payment. This is dependent upon funds in hand from year to year. The Wesleyan central fund is augmented by an annual church-wide offering. The Free Methodist central fund is augmented by a percentage of the profits from the publishing association. The central funds of the two several churches vary in their total amounts but not greatly disproportionate in view of the number of claimants dependent upon each.

Since the ultimate amount of payment to claimants is not entirely a matter of legislation, but depends upon the actual amount of funds in hand, it is envisioned that it will not be difficult to work out a synthesis of the two plans which would not deprive the members of either plan of the return which they might reasonably have expected under either of the present plans up to the time of merger.

It is fairly clear that the actual yield which experience will indicate for a given claimant will either be somewhat less than the maximum now provided by the Wesleyan plan or else somewhat more than that now specified as maximum in the Free Methodist plan.

Question: How will it affect promotional work?

Answer: The Free Methodists now have a well established radio ministry under the direct control of the church. In the event of merger, this program should prove a real source of strength to the entire reconstituted church, and the increased constituency should be able to carry the financial cost of this ministry more easily.

The Free Methodists also have a vigorous, centrally sponsored Forward Movement Plan which could well be used by the united church to encourage and implement its advance.

Question: How will it affect the operation of our missionary projects?

Answer: Since the present foreign missionary projects of the two denominations are principally in geographically separated areas, it would seem that ultimately there might be a unification of supervision which would make it possible for a greater proportion of our missionary giving to reach the actual field, with less needed for administrative purposes.

Question: How will it affect evangelism and home missions?

Answer: Here again it would seem that a unified program would aid to a more effective use of funds and to a more aggressive total program.

Question: How would it affect our denominational headquarters and publishing interests?

Answer: As to denominational headquarters, it is noted that there has been some investigation by the Wesleyan Methodist Church as to the advisability of moving its central denominational offices to a location nearer to the central part of the country. Since residence properties in Winona Lake and vicinity are not as difficult to purchase nor as inflated

in valuation as is the case in Syracuse, New York, such a location of the headquarters offices would appear to be feasible if desired.

As to the publishing interests of the two churches, it is anticipated that the total volume of literature to be produced would not be decreased by the merger. Therefore it would doubtless appear advisable to retain all present plants and equipment. It is envisioned, however, that by the combining of printings of corresponding categories of church literature and by the locating of certain specialized operations at one or other location, some very definite economies of production would be realized.

Question: How will it affect General Secretaries, Editors?

1. As to their positions and work?
2. As to their privileges as to membership in the General Conference?
3. Membership on the Board of Administration?

Answer: (1) As to the positions and work of General Secretaries, Editors, and departmental leaders of the two present denominations, it is the recommendation that all of the present administrative and leadership talent should be conserved as far as possible in the reconstituted church, and that each of the present denominations be accorded, as nearly as possible, a proportionate place in this area of Church leadership.

Should the present General Conference indicate a tentative approval of merger to the extent of ordering that the plan be further elaborated during the next quadrennium, presumably it would be at least two quadrenniums before a final plan of merger could be adopted by constitutional processes.

In the event of merger, some of the leaders in church life would doubtless be required for the work of general superintendency as it is felt that the Wesleyan Methodist Church is now understaffed at this point.

The two denominations could also designate the respective Boards of Administration or other body or bodies to study the matter of probable nearness to retirement of present departmental men, together with other pertinent factors, and could provide for the respective General Conferences a guide to intelligent filling of vacancies which might occur between now and the actual consummation of church union.

(2) "All general superintendents and all other General Conference officers are eligible for election by their annual conferences as delegates to the General Conference; if not so elected are consultative members of that conference" (**Minutes**, Ninth Meeting, Report 8).

(3) The general superintendents or bishops would be *ex officio* members of the Board of Administration. The departmental men would be consultative but not voting members of the Board. It is also recommended that in the event of union the Free Methodist policy of appointing some departmental men be followed in view of the fact that the work of some departments calls for specialized abilities.

Question: What will be the proposed basis of Annual Conference delegation to the General Conference, and what the voting proportion at the uniting General Conference?

Answer: Each annual conference shall be entitled to one ministerial delegate and one lay delegate to the General Conference, plus one additional ministerial delegate and one additional lay delegate for each 800 persons in full membership.

"Provided, however, that at the uniting General Conference the repre-

sentation shall be as provided in the Wesleyan Methodist and Free Methodist disciplines" (**Minutes**, Ninth Meeting, Report No. 8 as amended).

At present the General Conference representation of an annual conference in terms of its local membership is as follows in the two denominations:

Free Methodist		Wesleyan Methodist		(Proposed)	
Members	Delegates	Members	Delegates	Members	Delegates
Always	2	Always	2	Always	2
800	4	751	4	800	4
1400	6	1251	6	1600	6
2000	8	1751	8	2400	8
2600	10	2251	10	3200	10
3200	12	2751	12	4000	12

IV. Questions Deemed Important

In The Area Of Part IV, The Ministry

Question: Shall elders be required to be members of a local church?

Answer: Yes, as now practiced in the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Question: Shall women be eligible for elder's orders?

Answer: Yes, as now practiced in the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Question: Shall there be a preliminary grade of ordination?

Answer: Yes, as now practiced in the Free Methodist Church.

Question: What shall be the normal process by which preachers are accorded membership in the annual conference with a view to elder's orders?

Answer: The recommended procedure involving adaptations in the present procedures of both churches, is as follows:

(1) When appointed to pastoral work, the minister shall be enrolled as a Conference Preacher, with the rights of a Conference Preacher as outlined in Par. 170, W. M. Discipline. He shall be designated as "Conference licensed preacher."

(2) At the end of second year's work in definite pastoral capacity, candidate shall be eligible for ordination as deacon provided the first half of the Course of Study for Elders has been completed in satisfactory manner.

(3) One year after having been ordained deacon the candidate may be elected to Elder's Orders and ordained Elder, provided entire Course of Study has been satisfactorily completed and that candidate has completed three years of definite pastoral work in satisfactory manner (**Minutes**, Second Meeting, Report on Ordination, sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6).

(4) A conference licensed preacher who completes the approved theological curriculum in one of the denominational colleges shall be deemed to have satisfied the course of study, except for the examination in church discipline (which requirement also shall be deemed satisfied if he has passed a specific course in our church discipline). Further, by following under conference appointment an approved curriculum of practical ministerial activity of established quantity and

quality he shall be able to reduce by no more than one year the period of pastoral work required for full ordination.

VI. Questions Deemed Important

In The Area of Part VI, Judicial Administration

Question: Shall an accused "conference licensed preacher" be amenable to the quarterly or Annual Conference?

Answer: To the Annual Conference.

Part VII. Questions Deemed Important

In The Area of Part VII, The Ritual

Question: Will there be provision in the ritual for the dedication of children?

Answer: Yes. See outline of Part VII, **The Ritual**.

Question: Are any other modifications in the Ritual recommended?

Answer: It is envisioned that the ritual on the Lord's Supper follow the Free Methodist form rather closely, but modifying the "Prayer of general confession."

It is proposed to prepare an additional optional form or forms for the marriage ceremony.

III. CONSIDERATIONS FAVORABLE TO ULTIMATE UNION

We lament the multiplication of churches and regard separation from other bodies of Christians as justifiable upon grounds of principle only. John Wesley foresaw the dreadful consequences of division. "If we are united," he asked, "what can stand before us? If we divide, we shall destroy ourselves, the work of God, and the souls of our people." In the light of this and of our Lord's prayer in John 17, we believe not only that the union of the Wesleyan Methodists and the Free Methodists will set an admirable pattern of brotherly unity, but also that it is implicit in our common adherence to original Methodism. The deep harmony and affection which members of the Joint Commission have enjoyed from the first meeting should become the privilege of all our members.

For the information of all our people, we here enumerate some of the advantages possible of realization in our contemplated union.

1. First, we eliminate an inconsistency. Given a holiness church of 90,000 members, there might be those who would heedlessly or for selfish purposes break that church into two organizations. Most of us, however, would feel that such a division, where no principle is involved, would be nothing short of sin. The effect would be all loss.

In all classes of membership, the Wesleyans and Free Methodists total about 90,000, exclusive of mission fields. If it would be wrong, if we were one church, to make us into two churches, is not the same principle of wrong involved if we remain apart when we can get together? The burden of proof belongs upon those who hold that we should exist as two churches rather than one. One who could successfully argue that we should exist as two churches might as easily prove that we should exist as four. This no one would attempt.

2. Holiness, we believe, is the central idea in Christianity. Holiness

necessitates a separation of what is right from what is wrong. It just as truly calls for unity of effort and purpose among those who are good. The "outsider," as we sometimes call him, of necessity discounts our professions and our churches as he sees us divided. His confidence in us is increased as he sees us uniting. Whatever doubts some of us might have, **the man of the world who knows well our two churches believes that we should be one.**

3. Moreover, the psychological effect and improvement of the morale of our own peoples in the contemplated union would be pronounced. With increased numbers, our people must feel increased strength and courage. Especially must this be true if and as they feel the union to be the will of God.

4. In dealing with our government and with other denominations and especially in the conduct of missions, one larger group or church has a distinct advantage over two smaller churches.

5. It is natural for men to believe that the polity and procedure which have been theirs is the good one. We may even wonder how a deviation from our accustomed ways can work. However, a study of our two denominations has caused every member of your commission to realize that his own denominational procedure is not in everything the best. Many of the modifications in polity and government, necessary if we are to become one, will, we believe, be an improvement over the present ways of either church.

6. Some independent groups and some individuals in larger churches have expressed keen interest in the attempt of the Wesleyans and Free Methodists to unite, because they are not satisfied with their present situations and because they believe that our two denominations united could be the church of their choice.

7. One of the lamentable spectacles anywhere is two holiness churches working in the same immediate community and in competition. This situation exists to a limited extent with certain Wesleyan and Free Methodist churches. Our union would tend to change this competition into co-operative effort.

8. Both of our denominations have excellent schools and valuable school properties. Our united denominations can have a long-range and over-all plan of operation which will allow each school area effective control of its institution through its local trustees (or managers), and at the same time secure to the united denomination the property and the ultimate authority in any matter where the General Board feels there is peril to the standards or best interests of the denomination.

9. A united denomination could more adequately perpetuate the great Wesleyan literary heritage and foster the production of additional holiness literature. Because of the drift of the times, many books long read by holiness people and their preachers in the courses of study are now out of print, with no apparent disposition on the part of former publishers to reprint these classics. While neither of the uniting denominations could face the task and cost of reprinting these, the united body could probably secure the rights, procure the plates, and give again to the religious world its heritage in the literature of our mother church.

10. The maintenance of two general headquarters, two publishing organizations, two denominational papers, two departments of evangelism, two missionary departments, two Sunday-school departments, two young people's departments, two church administrative boards is a waste of tens of thousands of dollars annually and a waste of the labor of several of

the best denominational men, if this general work can be done as efficiently by one set of officers and offices as by two.

And finally, in view of various fragmentary groups now in the field, not only bearing what seems to us a weak witness but also actually causing our witness to be misunderstood, we ought to demonstrate to all and sundry that we are not proclaimers of some new gospel or new emphasis but a united church seeking to perpetuate original Methodism. And as we take pains to interpret anew, in terms which fit our day, our historic and unchanging depositum—the gospel of entire sanctification—the fact of our union will not only accentuate and adorn this blessed doctrine, but it will also be our unique witness, in this day and to this day in which we live, that such an experience in the grace of God is both possible and practical.

IV. SUGGESTED TEXT STEPS

Inasmuch as this report embodies the combined labors of two committees of five members each who have carefully and prayerfully deliberated the matters contained herein over a period of eight years; and contains the results of eleven meetings of the Joint Commission, in addition to uncounted meetings of the special committees of the Joint Commission which have necessitated tens of thousands of miles of travel and the expenditures of a considerable sum of money, it appears that the following next steps would be in order:

1. That this report of the Joint Commission be received as the basis for further study of the question of merging the Wesleyan Methodist and the Free Methodist Churches.
2. That the two Committees on Church Merger be continued as a Joint Commission.
3. That the Joint Commission be instructed to proceed with the preparation of the manuscript for a complete discipline, and mimeograph the same, following the outline of this report and such recommendations as the General Conferences may give their Committees; this mimeographed material to be placed in the hands of the members of the Board of Administration of each Church by May 1, 1954.
4. That the Joint Commission be authorized to prepare and publish in the official organs of the two Churches, and/or otherwise, studies of their findings in connection with the question of church merger.

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Report No. 12

**THE GENERAL WESLEYAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY
SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Wesleyan young people face the mid-point of the century and the quadrennial milepost with a greater and more united sense of mission than they have ever known. They are discovering that there is no more sure way to break with the swirling eddies of confusion that perplex our day than to throw themselves into the sweeping current of a mighty Cause. That Cause is Christianity on fire rooted in the Cross of Jesus Christ and impelled by the power of the Holy Ghost. The striking power of Wesleyan youth is being felt on every frontier of the Church today. The forces of Wesleyan young people like a regiment coming out of hiding are making their contribution as a spiritually integrated part of the total life of the Church.

Carrying the crusading spirit into Gospel team activities, district and conference rallies, house to house and tract evangelism, church pioneering, support of missionaries, and even in teamwork abroad as demonstrated through the recent mission of the Haiti Youth Crusade and the evangelizing missions of other Wesleyan groups, the Wesleyan Young People's Society reports to the glory of God by far the greatest quadrennium in its history.

Statistics

Compiling of statistics and preparing accurate reports is not done with one sweep of the hand. Too much or too little can be said about them. Yet planning for the future is well on its way when the record of the past has been properly tabulated and interpreted. For membership and financial gains in the Department we may be duly thankful to God, while we are humbled that these are not greater than they are.

The Wesleyan Young People's Society has come through a rather tedious and testing organizational period. That period is quite definitely in the past. The framework of Wesleyan youth advance is largely prepared. The call to enlistment is sounding. The completeness of the thoroughly revised Constitution as of the last General Conference has been demonstrated as an adequate guide to organization during this quadrennium. A few minor revisions are being proposed but nothing affecting the basic procedures of operation.

The Church and Youth

Confidence bestowed upon youth yields large dividends. The prayers, the understanding leadership of pastors and parents of the Church, and the spirit of co-operation shown in various projects and undertakings within the Department are heartily appreciated and commended and have had no little part in the success of these endeavors.

Nothing within our power or limitation in the office of the General W. Y. P. S. Secretary has been spared in seeking to bring the youth of the church into deep and rich spiritual life and into a concept of Christian service which harmonizes with New Testament renunciation of the world and poured out living. We have pled for patience in the face of the immaturities of the young convert and the youthful Christian. The babe in Christ held on a plane of suspicion may be driven from the Church when loving fellowship, prayerful instruction, godly examples about him,

and the faithful work of the Holy Spirit are essentially needed to cradle those who are new in the faith and in the ways of God.

We believe there is no better way to demonstrate a proper understanding of youth than to inspire and direct them in wholesome activities. Inspirational singing, Bible study, prayer times, soul winning, world-wide evangelism, and service projects of various kinds should be the rallying call to the youth life of the church. At the same time we will understand that these activities at their best are the ideal; and spiritual immaturities of youth may delay the fulfillment of some of them. We should also respect the social and physical areas where youth life is on the way to manhood and womanhood. If unwittingly or unwisely the church implies a sinful coloring to wholesome expression in areas of life bestowed by the Creator the tendency is to weaken rather than strengthen the faith of youth. It is highly important that the Church present a Christian interpretation to every area of the life of young people.

The Church has a very sacred and serious trust in her youth. Irresponsibility in the home and vicious influences in society are feeding into the stream of teen-age life making the task of the conscientious church and the believing parent extremely difficult. The kind of adult degeneracy recently unmasked in New York City where thousands of high school youth have been exploited by narcotic peddlers is horrifying and humiliating. The relentless effort to make tobacco and alcohol customers out of every boy and girl in America is enough to make blood run cold in the veins of those who love and appreciate the precious values of life. The influences of commercialized movies catering to a degenerate adult demand, the era of the twenty-five cent novel with its lewd cover, the filth that sneaks on to the newsstands of the Nation, the bulk of telecast programs all bring a terrific assault upon the tender side of youth at a time when they are inexperienced, unguarded, and spiritually incompetent to meet these issues alone. They must have Divine help, they should have parental help, and they must have the help of a Church which loves them, prays for them, and is consecrated to the need of the lambs of the fold sufficiently to give time for the guidance of youth through these critical years. We will not say it is an easy task but it is a highly rewarding one.

Activities

I shall not labor you in this report with details concerning Wesleyan Youth Week; the Youth Bible Camp movement which has had a phenomenal growth among our conferences during the Quadrennium; the plans for Topic and Lesson Material; the growth of local societies, or various other specific activities which make up the total story of the work of the Department. These matters are having a fuller treatment in the report which the General Secretary makes to the Sixth Quadrennial W. Y. P. S. Convention.

For the sixteen or more conference Youth Bible Camps, now operating, however, and for others giving consideration to the launching of similar Bible Camps a word of high commendation is due for the courageous way in which this new line of challenge has been accepted, for the devotion of pastors and leaders in making them possible, and for the high and spiritual quality of service rendered all along the line by administrators, teachers, business managers, evangelists and all. Our brethren have been doing a magnificent job, and demonstrating vision and consecration for the longer range results in the Church. I doubt if any single ministry of the Church to young people is bringing greater results for time and effort expended

than are these Youth Bible Camps today. Many are being saved in these camps whom we have not been able to reach through local church revival methods. One need only attend and witness the Spirit of God at work to be convinced of their value. Their increasing number and their further development along lines of clean-cut holiness principles and sound teaching and life-guidance procedures is to be warmly encouraged and strongly commended.

Financing the Department

While there has been a stability of response and a consistent annual gain in the receipts from General W. Y. P. S. Dues as revealed by the report yet you will notice that cost of maintaining and directing the General W. Y. P. S. Office for the Quadrennium exceeded the income from the General Dues in the amount of \$10,959.81. This is the difference which it has been necessary to make up through revival, camp meeting, and convention income of the General Secretary, profit from literature sales, special gifts, operating income received from the Home and Foreign Missionary Departments, the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association, and more recently the Wesleyan Commission for Men in Service. In each instance these latter amounts have been approved by the Board of Administration because of the imperative need for further financial help to carry forward the expanding work of the Department and on the basis of attempting to equate the cost of services rendered by the W. Y. P. S. One of the Youth Week offerings of the Quadrennium was also used to help finance Wesleyan youth advance and supplement income from the General Dues. The consideration of each of these Departments of the Church and of the Board in granting this financial help is deeply appreciated. Without it our Youth work would have suffered serious curtailment and the Quadrennial report of consistent gains would certainly have read otherwise. Moreover we face a critical problem at this General Conference in the matter of planning for more adequate finances for the General W. Y. P. S. Department. There are several possible solutions. At such time as members of this body shall receive the report of the Young People's Committee of the General Conference your respectful consideration of proposals to meet this need will help to make possible the increasing development of the youth life and work of the Church.

The Challenge of Youth

Rev. Paul F. Elliott, President of the National Holiness Association and Director of Youth Work in the Pilgrim Holiness Church declared in a recent message before the ministers of one of our largest conferences, that "The greatest challenge of the church today is her youth." History reveals the fact that youth has ever been the vanguard of spiritual awakening. Revival in America today must take root in youth. Evangelical youth movements of our time are recognized not only for the pattern of last days evangelism and militant missionary work which they are setting but because of the evident blessing of the Holy Spirit upon them. The prominent way in which youth specifically share in the last days outpouring of the Holy Spirit according to Joel 2:28 is not without significance. "A work of the Holy Ghost is before us absolutely unparalleled in the history of the human race," declared Rev. D. M. Pantton in "Earth's Last Pentecost." According to Bible prophesy youth are to have a great stake in that outpouring. To that end Wesleyan young people are meeting God in dead earnest at this convention and General Conference. They are praying that the shower shall o'ertake us on these grounds, shall bear us out to witness

to our neighbors and to the four corners of the earth, and shall purify all of life unto the day of His appearing.

Concluding Statement

As your servant and the Lord's, I come to the close of the Quadrennium with a profound sense of unworthiness and inadequacy for the great task which was assigned me by this body four years ago. I can see so many places where I might have done better. I have not served without fault, yet from every quarter there has been shown a spirit of consideration and co-operation. I am indebted to the General W. Y. P. S. Council for their faithful service and their moral and prayerful support. The able service which Dr. O. G. Wilson has rendered as a representative of the Board of Administration on the General Council has been deeply appreciated and most valuable. The sense of encouragement which has come from our church leaders and the Board of Administration has been a source of strength. The efficient staff of workers in the General Office have made possible a larger number of field contacts. They deserve much credit for the volume of work which has been possible. Let us pray and plan together courageously for the future. Let us go forth with new faith. Our God is a great God! He will prosper us.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. Sheets, General W. Y. P. S. Secretary.

WESLEYAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1951

Statistical Information

W. Y. P. S. Membership

1947-48	9,515
1948-49	9,278
1949-50	10,072
1950-51	10,989

THE WESLEYAN YOUTH Circulation

1947-48	7,508
1948-49	7,308
1949-50	7,867
1950-51	12,800

General W. Y. P. S. Dues

1947-48	\$3,194.50
1948-49	3,802.05
1949-50	4,031.52
1950-51	4,568.49

General W. Y. P. S. Treasurer's Totals

1947-48	\$10,865.40
1948-49	21,191.18

1949-50	19,528.74	
1950-51	33,658.49	
Total for Quadrennium		\$85,243.33

TOTALS FOR ALL PURPOSES

1947-48	\$45,051.98	
1948-49	60,021.43	
1949-50	71,421.57	
1950-51	*80,000.00	
Total for the Quadrennium		\$256,494.98
*An estimate (statistics not compiled)		

Total General & Administrative Expense

1947-48	\$5,308.90	
1948-49	6,172.69	
1949-50	6,814.42	
1950-51	8,260.36	
Total for the Quadrennium		\$26,556.37
Less Total General Dues		15,596.56
Receipts		10,959.81

Report No. 13**MARION COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

To the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church: It is my happy privilege to bring you greetings from Marion College and to submit to you a report covering the work of the college for the past quadrennium. This has been a period of the largest enrollments and greatest expansion within the history of the college. For a good many years, I dreamed of a day when at registration time I should find the campus so overrun with students that the greatest problem to be faced was that of housing them. During the past quadrennium I saw that dream realized. During the period a total of 2,220 were registered during the regular school year and 734 were enrolled in the summer terms, making a grand total registration of 2,954. Almost every section of the United States has been represented from Massachusetts to California, and from Oregon to Florida. During the quadrennium, a total of 110 have graduated with theological degrees and a large number also who were preparing for gospel service graduated with the Liberal Arts degree as preparation for seminary or other theological training. The total number graduated was 402.

In 1950 alone, twenty-four graduates of Marion College went to various foreign fields for missionary service and the number this year will be nearly that large, I am told. Marion College has sent more than a hundred individual missionaries to the foreign fields in the thirty years of her existence; and, in addition, a host of others into various types of home mission service in this country. A continuous stream of pastors, evangelists, evangelistic singers, and teachers have gone out throughout the quadren-

nium. In addition, professional fields and various lines of business and industry have received Marion College graduates. We are unable at the present moment to supply all of the calls that come to us for teachers in the public schools.

This has been a quadrennium which has taxed our facilities to the utmost and has kept us constantly engaged in a program of enlargement. In fact, Marion College has been in some sort of building campaign since 1944. In 1947, we started construction in conjunction with the Federal Government on the erection of the Library-Classroom Building. The following year the Physical Education-Classroom Building which also houses the Bookstore and the Snack Shop was erected with slight help from the government. The West Wing on the first floor of Teter Hall has been completely remodelled, as has the General Office in the Administration Building. This building program has added not only the Library, but seven classrooms, one laboratory and one teaching studio to our plant. Added classroom facilities have demanded additional classroom and laboratory equipment which was installed by special gifts from church groups and friends throughout the district. Modern electrical equipment has been installed in the kitchen.

The Treasurer's Report shows an increase in assets for the quadrennium of two hundred thirty-one thousand dollars. In addition, we have in our files pledges to the extent of approximately sixty thousand dollars for the construction of Williams Hall, which do not appear in our report. Something like twenty thousand dollars in cash for that purpose is included in the report and also during the past year an annuity for ten thousand dollars which is to be used in the construction of the building since it will be an income-producing property. A bequest of five or six thousand dollars is coming from the Will of a recently deceased member of the Plymouth, Indiana, church which may also be used for this purpose. At the present time we are just completing the solicitation of the churches of the district for this dormitory. The total of such pledges runs slightly above eighty-thousand dollars with the Alumni having given about nine thousand of this amount. This figure, plus the annuity and the bequest which is to arrive shortly, means that we are approaching the \$100 thousand mark in our campaign for this sorely-needed building.

A committee has been set up in the city of Marion which has voted to sponsor a campaign in the city to cover one-fourth of the cost of the building. This campaign will be launched in the coming months. This dormitory has been needed since the day Marion opened her doors thirty years ago and it becomes more apparent each day that God in His wisdom has directed in the launching of the drive to put on the campus a building in which to house our men. The name being given this dormitory is chosen to honor the man who for seventeen years gave his time and energy as Treasurer and Business Manager of the College, Mr. J. D. Williams. This memorial also is to honor not only our beloved former Treasurer and Business Manager, but to recognize the contributions which his brother, Horace, and his mother, Mrs. Alma Williams, made to the college and The Wesleyan Methodist Church over a long period of years.

This report would not be complete if it did not recognize the service given as Treasurer and Business Manager by Rev. Clifton A. Leatherer, who served during three years of the quadrennium. It was his task to serve during this period of expansion and he gave himself unstintingly to the program. The public in general does not realize the long hours of time and patient devotion given at a time when Marion College was literally

bursting at the seams and it was impossible to secure regular deliveries in material and equipment so sorely needed. We were literally making bricks without straw in those days. One can look about the campus in any direction today and see, in constant use by the students of Marion College, the handiwork left behind by this good man.

We have been indeed fortunate that in the present transitional period when the defense program is making inroads into our student body and colleges everywhere are endeavoring to curtail to meet the situation, there has come to us from the business world a man, trained in the field of cost-finding. He already in a brief space of time has pointed the way towards a reduction in the operation expense of the college. The first of April, Mr. Russell S. Baldwin, came to us from Jamestown, New York, having resigned a position paying him approximately twice the salary that Marion College could offer, but coming with the feeling that God was calling him to leave the industrial field and invest his life and training in the cause of Christian Education.

The people of the Marion Area, in particular, but Wesleyan Methodists throughout the entire denomination have cause to give thanks to God today that there are men such as he whose love for the cause of Christ and whose devotion to the Church is so great that they will leave established well-paying positions to devote their talents and their energies to help build the Church and the kingdom of our Lord in this world. The spirit of sacrifice still remains in the Church.

Throughout the past year Marion College has watched her young men called by the armed services. The coming year will see more of them go. The colleges are caught today between the pincers of constantly rising costs and a declining income due to the defense program, which is taking both potential college men and women. To meet this situation, Marion College with the approval of the Board is first cutting her budget of expense and secondly through the recommendation of the Local Board of Managers asking for an increase of \$.50 per member in the Educational Budget. Christian education must carry on in our national struggle with athiestic communism.

If I carry on through the coming school year, I shall have given the Church seven quadrenniums of service as a school president. During those years, it has been my task to go out and find teachers who were willing to forego lucrative positions to teach in two of the denomination's schools. I have seen them sacrifice across the years. If I may make a comparison, may I say to you today that I am seeing teachers in Marion College, some of whom have obtained their doctor's degree, prepare your young people to teach, who, in their first year out of Marion College with only their bachelor's degrees, draw more salary than Marion College can pay to a Ph. D. with his years of training and his large investment of time and money in obtaining such training. I have lived for the last quarter of a century where I have seen men and women sacrifice that our schools might live and that young people might have the opportunities of Christian Education.

My attention was called a short time ago to a nationwide survey which had been conducted among college graduates of this country to determine the size of the families which they were producing. Graduates of 1941 who had been out of college for ten years were taken as the subjects for this study. According to this publicized report by the associated press, the men of Marion College in the 1941 class lead the college men of that

year throughout the entire nation with an average of 2.36 children each Marion College produces men of distinction.

To the Business Office, the Registrar's Office, the Faculty, and all other members of the Staff, I should like to express in your presence my personal appreciation for the contributions they have rendered throughout the time of this quadrennium. I may say to you that they have been a loyal, efficient group who have co-operated not only with the administration but with each other in helping to build Marion College into a place of more efficient Christian service.

To the members of the Local Board of Managers, who spent many hours during the year considering the problems of the college with no remuneration for their services, I express a debt of gratitude. The General Board of Administration and particularly its chairman have been unusually sympathetic and understanding in the support they have constantly given.

Words cannot express the debt of gratitude that we owe to God for His providences, for His wisdom, and for His constant guidance in our affairs. There have been dark days when the clouds hung low and we could not see the way, but always we have been enabled to sense His presence and to discover that He knew the way we should take and that constantly He brought us into a more wealthy place. Marion College seeks today to wield the greatest influence for the Church and for the kingdom of our Lord that it is possible for her to achieve and to constantly increase her efficiency that the youth of today and of tomorrow who may flock to her halls will have the greatest opportunity for Christian service that it is possible to provide on our campus. Yours and His, William F. McConnell, President, Marion College.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF MARION COLLEGE

To the members of the General Conference:

The Quadrennial Report contained herein should go to the constituency of Marion College with considerable commendation. Those who have been at the helm have been able to put the College in a place to take care of many more students and take care of them better than ever before.

A quick glance at the figures set forth and an explanation of some of the figures will be helpful to those who are interested.

The General Current Assets of April 30, 1951 compared with four years ago, although \$6,195.85 less, have been reduced in the correct place; that is, Accounts Receivable show that the collection of accounts has been generally good.

The Current Reserve Assets have been increased by \$5,272.09. This includes a reserve for insurance and coal, which is a healthy condition.

The reader will note that the Capital Outlay has been increased by \$139,215.01. This shows a new Library building, a new Physical Education building, a much-needed Girls' Annex Dormitory, the remodeling of Teter Hall to the amount of \$20,000.00 and a general improvement of all the campus.

The Equipment account shows a healthy gain which includes \$10,000.00 in Library equipment and books and additions to the Laboratories. We are informed that our Chemistry Laboratory is one of the outstanding laboratories of our present day Colleges. Last, but not least, there has

been the addition of a long felt need (by the student body especially) of the Snack Shop.

Under the Auxiliaries Funds is an account of the Bookstore which has proven a very valuable asset to the College. Also, here is found an account of the Trailer Camp. Although the dollar value is practically nil because of a gift from the Government, it is a nice camp, both from a sanitary viewpoint and also its accessibility to the College.

The Loan Fund account has grown some; but our Wesleyan friends whom God has helped financially could swell this somewhat more. It is used exclusively to make loans to worthy students to pay their school expenses when they find finances short. This is a worthy project.

The Endowment and Annuities Funds have more than doubled in the Quadrennium. However, it is hoped that the Wesleyan family, Alumni and friends will realize that Marion College needs the stability and backing which more of these funds will afford.

Plant Funds account shows how much cash has been received on the Williams Hall Dormitory Fund Pledges and also shows where part of the money came from to help build the new buildings.

In glancing over the liabilities it will be found that the Accounts Payable are small, a healthy condition; and the Surplus accounts are large, as they should be.

Upon looking over the Summary of Profit and Loss report, one can readily see the Income and Expense items, the net gain for the Quadrennium being \$31,926.51—a good record.

The analysis of this report shows that the gains in 1947-48 and 1948-49 were very good due to the influx of war veterans. 1949-50 gain was small and 1950-51 shows a loss which is understandable when a decided drop in enrollment was encountered, as has been suffered by practically all Colleges during this period. Proper adjustments are being made to attempt to curtail any further loss this coming year, God willing.

The prayers and financial support of the entire Marion area are solicited to help to keep going the "School That Puts First Things First."

Sincerely yours, Russell S. Baldwin, Treasurer.

SUMMARY OF PROFIT & LOSS

FOR THE QUADRENNIUM ENDING APRIL 30, 1951

Income

Income from Students	\$386,752.42
Income from Capital Investments	208,891.92
Income from Gifts	53,168.27
Other Income	7,669.17

\$656,481.78

Expense

Administrative & General Expense	\$127,853.90
Educational Expense	262,673.66
Capital Investments	156,962.64

Operation & Maintenance	72,496.90	
Other Expense	4,568.17	
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		\$624,555.27
Net Gain for the Quadrennium		<hr/>
		\$ 31,926.51

ANALYSIS

1947-1948 Gain	\$ 20,211.61
1948-1949 Gain	20,216.14
1949-1950 Gain	1,787.78
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	42,215.53
1950-1951 Loss	10,289.02
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	\$ 31,926.51

Report No. 14

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF MILTONVALE COLLEGE

It is with a deep sense of humility that we bring this quadrennial report concerning the activities and progress of Miltonvale Wesleyan College. We want first of all to recognize the unerring guidance of our Father's loving hand through this unique period of the school's history. The sweet presence and leadership of the Holy Spirit has been a coveted and treasured experience through these years. The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ has been commensurate to every need, sustaining, inspiring and encouraging. Without the counsel of God's word, His providential leadership, His definite and observed blessing upon the Institution, certainly the progress which has been made never could have been realized.

Co-operation means operation. Faculty, student body, members of the church throughout the area, the Missionary Societies, Youth organizations, and friends of Christian education have co-operated with the Administration in a most admirable manner. To God must be given the glory, and to these must be given credit for goals which have been attained.

Miltonvale Wesleyan College has been graced with eight revivals and two youth conventions during this quadrennium. The employed evangelists for these respective years were as follows: 1947-1948, the Rev. G. C. Cockrell, the Rev. Don Cline, the Rev. L. J. Cherryholmes; 1948-1949, Prof. Edward Angell, Prof. Charles Wilson, the Rev. Clarence Budensiek, and the Rev. H. K. Sheets; 1949-1950, Dr. Roy S. Nicholson and Dr. O. G. Wilson; 1950-1951, the Rev. W. D. Correll, the Rev. David A. Rees, the Rev. L. J. Cherryholmes, and Prof. Charles W. Carter. In many of these meetings the depth of Christian experience and tide of blessing reached Camp Meeting proportions. Many of our faithful lay members and ministers now serving God and the Church became definitely established in their Christian experience while in attendance at one of our church colleges. Such gratifying results would indicate our schools are among the best investments which the Church has made.

For Miltonvale Wesleyan College this quadrennium has been distinctively unique in that it has been served by three different Administrators. The Rev. Rufus D. Reisdorph was president during the year 1947-1948.

The present President actively served from July 1, 1948 to February 1, 1951, at which time under the direction of the Local Board of Managers, he took leave of absence and entered Graduate School at Kansas State College working toward the Master of Science degree in Education, with 24 hour Administrator's certificate and Teacher's certificate. He expects to complete this work in June 1952. During the President's leave of absence, the Local Board of Managers asked the Dean of the College, Mr. Wesley L. Knapp to serve as Acting President. Mr. Knapp has shown a magnanimous spirit, has efficiently carried on, and that with a minimum amount of disturbance during this period of transition.

To the best of my ability I shall endeavor to give an accurate account of the service of the respective administrators.

The Rev. Rufus D. Reisdorph began his service to the Institution July 1, 1946. The Expansion Program of Miltonvale Wesleyan College was launched during his administration. In the calendar year 1947, three buildings, the Annex, College Inn, and Girls' Dormitory were added to the Campus.

The Annex provides a library 20' x 85', work room 15' x 20', three class rooms, Guidance Director's Office, two music studios, one rehearsal room, and eight piano practice rooms.

The College Inn, a building 20 x 60 feet provides space for bookstore, lunch counter and confectionery.

The new dormitory for girls which was first occupied on February 11, 1948 provides comfortable housing with all modern conveniences for about fifty young ladies. The building has twenty-six bedrooms, two large bath rooms, Dean's office, parlor and small kitchenette. It is heated by a modern electrically controlled steam heating plant.

During the year three pianos were purchased for the Music Department, and eight new typewriters were purchased for the Commercial Department. These purchases greatly improved the efficiency of each department. A new 1948 Carry-All was purchased for use by the Quartet and Gospel teams.

July 1, 1948, the one giving this report assumed the responsibility of the office of President of Miltonvale Wesleyan College. The school year opened with a good spiritual tide in evidence. The Rev. Clarence Budensiek, then President of the Nebraska Conference, was the evangelist for the spring revival. In this particular revival during the second week it reached Camp meeting proportions. The special outpouring of the Holy Spirit began during a morning Chapel service and continued unabated through the remainder of the day, on through the night until 2 o'clock the next morning. By this time there remained but a few students who had not yielded to the claims of Christ upon their lives. People of the church and members of the student body witnessed the mighty outpourings of the Holy Spirit in measures which people of any generation see but very few times.

This particular year being the fortieth year of the history of the school was one in which new life had been in marked evidence. The first phase of the expansion program was completed during this year. This included the enclosing of the foundation of the Annex, stuccoing of the exterior, also white paint with green trim. The Girls' Dormitory was completed, which included the laying of new shingles on about one-third of the roof, finishing of the asbestos shingle siding, excavating the furnace room and the laundry room, completing the same with plastered walls inside and out. The work on a previously excavated basement of this same build-

ing, 100 x 30 was completed by the laying of the cement floor, plastering of the walls inside and out. This was then partitioned giving a modern dining room 30 x 74 and kitchen 26 x 30. Twenty five new tables and 150 new chairs were purchased for the new dining room. This dining room is adequate in size to provide meal service to at least 250 students. The kitchen is implemented with the latest type of kitchen equipment including one small walk-in, reach-in refrigerator, and two large size walk-in refrigerators.

Besides these improvements on the campus much money and energy had been expended in the redecorating of the Administration building. During this school year six new typewriters were purchased, twenty oak typewriter tables, and one A. B. Dick Mimeograph. This new equipment, with the eight new typewriters purchased the previous year, make the equipment of our commercial department of the highest order.

While the budget receipts for this year were approximately two thousand dollars less than budget assessments; due to a large enrollment the school year closed with one of the greatest financial and business gains in the history of the school. This to a great degree was consequent upon substantial gifts and donations coming from loyal-hearted contributors of a sympathetic constituency.

It is a distinctive privilege to state that in this, the fortieth year of her existence Miltonvale Wesleyan College experienced her record enrollment of 240 students.

As it was a distinctive privilege to state the above, it is also a distinctive duty to state that in the following year of 1949-1950 our enrollment for the year stood at 204, a loss of 36 over the previous year. However this year despite enrollment decline was destined to be one of economic, academic and spiritual success.

During this year our campus was visited by the examiner of high schools from the State Department of Education, Topeka, Kansas. He suggested many changes which would have to be made if we were to receive a class "A" rating for our High School department. These requirements were all met. That a more efficient service might be rendered, two more administrative and secretarial offices were built and properly equipped. Seventy-five new arm chair desks were placed in classrooms for both high school and College use. Also a new, fully automatic gas furnace was installed in a newly decorated and improved furnace room. This effort has its reward in a class "A" rating of our high school by the State Department of Education.

For forty years Miltonvale Wesleyan College has operated, having a private disposal plant as its only sewer facility. During this year the city of Miltonvale put in a new city sewer system. Thus, this much needed facility was brought to all of the College buildings and College housing units at a very reasonable financial figure, the over-all cost being approximately \$1500.

In the spring of 1950 the Education Commission for the examination of Colleges preparatory to recommendation for approval for accreditation visited our campus. This commission consisted of four members: Dr. Jesse P. Pogue, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Junior Colleges, Washington, D. C.; Mr. F. Floyd Herr, Director of Certification and College Accreditation of the State Department of Public Instruction, Topeka, Kansas; Dr. William Black, head of the Education Department of State Teacher's College, Pittsburg, Kansas; and Dr. William F. McConn, President of Marion College, Marion, Indiana. The work of this commis-

sion was to examine and evaluate the Institution. The results of their examination were surprising to them and to us. With but a few minor details they found the staff personnel of the College department to be quite satisfactory for the meeting of requirements for accreditation. The observed deficiencies could easily be met in another year. Our curriculum offerings also met requirements.

As we already knew and had frankly admitted to the commission, our library was deficient in organization, including cataloguing and classifying. They recommended this be done during the summer of 1950, and that the school employ the services of a qualified Librarian. On May 23 we received a letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Ayers, stating she would accept our invitation to do the organizational work in the library during the summer of 1950. She, with her splendid staff of assistants, accomplished this task in a little less than the time allotted, and is very deserving of special recognition for this accomplishment. Miltonvale Wesleyan College now has a small, but strictly modern and up-to-date library, which meets all requirements of the state for accreditation.

Mr. Floyd Herr, who was a member of the Education Commission, in a letter to the President made the following statement.

"I wish to tell you how much I enjoyed the visit at your institution, and I want to compliment you for the rapid progress which you are making. I can understand the urgency to become an accredited institution. At the same time it is necessary to recognize that these developments do come slowly; and you have already compressed what would be a normal five year gain into about two year's time."

At this point I should like to recognize the very excellent work done in research and organization by Mr. Wesley L. Knapp, now Acting President; Mr. Wendell Campbell, Dean of the College for year 1951-1952; and Mr. E. Stanley Banker, Jr., now Instructor at Central College, Central, South Carolina.

The year 1950-1951 has been one of unique design, in that the College has had two different Administrators during the Academic year. At the beginning of the first semester the President was directed by the Local Board of Managers to take advanced work at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas as part of the program for meeting state accreditation. During the first semester, a serious illness necessitated discontinuance of this work. At the December meeting of the Local Board of Managers, the President was granted full leave of absence until January 1, 1952, later extended to July 1, 1952. At the same Board meeting Mr. Wesley L. Knapp was appointed Acting President during the President's leave of absence. I cannot speak too highly of Mr. Knapp's ability, efficiency and co-operation. The trying experiences of this transition period have been efficiently and admirably executed, in a Christian and courageous manner. Mr. Knapp, who has served the Institution for 13 years, has technical training and experience qualifying him for this important office.

The approximate 25% decrease in enrollment was greater than had been anticipated for this year. The total enrollment for the year reached 157 as compared with 204 last year. The consequent \$17000 decrease in income from student sources has been a real handicap to the financial program though the deficit in operating expenses after the deduction of non-capitalized improvements is only \$2659.72.

We are very keenly aware that an intensive student procurement program must be maintained. Such a program has been launched and will

be pursued during the summer months. It might well be said that this program formally began with the election of Rev. Lawrence Melton as field representative of the school. While serving in this capacity Mr. Melton has also done a most commendable piece of work in the field of Public Relations. The response to this overall program in student applications and inquiries from prospective students is already such as to lend some optimism to the prospects for fall enrollment. The completion of the Gymnasium and the possibility of being approved for state accreditation sometime during the early part of the first semester next year will, we feel, provide added inducement for young people to enroll.

Progress toward achieving state accreditation has been retarded by our inability to secure a qualified librarian and lack of proper certification for certain members of the College Staff. By the end of the summer 1951, all of our teaching staff will have been properly certified by the state. Mr. Caringer, a member of the staff is in summer school at Ball State Teacher's College, Muncie, Indiana, taking the necessary ten graduate hours in library science required for a librarian. Mr. Herr, supervisor of College accreditation of the State Department of Education, has approved this arrangement.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Claire Gleason to the staff next year. His coming will make possible an expansion of our program in the area of physical education. Mr. Gleason's qualifications will enable us, for the first time, to offer college credit in physical education.

Construction of the Gymnasium was begun in mid-October with the Forkner Construction Company of Clay Center, Kansas. Because of inability to secure proper materials, work was halted in November. By March of this spring most of the needed materials were on hand and construction was resumed. It is hoped that the structure can be completed by early fall.

The Gymnasium will be 70 x 126 feet, providing a regulation size college playing court 54 x 96 feet with ample space for bleachers. Comments are, that the building is one of design, beauty, and high quality of workmanship.

We want to express our appreciation to friends of the Institution for their interest and contributions. Our thanks to the student group for their many hours of donated labor, and the excellent workmanship of Mr. Forkner and his men. Mr. Forkner has voluntarily cut his commission from 10% to 5% and at the same time has gone out of his way a number of times to save us money in the purchase of materials.

I should like at this time to give special recognition to Mr. Milton Wirt, Business Manager; Miss Emma Durkee, Registrar; Mrs. Louise Hedlund, secretary to the president for the very efficient manner in which they have discharged their respective duties.

During the past quadrennium Miltonvale Wesleyan College has been giving attention to expansion of the Building Program and the curricular offerings of the Institution. At the same time we have maintained a high spiritual standard throughout the entire period.

It is our plan and purpose to capitalize on and utilize the facilities now at our disposal. We hope not only to maintain a class "A" high school, and receive state accreditation for our Junior College department, but to see the academic rating of the theology department also raised. This is one of the most important departments in the Institution. However our ability to raise the rank of this department to a level of accreditation is entirely dependent upon state accreditation of the College Depart-

ment. Definite plans are now being laid to have our Music department accredited one year hence.

In the year 1951-1952, with but one exception, every member of the staff teaching in the High School, College, and Theology departments will hold either the Masters or Bachelor of Divinity degrees, and in one instance both of these degrees.

We have but one objective in mind, that is to raise the academic and spiritual standards of Miltonvale College to maintain and teach a Christian faith that will be livable and workable in every field of human experience. It is our high aim and unalterable course to offer education in a Christian environment that will properly equip and prepare our graduates to acceptably serve God and country, the Church, and the society of which they are a part.

We acknowledge limitations, failures, mistakes, and regret every one to the full. We solicit constructive criticism and invite Christian co-operation in a common enterprise toward interests that are mutual; and finally, feeling that we have worked while it is day, we shall have no regrets when the night cometh in which no man can work. For all the manifold blessings which have come to Miltonvale Wesleyan College, we humbly give our God due praise, remembering that only under His blessing can we worthily achieve.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. Freeborn

MILTONVALE WESLEYAN COLLEGE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May 1, 1947-April 30, 1951

RECEIPTS & INCOME

Tuition & Fees	\$ 85,230.74
Budget	40,998.32
Contributions	5,256.38
Investment Income	13,639.65
Endowment Loan Int.	3,852.02
Dormitories	27,438.07
Dining Hall	74,880.44
Other Enterprises	30,829.42
Promotional	3,969.48
Miscellaneous	25,095.25
Building Program	86,946.64
Total Receipts	\$398,136.41

DISBURSEMENTS & EXPENSE

Adm. & General:

Adm. & Office Sal.	\$ 21,450.58
Board Meeting	3,628.01
Travel Expense	1,592.96
Office Supplies	2,112.41
Promotional	7,451.60

Total	\$ 36,235.56
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Instructional:

Teachers' Salaries	\$ 77,157.36
Supplies for Instr.	2,424.61
Library	4,587.16
Total	\$ 84,169.13

Operational:

Insurance	\$ 2,059.86
Interest	726.04
Utilities & Operations	7,031.16
Janitor Sal. & Sup.	3,689.08
Taxes	39.86
Main. & Repairs	13,703.85
Equipment	10,763.05
Total	\$ 38,012.90

Auxiliary Enterprises:

Dormitories	\$ 35,294.42
Dining Hall	62,519.58
Other Enterprises	29,359.01
Total	\$127,173.01

Miscellaneous	\$ 20,617.54
Building Program	\$107,828.53
Grand Total	\$414,036.67

ASSETS**Current Funds, April 30, 1951:**

Cash	\$ 1,906.95
Accounts and Notes Receivable	7,992.54
Inventories	2,681.77
Due From Other Funds	2,346.08
Total	\$ 14,927.34

Plant Funds:

Cash	\$ 1,105.66
10 Acre Campus	2,000.00
Administration Building	40,000.00
Annex	19,455.92
Gymnasium (in construction)	35,020.85
Workshop	759.46
Hill Cottage	5,000.00
Hill Crest	4,000.00
College Inn and Bookstore	4,591.84

Abbot Hall	20,000.00	
Gathers House	7,958.25	
Girls' Dormitory	52,195.52	
Henney House	5,000.00	
Jones House	3,500.00	
Johnson Apartments	3,728.39	
Equipment	30,079.99	
Less Endowment Funds in Plant	16,993.41-	
Total		\$217,402.47

Loan Funds:

Cash	\$ 2,757.47	
Stocks	150.00	
Endowment Property (Plant Funds)	16,993.41	
Endowment Loan Notes	10,758.95	
Original Endowment Notes	2,525.00	
Total		\$ 33,184.83

TOTAL ALL ASSETS **\$265,514.64**

LIABILITIES**Current Funds:**

Accounts Payable	1,084.65	
Unearned Tuition and Fees	3,755.12	
Reserves	213.10	
Surplus	9,874.47	
Total		\$ 14,927.34

Plant Funds:

Notes and Mortgage Payable	\$ 11,492.82	
Due Other Funds	2,330.80	
Endowment Funds in Plant	16,993.41	
Reserves	109.30	
Net Investment in Plant	186,476.14	
Total		\$217,402.47

Loan Funds:

Student Loan Control	\$ 1,238.68	
Endowment Principal	28,271.15	
Annuities	1,150.00	
Original Endowment Notes	2,525.00	
Total		\$ 33,184.83

TOTAL ALL LIABILITIES **\$265,514.64**

Report No. 15

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF EVANGELISM

To the Members of General Conference:

In September of last year the writer was asked by the Board of Administration to act as the Secretary of Evangelism for the remainder of the quadrennium. Such service has been both a pleasure and a privilege.

Two phrases from the 1947 report of the General Conference Committee on Education come to mind as being pertinent today. "The primary purpose of the Church is to be found in a single word—evangelism. . . . The results of evangelism must be conserved."

But what is **evangelism** and how may its fruits be conserved? Surely evangelism is far more than a dynamic sermon, or a series of such messages preached in a revival campaign. It is more than a method, however wise and good that method may be. Evangelism is a spirit! It is a passion, the natural and inevitable result of a soul filled with the saving grace of God and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The same compulsion that led Saint Paul to cry, "Woe is unto me if I preach not" leads every truly born-again person to become keenly aware of the tragic need of lost humanity, and creates a love-born desire to share with them the Gospel of good news.

Every method that honors Christ and is true to the Word of God should be employed. Mass evangelism, personal evangelism, radio evangelism, tract evangelism, visitation evangelism, child evangelism, prayer evangelism, song evangelism—all these and possibly others have been used and blessed of God. Evangelism is a work that should demand the best of all of us, not merely of our preachers, singers, evangelists, teachers, or children's workers.

And when the Lord has prospered the effort and brought revival and salvation, then what? Judging by cold statistics, it is expensive work saving souls! The 1947 statistical report revealed that as a denomination we spent during the previous four years nearly five million dollars for pastors and evangelists, and had a net membership gain of 1769. That is almost \$3,000 for every person finally won to the Church. Actually there were 12,326 members received, but the net gain was as above. We know that figures are impersonal and cold and can be manipulated. But they challenge us with this arresting fact: we do not retain more than a small portion of the thousands of souls saved in our churches, colleges, conventions, and camp meetings.

May God grant to our beloved Zion a gracious and widespread revival. And then may He give us wisdom, leadership, discernment, and perseverance to enjoy a continual and glorious survival. May it be true of us, as in Moffatt's beautiful translation of Romans 12:11, "Never let your zeal flag; maintain the spiritual glow; serve the Lord." Yours for souls, H. Gilbert Williams.

Report No. 16

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES

Your Committee on Boundaries submits the following report:

1. Whereas the Florida Conference has been organized during the quadrennium,

We recommend that the words "and also the state of Florida" be stricken from paragraph 200.

Also that paragraph 183a be inserted to read: "The Florida Conference shall include the territory lying within the state of Florida."

Also that paragraph 256 be amended by inserting the word "Florida" following the word "Tennessee," placing Florida in the Central School district.

2. Whereas the North Carolina Conference has requested a readjustment of boundary lines,

We recommend that paragraph 192 be amended to read: "The North Carolina Conference shall comprise the state of North Carolina, except Macon and Jackson Counties; however, that portion of the Cherokee Indian Reservation in Jackson County beginning at a point one quarter mile from Cherokee, North Carolina on the Jackson and Swain County line on the Soco Gap Road and running direct southeast to Sheep Rock Mountain, and then following the southern water shed of Soco Creek to Water Rock Knob in Haywood County shall be included in the North Carolina Conference; also include the state of Virginia, the District of Columbia, and the counties York and Marlboro of the state of South Carolina."

Also that paragraph 199 be amended to read: "The South Carolina Conference shall include the state of South Carolina except York and Marlboro Counties; it shall also include Jackson and Macon Counties of North Carolina except that part of the Cherokee Indian Reservation in Jackson County assigned to the North Carolina Conference."

3. Whereas the Illinois Conference has been organized during the quadrennium,

We recommend that paragraph 186 be amended by deleting all the words following the word "Minnesota";

Also that paragraph 183b be inserted to read: "The Illinois Conference shall comprise that part of the state of Illinois north of the Wabash Railway running from the Indiana state line east of Danville, Illinois to Hannibal, Missouri";

Also that paragraph 256, Section I be amended by inserting the word "Illinois" after the word "Kentucky."

Also that paragraph 185 be amended by deleting all the words following the words: "The Kentucky Conference."

Everett E. Elliott, Chairman;
J. N. Gilliam,
Charles Schoellhorn,
E. L. Henderson,
F. A. Merrill, Secretary

Report No. 17

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RECORDS

We, your Committee on Conference Records, have carefully examined the Conference Record Books submitted to us and grade them as follows:

Africa. No report.
Alabama, 100%
Allegheny, 100%

Australia, 80%. Improper binding, not sufficient margin, no marginal Index.
 California, 100%
 Canada, 95%. Statistics pasted in.
 Champlain, 100%
 Dakota, 78%. No marginal Index, no general Index, typing imperfections.
 Florida. No report.
 Illinois, 100%
 India. No report.
 Indiana, 100%
 Iowa, 89%. Minutes not initialed for 1947, 1948, 1949; No marginal Index for 1947, 1948, 1949.
 Kansas, 100%
 Kentucky, 100%
 Lockport, 100%
 Michigan, 100%
 Middle Atlantic States, 100%
 Nebraska, 95%. Statistics pasted in.
 North Carolina, 100%
 North Georgia, 100%
 North Michigan, 100%
 Ohio, 100%
 Oklahoma, 88%. Binding not permanent, no marginal Index.
 Oregon, 100%
 Rochester, 100%
 South Carolina, 100%
 South Georgia, 100%
 South Ohio, 55%. 1948 and 1949 Minutes incomplete, pages not initialed, no general or marginal index, no quadrennial summary.
 Tennessee, 88%. No General Index, Statistics pasted in.
 General Conference, 100%

Recommendations

We make the following recommendations as to keeping of the Conference Records for the coming Quadrennium:

A. That the Standard of Excellency be as follows:

1. Binding. Book must be a bound legal volume, or in case of a loose leaf volume must allow permanent locking upon completion. It is requested that each Annual Conference Secretary purchase their record books through the Agent of the Wesleyan Methodist Church 10%
2. Annual Journal of Proceedings shall be signed by the Conference President and Secretary; the year date shall be placed at the top of each page, and the written initials of the Secretary at bottom of each page 10%
3. Cleanliness 10%
4. Penmanship or typing; no pasted in records 10%
5. Sufficient margin at top and side of sheets to allow for neatness and marginal Index 10%
6. General Index at front or back of book, listing by years the

page location of Officiary, Daily Proceedings and all reports	10%
7. Marginal Index	10%
8. Paragraphs and Headings. Each Conference action should be properly paragraphed, and main divisions indicated by proper headings	10%
9. Quadrennial Statistical Summary in Record Book	10%
10. Additional copy of Quadrennial Statistical Summary for use of Statistical Committee	10%
Total	100%

- B. We further recommend that each Conference Secretary secure a copy of the General Conference printed Minutes and use it as a pattern as to style and form in compiling Annual Conference Minutes. Paragraph heading as shown in the printed Minutes may be placed in the margin of the official record for the required marginal Index.
- C. We further recommend that the General Conference Secretary notify the Annual Conference Secretaries of this standard as soon as convenient following the rise of this session and give a similar notice not less than sixty days before the convening of the next General Conference session.

Respectfully submitted:

E. L. Crocker, Chairman;
 Lyman F. Lance, Secretary;
 Garl Beaver,
 L. D. Harris,
 W. E. Hobson, Jr.,
 S. H. Paine, Jr.

Report No 18

REPORT ON PROHIBITION AND PUBLIC MORALS

We, your Committee on Prohibition and Public Morals, submit the following report:

First, we recognize that the problem of intemperance is age-old. From the days of antiquity, each generation has faced the problem of beverage alcohol. The first organized movement against intemperance was formed in this country more than three hundred years ago and throughout the past century the Protestant Church has been arrayed in the fight. From the days of the founding fathers, Wesleyan Methodism has been very outspoken in the behalf of sobriety and civic righteousness. Nearly two decades ago this country abandoned the attempt characterized by one of our presidents as a great moral experiment and repealed the National Prohibition Amendment. Today, we have followed the pathway of repeal long enough to determine what results have been achieved and what we may expect if we continue our present national program of dealing with the liquor traffic.

Among temperance people, there is a wide diversity of opinion concerning the work of the Yale School of Alcohol Studies, but their report tells us that we have in this country sixty million drinkers of alcoholic liquors,

ten million of whom are classed as hard drinkers with approximately a million of them confirmed alcoholics and that the annual drink bill in this country is something above nine billions of dollars. These figures are submitted as being approximately correct. As a nation we are consuming more liquor today than ever before in our history; nevertheless, there are some facts which give us cause for optimism as we face the future. There are in the United States today approximately twenty-three hundred counties. In more than eight hundred of them it is illegal to sell intoxicating liquor. The most of them have voted liquor out in local option elections. There are, however, two states in which it is illegal to sell anything stronger than 3.2 beer, which the Congress of 1933 declared to be non-intoxicating. It is a fact, however, that more than a third of this country geographically is at present under some form of prohibition and that where local option elections are being held on the sale of liquor these dry areas are being gradually extended.

One of the great problems facing us today is that of liquor advertising on the radio, on television, through the magazine, moving picture, and newspaper. During the past quadrennium the hearing held in Washington on the Langer Bill designed to prohibit the interstate advertising of liquor attracted the largest attendance of any hearing held in Washington, D. C., within recent years according to Washington papers. During the past year, extensive hearings were held on the Universal Military Training Bill and as a result on April 13 the following amendment was passed: "The Secretary of Defense is authorized to make such regulations governing the sale, consumption, possession of, or traffic in beer, wine, or any other intoxicating liquors to or by members of the armed forces or the National Security Training Corps, at or near any camp, station, post, or other place primarily occupied by members of the armed forces or the National Security Training Corps. Any person, corporation, partnership, or association violating the regulations authorized hereunder shall, unless otherwise punishable under the uniform code of military justice be determined guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or imprisonment of not more than twelve months or both." This is sufficient authority to give protection to our boys in service if the Secretary of Defense will use the power given him by Congress. Up to now the government has regularly permitted the sale of beer in the camps and has furnished oversea transportation for it. Wesleyan Methodists should join in a united demand that the exploitation by the commercialized liquor interests of the sober-minded boys in uniform who come from our Christian homes must be stopped by the government which drafts them into the armed services.

A Three Point Program

There are three steps in the program of any legislative reform: **education, legislation, and administration.** The liquor interests are propagandizing American youth from every angle; consequently, our Wesleyan homes must be alert. Education for personal abstinence should be a definite part of our religious teaching. Emphasis must be placed on total abstinence for the individual through the temperance lesson in the Sunday school and co-operation with organizations such as the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the National Temperance League whose state units are developing definite programs of scientific temperance instruction in the public schools. Endeavor to make it possible that these people trained in the field

of alcohol education get into the schools of your community, into your churches, and before civic groups in the community. Youth must be told the truth about alcohol. In practically every state, attempts are being made to secure legislation which will curb the liquor traffic. The same thing is happening at the national level. Our people should actively co-operate with the temperance leaders of the state who are endeavoring to secure the passage of needed regulatory legislation. The point at which we most commonly fail is that of administration. The liquor men mark for defeat any public official who dares to challenge their program. The church people frequently elect men to office and then leave them to fight their battles alone.

We shall win our fight against commercialized liquor, gambling, and vice only when the church people of this country put principle above party. Elect to office men who will take their oaths of office seriously and then give them organized community support as they endeavor to enforce the law. One of the most common methods in use in our country today is the "smear campaign." When public officials have endeavored to do their duty, we must be alert to defend them from the smear attacks of unprincipled political opponents, who are willing to stoop to any vicious attack in their desires to win.

The citizenry of this country has recently been shaken by the disclosures by the Kefauver Crime Commission. The revelations concerning the political and economic maneuverings of the professional gamblers and other underworld racketeers have presented a sordid, sickening picture of moral decay that has aroused thinking people all over the nation. The rotteness in American life permitted by a passive society has lowered our country in the estimation of the civilized peoples of the world. Unless the Christian citizenship of this country arouses itself to action our civilization is doomed.

Abraham Lincoln said: "If you want reform, tell the people," and the story of America's debauchery, sickening though it may be, is being told in every section of the country. The light is being tuned in, and the vermin of American life, some of them in high political circles, have been scurrying under cover for some weeks. The place to keep them on the run is at the ballot box. It may re-occur that in future elections only 55 per cent of the voters of this country will take the trouble to vote, but let it never be said that Wesleyan Methodists were in the 45 per cent who stayed at home, too little interested in the welfare of their country to take time out to go to the polls.

Certainly it is necessary that we preach and that we pray, but the average family finds it necessary at stated intervals also to clean house. The recent disclosures of perjurers, semi-reds, pinks, deep freezers, pastel mink coaters and peddlers of political economic favors indicate that a housecleaning in Washington is long overdue. The spread of atheistic communism, the prevalent commercialization of the Sabbath, the nationwide problem of juvenile delinquency, the rising divorce rate, and our national crime bill of fifteen billion dollars yearly indicates a general moral decay and religious decline which can be cured only by a nationwide revival of religion.

There was a day when God told Lot that if he could find ten righteous men in Sodom, the city would not be destroyed. If ten such people could have saved Sodom, thirty thousand devoutly praying Wesleyan Methodists should be able to make an impact upon the forces of unrighteousness and

precipitate in this country a religious upheaval that will turn the tides of evil and save America from destruction. Who knows but we are come to the kingdom for such a time as this.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. McConn, Chairman;
Virginia S. Keever,
Rosalie H. Dugger,
Rev. C. A. Pauley.

Report No. 19

COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

W. Y. P. S. Age Limit: This Committee recommends that the age limit in the W. Y. P. S. Constitution be retained.

Annual Conference W. Y. P. S. Convention May Seat Pastors: It is recommended that the following paragraph be inserted in the Discipline on page 237 under paragraph 398 (3) The Annual Conference Society Convention, Article II as Section 4. "Where an Annual Conference Convention deems it advisable for the best interest of the conference youth program, the Annual Conference Convention may seat pastors."

Further, it is recommended that the following sentence be added to Paragraph 398 (5), Article IV, Officers. (1) on page 246: "In case of college church societies, this provision on church membership may be waived, except for Adult Counselor and two of the other officers when agreeable to the president of the college and the pastor of the college church"; which shall then read, (1) The officers of the society shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, a Wesleyan Youth solicitor, and an adult counsellor. Their term of office shall be for one year or until their successors shall be elected. The president, the chairman of the devotional and program committee, and the adult counsellor shall be members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. In case of college church societies, this provision on church membership may be waived, except for Adult Counselor and two of the other officers, when agreeable to the president of the college and the pastor of the college church."

Further, it is recommended that the following sentence be added to Paragraph 398 (5) Local Wesleyan Young People's Society Constitution, Article VIII Relation to Conference and General Society, on page 249, as follows: "All money raised by the W. Y. P. S. for denominational purposes shall be channeled through the conference treasurers and the General Treasurer of the W. Y. P. S.," which shall then read as follows: "Each local society shall keep full statistics and shall report the same annually on regular report forms to the Annual Conference Convention and to the General W. Y. P. S. Department and otherwise shall co-operate in every way with the Annual Conference Society and the General Society in the promotion of the work. All money raised by the W. Y. P. S. for denominational purposes shall be channeled through the conference treasurers and the General Treasurer of the W. Y. P. S."

Further, it is recommended that on page 252, Paragraph 398 (6) Local Society By-Laws, Article II, (4) the word "society" at the end of sentence four be stricken and the word "church" be inserted which shall then read "He shall be prepared to make financial report to the business meetings of the society and to the meetings of the executive council and shall prepare

a quarterly report which he may either present himself or give to the president to present at the regular quarterly business meeting of the church."

Further, it is recommended that the General Conference grant, according to the General W. Y. P. S. Council request, that the General Dues be raised from Fifty cents (.50) per active member per year to one dollar (\$1.00) per active member per year. This would cause Paragraph 398 (1) General Wesleyan Young People's Society Constitution, Article III, Section 7, page 230, to read: "There shall be an annual assessment of one dollar (\$1.00) per active member."

Further, it is recommended that Article III, Section 4, page 242 of the Discipline be amended by adding the following: "The Treasurer is directed to remit all monies received for General Work to the General Office Quarterly."

Appreciation to General W. Y. P. S. Secretary H. K. Sheets: The Youth Work Committee feels deeply the wonderful success of the Wesleyan Young People's Society is due mainly because of the earnest, efficient, and zealous efforts of the Rev. H. K. Sheets, General W. Y. P. S. Secretary. We, therefore, recommend, that at an appropriate time, or upon the adoption of this report, that a rising vote of appreciation be given the Rev. H. K. Sheets by this General Conference and that such an expression be conveyed to him by the Secretary of the General Conference.

Signed: Rev. P. L. Kindschi, Chairman;
Rev. Earl T. Gentry, Secretary;
Rev. Loring Peterson,
Rev. C. D. Crabill,
Rev. C. W. Bradley,
Mr. W. O. Cundiff,
Mr. Don Campbell,
Mr. E. R. McMillan.

Report No. 20

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

An examination of the minutes of former General Conferences reveals the fact that reports of the Committees on Resolutions have followed a general pattern in which they have sought to evaluate conditions and point out our attitude and purpose in regard to them. This report will no doubt follow that general pattern.

While conditions of life are ever changing, the basic things continue the same. There is eternal enmity between the good and the evil, and our attitude must ever be one of unchanging hostility toward all that is evil and a cleavage to all that is good. Salvation and Life Eternal must ever be our quest.

No doubt we are in one of the most momentous and confusing periods the world has ever known. Moral standards have descended to a new low. Two conflicting ideologies and theories of government are striving for dominance. What we have been pleased to call our "Way of Life," the American way, is being severely tested as well as the Democratic way of life throughout the world. Within a generation two world wars have been

fought and there is a possibility that the present undeclared conflict will yet assume global proportions. We were supposed to be fighting to make the world safe for Democracy and guarantee to men the four freedoms: Freedom of Religion, Freedom of the Press, Freedom from Want and Freedom from Fear. All of these are still threatened and in many places are more than threatened. Fear certainly grips the heart of the world and America is by no means free from it.

In the religious field we are faced with distressing conditions. Communism is spreading around the world; it is atheistic and militant and the evidence increases daily that it is in itself a religion. The long antagonisms of the centuries will some day head up in the Antichrist and Communism will be marching under his banner. There is a rising World Church and a cleavage along lines that are not so much denominational but within the Church itself and along lines of Evangelicalism and Modernism. With all of this there is also a spirit of lukewarmness and worldliness until those who are spiritual may well cry out "Who is sufficient for these things" as they face the tremendous problems of this hour. The Devil would deceive the very elect if possible, and indeed his masterpiece for this age seems to be deception. The day is here when "Men will not tolerate wholesome instruction" (Weymouth), but will align themselves with false systems that have taken to themselves good names and some truth with much that is false.

All of these things are against us but God is for us. We have His word of promise and the testimony of witnesses in all ages who could say "Thanks be unto God who always causeth us to triumph." Even though there are many adversaries God is able to open great doors and effectual. We do not believe in Apostolic Succession but we know there are many who will follow in the train of those who "Overcame by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony and loved not their lives unto the death." Only as we are equipped with some "Rod of Authority" will we be able to throw any consternation into the ranks of the enemy. Our Rod of Authority must be The Gospel which is "the power of God unto salvation."

Realizing how easy it is to resolve and not do, vow and not pay, let us highly resolve this day that we the people of The Wesleyan Methodist Church shall ever be possessed of that "Rod of Authority" and to this end we dedicate ourselves to the possession and exemplification of the Gospel of full Salvation. And, realizing that this is only experienced as we are fully possessed and controlled by the Holy Spirit:

Be It Resolved: That the key note of this General Conference, "By My Spirit," become the slogan of our lives in our various conferences and local churches. Taking full recognition of the fact that it is "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts," that He shall govern our lives, control our acts and have first place in all our church services. To this end may the Conference Sermon, "Back to Calvary," bring us to such a total crucifixion with Christ that His Spirit living in us may challenge sin and Satan and that we may be seen as lights in the world, holding forth the Word of Life. In this connection, we would urge the Editors of all Wesleyan Literature, including the various Conference Publications, to give fuller recognition to Pentecost as a stated time on which to call attention to the office and work of the Holy Spirit in convicting, saving, sanctifying, and empowering men and women, boys and girls, in this age of spiritual drought and deadness.

Be It Resolved, That we, as a Church, give the fullest encouragement and co-operation to the Wesleyan Commission for Men in Service and those in whose hands we have placed this great work of maintaining contact with and giving spiritual assistance to, our men in the service of our country.

Inasmuch as preparedness is necessary in this critical hour of our history as a nation we wish to suggest the importance of moral as well as military re-armament. Accordingly we call upon those who plan our military strategy and diplomatic policy to bring to their task clear minds and high moral principles.

We do not favor Universal Military Training but if it does come, we demand that our boys shall be protected by such safeguards as shall make it possible to maintain moral character.

That we, through our secretary express (1) our sincere appreciation for the recall of Myron Taylor, the Vatican representative and (2) our earnest conviction and insistence that no other representation of this kind should be made to the Vatican as our Constitution declares the separation of Church and State.

Whereas, there is a serious moral breakdown in our nation, as is evidenced by the reports of the Kefauver Committee revealing the fact that crime is organized on a national scale with the evident collusion of some high government officials in whom we had placed confidence, and the fact that many of our youth are being trapped in vice and crime the nature of which is revolting and horrifying:

Be It Resolved, That we, through our secretary, voice a vigorous protest with the Attorney General against this wave of crime and vice and urge that he take the proper steps to remedy this deplorable condition.

And whereas, there are national leaders such as Senator Kefauver, Senator Tobey, and Senator Fulbright who have, or are attempting to expose and rectify the corrupt conditions that exist:

Be It Resolved, that we instruct our secretary to tender the appreciation to and express the confidence of The Wesleyan Methodist Church in the sincerity of their efforts.

Resolution of Thanks

Whereas the Indiana Conference has given such painstaking care in providing for our comfortable entertainment; **be it resolved**:

That we, the twenty-eighth General Conference, hereby express our sincere thanks to the Rev. E. L. Kierstead and his faithful and efficient entertaining Committees for their labors abundant and to the entire staff of workers for their unstinted service and to the Indiana Conference for the genial spirit of hospitality that have made our stay so pleasant and comfortable. May they receive of God's blessings as we have received of their bounty.

Be It Resolved, that for all the rich blessings that have come from the bountiful Giver of every good and perfect gift we render heartfelt gratitude and praise. He has prospered and blessed us in the fields of evangelism, education and missions for which we give Him praise and glory, and be it further resolved

That we hereby express our sincere appreciation for the ardent and efficient labors of our General Officials: Dr. R. S. Nicholson, Dr. O. G. Wilson, Dr. F. R. Eddy, Dr. F. R. Birch, Dr. J. R. Swauger, Dr. R. D. Reisdorph and the Rev. H. K. Sheets during the quadrennium.

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. Perrine, Chairman;
Chas C. Cross, Secretary;
Joseph Kephart,
R. B. Hewitt,
Geo. I. Shriver,
K. K. Rothrock,
J. C. Poole,
E. L. Gunby.

Report No. 21

COMMITTEE ON REVISION

Item 1

Whereas the International Council of Religious Education has expressed its intention to become a part of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in U. S. A.; and Whereas said National Council shall be composed of such agencies and bodies, many of which we feel are not fundamental in their presentation of the gospel message; Therefore, the Dakota Annual Conference does hereby memorialize the General Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America to take such action as is necessary to sever all relations with the International Council of Religious Education.

Approved by vote.

Item 2

We do hereby memorialize the General Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America at its next regularly called session to adopt a Uniform Accounting System Book for the use of local church treasurers that shall conform with the statistical blanks which pastors fill out each year, and that a similar book be made available also for Conference Treasurers, and that said accounting books be regularly stocked by our Publishing House.

Not approved by vote.

Item 3

Be It Resolved, That whereas the Holy Ghost is the Power, the Authority, the Joy, the Purity, and Fruitfulness of the Church, and He is the Spirit of Inspiration, Revelation, Intercession and Revival.

Through Him the Church came into being and is perpetuated by Him.

Without Him there is no conviction for sin or proper evaluation of Righteousness. He is God's Representative to this age.

He can be grieved by our SILENCE and lack of Appreciation of Him.

The 20th Century Church is in danger of committing a sin parallel with the "Inn Keeper" of Bethlehem, wherein there is "No Room."

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That The Wesleyan Methodist Church go on record as earnestly beseeching the Editors of THE WESLEYAN

METHODIST, THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY, THE WESLEYAN YOUTH, the Sunday School Literature, and also the Editors of the Conference Publications, to give proper space in said publications for a Fuller Recognition of the Holy Ghost, as we annually seek to commemorate Pentecost and that such recognition be given comparable to that which is given on the stated occasions of Christmas and Easter.

Be It Further Resolved, That a Public Call from our General and Conference officials be given, urging all of our pastors, evangelists and churches to co-operate in proper observance of Pentecost.

Be It Further Resolved, That when the General Sunday School Committee fails to arrange suitable lesson texts for Sunday School Quarterlies on Pentecost, that the Sunday School Editor be instructed to select a Scripture appropriate for the occasion and substitute the same for the day in which Pentecost is observed.

Be It Further Resolved, That a statement of this recommendation be incorporated in the Discipline of The Wesleyan Methodist Church.—J. F. Simpson.

Paragraphs 1-7 were referred by vote to the Committee on Resolutions. Paragraphs 8 and 9 were not approved by vote.

Item 4

Submitted by the Ozark Mountain Workers

Whereas, the work of Home Missions is vital to our Denomination; and,

Whereas, each year the needs from our Home Mission field become more urgent and greater; and,

Whereas, to carry out Christ's commission and to build and to purchase churches, missions, quarters for workers, etc., in a more effective measure in our homeland in our work of evangelization; we

Therefore sincerely recommend that the Home Missionary Budget be fixed to an amount equal to the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) per membership.

Referred to the Committee on Budget by vote.

Item 5

I. Whereas, it is with gratitude and humble thanksgiving to God, that we give thanks for the splendid and progressive work that is being done through our Department of Sunday Schools; and

II. Whereas, it is apparent that there is need for the publication of a SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARY by our Church for our Wesleyan Methodist Sunday schools; and

III. Whereas, there is a desire among many Sunday school workers that these valuable prepared lessons be published and presented in book form, and

IV. Whereas, through this medium others will be reached and blessed by the "Wesleyan Message," that will not be reached otherwise,

V. We sincerely ask the General Conference, therefore, for the publication of a Sunday School Lesson Commentary.

Respectfully submitted.—Aberdeen District Prayer Conference, Mina, South Dakota. Rev. L. Bennett, President; Rev. D. L. Wadsworth, Secretary-Treasurer.

Referred to the Committee on Sunday School by vote.

Item 6

Submitted by Iowa Conference

The Iowa Conference in session last August, 1950, authorized the Committee on Itinerary and Orders to make the following recommendations to the General Conference:

1. That the Course of Study for conference preachers be revised, including the removal from the list those books which are out of print.

2. That the subjects be offered as extension work under the supervision of professors in our Wesleyan Colleges.

3. That upon the completion of the entire Course of Study a candidate for ordination shall submit a transcript of credits to the Committee on Itinerary and Orders who in turn shall pass on the fitness and qualifications of the candidate for ordination.

Respectfully submitted—Wm. W. Goldsmith, Chairman; Howard W. Johnson, D. C. Elmer, Floyd L. Freiheit.

Referred to the Committee on Course of Study by vote.

Item 7

I. We herewith present recommendations for an enlarged Tract Department, equipped with the best material obtainable, with which to supply Christian workers in their work of soul saving who desire this form of ministry;

II. We further recommend, that the General Conference designate, or elect an individual or committee from the Church,

Respectfully submitted.—Lester R. Fletcher, A. L. Cretsinger, Dorothy D. Cretsinger.

Referred to the Committee on Book Concern by vote.

Item 8

Whereas, in order to have the Pastoral Relations Committee Report as accurate and as free from mistakes as is possible, we

Therefore, sincerely recommend that the Pastoral Relations Committee Report be reviewed and audited by a Conference Auditing Committee before it is presented to the Annual Conference for adoption. —A. L. Cretsinger.

Not approved by vote.

Item 9

Submitted by Dakota Conference

Whereas, in order to emphasize the need for a greater and a more united prayer effort, and to urge its importance upon all, we sincerely recommend:

1. That there shall be a Secretary of Prayer.
 - a. He shall be elected by the General Conference.
 - b. He shall be concerned with the "prayer interests" of the Church.
 - c. Upon request by an Annual Conference, he shall organize or assist in organizing Conferences into united and effective praying units.
 - d. Upon request by an Annual Conference, he shall present or assist in presenting a "Prayer Plan" and a "Prayer Program" for that Conference.
 - e. The General Conference shall define his duties and make provisions for this office.

Referred to the Committee on Evangelism by vote.

Item 10

Whereas, as a Denomination we are responsible to God for evangelizing and planting churches, Sunday schools, missions, and Christian institutions in every part of our Home Mission field (The United States, The Dominion of Canada, Alaska, and Australia); and

Whereas, the field is not only "white unto harvest," but is also wide and vast, covering great areas and distances; and

Whereas, to more effectively evangelize this field for God and the Church, and to strengthen this arm of the work of God through Home Missions, we offer the following recommendations:

1. That three (3) Secretaries of Evangelism be elected and added to the Department of Home Missions, to work under the direction of the Home Missionary Secretary; the General Conference to fix their salaries and to define their duties.
 - a. That there be a Secretary of Evangelism in that part of the United States east of the Mississippi River.
 - b. That there be a Secretary of Evangelism in that part of the United States west of the Mississippi River (including the State of Minnesota).
 - c. That there be a Secretary of Evangelism for The Dominion of Canada and for The Country of Alaska.
 2. That the Continent of Australia be included in the Home Missionary Budget.
 3. That Disciplinary provisions be made for this action.
- Respectfully submitted.—Aberdeen District Prayer Conference. Rev. L. Bennett, President; Rev. D. L. Wadsworth, Secretary-Treasurer.
- Referred to the Committee on Home Missions by vote.

Item 11

Submitted by the North Carolina Conference

It is the judgment of this committee that an amendment to the Discipline providing for an intermediate ministerial order would be a step forward in the proper classification of the ministry of our Church. We suggest that this session of the North Carolina Conference set up a Com-

mission to draft such a memorial, and that the name of this new order be called Deacon's Orders, because:

1. There are good and useful men who have gifts, natural and spiritual, whom God calls to the work of a minister, but for various reasons find it difficult to pass on the books in the course of study, as is required by the Church in order to remain in the conference. Many of these men have less than a common school education, but are required to make a passing grade upon books which would test the ability of men of much more training.

2. Not all the men who come before the Committee on Elders Orders really desire to become elders, but to have a place to preach the Gospel, without fear of being returned to their local church at the end of the year. We suggest the following requirements for Deacons:

A Deacon is a preacher of the Gospel, invested with all the functions of a minister in accordance with state laws.

A Deacon, when serving as pastor, may function in all respects as elders, except those functions which are delegated to elders.

A Deacon is constituted such by the election of the Annual Conference on recommendation of the Committee on Itineracy and Elder's Orders, the completion of two years as supply pastor, and after having completed the two first years of the prescribed course for elders, or their equivalent satisfactory to the committee. Provided that a Deacon may continue in the course until finished and be ordained to Elders Orders.—C. K. Gentry, B. H. Phaup, A. F. Connor, Committee.

Referred to Special Committee by vote. By vote the Committee on Church Merger was elected to be this special committee.

Item 12

A memorial to the General Conference by vote of the Indiana Annual Conference recommending changes and amendments to the Constitution of the proposed Men's Missionary League of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America:

Submitted by the Indiana Conference

1. In Article V, paragraph 1, line 8, after the word "assigned," delete the words "one page" and insert the words "sufficient space each," and continue the remainder as it now is.

2. Amend Article VI to read as follows: "This Constitution may be amended by majority vote of the full Board of Administration at any regular annual meeting, subject to the approval of the General Conference next in session."

3. Insert a new Article, to be numbered VII and entitled "Conference Officers," and number the paragraph entitled "Conference Promotional Secretary" as number 1.

4. Insert a new paragraph to be numbered 2, entitled "Conference Men's Missionary League Treasurer," which shall read as follows:

- a. "The Treasurer of the Annual Conference shall be the Treasurer of this League for the Conference. All funds, save those properly designated for the local League use, shall be sent to the Conference Treasurer quarterly, and he shall forward all such funds, except that portion designated hereinafter for Conference use, to the

General Secretary quarterly. He shall make a quarterly and an annual report to the General Secretary on such forms as may be furnished for that purpose."

- b. In paragraph 4 for the same Article, line 2, place a comma after the word "organization" and add the words: "and shall make a financial report to all regular meetings of the Local League." In line 2, after the word "dues," delete the remainder of the paragraph and insert the words "except that portion which is to be retained for Local League use as hereinafter provided, to the Conference Men's Missionary League Treasurer once each quarter. Each society shall have the privilege of raising special offerings for local projects which are in accord with the Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. The Treasurer shall make a report to each Quarterly Conference, and a quarterly and an annual report to the Conference Men's Missionary League Treasurer."

7. In Article VII, change the Article to read as follows: "Each member shall pay as dues \$1.50 per year, fifteen cents of which may be retained for Local League use and \$1.35 shall be sent to the Conference Treasurer who shall retain ten cents of this amount for the expenses incidental to the work of the Conference Treasurer and the Conference Promotional Secretary. The balance of \$1.25 shall be sent to the General Secretary as provided above. Of this amount, twenty-five cents shall be used for Foreign Missions, and fifty cents for Home Missions."

8. Amend Article IX to read as follows: "This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the full Board of Administration at any regular annual meeting, subject to the approval of the General Conference next in session."

We further recommend that there be no special magazines published for this League, but that the work be promoted as provided by this Constitution.

Referred to the Committee on Men's Organization by vote.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEN'S ORGANIZATION

Whereas, There has never been a definite organization within the Wesleyan Methodist Church among the men for promotion of personal evangelism and,

Whereas, There have been various demands for such an organization,

It is hereby recommended that these needs be recognized and that an organization be effected along the lines of the Constitution suggested below:

**Constitution of The Wesleyan Men's Fellowship
of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America**

ARTICLE I—NAME

This organization shall be known as the Wesleyan Men's Fellowship of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to advance the spiritual welfare of each member, and to further the cause of the Kingdom of God among men at home and abroad, by promoting missionary enthusiasm, per-

sonal evangelism, and educational interests, and by definite financial assistance in each of these spheres.

ARTICLE III—RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHURCH

This organization shall function as an auxiliary organization of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. It shall make full and complete financial reports annually and quadrennially to the Board of Administration, and at any other time requested by the Executive Board.

The Board of Administration of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America shall be the Board of Managers for this organization.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS

The supervising officer of this organization shall be the General Secretary of the Wesleyan Men's Fellowship of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America. He shall be elected quadrennially by ballot by the Board of Administration at its first meeting after the rise of the General Conference. The General Secretary shall also serve as the General Treasurer of this organization, unless the Board of Administration sees fit to elect a special treasurer.

ARTICLE V—DUTIES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

1. The General Secretary shall have the general supervision of the Wesleyan Men's Fellowship, subject to the oversight of the Board of Administration. He shall diligently promote the organization of local Men's Fellowships in the various churches of the denomination, and shall endeavor to interest the men of the denomination in this organization. He shall also have charge of arranging the programs for the general use of all the Fellowships, and it is requested that he shall have the privileges of publishing these in the church periodicals; he shall be assigned sufficient space each month in THE WESLEYAN METHODIST for publicizing and promoting the interests of this organization.

2. As treasurer, he shall receive and hold in custody all funds of this organization. He shall pay out the money only as instructed by the Board of Administration, and shall render annual and quadrennial reports as stated above.

ARTICLE VI—AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by due disciplinary process, subject to the approval of the General Conference next in session.

ARTICLE VII—CONFERENCE OFFICERS

Conference Promotional Secretary

1. There shall be a Conference Promotional Secretary elected by each conference, who shall work in liaison with the General Denominational Secretary for promotion of the Wesleyan Men's Fellowship in each Annual Conference.

Conference Men's Fellowship Treasurer

2. The Treasurer of the Annual Conference shall be the treasurer of this Fellowship for the Conference. All funds, save those properly designated for the local Fellowship use, shall be sent to the Conference Treasurer quarterly, and he shall forward all such funds, except that portion designated hereinafter for conference use, to the General Secretary quarterly. He shall make a quarterly and an annual report to the General Secretary on such forms as may be furnished for that purpose.

**Constitution of the Local Wesleyan Men's Fellowship
of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America**

ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Wesleyan Men's Fellowship of Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to advance the spiritual welfare of each member, and to further the cause of the Kingdom of God among men at home and abroad, by promoting missionary enthusiasm, personal evangelism, and educational interests, and by definite financial assistance in each of these spheres.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP DUES

1. The membership of this organization shall be open to all men of good character regardless of denominational affiliation. Honorary membership may be accorded to such ladies as request this relationship.

2. An associate membership in the Wesleyan Men's Fellowship with dues of \$1.00 per year is established.

3. Honorary free membership shall be accorded to all superannuated ministers and missionaries and aged men and such others as are considered worthy.

4. Each member shall pay dues of 25¢ per month; special offerings may be taken from time to time as the Fellowship may wish.

5. Twenty-five percent (25%) of dues may be retained by local treasurers to be used for local work.

ARTICLE IV—MEETINGS

It is recommended that there shall be at least one meeting each month. It is further recommended that the interest of the meetings be directed as follows:

Three meetings each year for Foreign Missions,
Three meetings each year for Home Missions,
One meeting each year for Administrative Fund,
One meeting each year for Educational interests and Aid
to Seminary Students,
One meeting each year for Child Evangelism,
One meeting each year for Youth,
One meeting each year for General Evangelism.

ARTICLE V—LOCAL OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be members in good standing of the local Wesleyan Methodist Church, and shall be elected annually by ballot at the first meeting of the Fellowship in the new conference year.

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF LOCAL OFFICERS

1. It shall be the duty of the President of this organization to preside at the monthly business meeting, and to appoint the necessary committees. He shall also have the general supervision of the Wesleyan Men's Fel-

lowship, under the general oversight of the pastor of the church. He shall be a member ex officio of all committees.

2. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the case of the death or resignation of the President.

3. The Secretary shall keep correct records of the activities of this organization, and shall prepare the proper notices for publicity, reminding the pastor of necessary announcements, and notifying members of special meetings.

4. The Treasurer shall receive and hold in custody all funds of this organization, and shall make a financial report to all regular meetings of the local Fellowship. He shall send all dues except that portion which is to be retained for local Fellowship use as herein provided, to the Conference Men's Fellowship Treasurer once each quarter. Each local Fellowship shall have the privilege of raising special offerings for local projects which are in accord with the Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. The Treasurer shall make a quarterly report to the church, and a quarterly and an annual report to the Conference Men's Fellowship Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII—COMMITTEES

Committees may be elected, as needs may require. Where three members request it, any committee must be elected by ballot.

ARTICLE VIII—AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by due disciplinary process, subject to final approval of the General Conference next in session.

Constitution adopted by vote. With a 25% dues to be kept in Conference Treasury for promotional work.

Item 13

Regarding Statistical Reports

We recommend that action be taken to review all statistical report blanks and forms that a closer correlation be effected between them. We offer the following examples by way of suggestion.

Pastors' Statistical Report

Item 11. Periodicals to include same items as number 22 of Sunday school Report Blank.

Item III. Membership.

- A. Separate lines for Loss or Gain in members.
- B. No distinction for "members under 14."
- C. Allow column for Card Call Subscribers in Conference Statistical Form.

Item IV. Sunday School.

- A. Number of officers and teachers be combined in one item.
- B. "Average attendance," item number 6, be placed after item number 9 "total number in Sunday School," and intervening numbers be adjusted accordingly.

Item V. Church Property.

Cash and other values on hand be broken up into various departments in order to allow comparison in this report to balances shown on Sunday School, W. Y. P. S., and Missionary reports.

Item VIII. Budget.

- A. Order of items on conference statistical forms to be made to correlate with Church Report Blanks.
- B. General W. Y. P. S. be inserted following General S. S. Work, and the item "General Dues" in W. Y. P. S. report to be changed to read "General Budget."

Item IX To allow space in conference forms to correspond with blank lines below "other objects."

Respectfully submitted, Middle Atlantic States Conference—1950 session. Your Committee: E. B. Wallace, Chairman; W. G. Prouse, Arthur Fields.

Item 14

A Proposed Revisal of Pastor's Statistical Report

Circuit

Item I. Membership

- A. Number of members (Do not include Associate Members in A or B)
 1. Church Societies (The number of distinctly organized Wesleyan Methodist churches on the circuit.)
 2. Members reported last year
 3. Members received
 4. Members lost (All expelled, discontinued, died, granted letters.)
 5. Net loss
 6. Net gain (Net loss or gain is the difference between the present number and the number reported last year.)
 7. Present number
- B. Character of Members.
 8. Members under 14 years of age
 9. Ministerial members (Include elders, local preachers, deaconesses, exhorters, and all licensed to do religious work.)
 10. Members active in local church (Resident members who attend church at least once each quarter.)
 11. Members tithing
 12. Members participating in Family Altars
- C. Activity to Evangelize.
 13. Associate members
 14. Number adult baptisms
 15. Wesleyan Methodists taken (Number taken on the circuit by members and non-members.)

Item II. Organizations

- A. Sunday Schools.
1. Number of Sunday schools
 2. Number of classes
 3. Number of officers and teachers
 4. Number scholars in main school (Do not include any listed in No. 3.)
 5. Number in Home Department
 6. Number on Cradle Roll
 7. Total number in Sunday school (Add lines 3, 4, 5, and 6.)
 8. Average attendance
 9. Number of classes using Wesleyan supplies (Count only those classes in which Wesleyan supplies predominate.)
 10. Books in library
 11. Vacation Bible school average attendance
- B. Wesleyan Young People's Societies
12. Membership
 13. Average attendance
 14. Wesleyan Youths taken (See note on I, 15.)
- C. Missionary Societies.
15. Wesleyan Missionarys taken (See note on I, 15.)

Item III. Church Property

1. Gross Assets \$.....
Include the value of church buildings, parsonages, all real estate and equipment, investments, and cash on hand in the treasuries of the various organizations of the church.
2. Liabilities \$.....
Include mortgages, notes, debts and all obligations which the church or any of its organizations must pay.
3. Insurance \$.....
Total amount of insurance of all kinds held on any of the property.

Item IV. Contributed for Church

Money paid by the charge for its own running expense.

1. Pastor's salary \$.....
Do not include any money pastor receives from secular work or sources outside the charge. When the charge employs more than one pastor during the year, 1-5 are the totals paid to all such pastors.
2. Fees and cash gifts \$.....
Marriage, funeral and other fees and cash gifts to the pastor which come from the charge. Do not include anything from sources outside the charge.
3. Parsonage rent \$.....

4. Gifts \$.....
The value of gifts other than cash.
5. Total for pastor \$.....
6. Other evangelistic help \$.....
Includes all the charge pays for evangelistic help or outside pulpit supply of any kind, except do not include anything listed in Item V. Include what church pays its deaconesses, assistant pastors, and church workers not recorded in IV, 5.
7. Building, repairs and equipment \$.....
This will include amount paid on indebtedness incurred for these objects in previous years.
8. General Sunday School Work \$.....
Operating expenses of the Sunday school, W. Y. P. S., missionary society and other organizations of the church. Do not include anything these organizations pay for outside objects such as missions, education and other benevolences.
9. Other church operating expense \$.....
..... \$.....
..... \$.....
10. Total operating expense \$.....
(Add lines 5-9)

Item V. Contributed for Benevolences

A. Contributed for Budget

(Include all which gives budget credit which has been paid to the Conference Treasurer in cash or receipts. These budget items must agree with his books and must receive his signature showing that they are correct. Include all contributions to these various objects by all the organizations of the church and any other source.)

1. Foreign Missions \$.....\$.....
2. Home Missions \$.....\$.....
3. Education \$.....\$.....
4. Pension Fund \$.....\$.....
5. Orphanage \$.....\$.....
6. Administration \$.....\$.....
7. Gen. Conf. Travel and Entertainment \$.....\$.....
8. General Sunday School Work \$.....\$.....
9. Conference President's Salary \$.....\$.....
10. Conference Evangelist's Salary \$.....\$.....
11. Conference Work \$.....\$.....
12. Conference Missions \$.....\$.....
..... \$.....\$.....
..... \$.....\$.....
..... \$.....\$.....
..... \$.....\$.....
..... \$.....\$.....
13. Total Budget \$.....\$.....

B. Benevolences—Not counted on Budget

(Include any contribution, whether cash or other gift, from any source for any charitable purpose which is not recorded elsewhere.)

14. Foreign Missions	\$.....
15. Home Missions	\$.....
16. Education	\$.....
17. Orphanage	\$.....
18. Conference Work	\$.....
19. W. Y. P. S.	\$.....
20. Other Objects	\$.....
.....	\$.....
.....	\$.....
.....	\$.....
21. Total for Benevolences	\$.....
(Add 13-20)	

Item VI. All Purposes

Total for all Purposes \$.....
(Add V, 21 and IV, 10)

This report agrees with my books.

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Conference Treasurer

This report has been passed by the Character Committee.

.....
Committee

Alternate change recently suggested to me. In Item IV, Contributed for Church, after heading 3, Parsonage Rent, add this heading:

4. Pastor's travel and office expense \$.....
Include all paid by the church for this purpose not recorded elsewhere.

Change the numbering of the remainder of the headings in Item IV. Submitted by Rev. Chester L. Osgood.

Items 13 and 14 were referred to the Statistical Committee by vote.

Item 15**Submitted by the Lockport Conference****Authority of the Scriptures:**

Par. 12. Change the title to read, "The Sufficiency and Full Authority of the Holy Scriptures."

After the words "we do understand the . . ." make the article read as follows: "books of the Old and New Testaments. These scriptures we do hold to be inspired and infallibly written Word of God, fully inherent in their original manuscripts and superior to all human authority."

Then follows the list of the canonical books and the references as at present.

Approved by standing vote.

Item 16**Submitted by the Kentucky Conference**

Whereas, by degrees the world would enter the holiness churches of our land, including our own Wesleyan Methodist Church; and,

Whereas, there is diversity of opinion on many matters of dress to the extent of ignoring some items, such as the needless wearing of rings; and,

Whereas, the scriptural standard demands a definite separation from the world;

Be It Resolved, That we, the Kentucky Annual Conference in session assembled August 7-11, 1950, on the campground, Buechel, Kentucky, do hereby petition the General Conference, convening at Fairmount, Indiana on the fourth Wednesday in June, 1951, to add to Paragraph 51 of the Discipline, following the words "and superfluous ornaments," the phrase "including the wedding ring and other rings."

Not approved by vote.

Item 17

Amend the following paragraph numbers by making Paragraph 71 become 69; Paragraph 69 become 70; and Paragraph 70 become 71.—Roy S. Nicholson.

Approved by vote.

Item 18

Whereas, there are differences in the several Annual Conferences of The Wesleyan Methodist Church in assigning budget for children and,

Whereas, in some churches a budget assessment tends to discourage the church from receiving children into the church since children are often unable to pay their share of budget and,

Whereas, children are not of mature judgment to wisely participate in the business transactions of the church,

Be It Resolved, That the South Carolina Conference does hereby petition the General Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America next to be held at Fairmount, Indiana, on June 27, 1951, to amend the Book of Discipline as follows:

- (1) That paragraph 72 be listed as paragraph 72A.
- (2) That paragraph 73 be listed as paragraph 72B.
- (3) That the following be added and be known as paragraph 73;

When children under sixteen (16) years of age apply for membership in our churches they shall be received as members in full connection, provided they qualify according to the membership rules for full connection, and shall have all the rights and privileges of such membership except to vote, and they shall have the right to vote upon reaching the age of sixteen (16). There shall be no budget assignment on children until they are sixteen (16) years of age.

- (4) Paragraph 376, line 13, after word "them" insert (See paragraph 73).

South Carolina Conference.

Referred to a Committee, which is to report to the Board of Administration, by vote.

Item 19**Submitted by the Oregon Conference**

Whereas Paragraphs 114 through 117 of Section VIII of the Discipline seem to overlap one another and are in need of clarification, we suggest the following:

Paragraph 114, as is.

Paragraph 115, as is with the addition of the sentence, "Elders on supernumary list shall sustain an honorary relationship to the Conference with the right to speak, but not to vote."

Paragraph 116, as is with the addition of the sentence, "Elders on supernumary list shall sustain an honorary relationship to the Conference with the right to speak, but not to vote."

Paragraph 117, omit entirely.

Paragraph 113, changed to read "one or more Elders on the stationed list."

Referred to the Committee on Clarification of the Discipline by vote.

Item 20

Paragraph 124 of the Discipline. After the words, "provided that the candidates shall have been traveling as pastor, assistant pastor, or conference evangelist under the direction of the Annual Conference for two years . . ." insert the following: "or shall have engaged in religious service which entirely satisfies the Committee on Itinerary and Orders."—Everett E. Elliott, President, Lockport Conference.

Approved by vote.

Item 21

Par. 127. After the conclusion of the present paragraph add the following: "No candidate shall be recommended for elders' orders until he has first been carefully and specifically questioned by the Committee on Itinerary and Orders and shall have fully satisfied the Committee as to his Christian testimony and as to his full personal commitment, without reservations, to the Articles of Religion of The Wesleyan Methodist Church."—Lockport Conference.

Approved by vote.

Item 22

After question (12) in Paragraph 141 insert the following question as number (13) and change the numbers of the succeeding questions accordingly:

(13) (a) Do you subscribe to THE WESLEYAN METHODIST?

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(b) Do you subscribe to THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY?

(c) Do you subscribe to THE WESLEYAN YOUTH?

In Paragraph 142 change the last of the paragraph to read as follows: ". . . in sub-paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15."—J. B. Hilson.

Approved by vote.

Item 23**Submitted by the Oklahoma Conference**

Section 3 of paragraph 147.

"Home Mission Conferences shall operate under the supervision of the Board of Administration and the General Conference through the office of the Secretary of Home Missions; it being understood that such supervision shall include influence and specific guidance, with mutual consent, in the selection of or relocation of mission conference presidents and pastors and shall include a closely knit functioning of the Home Missions Department with each mission conference in all phases of the administration, supervision, and development of the conference, including finance, location and opening of new fields, evangelistic and pastoral labors, and general matters of policy and method."

Not approved by vote.

Item 24**The President's Advisory Board**

In Paragraph 151, line four, between the words "member" and "with" insert the following: "provided that in larger Conferences the Conference may elect three elders and three lay members." The revised paragraph will then read: "151. The Annual Conference shall at the time of the election of its officers elect an Advisory Board nominated by the President, consisting of one minister and one lay member, provided that in larger Conferences the Conference may elect three elders and three lay members, with whom the President shall confer between the sessions of the Annual Conference, and secure the concurrence in the removal of a pastor and the appointment of his successor; the reception of a church; relieving any person from appointment sanctioned by the previous session of the Annual Conference; and as also provided for in Paragraph 168 of this section. In all other respects the President may act independently of the Advisory Board."

Approved by vote.

Item 25**An Emergency Ordination Clause**

An emergency ordination clause to be inserted at the close of Paragraph 153 to read: No. 153a. In case of an emergency, a candidate who may be recommended by the Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders may be ordained by the President and his Advisory Board and the Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders in the interim of the sessions of the Annual Conference.—North Carolina Conference.

Approved by vote.

Item 26**Submitted by Indiana Conference**

Amend Section VIII, Paragraph 155, to read as follows:

When an elder takes work in another Annual Conference than the one of which he is a member, his Conference membership shall be transferred to the Conference where he has taken work, except that in case of need an elder may be granted a leave of absence to serve in a Mission Conference, provided such action has the approval of the President of each Con-

ference concerned and does not extend beyond a period of five years. He shall have the privilege of voting in the Annual Conference where he is serving, but shall not be entitled to a vote in his own Conference during such leave of absence. He may also serve in any office in the Conference where he is serving to which he may be elected or appointed. An elder holding such leave of absence shall be required to report to the Conference where he holds his membership as required of all elders in Paragraph 135 of this Section, and shall be amenable to both his own Conference and the Conference in which he is serving for his moral and official conduct.

Respectfully submitted.—E. J. Mills, General Secretary, Wesleyan Burial Association; E. L. Kierstead, President, Indiana Conference.

Not approved by vote.

Item 27

Paragraph 166, sub-paragraph (2), sub-division (b)—After the word “evangelist” insert “and all others on the conference roll not appointed to pastoral work.” It will then read, “Each evangelist and all others on the conference roll not appointed to pastoral work should be required to give a complete statistical report of his work to the Annual Conference to which he belongs according to the following plan:”—South Carolina Conference.

Approved by vote.

Item 28

Paragraph 166, section (2), sub-section (b), Item II:

Amend to read as follows:

- Receipts—1. Offerings or salary;
 2. Marriage and Funeral Fees;
 3. Gifts;
 4. Total Receipts;
 5. Traveling expenses;
 6. Net Receipts.

—V. A. Mitchell, W. D. Correll, J. B. Hilson.

The reason for the above is to make the form more complete and possibly easier understood by some.

Referred to Committee on Co-ordination of Forms.

Item 29

Concerning Annual Conference Preachers

We recommend that paragraph 170 of the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline be amended as follows: Sub-paragraph two (2) to read as follows: When a Conference preacher is employed as a pastor of an organized Wesleyan Methodist Church, he shall have the right to vote in the Annual Conference in the election of all Annual Conference officers and delegates to the General Conference, and all other business, excepting in the election to Elder's Orders, and the passing of the character of Elders where a vote is required, and in the election of committees affected by the same. Upon the appointment by the Annual Conference the President shall authorize him to administer the sacraments. Where the law of the State permits, any person employed and authorized as above described shall be permitted to solemnize matrimony while so employed and author-

ized, and in no case shall such authority be continued to any individual for more than seven years.

A new paragraph designated as sub-paragraph three (3) to read as follows:

Each Annual Conference preacher shall be expected to complete a minimum of three books on the Course of Study each year. Failure to pass three books each year for two consecutive years shall be sufficient cause for suspension of the Ministerial Office and credentials. Extenuating circumstances shall receive due consideration by the Committee on Itineracy and Elder's Orders whose decision shall be subject to the Annual Conference.

Sub-paragraph 3 shall be designated as sub-paragraph 4 and amended to read as follows:

The Committee on Itineracy and Elder's Orders of each Conference shall report to each Conference and its President each year the name of those of the Annual Conference preachers who have met the prescribed conditions.

(Submitted by the Committee on Itineracy and Elder's Orders of the North Michigan Conference with approval of the Conference body.)

Not approved by vote.

Item 30

Paragraph 177, Items VI, VII, VIII, IX, X:

In the heading of each of these items substitute the word "Disbursed" for "Contributed."—J. B. Hilson, V. A. Mitchell, W. D. Correll.

The reason for the above change is that the report is a statement of the amount disbursed for these items and in some cases might include money that was not contributed during the year; for instance, a church may have money in its general treasury or otherwise that has been brought forward from preceding years and that church may vote some of that money out of the treasury for these items.

Approved by vote.

Item 31

School District

Motion, duly seconded, prevailed that General Conference be petitioned to include the Illinois Conference territory in the Marion School District.

Item 32

Conference Boundaries

Motion prevailed that General Conference be petitioned to include in Section VIII of the Discipline as follows: "The Illinois Conference shall comprise that part of the State of Illinois north of the Wabash Railway running from the Indiana state line east of Danville, Illinois to Hannibal, Missouri."—Illinois Conference.

Item 33

Change of Boundaries

The North Carolina Committee on Memorials wish to call to the attention of the Committee on Boundaries Paragraph 199.

In Paragraph 199, line three, between the words "Jackson" and "and" insert the following: "except the Cherokee Indian Reservation."

The revised paragraph should read: "199. South Carolina Conference shall include the State of South Carolina except York and Malboro Counties; it shall include Jackson, except the Cherokee Indian Reservation, and Macon Counties of North Carolina."

It is also called to the attention of the Committee on Boundaries that Paragraph 192 should be made to conform to the changes recommended in Paragraph 199.

(The concurrence of the President of the South Carolina Conference was secured, orally, in this matter.)

Items 31, 32, 33 referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Item 34

(Substitute the following for Par. 242 in Discipline.)

The Publishing Agent shall supervise, manage, and promote the interests of the Publishing Association under the direction of a Commission on Publications which shall consist of the Publishing Agent, the Associate Publishing Agent, who shall be ex officio members, and three members elected by the Board of Administration; one member of the Commission shall be associated with and representative of the Sunday School Department. In case an Associate Publishing Agent is not elected, the Board shall elect an additional member to the Commission. The Publishing Agent shall be Chairman of the Commission.

(Substitute the following for Par. 264 in Discipline.)

The Secretary of Foreign Missions shall have the superintendency of the foreign missionary interests of the Church, and shall be responsible for the financial management and promotion of the same under the direction of a Commission on Foreign Missions. Said Commission shall be composed of seven members; the Secretary of Foreign Missions, the President of the Woman's Missionary Society, and the General Secretary of the Wesleyan Young People's Society shall be ex officio members. The Board of Administration shall elect from its number four additional members. The Secretary of Foreign Missions shall be Chairman and may be Treasurer. The President of the General Conference shall serve in an advisory capacity. Said Commission shall review applications from prospective missionaries, interview candidates, recommend employment of missionaries, hear reports of returning missionaries, and determine policies and activities of the Department of Foreign Missions through recommendations to the Missionary Board. The Commission may recommend the employment of returned missionaries in churches and Conferences. Contracts with such workers shall be valid when passed by the Missionary Board or the Executive Board. When the Commission on Foreign Missions so directs, the Secretary of Foreign Missions or some other representative of the Board shall visit each of our fields on foreign territory. It shall be the duty of the Foreign Missionary Secretary to make full report of his activities to the Commission on Foreign Missions as a matter of information and to the Missionary Board for action.

(Substitute the following for Par. 265 in Discipline.)

The Secretary of Church Extension shall have superintendency of both the general church extension program and home missionary activities of

the Denomination. He shall be responsible for the financial management and promotion of the same under the direction of the Commission on Church Extension. Said Commission shall consist of seven members; the Secretary of Church Extension, the General Secretary of the Wesleyan Young People's Society, and the President of the Woman's Missionary Society shall be ex officio members. Four additional members shall be elected by the Board of Administration from its membership. The President of General Conference shall serve in an advisory capacity. The Secretary of Church Extension shall be chairman of the Commission and may be treasurer of the Department. It shall be his duty to solicit and secure funds from all available sources, and to visit the churches and Conferences in the interests of the work of the Department. He shall employ as much of his time as possible in church extension. He may employ additional help as the work may require. The time of service, the remuneration, and the duties shall be determined by recommendation of the Commission to the Missionary Board. The Secretary of Church Extension shall make a full report of his activities and the financial condition of the Department to the Commission as a matter of information and to the Missionary Board for action. The Board of Church Extension and the Secretary of Evangelism shall be considered as part of the Department and shall work under its direction. (Par. 275A to be omitted.)

Referred to Committee on Clarification of the Discipline.

Item 35

Submitted by District Organizers of W. M. S.

We, the district organizers of the Woman's Missionary Society of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, in session at Galena, Ohio, this seventh day of October, 1950, respectfully petition the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference which is to convene at Fairmount, Indiana on June 27, 1951, as follows:

1. That Par. 284, Article 5, Officers, Item (5) be changed to read: the area chairmen shall be advisory members of the Executive Board.

2. That Par. 285, Article 6, Duties of Officers, Item (7) be changed to read: Area Chairmen and Duties: . . .

3. That Item (8) under same paragraph shall be changed to read: An area chairman shall be appointed over each district, whose duty it shall be to respond to calls from the Annual Conferences and the local societies (Omit "organizing societies and bands.") raising funds for missionary purposes, holding missionary institutes, promoting the mission study program, and strengthening the work in general, reporting to and working in harmony with the President of the General Conference Woman's Missionary Society and Executive Board.

4. That in Par. 291, Article 5, Officers, Item (1) the word "Organizer" be omitted.

5. That Par. 292, Article 6, Duties of Officers, Item (1) be changed to read: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings and supervise the interests and work of the society. It shall also be her duty to organize societies and bands. She shall bring to the Annual Conference each year a general and financial report and shall by virtue of her office be a member of the Missionary Board of the Annual Conference.

6. That Par. 292, Article 6, Duties of Officers omit Item (5) entirely,

thus abolishing the office of Conference Organizer.—Myrtle B. Lawrence, Secretary of District Organizers at Galena, Ohio, Workshop.

Approved by vote.

Item 36

The North Michigan W. M. S. Conference voted to send the following memorial to General Conference concerning Paragraph 301, Article 6:

The Paragraph now reads: "(1) The officers of this Society shall be members of the local society electing, and shall consist of a President, who shall be a member of The Wesleyan Methodist Church; Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Work Director, and Superintendent of the Young Missionary Workers' Band. (2) These officers shall be elected annually by ballot."

We wish the memorial to read: "The officers of this Society shall be members of the local Society electing, and shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Work Director, and Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B. who shall be members of The Wesleyan Methodist Church. (2) These officers shall be elected annually by ballot"—Mrs. Sherwood Eddy, Secretary.

Not approved by vote.

Item 37

Submitted by the South Carolina Conference

Amend the Discipline as follows:

Paragraph 316, Item 4, sub-paragraph (1)—Eliminate words from "and" in line 2 to the word "ordained" in line 4, thus making sub-paragraph (1) read as follows: "Elders and Conference Preachers who are giving full time to a Conference appointment and his time of service shall begin with his first full time Conference appointment."

Paragraph 317, Item 5:

Sub-paragraph (1), Eliminate the first word.

Sub-paragraph (2), Eliminate the first three words and add to the end of the paragraph these words—"while the wife of a Wesleyan Methodist minister and in addition she shall receive full benefits for any service rendered that is covered by the Pension Plan."

Add the following as sub-paragraph (9)—"If a member ceases to be engaged in work covered by the Pension Plan he may discontinue payment of his assessments and upon retirement be eligible to draw benefits on the years of service rendered under the Pension Plan, unless he is proved guilty of immoral conduct."

Paragraph 319, Item 7: Eliminate all of paragraph after the word "Plan" in next to the last line and add the following words—"without paying his assessments during the time of his inactivity. The validity of the cause and the duration of this temporary inactivity shall be determined by the Conference Board on Pension Plan. The time of such inactivity shall not count on his service record."

Referred to the Executive Board.

Item 38

Submitted by the Ohio Conference

Resolved, That the Ohio Conference memorialize the General Conference to amend Paragraph 317 of the Discipline by striking out Sub-

paragraph six (6) and inserting the following to be numbered Sub-paragraph six (6): "Claims paid any Conference during any Conference year shall be reduced by one-half the percentage by which said Conference may have failed to pay its full pension budget assignment for the preceding Conference year."

Item 39

Paragraph 317, Item 5, section 6. Delete entire section. V. A. Mitchell, W. D. Correll, J. B. Hilson.

The reason for the above change is to enable the minister to know exactly what to expect in benefits and to remove the most objectionable and undesirable phase of the Pension Plan. This likewise will bring the operation of the Pension Plan into uniformity with the operation of the other departments of the Church. If the present financial structure of the plan will not permit such, the financial structure should be changed so as to permit such. This can be done by raising the assessments or budget, or by lowering the benefits.

Item 40

Paragraph 321, Item 9.

Amend by adding the following at the close of this item: Except in the case of children under seventeen years of age, who shall in the event of the death of both parents receive benefits until they are seventeen years of age equivalent to that received by the last surviving parent.—V. A. Mitchell, W. D. Correll, J. B. Hilson.

The reason for the above change is to take care of the minister's children to whom we have as much responsibility as we do to the minister's wife or the minister himself. Such cases likely will be rare, but nevertheless, provisions should be made for them. Paragraph 317, Item 5, Section 3, designates that the entire number will draw only one benefit.

Item 41

Submitted by North Michigan Conference

The North Michigan Conference submits the following recommended corrections to the administration of the Superannuate Pension Plan:

1. Options retirement at the age of sixty.
2. Upon request any member shall be granted a full refund of all salary assessment monies paid into the Plan.
3. Non-payment of assessments after maximum years of benefit has been served.—H. R. Sloan, William J. Lamb, E. D. Jeffries, Committee.

Item 42

Submitted by Canada Conference

We recommend that the Canada Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church, now in session, memorialize the General Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church, at its next General Conference, to consider the changing of the percentage of the Superannuate Benefits from the Conference Yearly Payment of its Budget, to the minister's percentage record of the churches he has pastored.—C. A. Robinson, R. L. LeRoy, H. Kielty, Committee.

Items 38-42 were referred by vote to Committee on Pension Plan.

Item 43

(Substitute the following for Par. 330 in Discipline.)

The General Sunday School Secretary and Editor shall edit Sunday school literature and supplies, and shall promote the general interests of the Sunday school work of the Church under the direction of the Commission on Sunday schools. Said Commission shall be composed of five members. The General Sunday School Secretary and Editor shall be ex officio member and Chairman of the Commission. The Board of Administration shall elect from its number four members—one from each school district. One of the elected members shall be associated with and a representative of the Publishing Association. The Commission shall determine the policies and activities of the Sunday School Department under the jurisdiction of the Board of Administration.

Item 43 was referred to the Committee on Clarification of Discipline.

Item 44

Paragraph 357, sub-paragraph (2)—Delete the last question, "Do you use tea or coffee?"—South Carolina Conference.

Approved by vote.

Item 45

Par. 369. Amend the present paragraph to read as follows: "Each candidate must also, prior to his recommendation for elders' orders, be examined orally by the Conference Committee on Itineracy and Orders regarding his personal adherence to each and every one of our Articles of Religion."

Approved by vote.

Item 46**Officers of Campus W. Y. P. Societies**

Par. 398 (p. 246). In Article IV (Officers) at the close of Section (1) add the following: "except that in the case of a campus W. Y. P. Society any of the members who are of unquestioned Christian experience and devotion to God and commitment to the doctrines of the Bible as taught by The Wesleyan Methodist Church shall be eligible for election to these offices."—Lockport Conference.

Item 47

Following is a memorial to General Conference submitted by the last Annual Conference of the North Michigan Conference held at Cadillac, Michigan:

I. Memorials to General Conference.

1. Whereas the maximum age limit of 40 years appears to be high in the Wesleyan Young People's Society, Be It Resolved, That the maximum age limit shall be 30 years.

II. Whereas ministers should have a part in the forming of policies which are vital to the life of the Church, Be It Resolved, That all pastors have equal right to attend W. Y. P. S. conventions as voting members.—Alfred J. Clough, Conference Secretary.

Items 46 and 47, Referred to the Committee on Young People's Work.

Item 48

Paragraph 419 on page 278 of the printed Discipline, 1947 edition, to be amended by adding this section of questions after the first answer: "I think so" and before the question: "Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures . . ."

The President. Do you cordially accept our Articles of Faith and agree to declare and defend them? And do you acknowledge your obligation to promote the institutions established and approved by The Wesleyan Methodist Church?

Answer. I do, in the fear of God.—Roy S. Nicholson.

Approved by vote.

Item 49

Paragraph 419 (page 278). After the words "are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures . . ." insert the following added words: "are the fully inspired and inerrant Word of God and that they . . ." The remainder of the paragraph to read as at present.—Lockport Conference.

Approved by vote.

Item 50

Add a new paragraph which would be No. 450:

Form of Letter to Ministers Leaving Our Denomination

This certifies that, the bearer, has been up to this date an elder in the Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, and being desirous of withdrawing from said Denomination is hereby dismissed and cordially recommended to the Christian confidence of those to whom this certificate may be presented.

Given at this day of
, President.

Footnote: This certificate may be granted without recommendation in the discretion of the President and his Advisory Board.—North Carolina Conference.

Approved by vote.

Item 51

We recommend the following as paragraph 238-B.

The Board of Administration shall be the Board of Managers of Brainerd Indian Training School near Hot Springs, South Dakota. The general supervision of this School shall be delegated to the Secretary of Home Missions under whose department it shall function. The School shall have a local Board of Managers composed of six persons, four of whom shall be nominated by the Secretary of Home Missions and elected by the Board of Administration. The Secretary of Home Missions shall be the fifth member of the Board of Managers, and shall serve as Chairman of the same; the sixth member shall be the person who is serving as the duly elected President of said Brainerd School. The first five members of said Board of Managers shall elect the President of Brainerd Indian Training School whenever a vacancy may occur, but this election must be ratified by the Board of Administration of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, or its Executive Board. The actions of the Board of Managers shall be subject to review by the Board of Administration

which shall have power to veto any decisions of said Board of Managers. The Board of Administration shall also have power to initiate any actions it may deem to be to the interest of the School. All members of the Board of Managers of the Brainerd School shall be members in good standing of some Wesleyan Methodist Church. A seventh member, not a Wesleyan Methodist may be added at the discretion of the Secretary of Home Missions, subject to the approval of the Board of Administration. Said Board of Managers shall formulate by-laws for the management of said Brainerd Indian Training School, which by-laws shall be approved by the Board of Administration.

Approved by vote.

Report No. 22

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL COLLEGE

It is with a sense of thanksgiving to God for His leadership and gracious assistance, as well as a feeling of gratitude toward our fellow workers that I make this quadrennial report on the work of Central College to the General Conference. Along with this feeling is mingled a sense of unworthiness and humility on our own part because of human limitations. While there have been problems, disappointments, and reverses, yet there is evidence that the institution has in many respects made steady progress during the quadrennium.

Enrollment Gains

For each successive opening of the regular school session during the quadrennium, Central has found herself with an increased enrollment. This is particularly encouraging in that the trend of enrollments in American colleges for the last two years has been downward. The total enrollments including summer terms has been as follows:

1947-1948	217
1948-1949	223
1949-1950	263
1950-1951	311

The increase in enrollment during the quadrennium has been from 208 at the close of the last year of the preceding quadrennium to 311 which makes a total gain of 103 or approximately 50% increase.

Last summer the institution began the first summer school in its history and we are again in summer session this year. Enrollment for summer sessions has been small; but the work has been splendid.

The enrollment in the Department of Theology has increased over 100% during the quadrennium. It has risen from forty at the last year of the preceding quadrennium to eighty-one for the close of the present quadrennium.

Buildings Completed

At the time of the last quadrennial report, Central College was nearing the close of a vigorous and successful building campaign. At that time two of the buildings, Childs Hall (which is a men's dormitory) and the Bridwell Building (which is a library), were under construction. Both these buildings were finished and ready to be used at the opening of the next fall session. They have met an important need of the institution and are serviceable as well as attractive.

Other Material Improvements

In the spring of 1950 the State Highway Department of the State of South Carolina completed a very attractive boulevard with sidewalks, gutters, curbing, and grass plots. This street which is approximately one-fourth mile in length makes a beautiful and convenient approach to the front of the Administration Building. Though it cost the Highway Department several thousands of dollars, it came without cost to the institution.

During the summer of 1950 the Pickens County Highway Department hard-surfaced a street leading from the front of the Administration Building around the circle in front of Smith Hall and out to the Veteran Apartments. This project was also without cost to the College and is a great improvement to the campus.

For many years the College had handled the mail for students and faculty without remuneration. In May of 1949 the United States Post Office Department established a contract station in the college office to be operated in the name of the President. This branch post office not only gives the college a salary for handling the mail but also affords great convenience to the college and community.

Other material improvements include redecoration of the Administration Building, topsoiling and seeding a good part of the main campus in grasses, venetian blinds for the chapel, furniture for the lobby of Childs Hall, radio equipment for broadcasting by remote control, additional administrative offices, a 16mm. audio-visual projector for instructional purposes, construction of additional housing for married students, and an automatic electrically-controlled bell system for the buildings and campus.

For many years the College has operated with a science laboratory entirely too small and not properly equipped. We are now in the process of constructing two science laboratories, one for chemistry and one for biology, in the basement of the Administration Building. These laboratories will be of sufficient size and adequately equipped.

We are also in the process of constructing a library work-room in the basement of the Bridwell Library.

Professor J. B. Childs, who has taught successfully for many years in Central College, is now employed as full-time Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds in charge of maintenance. His skill and ingenuity as a builder, electrician, plumber, mechanic, and farmer, together with his love and loyalty to Central College will mean much to the institution so far as the care and improvement of the plant is concerned.

Financial Gains

For any progress Central College has made during the quadrennium now closing, much credit is due to the many people who have supported her so generously. The gifts for current expense for this quadrennium amounted to \$62,250.88 as compared with \$38,962.49 for the previous quadrennium. During the fiscal year which closed April 30, 1951, budget receipts amounted to \$16,539.97 as compared with \$9,658.58 for the last fiscal year of the preceding quadrennium and was an all-time high record. The special donations for building fund or indebtedness during the quadrennium were not as high as for the preceding quadrennium but were unusually high as compared with other times when the institution was not in an intensive building campaign. The total receipts for the present quadrennium was \$446,754.87 as compared with \$280,236.81 for the previous quadrennium.

When the building program was completed early in the present quadrennium, the total indebtedness for the improvements amounted to approximately \$39,000. In September of 1948 an effort was begun to liquidate this indebtedness which had been created for a noble and worthy cause. Though the effort followed close upon the heels of the previous building and improvement campaign, the people responded well. The present indebtedness for improvements less cash on hand for that purpose is approximately \$9,000.00 and a good part of this amount has been pledged.

The farm which has been somewhat of a financial liability in many of the years in the past has now become a valuable asset and for each of the last two years has operated at a gain of approximately one thousand dollars. We are raising practically all the pork the dining room can consume and many of the vegetables. Several friends of the College are donating cattle for the beginning of a herd for beef purposes.

One handicap experienced by Central College in the past has been the extremely low salaries she has been able to pay her faithful teachers. When the General Conference met in 1947, the minimum annual salary of a teacher according to the salary schedule was \$1100 whereas the maximum salary provided was approximately \$1600. A few weeks after the General Conference the minimum salary was raised to \$1320. At the last meeting of our Board of Managers which was in January of 1951, the minimum salary was set at \$2050 and the maximum salary was fixed at \$2800. A provision was made, however, for a small reduction in salaries in case of emergency. The instructional salaries for the previous quadrennium was listed at \$55,669.08 whereas the instructional salaries for the quadrennium now closing amounted to \$91,722.01.

Academic Improvements

The academic standards of the institution have been rapidly raised during the quadrennium. During the first year of the quadrennium three members of the faculty held Master's degrees. None held a degree higher than the Master's and the librarian did not hold a degree in Library Science. During the last year of the quadrennium six members held the Master's degree; two held degrees beyond the Master's; the librarian held a degree in Library Science; and one teacher was on leave of absence completing residence requirements at the University of Indiana for the Doctorate in Education. He has now returned to the college and is teaching in the summer school. The number of teachers for the last year of the quadrennium was the largest in the history of the school and we have employed an additional member for next year.

The coming of Professor E. Stanley Banker, Jr., as head of the Department of Music has been a great blessing to the institution. Approximately two hundred students registered for private lessons in music last school year. There are four teachers employed in the Department of Music.

The annual library expenditures have increased approximately 200% during the quadrennium. The institution of the Commercial Department at the beginning of the quadrennium proved successful and is being continued.

Improvement of Public Relations

In building and maintaining the moral and financial support of the institution and in building the enrollment, the matter of public relations is very important. During the quadrennium we have placed a field represen-

tative on duty. His contacts with men of the business and professional world have resulted in financial gain as well as a new moral support for the institution. He has also made other valuable contacts.

For a number of months the college has conducted weekly broadcasts over Radio Station WSNW of Seneca, South Carolina, without cost except for rent on one telephone line.

Special folders and booklets have been published and distributed extensively and a vast amount of other advertising material has gone out from the office.

Professor Banker has organized and trained an A Cappella Choir of twenty-six voices and during the year just closed the Choir traveled several thousand miles giving sacred concerts over the Southern Area. Wherever they have gone, the people have been favorably impressed with the splendid selections and especially with the blessings of God which attended the singing. In a number of appearances the fire fell on the Choir and congregation while the programs were being given and in some instances the concert was turned into an altar service. The Choir is now broadcasting by transcription over Radio Station WSNW each Sunday afternoon.

Professor Banker is now traveling with the Male Quartette on a ten weeks' tour giving programs in the churches of the Southern Area.

Progress Toward Full Accreditation

During the fall of 1948 the University of South Carolina extended provisional transfer credit to the graduates of our Junior College Department. The Junior College Department is approved by the State Department of Education of the State of South Carolina for teacher training and the High School Department is also accredited by the State Department of Education. Recently the College became a member of the Southern Association of Junior Colleges, which is not an accrediting agency. Already our graduates are being admitted to the leading colleges and universities of the nation.

However, our young people are worthy of the best in the way of Christian education and the institution is pushing toward membership in the regional association of the South. We are authorized to make application in the fall of 1951.

Spiritual Advancement

Though the spiritual progress is intangible and cannot be measured with as much accuracy as some other types of progress, yet the spiritual welfare of the institution is of paramount importance. The coming of Rev. L. D. Wilcox as College Pastor has been the source of great blessings to the institution. His vast experience as a conference and denominational leader, his spiritual life, his consecrated scholarship, his mature and practical judgment, and his deep insight into the Word of God make his service of untold value to the student body, faculty, and community. The remarkable degree of harmony that now prevails both on the campus as well as on the field so far as Central College is concerned is encouraging.

As Central College girds herself for the work of another quadrennium, she needs the prayers of the denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. Mullinax, President.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CENTRAL COLLEGE

May 1, 1947-April 30, 1951

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**RECEIPTS**

Tuition and fees	\$100,934.91
Income from investments	208,857.36
Gifts for current expense	62,250.88
Gifts for improvements	31,997.73
Loans	18,850.00
Annuities	5,400.00
Miscellaneous	18,463.99
Total Receipts	\$446,754.87
Cash on hand May 1, 1947	28,251.90
Total to account for	\$475,006.77

DISBURSEMENTS

General Control	\$65,562.92
Instructional	91,722.01
Operational	15,520.68
Maintenance	18,194.72
Debt Service	7,362.87
Capital Outlay	49,285.26
Investments	165,714.77
Redemption of bills payable	40,299.57
Miscellaneous	15,901.37
Total Disbursements	\$469,564.17
Cash on hand April 30, 1951	5,442.60
Total to balance	\$475,006.77

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT AS OF APRIL 30, 1951

Income from tuition and fees	\$100,934.91
Income from investments	208,857.36
Gifts for current expense	62,250.88
Income from accounts receivable	15,250.46
Income from other sources	18,463.99
Total Earnings For Current Expense	\$405,757.60

Current Expense

General Control	\$65,562.92
Instructional	91,722.01
Operational	15,520.68
Maintenance	18,194.72
Debt Service	7,362.87

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

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Investments	165,714.77	
Accounts Payable	4,370.38	
Miscellaneous	15,901.37	
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Total for Current Expense		\$384,349.72
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Current Gain for Quadrennium		\$21,407.88
Contributions for Permanent Improvements		31,997.73
Gain from cancellation of annuities		5,600.00
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Business Gain for Quadrennium.....		\$59,005.61

BALANCE SHEET

April 30, 1951

ASSETS

Current Funds:

Cash on Hand		\$50.00	
Cash in Bank		1,652.90	
Accounts Receivable		15,250.46	
Inventories:			
Dining Hall	\$ 532.40		
Farm Products	712.00		
Bookstore	1,159.57		
College Cupboard	114.68	2,518.65	
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Total Current Fund			\$19,472.01

Annuity Funds:

Due from Plant Fund		11,100.00
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Plant Funds:

Unexpended:			
Cash in bank		3,789.70	
Invested in Plant:			
Land	4,980.00		
Buildings	199,338.79		
Furniture and Fixtures	24,512.46		
Water System	12,000.00		
Miscellaneous Equipment	4,759.00	245,590.25	249,379.95
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TOTAL ASSETS

\$279,951.96

Current Funds:

Accounts Payable	4,370.38	
Accrued Salaries—Bookstore	791.29	
Accrued Salaries—College Cupboard	289.51	
Reserve for New Bell System	337.05	
Surplus	13,683.78	19,472.01
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Annuity Funds

Annuity Contracts		11,100.00
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Plant Funds:

Mortgage Notes Payable:

Easley Bank	10,000.00	
Others	4,000.12	14,000.12
Due to Annuity Fund		11,100.00
Net Investment in Plant	224,279.83	249,379.95

TOTAL LIABILITIES, ANNUITIES,

RESERVES and SURPLUS **\$279,951.96**

R. C. Mullinax, Treasurer.

Report No. 23

**REPORT OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST COLLEGE OF
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**

To the Members of the General Conference:

To most of us, the incidents that led to the beginning of a Wesleyan Methodist Church in Australia are known. Here is a whole continent with a history similar to ours, and an area about the same as ours. This country was settled by English migrants who set up institutions very much like our own. In her government, her economical system, and in her modern ideas, Australia has followed very much our pattern.

However, in her spiritual life, she is sadly lacking in that which we Wesleyans hold most dear. For some reason her Methodism did not produce a holiness movement. As a result, Australia has had, and is having, no revivals. All evangelism in that land has been left to Calvinism with its "sinning saints" and "eternal security" doctrines. Even they are not producing any aggressive evangelism, and in most cases only shallow conversions.

Through various incidents, and special calls of the Holy Spirit, God has laid in our hands the task of raising up a Holiness Church on this needy continent. The task is not an easy one. Both Modernism and Calvinism unite there to discourage and destroy such a beginning. The Rev. K. M. Ridgway, upon whose leadership we depended as the work began, has suffered untold disappointments with those whom he gathered around him. Miss Grace Wood, after thirty years in India, was called of God to stop by Australia in those starting days, and give two years of untiring and courageous labor to the Cause.

It was during those trying days, and at the time that Rev. J. R. Swauger was in Australia, that in prayer and consultation, it was felt that a school was necessary in order to ever establish a true work of holiness. Miraculously, God provided a very suitable building that could serve for both school and church headquarters. When the appeal for funds was made through our Home Missionary Department, God wonderfully opened up hearts. Through personal and church giving, and a very liberal gift from the General Woman's Missionary Society, a sufficient sum was raised to purchase the building. With further gifts from Marion College, and others, the building was decorated and equipped.

These things were done in the early part of 1948. Since there was no one there to open the school program, Brother Ridgway and Sister

Wood opened it as a boarding house. In the time it was being used as such, God set His seal on it by saving and sanctifying two lads who are now in training in the College.

In November of 1948 my family and I arrived in Melbourne to open the school. After careful planning, we officially opened on March 7, 1949, and enrolled seven students. We are now in our third year, and plan to graduate three students in the near future. We have had fifteen students enroll in the three years, and our average attendance is about six.

When one realizes the high cost of professing holiness in Australia, and the great barriers raised against such a cause, one is not surprised at our small enrollment. The large churches, as well as the evangelicals, have warned their youth against us. With the conservative people who are slow to accept new things, and especially new churches, and with the lack of a tradition of holiness among them, we cannot expect a rapid growth of student body, nor great support from Australia at the present.

The hope for our College must lie with our pioneer churches and Sunday schools. God has opened a challenging field for us in Sunday school and youth work. In our six Sunday schools, we have nearly 500 children enrolled. Opportunities to increase this number are tremendous, if only we can get buildings and workers. Our school now will grow with the church.

God has given us some faithful Wesleyans in Australia who have been through the fires, and are being made into pure gold. They are giving and sacrificing to the limit. Last conference year, with a reported membership of 33, they raised \$65.00 per capita. About one third of the members were youth. The average income in Australia is only one half of what it is in the United States. In view of this fact, the average is good. In the same conference year, we gained 18 new members, making our total now 50.

Those 50 members raised cash and pledges of nearly \$500.00 for Foreign Missions at our last Camp, and over \$200.00 for the school on Harvest Day. They are getting back of Wesleyan Methodism and give every promise of growth. To God goes all the praise.

Our College assets are now nearly \$20,000.00 with only a small indebtedness. Besides a fine ten room, well constructed, brick building, we have an annex with large kitchen and dining room, a large 20 x 40 hall, and other small storage rooms. A new home for the College President has recently been completed.

It is necessary for us to start the educational standard of our school at the point where most of our students are. This will mean that we will gradually raise that standard as the school grows. At present it is just a Bible School with theological subjects. We want it always to be that, but also foresee an academy and college curriculum as the school grows. Best of all, it is a holiness school, and the first of its kind on the continent of Australia. May God grant it growth, and help it lead the way for many more like it!—Leo G. Cox, President

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST
BIBLE COLLEGE
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**

From November 1, 1947 to December 31, 1950

RECEIPTS

Tuition	\$ 607.50
Board	4,976.50
Resales of Provisions	508.00
Fees	244.00
Loans	3,694.92
Gifts from Australia	898.25
Gifts through Home Missions Department	18,149.17
Gifts from America direct	29.00
Fares	308.50
Miscellaneous	5.00
Total Receipts	\$29,420.84

DISBURSEMENTS

Property	\$10,466.50
Equipment, Furniture and Station Wagon	8,508.04
Property Improvement	813.82
Maintenance and Repairs	1,123.23
Wages	1,999.00
Provisions	2,881.00
Utilities	692.00
Taxes and Insurance	208.00
Car Expenses	288.75
Office Expenses	94.00
Loans Repaid	1,032.00
Interest	89.00
Devaluation	742.00
Miscellaneous	166.50
Total Disbursements	\$ 29,103.84
Balance in Hand at 31st December, 1950	\$ 317.00

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1950

ASSETS

College Building and Land	\$ 9,000.00
College Equipment	3,000.00
President's Home	5,000.00
Station Wagon	1,800.00
Cash in Bank	317.00
Total	\$19,117.00

LIABILITIES

Loan	\$ 1,575.00
Net Assets	17,542.00
Total	<hr/> \$19,117.00

Report No. 24

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
OF
HOUGHTON COLLEGE AND SEMINARY**

June, 1947 to June, 1951

Mr. President and Brethren of the General Conference:

Once more in God's good providence it is our duty and pleasure to bring to you a quadrennial report concerning the progress of Houghton College and Seminary, together with a few pertinent observations with reference to conditions relating to the school.

Student Body

Our last quadrennial report, brought to the General Conference in 1947, showed a rapidly rising enrollment trend, a natural expection following the close of World War II. This past quadrennium has seen this trend come to its peak in the school year 1948-49, following which time the enrollment curve showed a declining tendency as the number of veterans in college decreased, and more particularly during the past year as the Korean War has brought us face to face with the same type of condition which confronted us at the start of the last war.

We present herewith a table indicating summary enrollment figures for the quadrennium:

Enrollment Summary Table

Year	Total	College Grads June & August
1947-48	824	95
1948-49	878	163
1949-50	853	166
1950-51	781	156

This past year the rapid development of the Korean War picture and tightening of selective service requirements have resulted in a situation where the college has had to carry a rather high overhead and yet be faced with a decreasing income. The result has been a current net loss of some \$10,000 for the year 1950-51. Predictions as to the enrollment picture for the fall present a variety of judgments, but it is the feeling of the administration that we must be prepared to take an enrollment decrease of from 25% to 30% this coming fall. We are endeavoring to adapt our plans and attitudes to this picture, at the same time doing everything that we can

to bring enough students to the college this fall so that the net enrollment situation may perhaps not be as greatly affected as has been anticipated.

Financial Condition

Houghton College, in common with many other holiness schools, has but a very limited endowment and by far the major portion of this is invested in plant facilities which are income producing in their nature. In view of the limited endowment, the school operates from year to year on the basis of income from students, supplemented by gifts for current expense, and with a small return from endowment investments. Naturally during times when the enrollment is fluctuating and uncertain, this same condition is reflected in the financial position of the college, particularly in the area of current income and expense.

Consequently these past four years have been times of financial fluctuation, accentuated by the fact that the college has been compelled to make several significant capital investments, all of which have resulted in a measure of strain upon the current funds.

We present herewith a table indicating the financial position of the school progressively throughout the four years of the quadrennium:

Table Showing Yearly Financial Position

Year	Land, Bldgs. & Equipment	Endowment Except Plant	Notes, Mortgages & Bonds Payable	Excess of Plant & Endowment Assets Over Liabilities
1947-48	\$ 682,357.90	\$ 53,386.67	\$ 85,969.41	\$ 649,775.16
1948-49	722,143.48	58,751.87	92,569.41	688,325.94
1949-50	762,100.50	68,401.31	96,000.00	734,501.81
1950-51	966,096.29	22,348.04	159,278.50	829,165.83

Year	Current Income	Current Expense	Current Net Loss	Current Net Gain
1947-48	\$ 415,970.93	427,665.26	11,694.33	0.
1948-49	589,368.14	588,301.88	0.	1,066.26
1949-50	642,082.67	628,755.72	0.	13,326.95
1950-51	636,452.30	660,308.41	* 23,856.11	0.

*Of this amount \$13,536.60 is represented by a newly set up reserve against summer instructional salaries. Thus in reaching a comparable figure with relation to other years, this amount should be deducted from the current net loss, giving a resulting figure of \$10,319.51 as the current net loss for 1950-51.

From the above figures it will be noted that the land, buildings, and equipment of the school have increased during the quadrennium by \$283,739.39. During the same period the notes, mortgages, and similar obligations have increased by \$73,309.09. The resulting picture shows that the true increase in plant and endowment assets as compared with liabilities is \$179,390.67. In this connection it should be said that none of the building valuations have been increased in line with present inflated property valuation trends. However, in the case of improvements and additions made during the last quadrennium, we have naturally valued these at cost, which has represented a more inflated figure than would have been the case in earlier years.

The books and financial records of Houghton College and Seminary have been audited each year by Roy E. Williams and Company, Certified Accountants of Camden, New Jersey, and these audit reports have been regularly presented each year to the Board of Administration of the Church and adopted by them.

Growth of Plant

Faced with an expanding enrollment during the past quadrennium it has been necessary for Houghton College and Seminary to undertake several significant plant improvements which have constituted a very considerable financial pull upon the school.

At the time of our last General Conference we were in the midst of installing a complete new water distribution system. At that time our water system was carried on the books at a valuation of \$47,648.59. Now, with the distribution system and water treatment plant completed, the book figure for the water system is \$73,968.60. The cost of this rather tremendous revision of our water facilities was borne by a bond issue which at the present date constitutes a liability against the college in the amount of \$59,300. Our financial advisers tell us that the water works system provides an ample warrant and security, making this indebtedness reasonable. But nevertheless it is an indebtedness.

In 1948 Houghton College secured another desirable piece of village property located immediately contiguous to the campus. This was the Barnett property which now stands in our list of assets at \$15,700. It has been felt by the administration that as these properties near the campus become available it is to the best interest of the college to purchase them, if they can be obtained at a satisfactory price. The Barnett property included not only a fine house of brick construction and with circulating hot water heat, but also a building suitable for use as a confectionery and snack shop together with the equipment for this purpose. Over a period of years, as the college has secured properties of this kind it has in many cases needed to borrow funds for such purchase. Our notes payable now stand at \$38,978.50. Most of this was incurred in the purchase of village properties.

In 1947 the Federal Works Administration assigned to Houghton College a rather considerable frame building which had been used by the army at one of the installations in New York State. This building was dismantled and shipped to Houghton College at a cost of some \$8,000 to the government. On our part we went to the expense of constructing a permanent foundation, setting up the building in permanent condition, and completing it with a stone veneer exterior. This was finished during the school year 1948-49 at a cost of some \$20,726.42 to the college. The building now known as the Fine Arts Building, houses several spacious classrooms, a splendid art studio, and control room and studios for the student broadcasting station WJSL. This latter station is a development of the past two years and serves the college and community by broadcasting within Houghton the chapel and church services, athletic events, student activity programs, and classical and religious music broadcasts on a limited schedule.

At the same time that the Fine Arts Building was under construction, it was found necessary to secure additional administrative office space and the finishing of the basement of Luckey Memorial Building was undertaken at a final cost of \$13,001.91.

Another development of some importance to the school is the new athletic field which has for some time been planned for the plot of land which was earlier secured from Brother Alex Steese. In June, 1948, the Alumni Association voted to get behind the athletic field project. To date there has been expended in the development of this much needed athletic field \$8,691.08. The running track has not yet been constructed, but the grading completed and all but a minor portion of the drainage installed. A cover crop has been planted on the new field and it is hoped that the college will shortly secure the use of this facility. We have been without an athletic field since the construction of the Luckey Memorial Building.

The most recent and considerable plant undertaking of the college has been the construction of a new dormitory for women. At the time of our last quadrennial report there was a fund of \$34,652.74 on hand for this purpose. Actual construction was commenced on June 6, 1950. Our present report shows that there has been expended on this building up to April, 1951 (April 30), an amount of \$192,342.13. Of this amount \$50,000 is money borrowed and represents a liability against the college. It is anticipated that it will require another \$50,000 to complete the building and put it into condition for use. An amount of \$30,000 would, it is estimated, complete the upper three floors of this four-story building so that these could be used for student rooms. We are looking to the Lord to make it possible for us to complete this much needed building. Even in spite of the present downward enrollment trend, the college definitely needs and can use this facility for women's rooming.

Spiritual Factors

A church college in order to remain effective and spiritual must grow in an atmosphere of revival. God has graciously and generously given Houghton some splendid periods of revival and this last quadrennium finds us deeply indebted to Him for a continuation of His blessed presence in our midst.

Two revival meetings are held each year on Houghton's campus, the one early in the fall semester and the other early in the second semester and thus during the winter. Laboring with us in the ministry of evangelism during the past four years have been such godly men as George Failing, James DeWeerd, S. H. Turbeyville, H. K. Sheets, H. Gilbert Williams, Paul S. Rees, and Roy S. Nicholson. As we have prayed and worked together for the glory of God, a goodly measure of reviving grace has been ministered for which we thank the Lord and those who have so graciously given of their time and strength.

Another spiritual development of the quadrennium has been the inauguration two years ago of a student sponsored conference on foreign missions. Our campus chapter of the Foreign Missions Fellowship has been very active in its maintenance of a prayer offensive for the backing up of our missionary warriors. Now a special period has been set aside for missionary conventions. Missionary representatives from some fifteen evangelical boards were present at the convention last fall. Our own Wesleyan Methodist Board was represented by its Foreign Secretary, Dr. F. R. Birch. Houghton students and faculty are at present co-operating in the project of underwriting the salaries for six missionaries on the foreign fields of earth. The sending of a seventh, Rev. Glenn Barnett, is anticipated this next fall.

With this we bring our report to a close. May God impress upon the minds and hearts of the Wesleyan Methodist people something of the keen responsibility which is involved in bringing schools into being. A true parent cannot bring children into the world and then go off and leave them. But far less can a church afford to create schools and then neglect them. Just as the schools are created by the church so will the future church be created by the schools. How important then that there be on the part of those men entrusted with the management of the schools an earnest desire to work for the purity and peace of the church under whose protection and furtherance the school was born. And how absolutely imperative that the Church continue to be keenly interested in the schools, to watch over their orthodoxy of doctrine and carefulness of life, and to supply them constantly with a life giving current of students and of tangible support which shall keep the brand of ownership always fresh and spontaneous, and which shall result in a mutuality of ministry to the establishment of the cause and glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen W. Paine, President.

BALANCE SHEET AS OF APRIL 30, 1951

ASSETS

Current Fund Assets:

Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 24,498.35
Notes Receivable	1,834.53
Accounts Receivable:	
Students:	63,071.43
U. S. Government	6,049.41
Sundry	7,295.90
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Gross Total	76,416.74
Less: Reserve for Doubtful Accounts ..	18,317.03
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58,099.71

Land Contract Receivable	3,838.91
Graduate Study Loans Receivable	2,338.36
Advances Receivable—Travel	100.00
Advances to New Dormitory Fund	7,921.96

Inventories:

Logs and Building Materials	4,028.00
Dining Hall Food	11,015.10
Book Store Merchandise	13,180.97
Print Shop Merchandise	5,589.98
Restaurant Merchandise	4,314.73
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38,128.78

Prepaid Charges:

Dow Hall Lease	524.48	
F. P. H. A. Equipment	1,409.93	
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		1,934.41

Total Current Fund Assets	<hr/>	\$ 138,695.01
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Endowment Fund Assets:

Cash in Banks	362.55	
Student Loans Receivable	3,354.09	
Investments (Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages) ...	19,873.68	
Investments in Plant Assets	357,826.99	
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Total Endowment Fund Assets	<hr/>	\$ 381,416.81
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Plant Fund Assets:

Land, Buildings and Equipment	\$ 965,096.29	
Less Endowment Funds Invested	357,826.99	
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Total Plant Fund Assets	<hr/>	\$ 608,270.20
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TOTAL ASSETS	<hr/>	\$1,128,382.02
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LIABILITIES**Current Liabilities and Funds:**

Credit Balances of Accounts Receivable	\$ 2,484.24	
Accounts Payable—Current	6,793.68	
Withheld Payroll Taxes	1,578.82	
Prepaid Fees and Deposits	81,587.96	
Designated Funds	15,794.15	
Deferred Instructional Salaries	13,536.60	
Reserve for Contingencies—F. P. H. A.	1,531.14	
Operating Fund Surplus	15,379.42	
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Total Current Fund Liabilities & Funds	<hr/>	\$ 138,695.01
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Endowment Liabilities and Funds

General Purpose Funds	356,673.62	
Special Purpose Funds	23,500.51	
Advances Payable to Operating Funds	1,242.68	
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Total Endowment Liabilities & Funds	<hr/>	\$ 381,416.81
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Plant Liabilities and Funds:

Notes Payable	38,978.50	
Mortgages Payable	61,000.00	
Water Bonds Payable	59,300.00	
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Total Plant Fund Liabilities	<hr/>	\$ 159,278.50
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Plant Funds		448,991.70
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Total Plant Funds & Liabilities	<hr/>	\$ 608,270.20
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS	<hr/>	\$1,128,382.02
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STATEMENT OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

As of April 30, 1951

	Value at 5/1/1947	Invested During Quadrrennium	Redemption of Investments	Value at 4/30/1951
Land:				
Campus	15,452.16	900.00		16,352.16
Village Lots	6,556.68	904.43		7,461.11
Farm Land	2,153.34			2,153.34
Total Land	\$24,162.18	\$1,804.43		\$25,966.61
Buildings:				
Science Building	\$60,000.00			\$60,000.00
Old Administration Building	55,449.71			55,449.71
Bedford Gymnasium	50,230.94			50,230.94
Recreation Hall	1,715.82			1,715.82
Music Building	21,691.30			21,691.30
Hospital Building	7,300.00			7,300.00
Girls' Dormitory (Gaoyadeo)	84,345.68	1,646.39		85,992.07
Luckey Memorial Building ..	37,136.11	13,001.91		50,138.02
Fine Arts Building		20,726.42		20,726.42
Girls' Dormitory (New)	10,235.71	182,106.42		192,342.13
Rental Property:				
Whitaker House	4,500.00			4,500.00
Sprague House	3,334.00			3,334.00
Clarke House	4,000.00			4,000.00
President's House	7,687.50			7,687.50
Carlson House		300.00		300.00
Pryor House	2,850.00		2,850.00	
W. J. Houghton House ..	1,100.00			1,100.00
Houghton Hall	7,500.00			7,500.00
Washbon House	3,500.00			3,500.00
Silsbee House	3,327.97			3,327.97
Eyler House	1,815.97			1,815.97
Branch Dormitories:				
Barnett House		15,700.00		15,700.00
Markey Cottage	4,024.76			4,024.76
Greenburg Cottage	4,781.44			4,781.44
Jennings Cottage	6,500.00			6,500.00
Steese House	11,731.40			11,731.40
Waldorf Cottage	7,300.00			7,300.00
Daniels Dormitory	26.12		26.12	
Dormitory Garage	259.04		259.04	
Total Buildings	\$402,343.47	233,481.14	3,135.16	632,689.45
Improvements Other Than Buildings:				
Athletic Field		8,691.08		8,691.08
Water Works	47,648.59	26,320.01		73,968.60
Saw Mill	975.00			975.00
Apparatus	20,913.94	1,911.06		22,825.00
Library Books	28,997.84	15,641.67		44,639.51

Museum (Specimen)	120.00		120.00
School Furniture	24,631.42	8,403.58	33,035.00
Heating Plant Equipment ...	4,500.00	50.00	4,550.00
Gymnasium Equipment	961.72	23.28	985.00
Office Equipment	3,442.50	6,782.50	10,225.00
Library Equipment	1,919.73	1,655.27	3,575.00
Maintenance Equipment	930.31	14,664.69	15,595.00
Branch Dorm. Equipment ...	2,060.08		2,060.08
Girls' Dorm. Equip. (Gaoyadeo)	23,763.50	2,436.50	26,200.00
Girls' Dorm. Equip. (New) ..		6,816.05	6,816.05
Printing Plant Equipment ..	11,702.71	4,020.99	15,723.70
Hospital Equipment	2,082.50	337.50	2,420.00
Telephone Equipment		1,800.00	1,800.00
Radio Equipment		1,550.00	1,550.00
Book Store Equipment		665.00	665.00
Totals	\$174,649.84	101,769.18	\$276,419.02
Farms:			
School Farm	21,507.64	2,551.00	24,058.64
School Farm Stock	2,649.40		2,649.40
School Farm Equipment	3,313.17		3,313.17
Rushford Farm	349.50	349.50	
Leonard Houghton Farm ...	4,132.90	3,132.90	1,000.00
Totals	\$31,952.61	\$2,551.00	\$34,482.40
			\$31,021.21
Total Land, Bldgs. & Equip.	\$633,108.10	\$339,605.75	\$6,617.56
			\$966,009.29

ANALYSIS OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS

April 30, 1951

General Purpose Funds:				
Not Subject to Annuity	\$203,103.01		\$320,649.62	
Subject to Annuity	35,674.00	238,777.01	36,024.00	356,673.62
Special Purpose Funds:				
New Dormitory Bldg. Fund ..	\$34,652.74			
Scholarship Funds	17,784.46		16,837.23	
Student Loan Funds	3,013.41		3,663.28	
Living Trust Funds	65.85		3,900.00	
Luckey Memorial Fund	17,860.66			
		73,377.12		23,500.51
TOTAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS	\$312,154.13			\$380,174.13

SCHEDULE OF PLANT FUND LIABILITIES

April 30, 1951

Notes Payable:

	Unpaid Balance 5/1/1947	Payments During Quadrrennium	New Notes	Unpaid Balance 4/30/1951
Wesleyan Methodist				
Foreign Missionary Soc. ..	\$11,000.00			\$11,000.00
David Anderson	4,500.00		2,000.00	6,500.00
D. Lee Owlett	6,000.00		4,000.00	10,000.00

Mrs. Achsa Willett	500.00		500.00
Ruth Luckey Welch	5,000.00		5,000.00
Frieda Gillette	500.00		500.00
Mrs. Nettie Readett	300.00		300.00
Superannuated Ministers'			
Aid Society	600.00		600.00
S. G. Dietrich	1,000.00		1,000.00
Mrs. Anna Elliott	700.00		700.00
Claude A. Ries		500.00	500.00
Clarence H. Barnett		1,078.50	1,078.50
Douglas & Esther Lister		1,300.00	1,300.00
Robert Luckey	969.41	969.41	
Mortgages Payable:			
Alex Steese	3,000.00		3,000.00
Clarence Barnett, assigned to State Bank of Fillmore .		8,000.00	8,000.00
State Bank of Fillmore and Marine Trust Co., Buffalo, joint participation		50,000.00	50,000.00
Water Bonds Payable	47,200.00	12,100.00	59,300.00
	<u>\$81,269.41</u>	<u>\$ 969.41</u>	<u>\$78,978.50</u>
			159,278.50

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

May 1, 1947 to April 30, 1951

Income

Educational & General:

Fees Received from Students:		
Tuition	\$869,355.52	
Laboratory	24,409.45	
Library	26,297.33	
Miscellaneous	29,635.25	
		<u>\$949,697.55</u>
Gifts for Current Operations:		
Church Contributions	33,964.60	
Life Support Union	23,844.85	
Student Foundation	3,454.70	
Young Missionary Workers' Band	5,506.19	
Harvest Day	331.51	
Miscellaneous	6,830.09	
		<u>73,931.94</u>
Income from Endowment Investments		26,375.99
Total Educational and General Income		<u>\$1050,005.48</u>

Auxiliary Enterprises and Activities:

Auxiliary Enterprises:	
Dining Hall & Residences	\$859,899.74
Bookstore	146,534.92

Print Shop	61,375.46	
Water Works	15,938.72	
School Farm	70,278.71	
Houghton Farm	2,282.40	
Restaurants	43,716.28	
Logging Project	1,467.33	
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		1201,493.56
Activities:		
Athletics	13,678.48	
Student Senate	1,577.73	
Debate Club	1,139.76	
Chapel Series	876.37	
Lecture Series	2,794.90	
Artist Series	13,114.24	
Houghton Star	4,771.44	
Editorial Star	1,030.26	
Radio Station WJSL	3,424.84	
Hospital & Medical	22,231.07	
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		64,639.09
Total Auxiliary Enterprise & Activity Income		<hr/>
		\$1266,132.65
Non-Educational:		
Interest & Discounts	\$3,624.66	
Annuity Fund Investments	7,313.66	
Deferred Account Fees	2,483.00	
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Total Non-Educational Income		13,421.32
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TOTAL INCOME		\$2329,559.45

Expenses

Educational & General:

Administrative:

Salaries	\$147,301.83	
Student Help	13,632.23	
Telephone & Telegraph	3,409.74	
Repairs & Replacements	3,239.41	
New Equipment	9,915.45	
Social Security Expense	837.28	
Office Supplies	9,884.19	
Rent	240.00	
Insurance	40.05	
Postage	5,187.91	
Legal & Professional	2,046.65	
Board Meeting Expense	1,888.84	
Travel	5,778.48	
Public Relations & Coll. Development	75,451.96	
Miscellaneous	6,215.13	
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		\$285,069.15

Instructional:

Salaries	468,177.48
Student Help	12,842.00
Music Department	5,409.93
Laboratory Expenses	21,466.53
Replacement of Equipment	3,319.07
New Equipment	13,998.11
Group Insurance	815.01
Retirement	12,441.92
Graduate Study Expense	3,200.00
Miscellaneous	5,082.15

 546,752.20
Library:

Salaries	36,374.03
Student Help	16,983.40
Books, Periodicals & Binding	16,708.18
New Equipment	1,915.23
Supplies and Expenses	5,986.52

 77,967.36
Operation and Maintenance:

Janitors' Salaries	28,025.10
Student Help	30,305.86
Fuel, Light & Water	22,691.53
Janitors' Supplies	14,574.27
Repairs & Replacements	89,243.49
New Equipment	18,674.98
Insurance	14,283.56
Upkeep of Grounds	5,909.00
Taxes	1,177.05
Miscellaneous	2,710.51

 227,595.35

Total Educational and General Expenses

1137,384.06

Auxiliary Enterprises and Activities:**Auxiliary Enterprises:**

Dining Hall & Residences	745,690.04
Bookstore	138,146.65
Print Shop	61,750.07
Water Works	18,317.15
Farms	50,186.68
Restaurants	52,310.15
Logging Project	4,619.82

 1071,020.56
Activities:

Athletics	11,497.49
Student Senate	1,141.34
Debate Team	748.76

Chapel Series	388.22	
Lecture Series	1,972.70	
Artist Series	15,071.34	
Houghton Star	4,713.61	
Editorial Fund	1,232.00	
Radio Station WJSL	3,366.19	
Hospital & Medical	16,918.03	
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		57,049.68
Total Auxiliary Enterprise & Activity Expense		<hr/>
		1128,070.24
Non-Educational:		
Interest Paid	7,882.03	
Annuities Paid	7,404.62	
Scholarship Aid	44,273.88	
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Total Non-Educational Expenses		59,560.53
TOTAL EXPENSES		<hr/>
		\$2325,014.83
NET GAIN FROM OPERATIONS		<hr/>
		\$4,544.62

SUMMARY PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Educational and General:		
Income	\$1050,005.48	
Expense	1137,384.06	
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Net Loss		\$87,378.58
Auxiliary Enterprises and Activities:		
Income	\$1266,132.65	
Expense	1128,070.24	
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Net Gain		\$138,062.41
Non-Educational:		
Income	\$13,421.32	
Expense	59,560.53	
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Net Loss		\$46,139.21
Net Operating Gain for Quadrennium		<hr/>
		\$4,544.62

Report No. 25

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The Nature of New Testament Evangelism

The nature and method of New Testament Evangelism may be gained by looking into the New Testament record. The word "Gospel" in the Greek, meaning "glad tidings," in its various forms and derivations occurs over 150 times in the New Testament. From this word we get our word

"evangelism." The word "revival" does not occur in the New Testament. In connection with the revival of the work of the Lord, it is used twice in the Old Testament.

Evangelism is the Spirit of Jesus in the church. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost produced evangelism. Evangelist Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, quoted Joel's prophecy as fulfilled in the baptism with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2: 17-21), when under joyful witnessing 3,000 were converted. The early disciples went everywhere with the joyful news, suffered the spoiling of their goods joyfully, and when persecuted, jailed, and scattered abroad, their joy abounded and the Holy Spirit graciously and repeatedly filled them with the glory of God. The nearest approximation to this in these last days appears to be the Wesleyan revival.

Our Dilemma

In some quarters evangelism has assumed various shades of professionalism, rationalism and emotionalism.

So often the church, including laymen, pastor, and evangelist, have so well learned what should be that intellectual steps are substituted for the work of the Spirit and souls are rationalized into believing they are saved without true repentance, or when seeking the Baptism with the Holy Spirit are instructed to profess before having received the experience. Others may major on the emotions and produce a hilarious type of emotional demonstration more psychological than deeply spiritual. Some have limited the Holy Spirit by stereotyped sermons, rules, methods, forms; and by substituting human energy and wisdom for Divine unction.

The Way Out

No doubt national and local prophets are needed to proclaim the wrath of God, the doom of rebellious sinners, the Second Coming of our Lord and the impending judgment. It is time that we become as a voice crying in the wilderness, or an Elijah challenging the false prophets, or a Jonah crying out in a modern Nineveh.

Perhaps it would be well to have a revival of the Church by having a two week's prayer meeting rather than the conventional revival, when each soul would pray for himself until he touched God and God touched him. All adjustments made, the soul forgiven, revived and baptized with the Spirit, the Church would then be ready for spontaneous evangelism.

Recommendations

To help meet the needs of the hour we recommend:

I. That a denominational Secretary of Evangelism be elected by the General Conference. That he be requested to attend the Leaders' Conference whenever possible. Through the organization of Prayer Leagues he shall help to promote a divine visitation of the Spirit among the conferences. We suggest that desk expense for promoting this work be taken from the General Funds of the denomination.

II. That each conference attempt a definitely aggressive evangelistic program:

1. By the election of a Secretary of Evangelism;
2. By promoting pioneer evangelism through its Missionary Board and Secretary of Evangelism to reach the unchurched in areas particularly where holiness churches do not exist;
3. By conduction of a "work shop" in each conference where practical methods of effective evangelism may be studied;
4. By having a recognized leader in the field of evangelism invited to speak daily at the Annual Conference;
5. By actively co-operating with the program of the Wesleyan Men's Fellowship;
6. By placing special emphasis upon intercessory prayer in the conference for the salvation of the lost and the sanctification of the believer.

III. That local church methods be reviewed by study, prayer, and consultation in the local churches by the following means:

1. That the Advisory, Sunday School, and Missionary Boards of each church compose the special local committee on evangelism to study and revise the usual plans and methods, and make special plans to accomplish true evangelism.
2. That before the evangelist is called for the church revival some closed class meetings be held for self-scrutiny and that days of fasting and nights of prayer be set apart to get holy alignment with the will of God.
3. That each church organize its people into evangelistic teams to first meet at the church for prayer and then go out two by two in personal visitation evangelism throughout the community. Young and old alike as well as men and women should be used.
4. That child evangelism receive appropriate emphasis in each local church in co-operation with the Conference Secretary of Child Evangelism.
5. That with the enrollment of our Sunday schools three times as large as our church membership, here we recognize a convenient field for fruitful evangelism. We urge each Sunday school to unceasing effort in reaching these precious souls for Christ.

IV. That we commend every effort our colleges are making to promote the spirit of evangelism among the faculty, students, and constituency, and urge them to continue to co-operate in securing deeply spiritual evangelistic pastors and workers; and to teach practical courses along the lines of prayer, evangelism and personal work; and further, that they continue to send out numerous spirit-filled Gospel teams on weekends to churches and pioneer points.

V. That we commend the Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST and the Secretary of Evangelism for issues of the paper devoted to evangelism, and we recommend a continuation of this emphasis on intercessory prayer and evangelism from Headquarters. We also commend the

Director of the Wesleyan Commission for Men in Service and pledge him our continued loyalty and support.

C. L. Blanchard, Chairman;
T. O. McCracken,
L. R. Fletcher,
W. D. Correll,
J. W. Shatford,
J. E. Comer,
B. H. Phaup, Secretary.

Report No. 26

COMMITTEE ON LAY DELEGATES-AT-LARGE

The committee elected to designate the Conferences from which delegates-at-large are to be elected, submits the following report:

We recommend delegates to be chosen from Kentucky, Lockport, North Georgia, North Michigan, Oregon and Rochester.

We further recommend that the lay delegates-at-large for each Quadrennium hence, be selected from Conferences in alphabetical order.

R. L. LeRoy, Chairman;
Watson C. Black,
Wm. A. Smith.

Report No. 27

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

We have assembled in the twenty-eighth quadrennial gathering of our beloved Zion. The Church has passed through many vicious attacks from foes without the fold. Slander, sarcasm, violent persecutions have been heaped upon her. Yet she has lived on, ever holding to the original doctrines of Methodism. Enemies and foes within the fold have risen and, like a terrible cancer, have eaten away at the very vitals of the Church, yet she has lived on, finally casting from her those inward infections. Formalism has lifted its ugly head, modernism has made its bid, fanaticism like a raging flame has destroyed some of our societies, yet the Church marches on. The progress has been slow, but it has been progress in the right direction. The gains that have been made are the result of healthy growth, and not the result of dropsied swelling.

Our name "Wesleyan Methodist" is a challenge for us to repudiate the world, live sacrificially, burn with a consuming passion for the lost men of our communities. In the words of another: Wesleyan Methodism is "an idea, an institution, an impact." It stands for information, translation, and translation.

Our creed proclaims justification by faith alone; entire sanctification as the divine imperative laid upon believers everywhere; a holy life that separates one from a sin-loving, God-hating age.

Our polity is a God-called itinerant ministry. It recognizes the sovereignty of the local church in beautiful harmony with the authority of the annual conference, where ministers and laymen deliberate, equal in rank and dignity.

Our method of finance is the repudiation of all commercial plans for fund-raising, and depending exclusively upon tithes and offerings of God's people. This is not to be interpreted to mean that we do not accept gifts from persons and firms other than our own people; but fairs, suppers, bazaars and socials as means of raising money are frowned upon as unbecoming to holiness.

Each Conference President in the United States was corresponded with in order to gather a cross section of the entire movement. The following is a summary of those answers:

It has been a quadrennium of expansion of our physical plants.

Many new churches have been built and many remodeled and enlarged.

A number of new parsonages have been built while many others have been made more commodious and modern.

The camp meeting reporting, without a single exception, has taken on added power and interest. The camp committees have been hard pressed to provide sufficient facilities.

There have been some outstanding revivals which have added strength to the conferences.

The Australia Conference is a great out-post where our own men are bleeding to establish the work. The progress has been slow, but the vision has never dimmed. God is leading on, and there is a faith among the workers that will build for God's everlasting kingdom.

Our mission fields, Home and Foreign, form a line of operation around the world, among all types and among many races. The departments are meeting tremendous problems with courage and faith. The spirit of evangelism burns on every field.

The Woman's Missionary Society has made a valuable and honored contribution to the work. Without their financial aid the work would have been greatly handicapped, but their greatest work has been the volume of prayer inspired and encouraged by prayer partners, and by public prayer meetings.

The talented and consecrated workers in our five colleges, namely, Houghton, Central, Miltonvale, Marion, Melbourne, are doing a magnificent work, at tremendous sacrifice, and are standing by the doctrines and standards of the Church. The entire denomination is in their debt.

The Sunday school has made a splendid growth, and is one of the greatest areas confronting us for evangelism and Christian training.

The W. Y. P. S. has made splendid growth in organization and efficiency during the quadrennium. It is proving its worth in loyalty, in evangelistic fervor, and in a desire to possess new territory for Christ. Youth camps are in their early stages of development and, properly supervised, will prove a rich blessing.

The statistics have been reviewed by the Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST and by the President of the General Conference. They are worthy of our careful consideration. Let us thank God for the progress made, then bury our face in humiliation that the gains were so small, the while we pledge ourselves to a quadrennium of aggressive evangelism.

We request that this General Conference urge:

That there be a sincere effort on the part of our ministry and laity to deepen their devotional life, to develop more reliance upon the power of

the Holy Spirit, to make a desperate effort to stop the leaks in our church and Sunday-school rolls, and bring the unchurched to Christ.

We recommend that this General Conference reaffirm our belief in our Doctrine of Faith as stated in Appendix A, page 21 in the 1947 Discipline.

Be It Resolved, further, That the General Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, now in its twenty-eighth quadrennial session, do hereby declare and reaffirm our stand against formalism, fanaticism, legalism and Communism. We earnestly request all our people to avoid worldliness in dress, sharp practices in business, and the desecration of the Christian Sabbath for commerce or pleasure.

Signed: Oliver G. Wilson,
H. C. VanWormer,
Roy S. Nicholson,
Wm. A. Smith,
Talmage Evatt,
E. D. Cheney,
John H. Carey,
Watson C. Black.

Report No. 28

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TITHING

We observe that our present statistical showing is 22,765 tithers. Four years ago there was reported the number of 15,710. This represents a gain of 7,055.

Considering the crying need of our mission fields, the added costs of operating our schools, the high-cost-of-living pressures which require continual upward adjustment of ministerial salaries, we must maintain our emphasis on both tithes and offerings.

"Beyond the tithe" should be the slogan for our day. "The tithe is the Lord's." Only that which is "beyond" is a gift. How tragic the life where nothing is thus actually given! How doubly tragic the life where one has not even learned to tithe!

The "Storehouse Plan" of tithing, originating many years ago, has never been repealed, or recalled, nor can it be improved upon. We reaffirm our belief that in every level of Church life, God's business is best managed when tithing is channeled through the storehouse plan.

For tract box and other uses, tithing literature should be used in abundance. To Conference and local church tithing secretaries we recommend the literature of:

All Church Supply Company,
Denton, Texas.

George Moerlock,
740 Rush Street,
Chicago, Ill.

At our own publishing house may be had a number of items. We wish to mention in particular, those written by E. E. Cory, Noel Winterholter, E. W. Black and Amos Jackson.

Respectfully submitted,

Dayton A. Manker, Chairman;
Edward Kachel,
Wm. Marshburn,
A. M. Gilmer,
M. L. Moore,
Glen Root,
D. P. Denton, Secretary.

Report No. 29

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

America is passing through a crisis time in her history. Expert opinion is not necessary to establish that fact. It is known and recognized in every hamlet, and in every home of the nation where current events are properly evaluated.

In the time since we last met as a General Conference, Communism has stuck its ugly head up like a serpent coiled to strike. Ominous sounds presage horrible events.

To meet the issue which we face will require courage and divine leadership. Human statesmanship has proven utterly inadequate. The expediences of political maneuvering have been fruitless. The relentless, determined plottings of Communism have been diabolical in their utter disregard for all principles of righteousness, and have thwarted ordinary diplomatic advances.

The only power whereby this bold and wicked foe can be conquered is the power of God manifested in old-fashioned revival fires akin to those of John Wesley's day. The Department of Home Missions has steadily and consistently majored on Church Extension during the Quadrennium just closed. It has not only done its best to foster the organization of new classes, the construction of new buildings and the expansion of church activities, so as to bring salvation to an ever increasing number of people—it has gone further and has done its best to impress on our Church-at-large the tremendous importance of doing such work. It has tried to make our constituency conscious of the nature of the battle we are waging at this time.

We deplore the seeming indifference that possesses many of our people in their attitude toward the work of Church Extension. Dr. Nicholson, our General Conference President, has stated that America is the greatest mission field in the world today, and that if we lose out in this field, our loss shall be world-wide.

Dr. Nicholson's statement is in no sense a call for a decrease in Foreign Mission activities, but it is a cry for a new conception of the imperative need for Church Extension. If we fail at this point, we fail at every point, for the failure to meet Communism with Evangelism spells defeat in letters that will encircle the globe.

Alarming as Communism has become, even more alarming is the indifference to be found within our Church towards the efforts to defend our Christian rights and interests. We must stress a new and increased

emphasis on Church Extension. Our Missionary Conventions and Rallies, and our Special Missionary Services at Camps and Conferences are almost entirely devoted to Foreign Missions, while the work of Church Extension in the "greatest mission field of the world" is either assigned a minor role, or ignored altogether.

No one is to be blamed for this situation, but the facts remain. When offerings are taken, pressure is put on to persuade our people to give to various foreign projects, while the cause of Church Extension is often treated as a side issue. As a Church, such an attitude definitely needs our attention and correction. Church Extension must be given an ever increasing interest in the prayers and activities of our people, or we shall be heading for catastrophe. We need to be alerted now, or it may soon be too late.

Church Extension does not have the lure and romantic appeal that illumines the work of foreign shores, and, for that reason, it does not have so many things to catch the imagination and fire the vision. The disadvantage suffered at this point cannot be compensated for by prosaic accounts of building efforts in our own country. However, the most pathetic scenes of need in foreign shores described by impassioned orators, cannot surpass the direful needs of people who may be our closest neighbors.

We commend to the General Conference a careful examination of the situation as revealed by the Report of the Secretary of Home Missions to the General Conference on June 28. We believe that this is an urgent matter and that steps ought to be taken to correct the conditions which have developed.

The phase of Home Missions which deals with work of a strictly missionary type needs to be maintained. We recognize, with appreciation, our noble, sacrificing workers whose self-effacing diligence will not be unrewarded at the Judgment Bar of God. They deserve our prayers and support.

The organization of two new Conferences, the Illinois Conference and the Florida Conference, is a splendid achievement. We trust these organizations will prove to be the earnest of ever expanding denominational interests.

We commend the work of our Brother Leo Cox in Australia. He has met with this committee and reported in person to us. We feel that the Lord has definitely given us a responsibility and an opportunity in Australia, and that we dare not ignore this opening.

The work of our Orphanage at Macon, Georgia has been the subject of our careful inquiry. We have seen copies of the reports of the Grand Jury of Bibbs County, which regularly investigates and inspects the premises; we appreciate their warm commendation. We believe that our splendid corps of workers have earned the gratitude of the denomination for their splendid labors.

The various mission stations in the mountains of Arkansas, North Carolina and Kentucky have been operated by men and women whose earnest efforts deserve our gratitude. We regret the loss of one mission station in the Kentucky Mountains, and the closing of one in the Ozark Mountains. It is our candid opinion that no one was officially to blame for these situations.

The Rev. Hugh Newcomb on the Onondaga Reservation, and the Rev. John Kearns and staff at the Brainerd Indian Training School, have carried the ministry of our church to needy Indian people. They have faced hard situations valiantly and have come out gloriously. Eternity will reveal the worth of these efforts.

We believe that the Cause of Home Missions is a definite responsibility of our Church, especially that part of its activities under the heading of Church Extension. The Card Call Plan has proven a valuable aid in repeated instances, and we thoroughly approve this arrangement.

In the language of Charles Wesley, we bring this report to a close, feeling that it expresses our own sentiments with respect to Home Missions, and what ought to be the sentiments of every member of our beloved Church—

A charge to keep I have
A God to glorify
A never dying soul to save
And fit it for the sky.

Recommendations to the General Conference

1. **Whereas**, Hephzibah Orphanage, a corporation chartered by the Superior Court of Bibb County on February 20, 1907, is owned and controlled by The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, and

Whereas, it is the desire of said The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America to re-incorporate under the Georgia Corporation Law of 1938, and also to secure an amendment to its charter giving it thirty-five (35) years extension.

Now Therefore, be it resolved by the regular quadrennial session of the General Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, assembled at Fairmount, Indiana, that:

The Secretary of Home Missions be and he is hereby authorized to apply to the Superior Court of Bibb County for a renewal of said charter, and for an amendment thereto which is to provide that said Hephzibah Home shall have a Board of Managers composed of six persons, four of whom shall be nominated by the Secretary of Home Missions and elected by the Board of Administration, and that said Secretary of Home Missions shall be the fifth member of said managers, and shall serve as Chairman of the same, and that the sixth member shall be the person who is serving as the duly elected superintendent of said Hephzibah Home. The first five members of said Board of Managers shall elect the superintendent of the Hephzibah Home whenever a vacancy may occur, but his election must be ratified by the Board of Administration of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America. The actions of the Board of Managers shall be subject to review by the Board of Administration which shall have power to veto any decisions of said Board of Managers. The Board of Administration shall also have power to initiate any actions it may deem to be to the interest of the Orphanage. All members of the Board of Managers of the Hephzibah Home shall be members in good standing of some Wesleyan Methodist Church. Said Board of Managers shall formulate by-laws for the management of said Hephzibah Home, which by-laws shall be approved by the Board of Administration.

We recommend, in keeping with the above action, that Paragraph 238A of the Discipline be revised to read as follows:

The Board of Administration shall be the Board of Managers of Hephzibah Orphanage at Macon, Georgia, incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia. The general supervision of this Orphanage shall be delegated to the Secretary of Home Missions under whose Department it shall function. The Orphanage shall have a local Board of Managers composed of six persons, four of whom shall be nominated by the Secretary of Home Missions and elected by the Board of Administration. The Secretary of Home Missions shall be the fifth member of the Board of Managers, and shall serve as Chairman of the same; **the sixth member shall be the person who is serving as the duly elected Superintendent of said Hephzibah Home.** The first five members of said Board of Managers shall elect the Superintendent of Hephzibah Home whenever a vacancy may occur, but this election must be ratified by the Board of Administration of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, or its Executive Board. The actions of the Board of Managers shall be subject to review by the Board of Administration which shall have power to veto any decisions of said Board of Managers. The Board of Administration shall also have power to initiate any actions it may deem to be to the interest of the Orphanage. **All members of the Board of Managers** of the Hephzibah Home shall be members in good standing of some Wesleyan Methodist Church. Said Board of Managers shall formulate by-laws for the management of said Hephzibah Home, which by-laws shall be approved by the Board of Administration. Omitted last two sentences in Paragraph 238A.

2. In accordance with Paragraph 123, Sub-paragraph 4, we recommend that the following Conference shall be the Home Mission Conferences for the ensuing quadrennium:

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Australia | 7. Nebraska |
| 2. California | 8. North Georgia |
| 3. Canada | 9. Oklahoma |
| 4. Florida | 10. Oregon |
| 5. Illinois | 11. South Georgia |
| 6. Middle Atlantic States | 12. Tennessee |
| | 13. West Tennessee |

3. We recommend that the Home Missions Budget be reduced to 50¢ per member per year.

4. We recommend that a new Budget be established to be known as Church Extension Budget which shall be \$1.00 per member per year.

5. That, as far as possible, money paid on the Card Call Plan be credited as an "above budget" Item on Church Extension Budget. (That is, it may be applied on Budget after the budget apportionment has been met.)

With regard to items referred to Committee on Home Missions we recommend that Items 1 and 3 be referred to a special Committee to be elected by the Board of Administration, for study during the next quadrennium; this Committee shall report to the Board of Administration at its June meeting in 1955.

That a special budget of 35¢ per member per year be assigned for the work in Australia.

J. R. Swauger,
Leo Cox,
W. C. Lovin,
Geo. A. Thomas,
Geo. Fisher,
Roy Smith,
Geo. W. Fowler,
C. L. Cummings,
J. W. Comadoll.

Report No. 30

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE LEADERS' CONFERENCE

We recommend that the Leaders' gatherings be continued throughout the coming quadrennium and arranged according to the following order:

There shall be an Area, or District, gathering held in each of the college Areas sometime during the first and third years of the quadrennium for mutual consideration and discussion of the work of the Church. Attendance at these gatherings is to be limited to the Conference Presidents and the Vice-presidents or any persons the Conference may designate in their place and expenses incurred by the Conference representatives attending these meetings shall be borne by their respective Conferences. The General Conference President shall have supervision of, and make arrangements for, the Area gatherings, and the Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST shall give assistance and likewise accompany him to the various districts.

There shall be held a general gathering of all the General Conference Officials and the Annual Conference Presidents sometime during the second year of the quadrennium for inspirational and co-ordination efforts in the work of the Church. Expenses of meals, transportation etc. of the Conference Presidents shall be prorated among the Conferences. Expenses of the General Officials shall be borne by their respective Departments of the Church. We recommend that this meeting be held at Miltonvale College.

A meeting of the Conference Presidents shall be held at a convenient time during the date of the next General Conference.

H. C. Van Wormer,
J. F. Simpson,
E. L. Henderson,
R. J. Stratton.

Report No. 31

COMMITTEE ON CLARIFICATION OF THE DISCIPLINE

Some minor corrections: Paragraph 51, "therefore" misspelled. Paragraph 60 omit "on" in line 3 from the bottom and insert the date in parenthesis. Paragraph 82 in line after "clerk" change colon to semi-colon after number 4. Paragraph 86 let these paragraphs all be renumbered as to sub-paragraphs, making (7) instead of (6). Paragraph 120 amend paragraph 120 by adding the words "by ballot" in line 5 from top, follow-

ing the words "shall also elect . . ." Paragraph 125, Correct 125 (2) line 2, by moving the semi-colon from behind the word "provided" to before "provided," making it follow word "travel." Correct 125 (3) line 1, by making the words "singer" and "artist" plural instead of singular. Paragraph 136, The figures enclosed in parenthesis should be 131, instead of 134. (Last words of line.) Paragraph 160, Change the word "church" in next to last line on page 89 to "denomination." Paragraph 177, Incorporate in the next Discipline the data omitted from the 1947 edition by oversight, and as corrected in separate sheet attached to new Disciplines. Paragraph 179, Line 4 from the top, the word "northeast" should be changed to read "northwest border of the Middle Atlantic States Conference . . ." Paragraph 189 and 198, Neither of these Paragraphs which deal with the territory in New York State mention the name of the State. Paragraph 253, omit the word "connectional" and add "denominational" in lieu. Paragraph 334 sub-p (1) is to be amended by adding data suggested in correction sheets added to the new Disciplines from Office. Paragraph 376, correct misspelling of "statement" in line 13 from bottom of page 211. Paragraph 378, change word "Connection" in line 3 from top of page 213 to "denomination." Paragraph 404, change word "preceed" in line 6 from bottom to "proceed." Paragraph 405, Add to paragraph at end (See Paragraph 140). Paragraph 407, word "complaint" misspelled. Paragraph 409 add at end of paragraph (See Paragraph 140). Paragraph 418, line 13 from top, at end change "of" to "or" employ. Paragraph 423, change "Connection" to "denomination." Page 335, line 3, from top change "two-thirds" to "three-fourths" vote; and page 336, delete reference under W. M. S. to Senior Y. M. W. Band. Approved by vote.

Item 1. We advise the Board of Administration that, in our judgment, the General Conference should appoint a committee whose duty it is to draft a constitution for the Church and have it adjusted in regular constitutional order. Approved by vote.

Item 2. In Paragraph 91, line 2, insert in place of the second sentence the following: "It shall be his duty to preach under the direction of the church and in harmony with the regular work of the pastor." Approved by vote.

Item 3. In Paragraph 93, line 2, insert the words "or church" following the words, "Quarterly Conference." Approved by vote.

Item 4. In Paragraph 94, third line from the bottom, after "Quarterly Conference" insert the words "or Church." Approved by vote.

Item 5. In Paragraph 96 (1) after "Quarterly Conference" insert "or Church." In Paragraph 96 (2) after "Quarterly Conference" insert "or Church" and make the remainder of this paragraph agree thereto. In Paragraph 103, number the present paragraph as (1). Add as (2): "The church shall elect a treasurer to hold and pay out funds as authorized by vote of the church. The treasurer shall be a member of the Board of Stewards by virtue of his office." In Paragraph 103, add as (3) the paragraph now listed as (3) under paragraph 104. In Paragraph 104, leave present three lines as they are; strike out (1) and (2). Approved by vote.

Item 6. In Paragraph 86 (4) following the word "presents" in line 6 insert the following: "The vote may be taken in the next regular meeting of the church." Approved by vote.

Item 7. In Paragraph 107 replace the paragraph with this sentence: "The class leaders shall be elected by the church by a majority vote."

(See Paragraph 165 Sub-p. 4.) In Paragraph 108 substitute the word "periodically" for "once a week." Strike out the paragraph on the top of page 64. Approved by vote.

Item 8. In Paragraph 110, in (4) strike out the first phase to the word "and" in line 3. Let the paragraph read: "To build no house of worship or parsonage on any leased ground, except by special permission of the Conference Board of Trustees." (5) to read as follows: "To submit all plans for building of churches and parsonages including location and cost, to the Conference Board on Church and Parsonage Building and Location. (6) "No construction shall be started until plans and method of financing have been approved by said Board." Approved by vote.

Item 9. In Paragraphs 11 and 115, change the word "supernumerary" in these paragraphs to the word "reserve." And with this exception let Paragraph 115 remain as it is in the Discipline. (Item 19 in Report of Committee on Revision.) Approved by vote.

Item 10. In Paragraph 120, change the colon in the 6th line from the bottom to a period and insert: "The conference shall elect by ballot a treasurer, which election shall not be held until after his annual report to the conference has been approved." (See Paragraph 277.) In the same line (6th from bottom) strike out "and" insert "The Conference." Approved by vote.

Item 11. In Paragraphs 138 and 149, we observe two authorities for interpreting points of law. In Paragraph 138 on page 81, line 1, following the word "restriction" insert: "They may appeal to the President of the General Conference for a decision." Delete the remaining part of this paragraph. (See Paragraph 214 sub-p. 3.) In Paragraph 149 add: "unless a previous appeal is made to the President of the General Conference." (See Paragraph 214 sub-p. 3.) Approved by vote.

Item 12. Paragraph 146 change to read as follows: "An annual conference may maintain a fund for the support or relief of superannuated ministers, their widows and orphans, to be distributed equally or according to necessity by the Annual Conference at its annual session.

"Each annual conference shall elect a Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid who shall have charge of the care and administration of any such fund of the conference, subject to the direction of the annual conference.

"In case of all conferences which are members of the Superannuate Pension Plan of the denomination, this Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid shall gather and report to the Board of Administration, as it may request from time to time, such data on each member of the Superannuate Pension Plan as may be necessary to the proper operation of the Plan." Approved by vote.

Item 13. Paragraph 157, line 1, strike out the words "dismissal, or transfer." Paragraph 158, in line 3, strike out the word "other." Approved by vote.

Item 14. Paragraph 100, place reference after this paragraph "(See Section XXII)." Paragraph 120, place reference after this paragraph "(See Section XXII)." Approved by vote.

Item 15. We recommend that the Executive Board of the Board of Administration function as an advisory board to the President of the General Conference. Approved by vote.

Item 16. Paragraph 396, delete the last two paragraphs on page 225. Approved by vote.

Item 17. Paragraph 403, in line 7 after the word "days" add "nor more than thirty days." Approved by vote.

Item 18. Paragraph 407, in line 5 instead of word "sufficient" substitute "at least three weeks." Approved by vote.

Item 19. Paragraph 211, add to this paragraph the following: "The General Conference President may change this date when, in the judgment of 60% of the annual conference presidents, an emergency has arisen which will warrant such a change of date." Approved by vote.

Item 20. Paragraph 212, line 5, delete word "annual" and insert word "general" and in line 6 delete: "First making the proposition." Rest of paragraph remains the same. Add as Paragraph 212-A: "The Board of Administration shall have authorization to issue a call for a special conference at its discretion. Pursuant to such call the annual conference shall meet, elect delegates to the special session and provide for their expenses." Approved by vote.

Item 21. Paragraph 256, sub-p. 7, in the 7th line from the bottom, following the words, "four years," add: "They shall be nominated at the sessions of the conferences next following the General Conference; and the nominations shall be for four years, or until their successors are elected by the Board of Trustees of the college." Approved by vote.

Item 22. Paragraph 170, in line 7 from the bottom of (2) following the word "authorized" insert a new paragraph numbered (3) followed by (4) and (5).

(3) "When a Conference preacher is appointed by an Annual Conference as a pastor of a pioneer work or mission not yet organized as a Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Conference at its discretion may grant him full authorization to administer the sacraments and solemnize matrimony where laws of state permit but he is not entitled to a vote in the Annual Conference.

(4) "The above described authorization shall cease at any time the holders thereof shall fail to pass two books of the Course of Study each year. Such authority shall be continued to each individual for seven years only, except where in the judgment of the Committee on Itineracy and Elder's Orders the authorization shall be continued.

(5) "When an Annual Conference Preacher is employed as a co-pastor or an assistant pastor he shall not have the right to vote neither shall he be authorized to administer the sacraments nor solemnize matrimony while so employed."

Number the existing (3) as (6). Approved by vote.

Item 23. In the Report of the Committee on Revision (Report No. 21) Item 34 is recommended in entirety. Approved by vote.

Item 24. This committee favors the organization of the Board of Administration by commissions. We recommend, therefore, that the related revisions submitted to us be referred to a committee elected by the General Conference who shall submit to the Board of Administration for its approval a plan for organization of the Board of Administration along these lines. They shall report to the Board of Administration by June 1952 and it shall be authorized to put said plan into action as soon as adopted by two thirds vote and this entire matter shall be reviewed by the next Quadrennial Conference.

Report No. 32

**TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
TWELFTH QUADRENNIUM**

June 12, 1947 to May 31, 1951

RECEIPTS

Home Missions	\$100,564.88
Hephzibah	17,992.81
Foreign	137,532.63
Africa	45,595.90
India	28,444.08
Japan	20,526.28
South America	17,686.80
China	4,550.58
Haiti	11,960.89
Wesleyan Missionary	964.89
Medical Student	5,126.64
General	22,818.24
Educational	17,251.92
Miscellaneous	4,048.29
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Total Receipts	\$435,064.83
Balance 6/12/47	33,391.69
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Total	\$468,456.52

DISBURSEMENTS

Home	\$107,260.16
Hephzibah	19,403.66
Foreign	144,484.37
Africa	49,182.72
India	30,093.51
Japan	20,526.28
South America	19,475.15
China	4,571.13
Haiti	15,792.12
Wesleyan Missionary Fund and Deficit	2,691.70
Medical Student	4,350.00
General	14,652.57
Official Salary and Desk Allowance	9,726.63
Educational	18,052.03
Miscellaneous	308.91
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Total Disbursements	\$460,570.94
Balance 6/1/51	7,885.58
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Total	\$468,456.52

VOUCHER RECEIPTS

Home Missions	\$ 79,325.56
Hephzibah	8,696.78
Foreign	28,252.27
Africa	15,678.22
India	6,599.68
Japan	3,255.81
South America	5,244.86
China	2,787.95
Haiti	9,079.34
Educational	23,617.28
Miscellaneous	189,314.95
Total Voucher Receipts	\$371,852.70
Total Cash Receipts	468,456.52
QUADRENNIAL TOTAL	\$840,309.22

Helen P. Stuckey, Treasurer.

Report No. 33**REPORT OF THE Y. M. W. B.**

Members of the General Conference:

It is truly a joyful privilege for us to bring to you a report of the Lord's continued blessing on the Young Missionary Workers' Band during the past quadrennium.

You will recall that at the last General Conference some suggestions were made for revising the age limit of the Y. M. W. B. membership. The healthy growth and vision of the W. Y. P. S. presented a need for missionary giving through their channels. With that purpose in view, we lowered the age limit of Band members, and discontinued the Senior Bands. The missionary giving of the Young People's Society has been most gratifying. Praise be to the Lord.

We are most happy to share with you our report that the Y. M. W. B. is still a thriving, sturdy child. It seems that the Band which had such a Heaven-inspired beginning, is aflame with a living fire that cannot be stamped out, but sends out sparks that light other fires of missionary zeal in our church.

The peak-year of the Y. M. W. B. in its nearly fifty years of existence was 1947, just before the discontinuance of the Senior Bands. During that year over \$64,000 was raised for all purposes. The funds received during this present year so far (that is for about two-thirds of the Y. M. W. B. fiscal year) total just \$380 less than we received by the end of May in that wonderful peak year of 1947. We know that you will rejoice to know God is keeping the missionary heart of the Band members warm and very much alive to the cause of missions.

A healthy gain is noticeable from year to year in Home Missions giving which reached the annual total of \$5,700 this past year. The yearly

total for Foreign Missions continues to exceed \$41,000. God has used the Band as a channel to raise well over \$50,000 annually this quadrennium. Of course, you understand that these totals represent cash to be used for the support of our fields, not credit given for outside gifts and general benevolences. Sister Mary Lane Clarke is to be commended for her care in maintaining the original purpose of the Band and we have endeavored to follow her example.

We wish to report the following significant figures for the past quadrennium.

Copies of the Young Missionary distributed	40,000
Number of flannelgraph illustrations produced	6,000 sets
Total Membership of Band	29,231

In the year 1947 the membership was 29,112. This indicates a remarkable stability of the Y. M. W. B. in spite of the loss of Senior members due to discontinuance of Senior Bands.

So it is with a heart full of praise to Christ that we present this report, not forgetting the Conference Superintendents and local leaders whose labors with the children have brought these results.

The brief summary of Y. M. W. B. expenses for the past quadrennium reveals one noticeable fact, that the free quarterly bulletin, The Young Missionary, carrying the annual report is costing considerable. We feel that this could easily be remedied in the future, and we invite your suggestions as to the best solution.

We would like to submit the following recommendations:

A. That the expense of the bulletin be lessened by some method, such as by

1. Publishing a smaller magazine, especially cutting the statistics of the year book.
2. Reducing the mailing list, perhaps omitting the pastors.
3. Charging a small fee; perhaps for just the annual year book issue.

B. That the Constitution of the Y. M. W. B. be revised according to any recommendations submitted by the W. M. S.

C. That the President of the General Conference, the Foreign Missionary Secretary, the President of the Woman's Missionary Society, Mary Lane Clarke and the Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B. be requested to serve as a special committee to plan a program for the Band to appropriately mark the fiftieth anniversary of this organization.

The year 1952 marks the Golden Jubilee of the Young Missionary Workers' Band. It was in the fall of 1902 that the Reverend George H. Clarke, pioneer missionary to Africa, caught the vision of the great possibilities in the pennies of the boys and girls. Only a man of great faith and humble spirit could have seen such possibilities in the little ones. We have no doubt now as to the source of his inspiration.

Respectfully submitted,

Aileen O. Shea, Superintendent.
Alton J. Shea, Field Director.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF Y. M. W. B.

1947 - 1951

Receipts	Foreign	Home	Education	Total
1947 (June-October)	\$ 20,473.83	\$ 2,315.96	\$ 3,154.42	\$ 26,065.89
1948	41,759.21	4,511.81	3,874.24	50,145.26
1949	41,260.25	4,925.99	4,171.00	50,357.24
1950	41,061.26	5,735.64	4,178.29	50,975.19
1951 (to May 31)	26,460.10	3,962.38	2,088.75	32,511.23
Grand totals	\$171,014.65	\$21,451.78	\$17,466.70	\$209,933.13

Missionary Home in Jersey City \$121.68.

Comparison of Funds Received in Past Two Quadrenniums

	Foreign	Home	Education	Total
Quadrennium 1947	\$193,368	\$16,457	\$15,997	\$225,823
1951	171,014	21,451	17,466	209,933
	<u>\$ 22,354</u>			<u>\$ 15,890</u>

Submitted, Aileen O. Shea.

Note: W.Y.P.S. over \$30,000 Foreign Missions alone.

REPORT OF Y. M. W. B. EXPENSE ACCOUNT

May 31, 1947 - June 1, 1951

Receipts

Balance in Account (May 31, 1947)	\$ 364.75
Reimbursements from F. R. Birch	9,546.30
Total Receipts	<u>\$9,911.05</u>

Disbursements

Office Rent	\$ 465.02
Office Help	1,588.08
*Postage	795.81
Supplies and equipment	791.31
**Printing	4,716.32
Telephone & miscellaneous expenses	621.24
Travel	700.00
Total disbursements	<u>\$9,677.78</u>
Balance in Account June 1, 1951	233.27
	<u>\$9,911.05</u>

*Including Bulletin postage \$ 517.40

**Including cost of Bulletin 4,342.76

Report No. 34

COMMITTEE ON SOCIETIES OF THE WORLD

Man was created a social being and from the earliest history, mankind has grouped together to protect his life, promote his interest, propagate his doctrines, and perpetuate his pleasures. But inasmuch as man's social nature was perverted by the fall, many of these groups have been poisoned by unholy aims, unethical methods, and unspiritual associations. Constantly new demands are made for social, political, educational, business, and fraternal ties for the mutual benefit of mankind. As a Church we must look with horror at associating together, or being affiliated with, any of these organizations whose aims are unworthy, whose methods are questionable, and whose association places us in an unwholesome environment. On the other hand we must encourage and co-operate with every organization whose aims are holy, whose methods are Christ-like, and whose constituency is Christian. As members of The Wesleyan Methodist Church we constantly come in contact with societies of various kinds. We must look beyond the surface before we endorse or affiliate with them. Unholy alliance with evil has been the undoing of the Church through the centuries. God is grieved when the Church begins to depend on worldly organizations for help and success. The Church has always been strongest when the line of demarcation between it and the world was greatest. Any affiliation that will cloud our vision of Christ, chill our fervor in worship, condense our influence in the community, check our efforts of soul winning, compromise our message, and condemn our testimony should be avoided.

The Wesleyan Methodist Church has courageously taken her stand against evil societies, and evil in societies, during her entire history. Her position on slavery, secrecy, labor unions, alcohol, tobacco, etc., are stated in the Book of Discipline. New societies will be evaluated and appropriate action taken from time to time. When wrong is detected in any society, by resolutions, the printed page, the pulpit, and personal contact, the voice of the church shall be heard and her influence felt.

Our attitude toward some of the societies of the world is as follows:

I. Organizations seeking to undermine the truth of God:

1. **Modernism.** Modernism denies all doctrines held dear by evangelicals, and seeks to undermine the faith of mankind in the Virgin Birth, Deity of Christ, and Blood Atonement. The modernists have influenced many colleges and universities which have trained and turned back into the church men who are indoctrinated in the beliefs of modernism. This has had an unwholesome effect on the spiritual and moral life of America.

2. **The National Council of Churches of Christ of America.** The NCCCA has tried to appear both orthodox and liberal, but more liberal than orthodox. The NCCCA must clear out the liberals in authority; repudiate all the compromising theological and social pronouncements of the past; accept and declare its belief in the infallibility, inspiration and authority of the Scriptures, the Deity of Christ and the other basic doctrines of evangelical Christianity; demonstrate in policy, program, and practice that it is truly representative of evangelical Christianity before it can deserve the support of evangelicals. We heartily commend the National Association of Evangelicals for the good work it is doing for evangelical Christianity, and for the influence it is exerting in counter-acting the evil of NCCCA.

3. **Roman Catholicism.** Because of what the Roman Catholic Church has added to and taken from Divine Revelation she is to be condemned and opposed. Her past and present atrocities condemn her. "The Washington office of the N.A.E. has published a carefully documented list of bloody incidents in Colombia, South America which are traced directly to the hands of the Roman church." Our own mission and missionaries there have felt the influence of Roman opposition.

4. **Communism.** Communism is an atheistic, demon-inspired ideology that holds one third of the world's population under its sway. The communists are working feverishly to destroy religious freedom, and to undermine Christian ideals throughout the world. The great barrier to communism is militant Christianity. The aims of Communism are anti-God, anti-Christ, and anti-Church. America is in danger of this subtle foe. It is reported that there are more communists in America today than there were in Russia when they took over the government of Russia. Their spread in America has been, according to Paul E. Billheimer, "Accelerated by the infiltration of our colleges and universities, and subsequently of our public schools, with an evolutionary, materialistic philosophy and its logical political deduction, Radical Socialism or Communism. It is only the economic and political corollary of the evolutionary theory which received such impetus by the now discredited Darwinian hypothesis. It never could have appealed to a nation that was not first 'softened up' by a generation of evolutionary teachings. Left-wing radicals infiltrated our universities, won chairs in our teachers' colleges, slanted the thinking of the nation's teachers, took over the writing of our public school text books, and in one generation succeeded in mentally and spiritually disarming the American people. While this infiltration of our colleges and universities was going on, our Seminaries were being taken over by the so-called New Theology, the left-wing religious counterpart of radical socialism in politics. While our universities were preparing a generation of left-wing diplomats, and skillfully planting them in key governmental positions, our Seminaries were turning out left-wing liberals, weakening the confidence of the people in the traditional faith, and conditioning them to embrace the materialistic view of life and its political twin, left-wing ideology. Faith in the religious, economic, and political principles upon which our nation was founded was gradually undermined. Faith in the integrity and high purpose of the founders of our nation was likewise subtly destroyed. Only a nation that had lost its soul could have swallowed such left-wing radical propaganda. Only a nation that had lost its soul could have been deceived by the Pied Pipers of so-called liberalism. Only a people that had become spiritually bankrupt could have tolerated the diplomatic recognition of Red Russia, which turned loose upon our nation hordes of Russian spies. It was because America was spiritually disarmed that she became a prey to these alien subversive forces and ideas. Until America recovers her spiritual ideals she will continue to be the victim of radical infiltration and betrayal. Therefore, the first step toward a real national defense is a nation-wide revival that will rebuild America's conviction and make her internally strong enough to purge her national life of the alien elements and ideas that have weakened her. Communism can never be defeated until it is defeated spiritually. America on her knees is stronger than America under arms. America's hope of victory on the world front is national repentance and revival on the home front." We must have a revival of fervency in worship, devotion to Christ, loyalty to the church and fundamental democracy, and brotherly love among men if we are to counter-act communism's creed of hate, revolution, infidelity,

and materialism. Dan Gilbert declares, "Corruption and communism are the greatest enemies of Democracy. In answer to prayer God will deliver our government and people from both of these menaces." In the words of Senator Tobey, "It is no longer a question of 'God bless America.' It is now a question of 'God Save America.'" Therefore, America, pray or perish!

II. Organizations for the promotion of sports and worldly pleasures

This is an age when many are "lovers of pleasure more than of God." The organizations listed below have capitalized on this fact and are doing a prosperous business, and in some cases being patronized by members of The Wesleyan Methodist Church.

1. **Athletic organizations.** Many of these organizations have become centers of corruption, gambling, scandal, and bad sportsmanship. Association with them "bids them God's speed," a thing we dare not do. It is a well known fact that youth needs wholesome recreation, and we thus urge our people to provide proper recreation for them. However, we must voice our disapproval of the effort to make the church a recreational center rather than a religious center. "The taking only of such diversions as can be used in the name of the Lord Jesus" is the principle that our Book of Discipline gives to follow on our recreational activities.

2. **The modern theatrical industry.** This diabolical agent of evil should have our unqualified opposition.

3. **Television.** The programs presented by television are frequently frivolous, vulgar, and of a character opposed to the Christian religion. The commercials of these programs often promote the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and encourage other habits injurious to youth. Therefore, we should register our protest against such programs with the F.C.C., our Congressmen, and Senators and demand that laws be passed requiring that television present programs of educational, artistic culture, and constructive entertainment, and that the apparent monopoly of the liquor, beer, and tobacco interest over this form of domestic entertainment be broken up.

4. **Certain types of radio programs.** Those radio programs that are designed to bring unwholesome, unchristian, and undesirable programs into our homes we must condemn.

5. **Unwholesome literature.** The cheap, worldly, pernicious, and ungodly literature that is currently flooding the news and book stands must be denied a place on our library shelves.

III. Organizations that are civic and patriotic in their formation

We can bestow only limited approval on a number of societies whose original purpose was the conservation of our Constitutional Democracy, and the physical and social betterment of mankind; because in some cases these societies have been perverted by the domination of ungodly men. As long as our connection with such does not violate Christian principles we do not consider it wrong. However, if association with such leads to unchristian or unchristlike activities we must heed God's call: "Come out from among them and be ye separate."

On such principles we base our attitudes toward the societies of the world. Only by abiding by such principles shall we be able to maintain our testimony against the forces of evil. Only by a definite stand against evil societies, and evil in societies, shall we be able to give a positive witness to the doctrines and principles championed by our beloved Zion for over one hundred years.

V. A. Mitchell, Chairman;
Henry B. Aarhus, Secretary;
W. T. Brinson,
R. C. Kendrick,
F. G. Douglass,
John E. Huff,
H. A. Williams.

Report No. 35. STATISTICAL REPORT

Conferences	Item I. Pastor's Labors.										Item II. Periodicals									
	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists	Wesleyan Missionaries	Wesleyan Youths	Sunday School Banners	Junior Class Papers	Children's Friend	Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflets	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Charts	Pupil's Lesson Stories	Bible Lesson Stories
Africa																				
Alabama	1,331	31	33	429	308	280	497	107	30	168	1,160	368	504	299	22	354	320	11	135	47
Allegheny	12,378	92	88	2,086	1,701	922	3,925	188	1,347	828	4,075	965	1,324	701	240	959	1,077	36	193	295
Australia	159	6	5	7	10	7	12	15		3			7	6	25					
California	550	13	12	133	102	43	411	323	270	91	315	94	83	27	1	90	12	4	80	142
Canada	590	18	15	268	185	303	420	183	160	87	393	67	159	161	25	12	163	5	12	38
Champlain	1,640	34	35	423	363	401	967	569	429	305	840	295	413	283	179	138	371	18	71	132
Dakota	1,784	50	39	966	649	425	1,010	500	506	278	1,043	283	368	274	107	434	366	18	191	231
Florida	96	8	8	24	17	21	161	129	82	72	65	48	57	19		155	75	1	57	10
Illinois	85	8	7	77	88	56	209	129	90	50	144	53	69	36	18	98	32		17	35
India																				
Indiana	4,537	109	100	1,905	1,527	1,230	4,657	1,977	1,348	979	4,906	993	1,295	498	528	830	1,210	39	267	542
Iowa	1,561	133	32	450	480	252	879	414	360	248	901	155	207	205	84	235	162	13	235	54
Kansas	2,399	53	52	885	653	386	1,475	743	751	506	1,593	348	535	358	204	555	394	10	199	253
Kentucky	1,653	39	33	345	282	267	706	312	181	877	296	297	163	29	347	243	23	37	52	
Lockport	1,401	29	26	661	457	468	1,097	485	365	261	998	230	327	140	123	124	210	4	58	46
Michigan	1,576	46	40	1,064	957	576	1,767	790	574	445	1,728	414	501	302	125	442	390	14	105	213
Middle Atlantic States	1,152	24	24	468	280	364	702	323	378	159	491	242	251	88	56	191	339	39	10	48
Nebraska	542	18	15	468	514	269	803	508	414	272	942	222	483	194	102	260	264	17	118	76
North Carolina	3,816	98	104	1,694	1,088	693	2,797	878	594	926	5,269	1,627	2,066	1,024	319	1,783	1,595	82	337	336
North Georgia	146	13	13	120	69	5	229	98	69	63	347	91	118	114	7	108	64	4	34	11
North Michigan	1,409	31	31	1,370	1,774	823	3,857	2,129	1,833	886	3,641	821	1,398	934	254	1,263	1,166	79	396	1,413
Ohio	2,191	51	46	782	700	342	1,517	917	646	349	1,601	484	661	269	125	773	584	25	176	208
Oklahoma	479	44	43	567	377	346	1,239	607	431	341	1,579	271	480	306	126	382	376	29	42	36
Oregon	468	38	37	326	345	208	1,079	695	706	279	875	349	508	247	88	441	387	21		311
Rochester	1,614	38	38	590	493	287	1,059	544	348	217	955	271	324	138	156	233	186	2	58	86
South Carolina	2,227	62	61	703	514	439	1,852	596	421	475	2,669	1,198	1,055	416	34	772	788	49	136	166
South Georgia	618	18	16	118	50	46	112	63	41	101	281	199	180	94	27	134	182	32	14	14
South Ohio	480	10	10	104	94	56	62	120	65	222	877	457	474	273	28	209	451	28	55	56
Tennessee	880	22	19	175	136	98	312	157	58	96	526	191	294	120	12	537	320	8	75	179
Wisconsin	773	27	22	291	226	124	516	336	246	117	550	136	169	127	34	113	135	7	38	94
Totals	48,515	1,948	1,004	17,499	14,439	9,789	34,320	14,835	12,714	9,006	39,641	11,175	14,606	7,835	3,053	11,977	11,862	618	3,146	5,124

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Item III. Membership

Conferences	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Total Membership Lost	No. Reported 1947	Present Number	Loss	Gain	No. Members Under 14 Years	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstated Elders	Local Preachers	No. Family Altars	Membership Tithing	No. Card Call Subscribers
Africa								560				1,200						
Alabama	558		280	19	160	459	1,119	1,218		99	50	29	172		31	219	478	129
Allegheny	1,075		355	144	352	851	2,946	3,170		224	18	245	826		111	1,150	2,298	303
Australia	79		23		6	29		50		50		5	48		8	21	39	
California	263		66	13	70	149	233	347		114	25	14	110	1	11	111	220	64
Canada	184	2	68	24	96	190	532	525	6		4	2	102	1	4	165	336	70
Champlain	369	3	104	62	128	297	971	1,043		72	26	76	125	2	22	300	545	
Dakota	510	1	239	50	156	456	1,083	1,137		54	12	42	54	3	21	367	612	160
Florida	14	1	5		14	20	104	98	6			8		1	3	36	30	
Illinois	22		10	2	9	21	157	158		1	2	27	14		9	77	134	16
India								240				600						
Indiana	1,706		511	249	694	1,554	4,302	4,454		152	55	389	1,160	2	135	1,251	2,320	167
Iowa	590		79	40	389	508	924	1,006		82	96	492	313	11	111	1,286	2,380	518
Kansas	650		237	84	360	681	1,574	1,543	31		15	278	268	10	44	442	1,043	186
Kentucky	382	20	129	28	153	330	678	730		52	20	67	70	9	53	231	470	45
Leekport	453	1	93	61	181	336	983	400		117	35	205	351	8	34	345	712	
Michigan	692		219	97	273	589	1,708	1,811		103	27	78	301	1	24	513	1,078	167
Middle Atlantic States	284	1	81	31	103	216	718	787		69	13	150	257		32	248	630	
Nebraska	243		29	7	48	84	125	284		159	7	46	59	1	10	107	199	105
North Carolina	2,587	50	870	137	697	1,754	3,561	4,394		833	392	472	993		92	699	2,299	151
North Georgia	43		14	7	16	37	331	337		6	19	16	16		10	85	156	36
North Michigan	471	2	139	56	213	410	961	1,022		61	44	105	192	1	133	1,191	2,465	158
Ohio	740	11	265	66	303	645	1,231	1,326		95	15	156	92	2	45	588	905	61
Oklahoma	162	10	61	15	100	186	1,641	1,617	24		20	135	43	5	12	506	801	60
Oregon	137		33	10	56	99	178	214		36	1	27	41	11	11	89	155	36
Rochester	382		179	65	152	396	1,232	1,218	14		9	117	358	3	32	308	609	119
South Carolina	1,142		374	84	384	842	2,173	2,473		300	86	52	453		65	584	1,049	
South Georgia	282		86	24	193	303	382	361	21		17		141	4	5	95	99	45
South Ohio	168		15	48	6	69	745	844		99	95	15	101	12	20	185	210	1
Tennessee	336	7	115	12	136	270	401	467		66	26	91	177		24	183	171	227
Wisconsin	248	2	169	25	117	313	699	634	65		10	30	149	4	16	186	352	
Haiti								230				500						
Colombia								60										
Japan								350				400						
China								60										
Totals	14,772	111	4,948	1,460	5,575	12,094	31,692	35,869	167	2,844	1,139	6,069	6,986	82	1,128	11,568	22,765	2,824

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Item IV. Sunday Schools and W. Y. P. S.

Conferences	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers	Whole No. of Teachers	No. Scholars in Main School	Total No. in Main School	Scholars in Home Dept.	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. of Scholars Converted	No. Schol. Joining Church	No. of Departmental Supts.	No. Teacher Training Course	No. Organized Classes	No. Books in Library	Enrollment V. B. S.	Average Attendance V.B.S.	No. W. Y. P. Societies	Membership W. Y. P. Soc.
Africa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Alabama	39	81	165	3,026	3,272	28	196	3,496	1,757	745	336	14	17	15	313	494	360	24	441
Allegheny	95	497	694	7,855	8,777	244	1,541	10,562	6,520	1,659	675	172	...	174	3,017	1,998	1,660	47	779
Australia	6	9	36	377	422	...	72	494	238	39	7	5	...	23	...	...	...	4	58
California	14	48	107	1,445	1,590	6	114	1,710	1,067	161	43	16	27	8	248	793	551	7	114
Canada	17	53	78	837	968	28	128	1,124	632	135	48	15	18	...	714	42	35	12	190
Champlain	34	206	220	1,820	2,231	167	385	2,783	1,628	124	66	79	73	56	1,910	1,58	129	28	257
Dakota	44	171	224	2,421	2,816	173	424	3,413	1,790	93	283	63	25	53	1,385	1,052	820	23	367
Florida	7	18	25	283	313	...	27	340	223	13	7	1	1	10	...	...	...	3	31
Illinois	8	28	62	587	654	28	137	819	473	32	22	17	19	21	355	408	398	4	54
India	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Indiana	100	663	754	9,614	11,031	621	2,415	14,068	8,080	3,054	1,226	337	104	225	1,976	3,275	2,627	66	1,222
Iowa	33	120	190	1,946	2,244	116	410	2,770	1,471	126	124	60	55	56	1,237	1,044	831	21	314
Kansas	51	269	355	3,308	3,932	247	761	4,940	2,727	783	416	122	...	145	471	794	586	39	562
Kentucky	38	108	174	2,176	2,458	32	252	2,742	1,716	854	235	26	30	122	112	518	473	16	243
Laekport	29	193	209	2,089	2,502	162	677	3,341	1,526	879	231	90	...	74	2,294	434	315	19	393
Michigan	41	333	307	3,934	4,574	160	629	5,363	3,111	802	449	120	...	80	2,037	2,808	2,110	24	430
Middle Atlantic States	24	87	159	1,663	1,769	30	131	1,930	1,305	250	184	25	6	26	717	335	252	19	350
Nebraska	17	62	85	715	868	39	134	1,041	577	134	62	21	...	30	228	1,119	403	9	100
North Carolina	96	412	639	11,316	12,367	299	1,103	13,769	8,322	11,427	2,305	129	72	243	3,074	2,818	2,284	68	1,604
North Georgia	13	33	61	674	752	6	53	811	566	111	33	10	3	16	125	184	122	8	118
North Michigan	31	716	736	8,574	9,983	240	426	10,649	7,371	792	301	340	98	267	4,555	4,683	3,625	21	1,253
Ohio	53	224	301	3,871	4,396	231	593	5,220	3,156	248	99	73	...	172	1,251	888	622	30	443
Oklahoma	43	216	237	2,861	3,321	157	540	4,018	2,298	240	105	76	...	173	1,704	610	436	35	431
Oregon	11	61	68	787	916	24	125	1,065	511	122	44	13	...	20	114	913	145	6	78
Rechester	38	198	221	1,829	2,130	183	382	2,695	1,686	452	264	67	...	88	1,324	609	474	23	320
South Carolina	60	143	323	5,299	5,765	15	226	6,006	3,295	1,356	669	34	...	198	981	1,352	798	40	939
South Georgia	15	54	55	384	490	...	34	524	459	115	114	5	...	34	...	61	57	5	53
South Ohio	10	243	175	2,399	2,817	28	26	2,871	1,445	94	64	34	18	58	812	478	378	36	774
Tennessee	21	62	104	1,616	1,782	12	161	1,955	1,288	598	185	13	8	56	90	1,058	887	15	240
Wisconsin	27	96	128	1,196	1,420	89	220	1,720	965	42	32	41	...	54	806	...	...	13	200
Totals	1,076	5,404	6,802	84,902	96,560	3,356	12,323	112,239	66,193	28,680	8,629	2,018	574	2,497	31,760	28,926	21,288	665	12,358

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Item V. Church Property									
Conferences	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Church Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Africa	32	\$253,600	\$30,222.00	\$22,600	21	\$69,550	\$5,256.10	\$29,500	\$22,967.07
Alabama	85	711,700	62,345.15	566,720	63	335,009	24,139.18	136,350	108,381.32
Allegheny	1	405		450	1	3,375	2,362.00	2,475	2,470.00
Australia	13	149,000	10,615.00	80,700	11	56,050	12,602.17	34,100	7,642.39
California	19	147,000	37,434.00	79,300	11	61,000	7,064.00	33,100	3,696.00
Canada	37	133,400	6,539.00	140,000	23	99,700	8,941.00	62,700	33,676.00
Champlain	47	295,600	28,790.00	209,925	37	165,690	15,737.00	126,150	9,182.00
Dakota	6	21,700		8,500	1	2,500		2,500	
Florida	7	126,500	4,800.00	56,300	6	48,100	12,463.66	35,300	1,577.01
Illinois									
India									
Indiana	101	999,300	85,571.00	697,890	86	423,100	33,133.00	307,700	93,650.00
Iowa	36	294,650	70,595.00	157,475	28	111,650	11,841.00	82,900	32,477.88
Kansas	51	504,400	130,246.21	213,700	43	216,200	32,900.00	107,925	26,917.27
Kentucky	34	229,650	34,142.00	118,500	22	54,500	6,177.00	25,800	2,990.00
Leckport	27	350,800	37,181.00	181,561	22	94,800	7,100.00	72,250	9,086.00
Michigan	40	312,570	14,150.00	231,050	33	177,550	10,306.00	114,775	36,471.00
Middle Atlantic States	22	339,000	32,639.16	206,430	12	82,750	27,797.59	55,700	42,508.80
Nebraska	16	81,000	26,334.50	65,200	12	46,500	10,562.56	29,000	9,429.54
North Carolina	99	1,229,000	128,472.25	510,000	62	379,550	39,553.32	191,840	83,484.57
North Georgia	13	63,470	6,599.90	32,000	8	42,100	5,290.00	25,000	6,175.57
North Michigan	31	244,600	28,544.93	160,000	28	101,250	42,441.79	232,900	35,654.91
Ohio	42	438,060	65,343.97	292,250	23	113,900	13,428.75	82,030	22,714.37
Oklahoma	14	240,000	21,000.39	124,800	11	132,469	12,145.21	79,600	14,945.35
Oregon	11	89,200	944.00	43,000	7	33,000		21,000	695.00
Rochester	37	245,100	4,128.00	177,470	26	93,750	11,185.00	66,100	21,046.00
South Carolina	60	554,050	21,081.89	221,800	28	158,600	27,705.03	63,000	14,324.49
South Georgia	7	29,150	1,760.00	6,250	5	13,350		4,050	553.15
South Ohio	10	64,511		14,130	4	37,000		8,500	12,489.00
Tennessee	19	121,250	6,655.00	36,250	11	41,700	2,818.00	20,200	4,413.00
Wisconsin	21	81,300	4,050.00	25,500	13	37,850	604.85	16,100	2,296.14
Totals	938	\$8,349,966	\$899,184.35	\$4,749,801	688	\$3,262,819	\$383,554.21	\$2,168,545	\$661,923.83

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Conferences	Item VI. Contributed for Pastor				
	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Africa					
Alabama	\$120,777.70	\$20,100.43	\$732.06	\$15,620.73	\$157,230.92
Allegheny	573,199.35	78,695.62	6,589.50	72,119.01	730,603.48
Australia	2,470.00		72.00	306.00	2,848.00
California	72,356.48	17,193.79	704.50	5,332.93	95,597.70
Canada	65,719.00	7,418.00	546.00	7,581.00	81,264.00
Champlain	170,177.00	31,022.00	4,476.09	34,607.00	240,282.00
Dakota	217,957.00	41,198.00	3,863.00	43,824.00	396,842.00
Florida	3,117.24	275.00	52.00	690.01	4,134.25
Illinois	10,074.45	2,415.00	154.00	936.56	13,580.01
India					
Indiana	624,675.00	105,140.00	12,140.00	103,124.00	845,079.00
Iowa	184,077.07	42,058.00	3,814.00	38,684.77	268,633.92
Kansas	253,037.06	49,337.04	3,992.93	49,110.73	355,477.76
Kentucky	132,646.40	20,675.34	1,927.00	27,594.19	182,842.93
Lockport	149,131.00	25,783.00	3,106.00	22,882.00	200,902.00
Michigan	252,781.03	41,545.43	5,627.50	23,089.21	323,043.17
Middle Atlantic States	131,650.16	23,226.04	1,919.50	8,914.40	165,710.10
Nebraska	45,099.32	11,771.00	1,160.60	15,078.86	73,109.78
North Carolina	590,014.01		3,399.50	129,674.06	723,087.57
North Georgia	52,454.33	7,669.90	400.00	6,259.12	66,783.35
North Michigan	172,850.82	24,677.00	3,455.40	28,706.78	239,690.00
Ohio	264,892.03	38,283.87	3,962.20	24,775.27	341,913.37
Oklahoma	52,930.55	10,514.00	627.50	8,455.32	72,527.37
Oregon	55,305.00	9,417.00	754.00	5,892.00	71,368.00
Rochester	189,462.00	33,890.00	3,299.00	22,455.00	239,106.00
South Carolina	293,593.62	34,356.15	1,694.50	52,166.54	381,810.81
South Georgia	41,401.40	4,298.00	318.00	9,704.23	55,721.63
South Ohio	18,983.71	668.00	394.00	924.59	20,970.30
Tennessee	69,443.00	11,925.00	493.45	14,111.70	95,973.15
Wisconsin	89,000.49	15,485.00	2,148.50	16,001.24	122,635.23
Totals	\$4,909,276.22	\$699,037.61	\$71,822.72	\$798,621.25	\$6,478,757.80

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Item VII. Contributed for Church

Conferences	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Churches Incidental Expenses	Total for Churches
Africa							
Alabama	\$22,340.74	\$14,095.71	\$40,069.19	\$9,908.17	\$11,537.12	\$22,908.38	\$120,859.31
Allegheny	107,467.85	96,786.24	172,315.59	112,421.09	68,120.48	165,109.14	722,220.39
Australia	156.00	631.00	410.00	70.00		805.00	2,072.00
California	10,108.98	15,130.69	25,531.47	3,924.69	7,499.47	16,131.97	78,327.27
Canada	11,925.00	10,124.00	9,475.00	10,754.00	21,743.00	35,232.00	99,253.00
Champlain	20,862.00	23,616.00	64,258.00	16,257.09	29,243.00	55,872.00	210,108.00
Dakota	27,594.00	24,263.00	79,201.00	20,742.00	26,308.00	41,328.00	219,490.00
Florida	255.61	552.19	262.63	724.51	1,822.76	720.41	4,338.11
Illinois	1,439.75	1,608.93	16,512.08	570.31	1,141.86	4,469.27	25,742.20
India							
Indiana	134,515.00	101,540.00	291,992.00	109,364.00	65,148.00	236,628.00	939,187.00
Iowa	24,296.91	23,440.17	80,197.58	23,996.35	37,312.89	55,750.12	244,994.02
Kansas	51,477.28	31,866.19	110,591.40	36,028.04	38,589.96	61,222.96	329,575.83
Kentucky	38,180.96	15,129.83	59,245.76	11,337.04	19,777.61	35,606.45	179,277.65
Lockport	24,287.00	26,709.00	63,298.00	25,700.00	27,133.00	61,940.00	235,067.00
Michigan	38,889.82	50,811.38	94,926.65	29,358.36	9,814.25	82,465.19	306,265.65
Middle Atlantic States	24,742.78	33,740.41	75,076.69	22,514.59	25,936.65	79,048.19	261,059.31
Nebraska	5,899.80	6,034.31	23,522.31	3,000.84	6,006.24	7,412.25	51,875.68
North Carolina	111,147.00	110,509.12	500,971.56	79,469.02	159,548.62	197,600.64	1,159,246.56
North Georgia	10,196.07	7,206.34	40,357.74	6,419.02	11,514.32	14,188.92	89,882.41
North Michigan	25,813.59	32,613.94	73,634.08	15,785.35	19,398.04	55,748.46	222,993.46
Ohio	55,465.24	43,501.58	133,719.49	31,707.01	80,957.90	109,341.06	454,692.28
Oklahoma	10,176.09	6,910.15	14,248.96	5,564.10	4,331.93	19,844.82	61,076.05
Oregon	6,894.00	8,261.09	8,935.00	5,464.00	5,014.00	15,354.00	49,922.00
Rechester	26,602.00	27,041.00	26,757.00	35,973.00	15,617.00	51,870.00	186,860.00
South Carolina	64,067.71	51,210.17	125,907.27	50,067.98	41,048.56	59,484.64	391,786.33
South Georgia	7,851.25	3,012.55	11,180.17	4,970.84	1,658.34	4,190.14	32,863.29
South Ohio	5,380.55	3,457.92	2,106.62	5,652.62	273.50	5,692.21	22,463.42
Tennessee	16,623.00	12,393.00	11,860.00	7,981.00	15,483.00	27,437.67	91,777.67
Wisconsin	10,247.81	11,584.06	24,132.86	6,343.29	5,921.91	18,720.01	76,949.94
Totals	\$894,903.79	\$793,680.48	\$2,180,696.03	\$692,068.22	\$757,701.41	\$1,548,175.90	\$6,867,225.83

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Item VIII. Contributed for Budget

Conferences	Undivided Budget	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Superannuate Pension Plan	Orphanage	Administrative Budget	Gen. Conf. Entertainment	Gen. S. S. Work	Total Conn. Budget
Africa										
Alabama		\$7,321.03	\$4,230.23	\$3,684.52	\$2,235.86	\$1,411.44	\$570.25	\$526.39	\$322.11	\$22,301.83
Allegheny		102,893.73	30,956.46	12,945.99	8,900.05	3,946.76	2,318.01	1,584.32	994.10	164,539.27
Australia	\$459.00	47.00	38.00	350.00	25.00	4.50	7.00	4.50	2.25	1,037.25
California		5,473.36	1,601.38	1,890.46	807.60	290.39	187.67	145.00	176.71	10,572.57
Canada		9,309.00	7,078.00	2,242.00	2,702.00	294.00	325.00	294.00	98.00	22,342.00
Champlain		18,418.36	6,812.17	6,390.16	4,309.47	1,106.06	714.55	602.80	691.45	39,045.02
Dakota	2,297.00	26,128.00	16,048.00	9,094.00	4,818.00	1,584.00	623.00	541.00	289.00	61,461.00
Florida		194.14	107.54	130.75	112.11	40.57	24.75	19.60	7.65	637.11
Illinois		635.29	255.56	304.67	240.00	64.69	36.94	28.60	25.80	1,591.55
India										
Indiana		82,913.00	49,764.00	31,342.00	24,863.00	6,784.00	3,753.00	926.00	1,817.00	202,162.00
Iowa		12,679.94	6,859.75	6,901.25	4,190.85	1,217.70	560.96	494.85	366.45	33,271.75
Kansas		21,477.08	8,911.77	13,375.75	8,347.49	1,664.71	945.06	759.55	653.38	56,134.79
Kentucky		6,714.22	2,735.77	3,222.64	2,678.82	714.88	393.75	323.80	319.86	17,103.74
Lockport		45,385.00	8,605.00	7,792.00	3,202.00	1,402.00	788.00	617.00	446.00	68,237.00
Michigan		38,005.42	10,046.01	12,445.15	8,039.65	2,189.59	1,311.34	1,048.46	762.77	73,849.39
Middle Atlantic States		11,405.21	4,350.15	3,778.81		755.60		395.26	578.70	21,263.73
Nebraska		3,021.40	2,244.13	1,337.21	952.79	224.35	134.45	208.75	58.16	8,181.24
North Carolina		37,145.23	13,966.28	24,502.14		4,434.88	2,512.04	2,124.65	668.12	85,353.34
North Georgia		2,746.23	1,685.44	2,019.18	892.75	430.63	186.68	161.10	94.73	8,216.74
North Michigan		12,180.58	4,727.91	6,625.67	3,926.14	913.95	369.80	213.85	447.93	29,406.83
Ohio		15,472.17	7,399.95	6,985.92	2,916.26	1,320.07	900.00	952.60	843.55	36,790.52
Oklahoma		6,867.84	2,445.46	3,117.30	1,469.38	95.14	275.80	225.74	125.45	15,472.11
Oregon		3,528.00	1,700.00	1,520.00	874.00	338.00	139.00	147.00	67.00	8,303.00
Rochester		18,639.98	9,264.16	8,037.32	5,214.96	1,496.54	813.97	662.90	328.10	44,481.93
South Carolina		22,260.36	9,211.54	15,061.91	5,490.70	2,957.79	1,415.44	1,238.36	752.82	58,389.04
South Georgia		2,803.67	1,607.74	2,101.73	1,585.39	1,178.57	149.25	201.85	69.80	9,698.00
South Ohio	1,203.11	298.99	479.13	572.00	125.25		41.25			2,721.93
Tennessee		3,244.54	1,830.63	2,389.52	959.17	401.95	276.35	205.55	128.26	9,385.97
Wisconsin	21.00	8,015.18	4,347.67	4,246.76	2,033.86	859.67	370.55	266.65	239.38	20,400.72
Totals	\$3,980.11	\$525,223.95	\$219,309.83	\$196,508.72	\$101,912.55	\$38,966.37	\$20,155.08	\$14,920.23	\$11,374.53	\$1,132,351.37

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Item VIII. Contributed to: Budget—Continued

Conferences	President's Salary	Conference Evangelist's Salary	Conference Work	Conference Missions	Superannuated Ministers' Fund	Total Conference Budget	Total Budget
Africa							
Alabama	\$7,175.99		\$2,517.80	\$3,454.40	\$412.90	\$13,561.09	\$35,862.92
Allegheny			65,449.50	58,011.97		123,461.47	288,000.74
Australia	34.00		124.00			158.00	1,195.25
California			8,916.23	796.77	241.10	9,954.10	20,526.67
Canada	2,121.00		567.00	5,854.00		8,542.00	30,884.00
Champlain			12,201.33	10,954.63		23,155.96	62,200.98
Dakota	2,317.60	\$1,212.00	21,315.00	7,477.00		32,321.00	93,782.00
Florida	193.72		228.66	193.90		616.28	1,253.39
Illinois	554.50		179.34	206.53		940.37	2,531.92
India							
Indiana	12,160.00	15,700.00	49,352.00	30,148.00		107,360.00	309,622.00
Iowa	4,104.63		7,815.65	6,579.08		18,499.36	51,771.11
Kansas			20,239.21	10,989.34		31,228.55	87,363.34
Kentucky	13,627.62		4,491.86	7,400.01		25,519.49	42,623.23
Lockport	9,157.09		8,156.00			17,313.09	85,550.00
Michigan			21,513.31	13,434.11		34,947.42	108,796.81
Middle Atlantic States			9,936.84		2,805.84	12,712.68	33,976.41
Nebraska	1,229.91		1,615.82	2,751.53		5,797.26	13,978.50
North Carolina	13,727.68		11,622.75	7,760.47	9,181.76	42,292.66	127,646.00
North Georgia	2,638.38		1,953.35		108.62	4,700.35	12,917.09
North Michigan			17,179.28			19,199.28	48,606.11
Ohio	11,384.05		8,545.30	28,158.44		48,087.79	84,878.31
Oklahoma			5,369.80	5,369.87		10,739.67	26,211.78
Oregon			5,269.00	1,770.00		7,039.00	15,342.00
Rochester			15,647.31			15,647.31	60,129.24
South Carolina	12,596.20		10,819.79	18,143.04		41,559.03	99,948.07
South Georgia	3,513.54	237.46	723.27	55.85		4,530.22	14,228.22
South Ohio		315.16	1,234.68	113.00		1,662.84	4,384.77
Tennessee	5,012.43		1,235.16	322.37		6,569.96	15,955.93
Wisconsin	5,458.00		1,970.54	3,666.50	256.85	10,451.89	30,852.61
Totals	\$107,005.75	\$17,464.62	\$317,279.78	\$223,810.81	\$13,007.07	\$678,568.03	\$1,810,919.40

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item IX. Contributed for Benevolences

Conferences	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	W. Y. P. S.	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences
Africa						\$16,170.19	\$25,119.31	\$41,289.50
Alabama								
Allegheny	\$10,970.10	\$24,841.54	\$2,556.52	\$1,467.83	\$820.46	3,760.28	88,611.33	133,048.06
Australia							385.00	385.00
California	1,225.12	535.04	941.42	82.58	2,129.00	1,403.40	13,492.83	19,809.39
Canada	460.00	1,831.00	463.00	10.00	393.00	2,476.00	5,959.00	11,592.00
Champlain	3,975.00	5,949.00	1,605.00	269.00	6,103.00	7,658.60	27,350.00	52,909.60
Dakota	14,025.00	9,044.00	4,267.00	267.00	1,990.00	2,199.00	21,229.00	53,021.00
Florida	24.50	15.35				15.00	110.45	165.30
Illinois	512.38	211.68	417.46	55.00	392.00	204.24	1,302.57	3,095.33
India								
Indiana			11,314.00			2,743.00	137,348.00	151,405.00
Iowa	7,392.56	9,735.27	4,257.29	1,277.26	5,969.96	4,432.22	17,865.22	49,949.85
Kansas	12,286.65	19,017.33	12,249.73	675.85	7,577.13	3,728.10	28,456.44	83,991.23
Kentucky	2,031.33	2,749.26	193.03	351.45	194.51	1,411.20	11,498.74	18,429.52
Lockport	15,527.00	12,660.00	1,672.00	371.00	1,532.00	12,632.00	40,054.00	84,446.00
Michigan							65,629.08	65,629.08
Middle Atlantic States	6,104.17	6,058.33	1,985.08	1,017.41	2,448.80	4,844.68	26,103.67	48,562.14
Nebraska	1,362.78	1,366.18	994.04	34.82	493.75	714.05	4,412.04	9,277.67
North Carolina	9,353.76	18,034.70	11,259.64	3,772.66	5,146.65	6,330.35	95,385.04	149,272.80
North Georgia	461.88	1,024.57	1,023.11	190.90	100.03	6,454.59	9,690.63	9,690.63
North Michigan	4,296.73	3,158.36	954.97	249.10	4,019.55	1,917.39	17,284.72	31,880.82
Ohio	12,856.04	13,279.04	1,672.46	1,054.25	3,446.65	4,175.75	25,203.44	61,687.63
Oklahoma	887.79	2,930.86	1,781.33	273.02	3,657.51	1,520.70	13,779.59	24,830.80
Oregon	799.00	1,033.00	295.00	22.00	1,115.00	216.00	3,797.00	7,277.00
Rochester	6,732.00	10,377.00	2,772.00	293.00	1,831.00	2,459.00	17,378.00	41,847.00
South Carolina	3,501.15	2,819.71	7,351.26	1,786.69	7,076.01	3,583.38	50,970.41	77,088.61
South Georgia	277.78	440.64	444.71	133.75	22.45	26.00	2,871.38	4,216.71
South Ohio								
Tennessee	1,343.03	2,198.78	694.52	441.02	2,464.83	666.75	8,377.83	16,186.76
Wisconsin	1,827.89	5,053.03	1,342.91	216.00	1,171.86	2,144.98	14,370.52	26,127.19
Totals	\$118,233.64	\$154,263.67	\$72,507.49	\$14,336.59	\$60,095.15	\$86,857.88	\$770,799.20	\$1,277,093.62

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Item X. Contributed Totals

Conferences	Total for Pastors	Total for Churches	Total for Budgets	Total for Benevolences	Total For All Purposes
Africa					
Alabama	\$157,230.92	\$120,859.31	\$35,862.92	\$41,289.50	\$355,242.65
Allegheny	750,603.48	722,220.39	288,000.74	133,028.06	1,873,852.67
Australia	2,848.00	2,072.00	1,195.25	385.00	6,500.25
California	95,587.70	78,327.27	20,526.67	19,809.39	214,251.03
Canada	31,264.00	99,253.00	30,884.00	11,592.00	222,993.00
Champlain	240,282.00	210,108.00	62,200.98	52,909.60	565,500.58
Dakota	305,842.00	219,490.00	93,782.00	53,021.00	673,135.00
Florida	4,134.25	4,338.11	1,253.39	165.30	9,891.05
Illinois	13,580.01	25,742.20	2,531.92	3,095.33	44,949.46
India					
Indiana	845,079.00	939,187.00	309,522.00	151,405.00	2,245,193.00
Iowa	268,633.92	244,994.02	51,771.11	49,949.85	615,348.90
Kansas	355,477.76	329,575.83	87,363.34	83,991.23	856,408.16
Kentucky	182,842.93	179,277.65	42,623.23	18,429.52	423,173.33
Lockport	200,902.00	235,067.00	85,550.00	84,448.00	605,967.00
Michigan	323,043.17	306,265.65	108,796.81	65,629.08	803,734.71
Middle Atlantic States	165,710.10	251,059.31	33,976.41	48,562.14	509,307.96
Nebraska	73,109.78	51,875.68	13,978.50	9,277.67	148,241.63
North Carolina	723,087.57	1,159,246.56	127,646.00	149,272.80	2,159,252.93
North Georgia	66,783.35	89,882.41	12,917.09	9,690.63	179,273.48
North Michigan	239,690.60	222,993.45	8,606.11	31,880.82	543,170.39
Ohio	341,913.37	454,692.28	84,878.31	61,687.63	943,171.59
Oklahoma	72,527.37	61,076.05	26,211.78	24,830.80	184,646.00
Oregon	71,368.00	49,922.00	15,342.00	7,277.00	143,909.00
Rochester	239,106.00	183,860.00	60,129.24	41,847.00	524,942.24
South Carolina	381,810.81	391,786.33	99,948.07	77,088.61	950,633.92
South Georgia	55,721.63	32,863.29	14,228.22	4,216.71	107,029.85
South Ohio	20,970.30	22,463.42	4,384.77		47,818.49
Tennessee	95,973.15	91,777.67	15,955.93	16,186.78	219,893.51
Wisconsin	122,635.23	76,949.94	30,852.61	26,127.19	256,564.97
Totals	\$6,478,757.80	\$6,867,225.83	\$1,810,919.40	\$1,277,093.62	\$16,433,996.65

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

Whereas, the annual Statistical Report Forms are not designed in every particular for the posting of the Quadrennial Statistics and,

Whereas, the statistics reported to the General Conference are incomplete and,

Whereas, many of the Conference Quadrennial Reports were delivered to the Chairman of the Statistical Committee of the General Conference too late for the efficient functioning of the Committee; and,

Whereas, there appeared numerous discrepancies on many of the Conference Reports, the Statistical Committee offers the following recommendations:

1. That the Board of Administration elect a committee to prepare a form, with necessary instructions printed with each item or at the point of reference, for the use of the Annual Conferences in reporting their Quadrennial Statistics to the General Conference.

This form shall include an item for the reporting of the value of Camp-ground property, Conference Parsonages and such Conference property that is not included in the report of the local churches to the Annual Conference.

Space shall be provided on this form for the signature of the Conference President and the Conference Secretary.

2. That the Committee prepare a form for the use of the Colleges of the denomination in reporting to the General Conference the value of buildings and such other statistics as may be designated by the Board of Administration. (Property values are to be included in the Statistical Report appearing in the General Conference Minutes.)

3. That the Conference Quadrennial Statistical Report be delivered to the Chairman of the Statistical Committee of the General Conference by or at the time of adjournment of the business session of the first day of the General Conference.

4. That each Annual Conference elect a Committee to Audit the report of the Statistical Committee of the Annual Conference before said report is adopted by the Conference.

It shall also be the duty of this Committee to audit the Quadrennial Statistical Report of the Annual Conference before it is delivered to the Chairman of the Statistical Committee of the General Conference.

5. That the Pastor's Annual Statistical Report Blank be amended as follows:

Item III Membership.

Separate lines for Loss and Gain in members.

Item IV Sunday Schools.

- A. Number of officers and teachers be combined in one item.

- B. "Average Attendance" item number 6 be placed after item Number 9, "Total number in Sunday School," and intervening numbers be adjusted accordingly.

It is further recommended that the Committee provided for in Paragraph I review all statistical report blanks and forms that a closer correlation be effected between them.—Respectfully submitted, C. W. Dunbar,

Chairman; Lowell Gilger, Secretary; Walter E. McKee, Maurice Board, Dennis Brenner, J. C. Putman.

Report No. 36

THE CHILD EVANGELISM CRUSADE REPORT

Brethren in Christ:

Every true Christian led of the Spirit seeks to know and to do the will of God. How plainly the Word of the Lord comes to us. "This is the will of God, even your sanctification." Further the Word declares, "God our Saviour . . . will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of truth." And again, "The Lord . . . is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (1 Tim. 2:4; II Peter 3:9.). We are reminded of the scene where the Lord Jesus calls the little children into His presence and declares before the assembled group, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. . . . Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish!" (Matt. 18:10, 14).

"He was not willing that any should perish;
 Jesus enthroned in the glory above,
 Saw our poor fallen world, pitied our sorrows,
 Poured out His life for us—wonderful love.
 Perishing, perishing thronging our pathway,
 Hearts break with burdens too heavy to bear.
 Jesus would save but there's no one to tell them.
 No one to lift them from sin and despair."

If God is not willing that any should perish, who does will it? Do we by our neglect, by our hardness of heart, by our lack of faith? Do we say to the needy souls of earth, to the millions of boys and girls in America who are growing up without any knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, "God wants to save you, but we are not sure as yet whether or not we should be concerned." Surely we all need to search our hearts in the light of the spiritual need all around us. Can we not do more to win souls to Christ?

It was in the General Conference of 1947 that members of the Woman's Missionary Society felt a keen burden that the Child Evangelism cause should be promoted in our Zion. This group set aside \$500.00 for the promotion of this cause. As you well know, the Spirit of God was at work on many of our hearts, and in the providence of the Lord, June 1949 saw the formation of the Wesleyan Commission on Child Evangelism.

To reach the youth and children within the environs of our churches was not enough. We must do something to salvage from the wreckage of the breakdown in American civilization some of the boys and girls who might otherwise grow up completely ignorant of God's way of salvation. Recent events in the shocking disclosures of crime and drug addiction among teen-agers have proved the soundness of this move to extend our home missionary effort to reach America's youth. Indeed, law enforcement agencies and congressional committees are now shouting from the housetops that which we had felt stirring within our hearts. Something must be done and we must begin at an earlier age if we would turn the

hearts of boys and girls away from sin and crime toward the ways of God and righteousness. We quote from the speech of Senator Charles W. Tobey as he spoke before the 1951 N. A. E. Convention:

"During the New York hearing there came before us the District Attorney of Brooklyn, Miles McDonald, a splendid public official. As he talked he told an amazing story of organized traffic in marijuana and heroin among the school children of Brooklyn. As I listened there came to my mind the words of the Master, 'Whosoever shall offend one of these little ones, it were better for him if a millstone were hanged about his neck and he be cast into the depths of the sea.' Deeply moved I broke out to say,

'What bothers me most about your splendid testimony is your allusion to the conditions of the school children over there in Brooklyn, school children who have been corrupted by these emissaries of evil—the narcotic peddlers. The children under this pernicious influence begin to think the evils they see are justified and the norm in America. As they grow up and have homes of their own their moral depravity makes them unfit for family life. They have a lowered standard of morals and a lowered standard of citizenship.

'These deficiencies probe so deeply into our national life that the whole moral fabric of the nation is imperiled. It seems to me that one of the great weaknesses in America today is the fact that the home and the church have lost a large degree of their influence. Can this influence be recaptured? It **can** and it **must** if this nation is to survive.

'What we need—what we must have—is a revival of the application of the life and teachings of the Master of Men. Until that virtue lives in America again, I tremble for America's future.'"

May we never forget the solemn words of this Christian senator. May God grant that we may not be slow to take the precious Gospel of our Master—heart-transforming, home-transforming and community-transforming power that it is, out into the streets and lanes of our American cities to win boys and girls and parents to the Master.

How can this great work be done? God has been awakening many Christians in America to use perhaps the unromantic and yet highly effective method of Child Evangelism as a method of infiltration with the Gospel into the very centers of America's greatest need. In fact this has become a national movement today, well organized and blessed of God from coast to coast. God's ways are not man's ways. Revival is the need of the hour. Men and women must be turned to God. But if we are to see any measure of success in a revival that will turn the tide against Satan and his cohorts and lead America back to sanity and to God, it may well be that the precious seed that is being sown weekly in the hearts of literally tens of thousands of boys and girls across America, it may well be, I say, that this movement will have a real part in that national revival.

In new housing areas, in the city slums, in villages and hamlets where it might take a decade to build a strong church to bring witness for Christ, Child Evangelism workers can take their kit of materials and their winning ways with boys and girls and begin to reap a harvest for God immediately. We have no doubt now as to the effectiveness of this softening-up process for invasion of God's great love into the hearts of mothers and fathers and to the creating of an opening wedge for the establishment of Sunday

schools and church ministries. The Church is beginning to learn what false religion and political schemers have been demonstrating for generations. The way to begin is to begin early with the boys and girls. It is gratifying, therefore, to be able to report to you that real progress has been made in our Wesleyan Child Evangelism Crusade. The work has begun; "The door of utterance" has been opened by the prayers of God's people and by the blessed Holy Spirit. We must continue to labor along this line to see a real harvest among the younger set of America's thirty-six million youth between the ages of 5 and 19 years. We are told, by the way, that by 1955 there will be forty-two million—an increase of six million in this same age group.

Early in 1947 the Y. M. W. B. office began to give encouragement to the formation of Child Evangelism Clubs. Workers in the Y. M. W. B. in their annual reports listed 128 clubs organized in 22 conferences in 1949 and 1950 reports. The first definite indication of progress under the auspices of the Crusade came in during the summer of 1950 and represents the progress for one year of Child Evangelism activities. At that time 21 conferences reported active directors of Child Evangelism. Though the actual reports received at the office show sketchy returns, they do indicate a real start.

1950 Child Evangelism Report

Bands	No. Clubs	Enrollment	Verses Memorized	Saved	Calls Made	Camps Held	Tracts Dist.
Alabama	1	19					
Allegheny	27						
California	4	117	177	40			1000
Florida	1	25			25		
Illinois	1	25					
Indiana	7	125					
Kansas	9	225					
Lockport	6	736	620	32		2	215
Michigan	4	50					
M. A. S.	9	270	114	3			
N. Carolina							
N. Michigan	1						
Ohio	14	357	195	54	81		
Rochester	1	75					
S. Carolina	16	202	664	25	70		108
S. Georgia	1	15					
	102	2241	1770	154	176	2	1323

There are two or three estimates in this report but they are on the conservative side.

There has been good progress during this past year as is demonstrated by the following facts and reports. A week of Child Evangelism conventions was held at several points in the Michigan Conference. The North Carolina Conference had a Child Evangelism Rally held during the annual camp meeting. Kansas staged a very successful Child Evangelism Worker's Institute of several days' duration last fall. Lockport Conference holds its third Children's Camp this summer under the auspices of the

Crusade while Indiana and Michigan follow with their first this year. Mrs. George B. Davis of the Florida Conference continues to be one of our most enthusiastic boosters and has an active group in a 200-unit government project. The Tampa, Florida Church now reports an active Child Evangelism Group. Mrs. Fred Hughes, the Conference Director of Child Evangelism in South Carolina issues a news sheet for all of her workers containing inspirational materials and patterns for cut-outs for illustrations. Mrs. G. I. Norman, wife of our pastor at Clemson, South Carolina, is one of the most ardent workers in the conference and since coming to that area has had an increasing enrollment in her Child Evangelism work. At present there are thirteen clubs with 190 children enrolled. It is her desire to start half a dozen more clubs in various sections of the city. She is enlisting the help of many workers. We quote from her letter of May 2, 1951.

"Coming home from service, a neighbor of Catholic faith whose daughter attends a Bible club called to me and this was her story. 'Mrs. Norman, Louise has been singing constantly a new song you taught her today. She locked herself in her bedroom (she is seven) and had "Happy-hour" there for the entire evening. Gene (that is her husband) said, "What is that child singing?" Then he listened. Later he slipped in and she did the motions for him too. I think it is wonderful what you are doing for the children and she doesn't want to miss a meeting!' Mrs. Norman continues, 'The song was "I am so happy, here's the reason why, Jesus took my burdens all away!"' Since then I have had some precious talks with this Catholic mother. Surely the entrance to many a mother's and father's heart is through the child."

In North Carolina, Miss E. Virginia Bailey is the active worker in the Child Evangelism endeavor. She holds many children's services and a letter of May 8 informs us that 40 children made professional faith in the last meeting she held.

Who would not be encouraged receiving a report such as the following: "Our band is growing here in Newark, Ohio and boys and girls are being saved. We are hoping to reach to other parts of the city. Some of the children are carrying the messages back home. We had one mother saved in the home last week when I called in the home, largely through the children coming to the meetings. She had never been in the church herself but she has promised to come now."

The publicity carried on for the promotion of the Crusade has been channeled along the following lines: Publication of various articles in THE WESLEYAN METHODIST on Child Evangelism; direct mailing and correspondence to all Conference Presidents and Child Evangelism workers and the mailing of report blanks to the latter. There has been published four different colored tracts for free distribution besides the printing and mailing of three issues of the Crusade News, a 6-page mimeograph work sheet.

A contest was held and an award of ten dollars in Child Evangelism workers' materials was given to Mrs. Fred Hughes of South Carolina who chose the name "The Bible Crusader Club." Little invitation cards for boys and girls to use in their local communities have been printed with the club emblem stamped on them. Besides this, attractive T-shirts have been prepared with the initial emblem and can be had saying "Bible Crusader Club" or "Bible Crusader Camp." Every one seems to go for these, including the grown-ups.

A list of Scriptures has been chosen and prizes or awards offered for their memorization. To date about 600 awards have been given out and although the call for these is not as large as was expected, it does seem to serve a real purpose in encouraging the memorization of the Word of God. This is especially true where workers are invading new communities and areas where boys and girls have not been used to Gospel teaching.

The General Secretary has presented the work of Child Evangelism at points in Lockport, Allegheny, Ohio, Michigan and Middle Atlantic States Conferences.

The simple Teacher Training Course set up attracted quite a bit of interest but not many have qualified as yet for the certificates although correspondence keeps coming in concerning this activity.

In conclusion, let it be remembered that where the Holy Spirit is moving, boys and girls will not be neglected. In the days of the great Wesley Revival, we read an account of Mr. Wesley's advice to helpers in the work. "Over and above: where there are ten children in a society, spend at least an hour with them twice a week and do this not in a dull, dry, formal manner, but in earnest with your might. 'But I have no gift for this.' Gift or no gift, you are to do it, else you are not called to be a Methodist preacher. Do it as you can till you can do it as you would."

This great Christian leader who changed his generation for God declared, "The world is my parish," but in his world-wide vision he had a great place for taking the Gospel to the boys and girls. Respectfully submitted, Alton J. Shea, General Secretary of Child Evangelism.

FINANCIAL REPORT

October 27, 1947 to April 30, 1951

Receipts

W. M. S.	\$83.55
Literature Department of Y. M. W. B.	54.20
Miscellaneous gifts	11.02
Sales of Child Evangelism materials	13.67
F. R. Birch, treasurer	1,957.14
Total	\$2,119.58

Disbursements

Salary, General Secretary	\$890.00
Office Help	151.61
Office Rent	125.00
Postage	110.82
Office Supplies, equipment	201.13
Printing	157.07
Awards	102.97
General Promotion	43.00
Travel	211.32
Miscellaneous	9.80
Total	\$2,002.72
Bank balance	116.86
	\$2,119.58

To show complete costs of Child Evangelism Crusade to date, the following items are due in May.

Wesley Press	\$202.56
Advocate Press	30.00
Rent	25.00
Salary, A. J. S.	80.00
Eyler	8.74
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	\$346.30

Respectfully submitted,

Alton J. Shea

Report No. 37

COMMITTEE ON ENTERTAINMENT AND TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE

Recommended that we set budget at \$.15 (fifteen cents) per member per year, for the next quadrennium for the General Conference expenses; and that the Board of Administration at its June, 1954 meeting establish a basis on which to figure the travel expense for the next General Conference; and further that the Board appoint a committee of two, to serve with the general Church Treasurer in settling accounts with delegates.

Charles Dayton, Chairman;
E. L. Kierstead,
E. L. Henderson,
L. L. Hildebrandt, Secretary.

Report No. 38

REPORT OF THE PENSION PLAN COMMITTEE

Item 1. **Section XIII-A, Paragraph 313.** Item 1. (1) following the word "bequests" add the word "annuities." Approved by vote.

Item 2. (2) put a period after \$25.00 and the balance of the paragraph deleted. Approved by vote.

Item 3. (3) substitute for the present paragraph the following: "Not more than 50% of the funds of this Plan shall be loaned and all loans shall be secured by a first mortgage on real estate; and in no case shall it exceed 50% of the appraised value of the real estate." Approved by vote.

Item 4. (4) substitute for the present paragraph the following: "The percentage of the balance which may be invested in government bonds shall be determined by the Board of Administration." Approved by vote.

Item 5. Add (5) as follows: "From these funds (establishing the Plan) the Board of Administration may direct the use of such sums as may be necessary to purchase essential equipment or meet emergencies which may arise." Approved by vote.

Item 6. **Paragraph 314.** (1) to remain as is, sub-p. (2) delete in line 2 from "beginning at" through "1947." Substitute words "should be" for "to be" in line 3. Approved by vote.

Item 7. **Paragraph 315.** Item 3. (1) put period after word "Plan"

in second line. Following this add: "It shall be the duty of this Board of Managers, or its Executive Board, to receive, review and approve all applications for membership in the Plan and approve the benefits paid to each member of the Plan." Following the word "Fund" in line 5, add: "The Board shall elect a Treasurer of the fund whose duty it shall be to receive, hold, invest and disburse the funds according to its orders." Approved by vote.

Item 8. (3) change to read as follows: "The Treasurer shall be required to keep a complete record of the status of each member of the Plan and supply to the Board of Administration such information as they may require." Approved by vote.

Item 9. **Paragraph 316.** (4) the words "and their membership application has been approved" substitute in the place of "and their membership fees have been paid." Approved by vote.

Item 10. Item 37 of the Report of the Committee on Revision (See Report No. 21) which was referred to the Executive Board which recommends that it be not approved. **Paragraph 317.** Item 5, as it appears in the Report of the Committee on Revision, the Board recommended that it not be approved. Also in Item 37, **Paragraph 317.** (2) of this same report, the Board recommended that it not be approved. The Board Action was approved by vote.

Item 11. **Paragraph 317.** (4) substitute for present (4) the following: "Any individual, eligible for membership and failing to join the Plan, may become a member by paying his enrollment fee provided that, if he shall waive service credit for such years as he has not paid assessments, he may become a member by paying his membership fee." Approved by vote.

Item 12. **Paragraph 317.** (5) delete and renumber 6 and 7. Approved by vote.

Item 13. **Paragraph 317.** (7) a new paragraph added: "Should an individual who is superannuated by one annual conference transfer his conference membership to another conference the benefits paid to him shall be on the basis of payments due to the superannuates in the annual conference by which he was superannuated." Approved by vote.

Item 14. (8) remain as is. Item 37 of Committee on Revision's report, pertaining to (9), was not recommended for approval by the Committee. By vote the Conference sustained their action.

Item 15. Item 39 in report of Committee on Revision which pertains to Paragraph 317, was not approved by the Committee. By vote Conference sustained their action.

Item 16. Item 38 of Report of Committee on Revision was recommended for approval. Approved by vote.

Item 17. **Paragraph 318.** (6) shall read: "The minimum retirement age shall be 65 years but no benefits shall be paid before actual retirement. However, a member may become eligible to receive benefits if he becomes incapacitated for service before his 65th birthday." Approved by vote.

Item 18. Item 37 in the Report of the Committee Revisal (See Report No. 21) which pertains to **Paragraph 319.** Item 7. Not recommended by the Committee. Conference sustained by vote.

Item 19. Item 40 in this same report was amended by changing 18 to 17 years of age and the committee approved the item as amended. Approved by vote.

Item 20. Item 41. No. 1 of this same report was not approved by the committee. The Conference sustained by vote.

Item 21. No. 2 was amended by the committee to 75% refund instead of 50%. Approved by vote.

Item 22. No. 3 was not approved by the committee and the Conference sustained by vote.

Item 23. Item 42 of this same report was not approved by the committee and Conference sustained this action by vote.

Item 24. Concerning the inquiry made by Mr. Archie Crapo of the Lockport Conference as to whether lay workers who are officially employed by the Wesleyan Methodist Denomination are eligible for membership in the Pension Corporation, which was referred to the Executive Committee, was not approved by them. The reason given was that they are covered by Social Security. The Board action was sustained by vote.

Report No. 39

MEMORIALS FROM THE W. M. S.

We, the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference, recommend that the following Disciplinary Revisions be made:

1. That Paragraph 284, Article 5, Officers, (3) be changed to read thus: The Area Chairmen shall be advisory members of the Executive Board.

2. That Paragraph 285, Article 6, Duties of Officers, (7) District Organizers and Duties, be changed to read thus: Area Chairman and Duties.

3. That (8) under the same Paragraph shall be revised as follows: using words "Area Chairmen" instead of "Organizers"; deletion of words "organizing societies and bands"; and addition of phrase "promoting the mission study program," making this paragraph to read thus:

"An Area Chairman shall be appointed over each district, whose duty it shall be to respond to the calls from the Annual Conferences and local societies, raising funds for missionary purposes, holding missionary institutes, promoting the missionary study program, and strengthening the work in general, reporting to and working in harmony with the President of the General Conference Women's Missionary Society and the Executive Board."

4. That in Paragraph 291, Article 6, Officers (1) The word "organizer" be omitted.

5. That Paragraph 292, Article 6, Duties of Officers (1) be changed to read thus: "it shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings, and supervise the interests and work of the Society. It shall also be her duty to organize societies and bands, or give authorization to do same when necessary. She shall bring the Annual Conference each year a general and financial report; and shall, by virtue of her office, be a member of the Missionary Board of the Annual Conference.

6. That Paragraph 292, Article 6, Duties of Officers, omit (5) entirely, thus abolishing the office of Conference Organizer.

(Note the article number preceding the following Article should be 7 instead of 6)

7. That there shall be added the following new Paragraph: Paragraph 286A, Article 8, Memorials: All memorials relating to the revision of the constitution of the Woman's Missionary Society must first be presented to the Executive Board of same.

Disciplinary Revisions affecting the Constitution of the Y. M. W. B.

8. That the following paragraph shall introduce the constitution:

"For the purpose of promoting among the boys and girls of our churches and congregations a true interest in Christian missions, and of training them for Christian service by the study of the Bible and missions, and the raising of funds for world-wide evangelism, there shall be an organization under the authority of General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America governed by the following constitution:"

9. That in Paragraph 306, Article 2, after the words "for the support of missionaries in the" there shall be added the words "home and." The Paragraph shall then read: "Object: The object of this Band shall be to raise funds for the support of missionaries in the home and foreign fields and create a greater missionary spirit among our young people and children."

10. That Paragraph 307, Article 3, Membership (1) shall have the following added: ". . . the same to apply on Foreign Missions."

11. That the first paragraph of Paragraph 309, Article 5 be deleted and the following words be substituted: "Officers: The officers shall be Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent, who shall be elected by the Woman's Missionary Society of"

12. That in Paragraph 310, Article 6, Duties of Officers, deletion shall be made in (1) of the words "assist the other officers in arranging" and "In the dark lands," also Items 2, 3, 4, 5; and (1) shall be made to read as follows: It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to exercise general oversight over the local band by arranging regular monthly meetings with studies, programs, or whatever work the band may desire to engage in for the furtherance of the Gospel. The Superintendent shall also keep a record of dues and offerings received, making an annual report of same to the local church and the Conference Y. M. W. B. Superintendent at the time of the Annual Conference, sending all monies received to the Conference Superintendent at least quarterly; and shall promote the interests of the local Band according to the requirements of the Efficiency Standard issued by the General Superintendent.

13. That Paragraph 310, Article 6, Duties of Officers, (2) shall read: It shall be the duty of the Assistant Superintendent to plan meetings in the absence of the Superintendent, and to act as a co-worker in the promotion of local band activities. Signed by the Committee, Mrs. Marion Cret-singer, Mrs. Viva McConn, Mrs. Eunice Comadoll.

Report No. 40

COMMITTEE ON HOME FOR THE AGED

A special committee of the Board of Administration has studied the question of a Wesleyan Home for the Aged during the year past, giving

consideration to general need, desire of the people, possible locations and financing of the same. We have found considerable demand and interest in such a project within the Denomination and also discovered that the establishing of such an institution would involve considerable expense and various problems of administration.

The brevity of time and the lack of finance have made it impossible for the committee to gather sufficient data for final recommendation. In view of the problems involved, the Board of Administration desires further directions from the General Conference, and for that purpose we submit the following resolutions for your consideration:

Resolved, that The Wesleyan Methodist Church seek to establish a Home for the Aged, same to be financed by offerings, annuities, bequests, gifts and entrance fees.

We further resolve that the Board of Administration be authorized to take necessary steps to establish such an institution, if possible.

Leslie D. Wilcox, Chairman;
F. R. Birch,
R. D. Reisdorph.

Report No. 41

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee desires to submit the following report:

As we come to the close of another quadrennium we praise our Heavenly Father for the reality of His promises which have brought blessing and guidance in the midst of a troubled world. We rejoice that there has been a substantial financial gain throughout the quadrennium. However, we must keep in mind that we are living in an inflationary period. Recently, General Marshall stated, in a hearing before a Congressional Committee in Washington, that due to inflation the cost of the defense program in the past year had increased seven billion dollars.

During this period of inflation, when taxes are constantly being increased and financial demands seem to be ever mounting, let us continue to honor God by bringing our tithes into the storehouse.

In 1929 Federal Expenditures was \$121 per family.

In 1938 Federal Expenditure was \$250 per family.

In 1948 Federal Expenditure was \$984 per family.

Our national income is at an all-time high yet when we know how American dollars are spent and realize the small portion contributed for church work annually it becomes evident why churches are so often handicapped for lack of funds. Using \$164,755 millions "personal consumption expenditures" it was spent as follows:

Article	Million Dollars
Alcoholic beverages	\$8,770
Tobacco products—smoking	3,880
Jewelry—watches	1,365
Barbershop—beauty parlor	1,151

New—used automobiles	5,512
Gasoline and oil	3,601
Auto tires, tubes, parts, accessories	1,685
Admissions to motion pictures	1,380
Radio, pianos, records, musical instrs.	1,393
Non-durable toys—sports goods	1,008
Pari-mutuel betting—net receipts	238
ALL RELIGIOUS BODIES	884
Social welfare—foreign relief	685

"We must turn to a deeper enthusiasm of evangelism and sense of stewardship to move people to give as they should."—Stewardship Facts, 1949 pp. 16-19.

Your committee has carefully considered the various items of budget, together with the requests and memorials which have been presented. May we think of meeting the financial askings by way of budget not as some difficult task **but rather** as an investment—an investment in souls, in the kingdom of God.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that our churches use the Storehouse Plan of Tithing as taught in Malachi 3:10. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse."

2. That pastors and churches make a special effort to pay all budget items in full at least quarterly.

3. That the work of all the departments of the Church be presented as a matter of information, for prayer and in the interests of financial need.

4. That the budget assessments for the coming quadrennium be as follows:

That the Church Administrative Budget be 40¢ per member.

The Superannuate Pension Plan be \$1.50 per member.

That the Board of Administration be authorized to plan annually for a field day or some comparable special time, the proceeds from which are to be used for the Pension Fund.

The Educational Budget for Houghton, Central and Marion be \$2.00 per member and for Miltonvale \$2.50 per member. (Miltonvale budget was requested by the district representatives.)

5. That the General Conference Expense Fund be 15¢ per member.

6. That the budget for Church Extension and Home Missions be \$1.25 per member.

7. That there be a separate budget for Australia of 25¢ per member. (Until the work in Australia becomes self-supporting.)

8. That Hephzibah Orphanage Budget be 25¢ per member.

9. That the Card Call Plan be continued but funds raised by this means are not to be applied on budget but may count on benevolences.

10. That the Foreign Missions Budget be \$2.00 per member.

11. That the Sunday School Apportionment be 10¢ per member enrolled in the main school due to the fact that Child Evangelism has been

assigned to this department and that each Conference make financial plans to promote the local Sunday-school work in the Conference.

David A. Rees,
Homer McRoberts,
Donald Howard,
W. W. Kiser,
Otto Terrill,
Athol Dale.

Report No. 42

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEADQUARTERS AND PUBLISHING HOUSE LOCATION

To the Members of the General Conference:

The Board of Administration, which was designated by the General Conference in 1947 as a committee to study relocation of the Publishing House and denominational headquarters, presents the report of its findings and recommendations:

Efficiency of Present Plant

A careful study was made of the efficiency of the present plant and office facilities in Syracuse. It was noted, first of all, that the element of fire hazard in the present location is great. Furthermore, the building is of brick walls with frame interior construction and in no sense fire proof or fire resistant. It is four stories high.

As to the office arrangements, it is noted that the building is of antiquated arrangement and the present office facilities, while utilized to the best advantage, are far from convenient as regards arrangement, accessibility and ease of intercommunication.

With reference to shop facilities, your committee commends the present staff for the manner in which they have made the best of an intrinsically difficult and awkward situation. The findings submitted herewith, then, are in no sense a criticism of the present administration.

The following are observations on some of the basic movements and operations in the processing of materials and work in the Publishing House operation.

Publishing House Material Handling Procedures

Operation No. 1.—Two truck loads of paper (15 tons) require six men one and one-half hours to assist with unloading.

Three hundred and fifty hours are needed per year for unwrapping and preparing paper for the press.

Operation No. 2.—Paper is moved from basement to the first floor on truck and elevator.

Operation No. 3.—From the press material is moved to the folder which is in still another room and a distance of approximately forty-five feet.

Operation No. 4.—From the folder, material is moved to the stitcher which is in still another room and a distance of approximately forty-eight feet.

Operation No. 5.—From the stitcher, material is moved back through two rooms to the cutter a distance of approximately eighty or ninety feet.

Operation No. 6. From the cutter, the material is moved back through the same two rooms, past the stitcher to the mailing room a distance of approximately ninety feet.

Operation No. 7.—From the mailing room, material is moved back through all these rooms a distance of approximately one hundred and fifteen feet to the mailing dock.

Sunday School quarterlies, after leaving the cutter, are taken to the second floor and wrapped. From there they are brought back to the first floor and to the loading dock.

Everything that comes into the building with the exception of paper which is put through a window, has to be brought into the front door and a small hall.

Between one hundred and ten and one hundred and fifteen tons of paper are used annually.

Travel of Board of Administration

Your committee has made a careful canvass of the railroad fares of members of the Board of Administration and general officials and college presidents to Syracuse, New York; Chicago, Illinois and Kansas City, Missouri, as being typical tentative locations for the headquarters of the Church.

Taking into account the variable factors and allowing that an equal number of general officials would be living at headquarters location, in each case we find that if the denominational headquarters were to be moved to Chicago, Illinois it would mean a saving to the denomination, over a period of twenty-five years, of \$3,452.36 in travel cost on account of meetings of the Board of Administration in comparison with the present situation. If the headquarters should be moved to Kansas City, Missouri, it would cost the denomination, over a period of twenty-five years, \$2,340.43 more than at present.

Areas of Strength and Growth of the Church

Your committee considered the factor of membership strength of the various areas of the Church as shown in the 1950 Editor's report. In the order of numerical strength they are as follows:

Houghton District	9,616
Central District	9,265
Marion District	7,513
Miltonvale District	5,531

Thus, the strongest areas numerically, at present, are the east and south.

Your committee noted the rate of increase of membership in the four areas for the thirty years from 1910-1940. It is as follows, in descending order:

Central District	115%
Miltonvale District	113%
Houghton District	34%
Marion District	27%

For the ten years from 1940-1950 the rate of increase has been as follows:

Central District	28%
Houghton District	22½%
Miltonvale District	15½%
Marion District	14½%

Thus, it is seen that the southern area has been making the most rapid growth, followed by the middle west, during the period of 1910-1940; the east during the period of 1940-1950.

Other Locations Available

An extensive correspondence has been carried on by your committee with Chambers of Commerce of cities covering the central part of the United States. The cities contacted include: Chicago, Illinois; Marion, Indiana; Columbus, Ohio; Cincinnati, Ohio; Plymouth, Indiana; Fort Wayne, Indiana; St. Louis, Missouri; Kansas City, Missouri; Huntington, Indiana. Very interesting replies were received as a result of most of these inquiries and in most cases there was a real assurance that there would be full co-operation and assistance to remove the Publishing House to the location of the city involved. In some cases the suggestion of financing for new construction was made, the Church to lease the Publishing House when constructed.

It should also be mentioned that there is in the City of Syracuse an excellent location less than one block distant from our present Publishing House, a building constructed specifically for publishing purposes, fully modern in construction and arrangement, which might very conceivably be available in case of a serious intent to move from the present building.

The Element of Personnel

No specific canvass of personnel, based on interview, was conducted to see how many could be counted upon to move in the event of a decision to change the location of headquarters. As nearly as can be calculated, however, in the event of a move, the Publishing Association would need to be prepared to replace 50% of its skilled craftsmen and clerical workers.

Expense of Moving

The exact expense of moving the Publishing House and offices is, of course, highly problematical and depends greatly on the distance of the move. It has been estimated by the Agent that such a move would cost from fifty to sixty thousand dollars, as a minimum.

Recommendations:

In view of the foregoing factors, considering the rather tremendous immediate cost of moving, the somewhat negligible savings to be effected

in travel, together with the fact that the ultimate outcome of present church merger negotiations would certainly have a marked effect upon the final judgment regarding moving of the headquarters location.

The Board of Administration recommends that, for the present, the Publishing House be left in its present location. Your committee, however, recognizes a very definite disadvantage with reference to the adequacy of present facilities and therefore feels that we ought not to be entirely closed to the possibility of moving the Publishing House and headquarters either within the City of Syracuse or elsewhere, depending upon immediate possibilities which may develop and the costs which would be attached immediately thereto.

We therefore further recommend that the Board of Administration, as the Board of Managers of The Publishing Association, be authorized by this General Conference to act in the matter of changing Publishing House Location within the coming quadrennium pursuant to its own discretion. In view of the importance of such a move we recommend that such action shall be only by the full Board and be a two-thirds vote.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee

Roy S. Nicholson, Chairman;

David A. Rees, Secretary.

Report No. 43

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BOOK CONCERN

In the good providence of God another Quadrennium has passed in the purchasing, creating and distributing of the books and literature that is designed to promote and establish The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America and the great truths that it proclaims. The task has been a difficult one in the face of world upheavals and the greatest political and social disturbances of our times. As we look upon the things that the Church has effected in this department we have great cause for deep gratitude to the Holy Spirit for inspiring and directing the work and to the loyalty and devotion of the men and women occupied in the different elements of this monumental task.

The Quadrennium was filled with the problems that always follow a great war and meeting the financial and labor problems that have arisen out of these conditions has been a matter of great difficulty. We have constantly faced demands that were greater than our resources. We have faced expansion that grew faster than our current finances could carry. We were compelled to make extensive alterations to meet the increase of volume to make sufficient capacity for farther advancement. In meeting these demands we were compelled to make investments in equipment and enlargement of facilities that have involved considerable borrowing of capital which in all but one case was done within our own group of people at a reduced rate of interest.

Headquarters Building

At the beginning of the Quadrennium the matter of remodeling the space in the Publishing House was under way. The last of the outside

tenants was finally persuaded to move to other quarters and this has proven to be a splendid asset in the city where we are located.

The space in the building is now entirely occupied with the activities of the denomination. Parts that had formerly been used as apartments for rentals were remodeled for offices to accommodate the Department of Foreign Missions, the Department of Home Missions, the Pension Plan Office, and the Office of the Executive Department. This involved a very large outlay for repairs and remodeling as well as a long effort of construction. Nearly all of the construction was carried on by our own employees under the direction of the Publishing Agent, thus accomplishing a very large saving in both expense and time. Outside labor was almost impossible to obtain even for the skilled trades and special services. The building which is now the Headquarters for the work of the Church is by no measure an ideal one; but it is something that we do have and on which there is no incumbrance and for all of this we are certainly grateful. The tax base for the building is relatively low and its maintenance is kept up to the requirements of all inspections. This building has now been so readjusted that it is serving very acceptably for the task we have and can care for a large growth in the volume of Church printing and distribution. The main change has been in streamlining the work and so co-ordinating the activities of the printing business that vastly more is accomplished within the space that we have at our disposal.

Methodism has historically recognized the need for sound literature and its wide distribution for the building of convictions as to the Bible and its application to the hearts and lives of men. The very beginnings of our church were based upon this premise. The creation of the Book Concern was for the purpose of making this idea a practical possibility. Through more than a century we have pursued this task. Today the Book Concern is at the highest degree of efficiency and is functioning to place more pages of such literature into the hands of men than at any other time of our existence. We feel quite certain that a large part of the recent growth of denominational life and activity is due to the enlargement of the work and production of the Book Concern.

Elements of Need and Effect of Literature

Early Methodism was concerned first with the distribution of books and then with the creation and distribution of current literature that came in the nature of periodicals. There are two ways in which this affected the work of the Church. First, it developed in the reader a conviction of what the truth was; and second, it made certain the organic growth of the denomination. As men became persuaded of the truth they became attached to the source of that conviction. The literature of the Church is promulgating the great doctrines of the Bible that make us a distinctive people. This promulgating of truth attracts men and women to the organization that promotes these great messages and the literature becomes an organization builder. It long ago became apparent that we could not produce all of the desired literature. We were too small in numbers to consume a large enough amount to justify its production. There were other sources of production then that might be available to us and the selection and distribution of this other literature became a matter of great importance.

Growth of Our Own Literature

The last two decades have seen the largest growth in the use of our own literature of any similar period in our history. THE WESLEYAN METHODIST, THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY, THE WESLEYAN YOUTH are at the highest tide of their production in the history of the denomination. The literature of the Sunday School Department is now being produced at the largest volume in the history of the Department. This is very gratifying indeed and we are constantly seeking ways and means of still further enlarging this use and distribution.

The Sunday School Commentaries

The market for a commentary of the year's lessons has never been large enough to justify its production among us as a Church to the present time. We have sought to promote the use of one or the other of the two prominent holiness commentaries on the market but even these have been used by our people in limited quantities so that we are not yet in position to promote and produce a book of this type and character. Therefore, we recommend that our people use the above-mentioned commentaries until such time as we are in position to publish one.

Gospel Tracts

We further recommend that our publishing house keep on hand suitable gospel tracts for circulation among our people.

Promotion of Periodicals

It is our firm conviction that the distribution of our periodicals is the soundest advertising that any church can engage in. A number have taken up the plan of distributing these periodicals to prospective families in the vicinity of the local church. This is done by one of two methods. The direct mailing method is preferred in most cases as the periodical comes regularly during the entire time for which the subscription is paid by the church. The other method is to use the periodical in calling on or contacting the people, and in this manner the literature becomes a calling card for the church and its representative. This method is very effective in pioneer work and in acquainting a community with the nature of the people in the new church venture. Doing this, the venture is never under false colors, and can never be confused with the fanatical and spurious bands that infest some parts of the country.

Editorial Recognition

We wish to give proper recognition to the high plane on which the Editorial policies of our literature is produced. THE WESLEYAN METHODIST is among the outstanding Holiness Journals of the Nation and no editor rates higher among the Holiness people than the Editor of the Wesleyan. His work as Editor of THE WESLEYAN YOUTH is of a very high order. He seeks to give full liberty to the writer staff of the Youth Group and yet exercises a very wise directing policy in co-ordinating the material so that the journal stands high among periodicals of

its class. The work of the Missionary Editor has been very fine and effective, and we know of no missionary magazine that approached THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY in its appeal and information.

Outstanding Books Produced

During the quadrennium we have been able to place on the market some outstanding books in their class. **The History of the Wesleyan Methodist Church** is now on the market. It has been revised and brought down to date by the Dr. Roy S. Nicholson. This was a monumental piece of work and has been effectively accomplished. It is presented to the Church as the best Book of the year in its class. **The Wesleyan Methodist Hymnal** is also presented in co-operation with the Free Methodist Church. A very outstanding Committee labored long and effectively to produce what we believe the church has long needed and desired. It is produced by the Free Methodist Publishing House but we are obtaining imprinted copies for our own use and our own Committee labored on all the tasks involved in its production.

The last General Conference asked for a separate Song Book designed for evangelistic and social services as well as the Church Hymnal and this was presented to our people during this quadrennium. These are simply outstanding books that have been produced by the Book Concern in harmony with the instructions of the last General Conference and to which we wish to call special attention. The sale of the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline this quadrennium has reached the number of six thousand. This is an all time high and it is to be highly commended for the better our people know the law of the church the better will they operate her great task in reaching the world with the message of the Gospel committed to our care and dissemination.

Submitted by Committee,

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Report No. 44

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

I. Our Colleges and Their Problems

There was never a time in the history of American education when there were so many colleges. We are living in a day when it is expensive to operate a college. Since practically no college is self-supporting, it becomes necessary that we as a church support our institutions of learning with budget askings and special gifts if we are to operate. Many valuable laymen and a number of our ministers must give their lives and service to the cause of Christian education if we are to operate our colleges. There are many other good colleges to which our youth could go. Is the

denomination justified in the effort she is making in the field of education?

In answering this question we must remember that Wesleyan youth are ours. If we shift the responsibility of providing church schools for them, in time we must face the consequences of having a harvest of youth for whom others have provided education. Denominational loyalty is generally not bred in state universities, colleges of other denominations, or inter-denominational schools. Any species, race or institution that fails to provide for the care of its young will in time be extinguished.

There was never a time when Christian education was more important than it is now. Our young people must face a world which tolerates a low standard of morals and offers a mild form of religion. Christian education will do much toward correcting such social evils as divorce, dancing, drinking, and gambling.

To forestall these evils Christian education should begin as early as possible in the school life. With the deplorable immoral conditions obtaining today in our public secondary schools, it is highly important that along with our higher educational facilities we continue to offer, where it is feasible, opportunity for Christian education on the high school level. The high school period is an important and perilous one in the lives of our youth—a period when many of life's habits are formed and the foundations of character are laid, a period when so many of our youth are affected in their moral conduct by the sinister influences which are brought to bear upon them. Hence it is extremely urgent that we afford our young people every possible opportunity to obtain their secondary schooling in an environment where they are shielded from these evils.

Christian education can also do much to stem the tide of materialism, modernism and communism.

Furthermore, the Church today has great need of trained workers both among the laity and among the ministry. Wesleyan schools are better prepared than any others for training Wesleyan workers.

The quadrennium now closing has witnessed heights never before attained in so far as the work of our colleges is concerned. Financial conditions have enabled our people to support their schools as never before. At about the middle of the quadrennium enrollment reached an all-time high. Educational benefits for veterans enabled many of our young men to secure an education when otherwise they would not have been able to do so. Each of our four colleges has been engaged in an extensive building campaign, and most of them are now engaged in some type of construction. While the building programs have come at a time of great expense for labor and material, yet because of the financial conditions that have enabled our people to give liberally the expansion has generally proceeded without causing our institutions to overburden themselves with indebtedness. There has been a great increase in net assets for our colleges during the quadrennium.

There is also evidence that our colleges are becoming better qualified from the academic standpoint. There has been a notable increase in teacher qualifications as well as in better methods of instruction and in better equipment. Better economic conditions have enabled us to provide better trained and larger faculties.

Along with the financial, material, academic and numerical gains for the quadrennium have come some spiritual victories as well. All our colleges have reported gracious revivals, and each has had some unusual movings of the Spirit which resulted in the salvation of many young people and in the strengthening of Christians. It is encouraging to see that

our colleges continue to emphasize evangelism as well as scholarship and to know that the two are not incompatible. Each of our institutions of learning continues to function well in preparing ministers, missionaries and other Christian workers for the church and for the cause of Christ.

One of our schools is already fully accredited and the other three are pushing forward toward full accreditation. These efforts have proved a great motivating force for better educational work, and each college so engaged has found very helpful results. Since Wesleyan youth are worthy of the best in educational advantages, it behooves us to support our educational leaders in their efforts to provide better trained teachers and better equipment in our schools.

During the quadrennium three new developments have appeared: the acquiring of the David Brainerd School for Indians, the establishment of the Wesleyan Methodist Bible College of Melbourne, Australia, and our affiliation with Asbury Theological Seminary. These new projects are worthy of our interest, prayers and support.

While our colleges have enjoyed a prosperous period during the quadrennium and while new gains have been realized, yet there are grave problems which face us and which increase the burdens of school administrators. The "G. I. Bill" of training is moving toward a close and many of our young men have exhausted their benefits and have dropped out of school or must soon drop out. The draft law will mean that hundreds of our young men who would otherwise enter college must go into military training instead. This has made it necessary for some of our colleges to anticipate a much smaller enrollment for next year and to take drastic action in the direction of curtailment. Several teachers are being dropped from our faculties.

Another problem which faces us is the increased cost of living for our employees at a time when it is difficult to raise salaries. Again, there has come a decline within the last two years in donations to educational institutions both by business establishments and by individuals. The increase in cost of groceries and of maintenance materials has also added to the burden of our schools and makes it more difficult to balance budgets.

Furthermore, the increasing tide of worldliness among young people, the laxity of prevailing moral standards, and the psychological tension that has come as a result of communism, of world strife, of war, and of uncertainty as to the future make the social problems of our colleges heavier and demand greater attention to counselling and guidance.

These acute problems which our colleges face demand intense and sincere praying on the part of our people. God is still able to meet every emergency our schools face today just as He has in the half-century and more of the previous existence of those schools. We have a great source of material and spiritual wealth for our schools which can be tapped only by way of earnest prayer. God forbid that we should lose our opportunities by failing to pray for our schools.

Again, it is our duty to give special consideration to the financial support of our colleges. The budget askings for education are very small and meet only a small percentage of the financial needs. Consequently we should support our schools by extra offerings and by donations that reach beyond budget askings. Many could make valuable investments in the kingdom of God by remembering our educational institutions with annuities, living endowments, and wills.

Again, we are obligated as pastors, conference officials and laymen to do our best in the way of influencing young people to enter our schools.

By so doing we are assisting the young people themselves, the church, the kingdom of God, and our colleges as well. Let no one be guilty of discouraging young people from entering our schools or of turning them toward other institutions instead.

Our colleges, in turn, are obligated to do their best in helping the young people with whom the Church has entrusted them. May God forbid that the day should ever come when our schools should cease to be centers of heartfelt religion and of evangelism. As institutions founded, operated and supported by the Church they must be true to the doctrines, moral standards and spiritual standards fostered by the Church and set forth in its Book of Discipline. Let those entrusted with the work of our educational department remember that many movements away from the evangelical faith experienced by other denominations have had their origin in the church-supported schools; and let them beware of similar movements. In the strenuous and noble efforts being made to raise educational standards may our educational leaders not neglect to foster spiritual advancements as well.

Our colleges have a responsibility to stress the preparation of ministers, missionaries, evangelistic singers, youth workers, children's workers, and other trained laborers for the great harvest fields. General education must not be allowed to displace theological training. Our affiliation with Asbury Theological Seminary is commendable and offers splendid opportunity for the few students who will be able to secure theological training on the graduate level after graduation from our senior colleges. However, we must remember that it is only a very small percentage of ministerial candidates who will be able to graduate from college before taking their theological training. The masses of our ministers must be trained in our own church colleges.

As our noble colleges gird themselves for the work of another quadrennium, let us pray that God will guide them, shield them from error, and make them the blessing He would have them be.

II. The Problem of Sound Doctrine in Our Schools

The Board of Administration, in its capacity of Board of Trustees of the several collegiate institutions of The Wesleyan Methodist Church, recognizes its responsibility to the church and to the colleges of the church to be vitally interested in the things which are taught in our schools and to supply careful guidance in the matter, "taking heed unto the doctrine," watching diligently and encouraging our school men to watch diligently that the young people entrusted to their care shall in all branches of learning receive teaching which is based upon and is consistent with the historic evangelical faith as set forth in our Articles of Religion and which, insofar as may be reasonably possible in each particular course of study, gives central prominence and glory to God and to Christ as creator and upholder of all things.

With reference to courses in Bible and religion there is the added responsibility of the schools and their trustees to see that the teaching in these classes is harmonious with the historic Wesleyan position espoused by our Church, positively and actively advancing this theological position.

This responsibility for carefulness as to doctrine includes a necessity to exercise caution that insofar as is possible the young people in our colleges be kept from exposure to teachings which the church deems contrary to soundness of faith or godliness of life. This does not mean that such teachings are not to be mentioned or noted, for in that such erroneous

teachings are to be commonly met in the world of our day the young people need to be forewarned and armed against them. But it does mean that when such teachings are brought to the attention of our students the position and influence of the school shall at the same time be placed contrary to the errors and that the reasons therefore shall be stated or implied.

In the implementation of the above basic principles of responsibility the presidents of the several schools as agents of the Board of Administration are primarily and immediately charged with the responsibility to the Board for maintaining purity of teaching in their respective institutions.

Next, it is recognized that in a practical way the individual teacher is the most important agent to this end. He it is who guides at least the official attitude of the class and who, when textbooks may deviate from the correct position, can point out this fact and thus safeguard the influence of the school and the faith of the students.

This central importance of the teacher is recognized in that the church requires of each school president that in the submitting of recommendations for the employment of teachers all care shall be exercised to insure that these shall be persons who are loyal to Wesleyan standards. To this end a detailed questionnaire is provided which must be satisfactorily answered, signed, and filed with the Board by each prospective teacher conditional to his employment.

Further, it is recognized that since books play a very vital part in the transmission of practically all branches of learning, therefore special heed must be given as to what manner of books are used in our schools and as to the manner in which they are used. In the use of books certain difficulties are to be noted. First, we observe that whereas in an earlier generation there was found an abundance of scholarly works which were either basically Christian or at least not antagonistic to Christian assumptions, yet with the growing apostasy of a large area of Protestantism this situation has been radically changed. Today in the various areas of learning there is a dearth of scholarship which is avowedly evangelical and which has sufficient economic and intellectual resources to produce text and reference books adequately written from the correct point of view.

Today, then, the Christian student finds that the agnostic spirit of the age is pressing in upon him through the prevailing trend of book resources in most fields of learning. This is exemplified by books which openly attack the faith or which attack points of belief which are important to that faith. It is further evidenced in books which do not attack the faith but which are written upon basic implications which are materialistic, also in books which picture immoral and unchristian ways of life in a favorable light, and in books which use unseemly or ungodly language.

In the art and scholarship of all ages there has been much which could not conscientiously be approved by the true Christian. Consequently it would be practically impossible for an institution to operate as a college and yet absolutely avoid all books containing material at variance with Christian thought or Christian life. To do so would exclude even the works of Shakespeare and of many of the leading writers of all fields. Also it should be noted that since current anti-Christian ideas must be met and opposed by trained Christian men, there is positive value in meeting such ideas in the classroom under proper guidance.

In the light of the foregoing factors to be encountered with reference to books used in our colleges, we recommend that the General Conference go on record as favoring the following measures to protect our schools:

1. The setting up of a standing committee of the Board of Administration whose duty it shall be to consider any complaints or questions as to the propriety of using any given text or reference books in our schools. The general procedure shall be as follows:

(a) It shall be made known to the Church that any such complaints shall be made in writing to the teacher involved. The teacher shall then consult with the president of his school in an effort to remedy the situation.

(b) If after a reasonable time the cause for complaint still exists, further complaint shall be made in writing to the standing committee on textbooks together with such evidences as the complainant can furnish.

(c) The chairman of the standing committee shall then communicate with the president of the school asking him for any information needed in reviewing the complaint. This request may include any of the following items: quotations from the text in question or a full copy of the book with questionable portions indicated; the president's estimate of the evangelical position and positive witness of the teacher concerned; a written statement by the teacher as to what he has done to counteract harmful portions of the book; an interview with the teacher or the president, or both, if such is deemed necessary, the expenses of the school men to such meeting to be paid by the school; and statements from students in the course.

(d) The committee shall then pass upon the complaint, deciding whether the textbook in question may properly continue to be used in the school and whether the teacher has been delinquent in his use of the material.

(e) The committee shall then present to the chairman of the Board of Administration a written summary of the complaints and of the committee's decision, and such decision, upon adoption by vote of the Board, shall be effective immediately. In other words, the decision of the committee may be appealed to the Board of Administration.

2. The encouragement of our soundest and most scholarly teachers toward the writing of text and reference books in their fields of study which shall be evangelically sound and thorough in respect to scholarship and workmanship.

3. The encouragement of our school leaders to see whether a workable plan can be evolved whereby the teachers and library staffs may protect students from unwary reading of books which, although valuable in some respects, contain material which is harmful and which the school cannot afford to sponsor.

III. Further Aid for Wesleyan Students at Asbury Theological Seminary

The following petition from the student and faculty adviser of the Asbury Wesleyan Fellowship to the General Conference is here quoted in full:

Whereas there is a growing demand for seminary-trained ministers, missionaries, and Christian educators within The Wesleyan Methodist Church;

Whereas our students enrolled in seminary need guidance and counsel on educational, personal and spiritual problems;

Whereas there is a need for some agency to assist our seminary stu-

dents in directing student life, fellowship, and worship in harmony with Wesleyan Methodist standards;

Whereas some of our seminary students need denominational support;

Whereas our students in seminary need supervised field work to prepare them for ordination;

Whereas our graduating seminary students need help in locating positions of maximum usefulness within The Wesleyan Methodist Church;

Whereas Asbury Theological Seminary is a non-denominational, independent school, theologically conservative, and emphasizes holiness after the Scriptural and Wesleyan pattern;

Therefore, the students at Asbury Theological Seminary ask the General Conference to consider the establishing of a Wesleyan Methodist Foundation at Asbury Theological Seminary.

Whereas each year there are a number of Wesleyan Methodist students enrolled in Asbury Theological Seminary preparing for the ministry or mission field of their church;

Therefore, we ask the General Conference to take necessary steps toward the establishing of a course in Wesleyan Methodist Discipline in the curriculum at Asbury Theological Seminary.

(Signed) Beverly Barnett, President of the
Asbury Wesleyan Fellowship;
Dr. Earl E. Barrett, Faculty Adviser

In view of the above petition, your Committee on Education recommends that the Board of Administration of The Wesleyan Methodist Church be authorized by the 28th General Conference:

1. To investigate the possibility of establishing a foundation for Wesleyan Methodist students at Asbury Theological Seminary either independently or in collaboration with the Free Methodist Church;

2. To take appropriate action in accordance with the findings of the Board;

3. To take a public offering during the quadrennium in order to implement such plans if it is deemed advisable: provided, however, that any plan to subsidize theological students shall include also such students in Wesleyan Methodist colleges;

4. To investigate the possibility of establishing a course in Wesleyan Methodist Discipline in the curriculum at Asbury Theological Seminary and to take appropriate action.

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Report No. 45

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

It is evident from the work of our Sunday schools and of others across the nation that this arm of the Church work is of vital importance. The future of the Church depends upon it to a great degree.

The field is white unto harvest, the laborers are few and the time is

short. The forces of evil push forward, they will engulf and destroy more and more unless a greater number of people are touched by the Spirit of God.

There is no better means to reach the needy ones about us than through the ministry of the Sunday school. The demand of the hour is for someone with a clear message from God to lift a voice to warn and to direct.

Dean M. M. McIntosh of Barnard College, New York was quoted recently as saying, "Our highly esteemed civilization destroys the very qualities which have produced it: Initiative, independence, intellectual resourcefulness. A generation . . . born in confusion, suckled in tumult, reared with cards, radio, movie, comics and picture magazines can hardly grow up into reflective, sober, well-rounded young people.

"It is difficult now for parents to hand on to children clear-cut standards of what is right and what is wrong in the relation of the sex . . . the air is blue with insistent voices . . . analyzing behavior as 'normal' which in the past we were accustomed to associate with the gutter. Progressive school teachers who have concentrated on the development of personality have succeeded only in developing superficial ego-centric young people lacking in discipline and woefully ignorant of the great culture and religious traditions."

As Dean McIntosh infers, progressive school teachers and modern methods have failed to develop in young people traits of character which make good citizens, for scholastic training alone cannot build character of the highest type.

In one of our large cities of two million population there are 518,000 children and young people who have no religious affiliation. The city boasts of 2,000 Protestant churches, 412 Catholic churches, and 135 synagogues; yet it has 391,000 teen-agers between 14-19 years of age with no religious training.

This city is not an exception to the rule, it is the rule and calls for aid from the Church. Thousands of rural churches have been closed, while city churches have been rendered inefficient by liberal theology. The demand is for united Christian action.

No other agency has such an opportunity for winning children and young people to Christ as does the Sunday school. A careful investigation discloses that of those who reach the age of 23 years, having never made any profession of Christ, only two out of 100 will ever do so, thus leaving 98 who never will.

The increasing breakdown of spiritual activities in the home and the trend toward complete secularization of public education make the Sunday school more important than ever before. It produces the only opportunity most people have to learn about and accept Christ, and the only religious instruction so necessary for their spiritual development.

The Sunday school is just as much a national necessity today as it was when the constitution, by separating Church and State, made it the supplement of the public schools for the education of the child.

Recent action by our courts have almost eliminated the Bible from the public schools of our land; but this made the Sunday school even more important than ever before.

It is evident that no arm of the Church is producing more fruitage for money invested than is the Sunday school. It is the judgment of the Committee that this branch of the work should be given much consideration in the local church and throughout the Denomination, for through its doors comes most of the members of the church, most of the preachers

for the pulpit, and most of the missionaries for the foreign field. It meets the child in the cradle and continues with him to the grave. In order to continue the work that has been undertaken and to expand it properly the Committee presents the following recommendations:

Recommendations from the Sunday School Committee

1. It is recommended that the Board of Administration be authorized to elect from its membership a Sunday School Council composed of four members, one from each school district, to serve in an advisory capacity to the General Sunday School Secretary and Editor.
2. It is recommended that the practice of raising an annual Thanksgiving Offering in our Sunday Schools be continued.
3. It is recommended that the purpose for which the Thanksgiving Offering is used be determined by recommendation of the Sunday School Council to the Board of Administration.
4. It is recommended that five per cent of the funds raised in the Thanksgiving Offering be retained in the Sunday School Department to cover expense involved in raising the offering.
5. It is recommended that the Sunday School Department, in preparing helps for the Sunday School lessons, follow the outlines of the National Sunday School Association.
6. It is recommended that the Sunday School Department and the local Sunday Schools of the Church give moral and financial support to the National Sunday School Association to the largest possible degree.
7. It is recommended that funds raised through the assessment for Sunday School work be forwarded directly to the Sunday School Department.

The item concerning the publication of a Sunday School commentary was referred to the Sunday School Committee by the Board of Administration. The Sunday School Committee submits the following recommendations:

Although the Sunday School Committee does not have sufficient data to make final recommendation concerning the publication of a Sunday School commentary, it does look upon the project with favor and recommends that this item be referred to the Board of Administration for investigation, consideration, and appropriate action.

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Report No. 46

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Your Committee on Foreign Missions reports as follows:

Today as never before we are faced with the fact that if we are going to win souls for the Kingdom, our work will have to be done speedily. The inroads made upon civilization by the workers of iniquity are appalling. What we do must be done quickly for "night draweth nigh."

Much advancement and some retrenchment have been made during this quadrennium. One of the brightest spots is Haiti where marvelous

works of grace have been wrought and souls are reaching out for more of God.

We are making headway in India against tremendous odds.

In Africa we are now reaching many of those who have for years asked, "When can you come with the Jesus Book?"

Japanese are reaching out for more of God and our people are helping to point the way.

The printed word is being received in South America as it has never been before.

Recommendations

After careful study of these fields, your Committee recommends:

1. To instruct the Rev. Floyd Banker to buy up to three acres of land at Vapi, India for mission purposes.

2. To instruct the Rev. Floyd Banker to accept a lease from the government, if still available, for the land, tax free, on which our buildings now stand.

3. To urge the Rev. Floyd Banker to build temporary hospital rooms on the land that we now occupy at San Jan, with the view to expanding the medical work there.

4. To pursue the contact made by the W. Y. P. S. Crusade team in Puerto Rico, looking toward establishing a Wesleyan Mission.

5. That requests for new missionaries come from the Missionary Council on the field.

6. That a vote by the Missionary Council be taken on all missionaries returning to this country as to whether they should be invited to return.

7. That at such a time as the Foreign Missionary Secretary and the Executive Board feel that for individual safety any of our missionaries should be transferred to some more strategic location.

8. We urge the acceleration of effort on the part of the missionaries to develop self-propagating, self-supporting, indigenous churches on each of the fields, that the native Christians become more nearly independent of the Board in financing their work.

9. That in view of the greatly extended foreign missionary program that we are carrying, we recommend that our missionaries in deputation work refrain from making appeals for special objects and that our people be urged to give for the general missionary program without designation of funds to special projects insofar as is possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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