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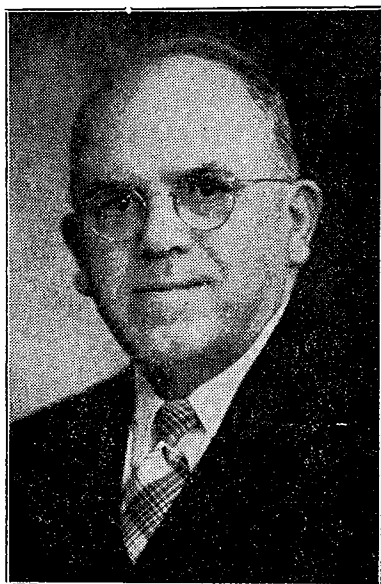
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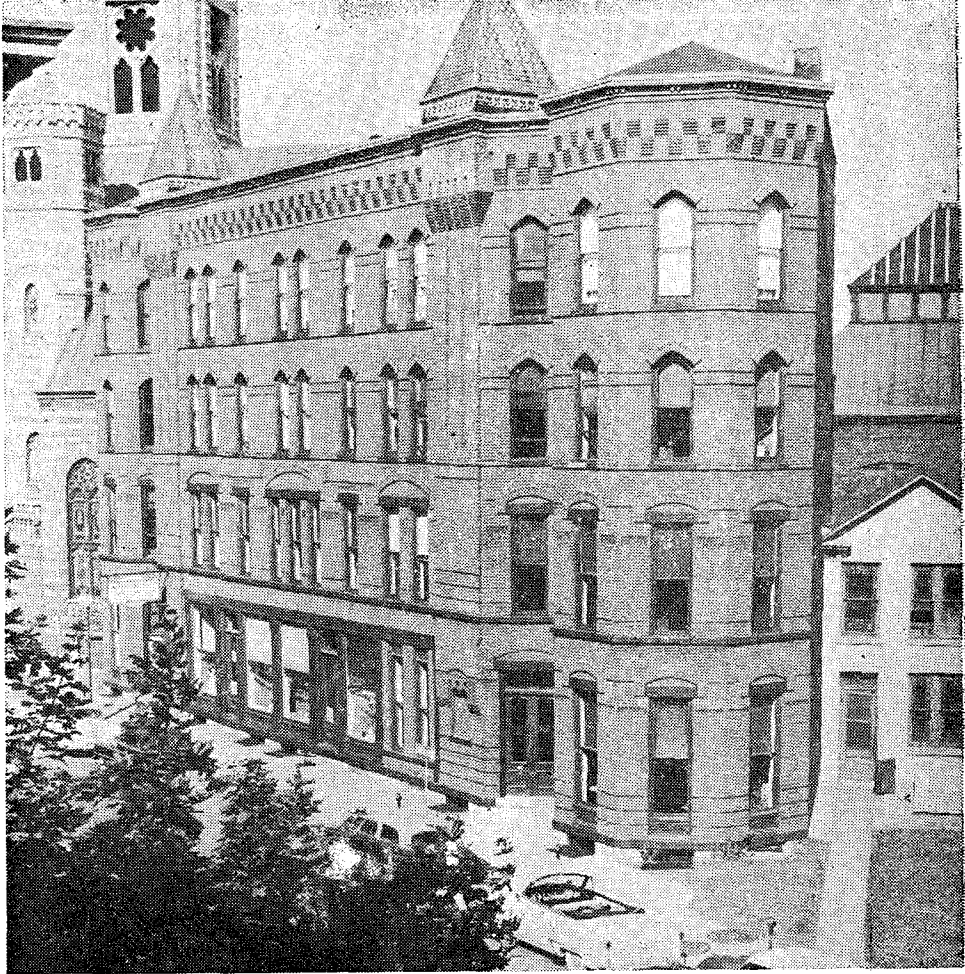
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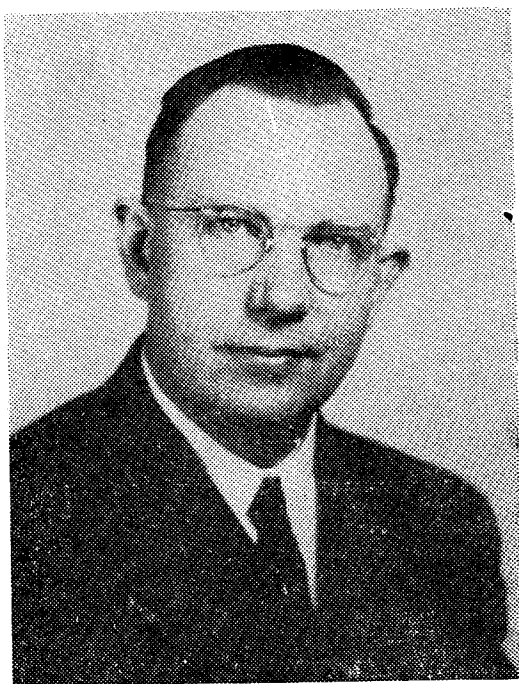
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J. R. Swauger	7			
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J. A. Treese	7		A. J. Patrick	7
		Allegheny		
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J. C. Himes	6		Frank Davison	5
Joseph B. Markey	7		W. E. DeHaas	7
T. O. McCracken	7		Eber Messner	7
T. A. Robertson	6		Ralph Rummel	6
		Australia		
James Ridgway	5			
		California		
T. Y. Miller	7		William Marshburn	7
		Canada		
Henry Kielty	7		Athol Dale	7
		Champlain		
Reginald Hewitt	7		Harry Gibson	7
Dennis Osgood	7		Hollis Stevenson	7
		Dakota		
John J. Hunter	6		Erwin Bailey	5
J. F. Simpson	7		O. Theodore Beckman	7
		Florida		
Foster Piatt	7		Clarence Martin	7
		Illinois		
Arthur L. Bray	7		S. Hugh Paine, Jr.	7
		India		
Floyd E. Banker	7		Vera Clocksen	2

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Indiana

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 C. D. Crabill 7
 Kenneth Dunn 7
 A. M. Jackson 7
 E. L. Kierstead 7
 W. F. McConn 5
 George Ott 7
 Vestal VanMatre 7
 Noel H. Winterholter 7

Russell S. Baldwin 5
 Stanley Banker 6
 Allen Bowman 7
 Art A. Costello 7
 Oren E. Felton 3
 Edwin Hoover 7
 Robert Huffman 7
 J. W. Shatford 7
 John D. Williams 5

Iowa

Clarence Budensiek 7
 Paul L. Kindschi 6

John Carey 6
 George Walquist 6

Kansas

E. A. Coates 7
 C. W. Dunbar 7
 W. F. Freeborn 7

E. C. Campbell 7
 Harold Macy 5
 Milton Wirt 7

Kentucky

C. L. Blanchard 7
 Stanley Kendall 7

Dorothy Basham 6
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 K. K. Rothrock 4

Lockport

C. I. Armstrong 7
 Everett E. Elliott 7

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 *Robert R. Luckey 7
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 D. T. Perrine 7
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E. D. Cheney 7
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C. Wesley Bradley 6
 John A. Ferguson 5

Roland B. Kenschaft 7
 William A. Wilson 6

Nebraska

A. L. Nabholz 5

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 Melvin L. Gentry 7
 E. L. Henderson 7
 Lyman F. Lance 7
 W. C. Lovin 5
 D. O. Miller 7
 Roy H. Parker 6
 B. H. Phaup 7
 J. W. Phillips 7

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 J. N. Gilliam 6
 W. W. Kiser 6
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		*William Albrecht	5
North Michigan			
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		Glenn Root	6
Ohio			
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Donald E. Howard	7	George D. Fisher	7
Leslie D. Wilcox	7	Earnest Massie	7
Oklahoma			
D. O. Dorr	7	LeVerne Tolle	7
Oregon			
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		*James Polits	6
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R. C. Mullinax	7	W. T. Hughey	4
V. A. Mitchell	7	G. C. Summey	7
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South Ohio			
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Tennessee			
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Wisconsin			
Loring H. Peterson	7	Gilbert Mortimer	7

(* Lay Delegates-at-large)

(Figures after name indicate times answered to Roll Call)

Religious Services

Opening Service—Tuesday, 7:45 p.m., C.D.T., June 21, 1955—"God's Midnight Appeal" was the theme of an inspiring message delivered by Dr. H. K. Sheets in the opening meeting of the Twenty-ninth Quadrennial General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. For the basis of his message Dr. Sheets read from Romans 13:10-14 which is Paul's admonition to "Awake out of Sleep." Dr. Sheets said that we are living in the "crisis hour" and stressed the urgency of the present time. "Fear grips the hearts of men, but Christians look to these Scriptural appeals and take courage."

God's midnight appeal is for the Fellowship of the Saints, the realization of our obligation to others, the awakening out of our spiritual lethargy, and a final appeal for the sacrificing of ourselves. In his conclusion Dr. Sheets stressed that "we must reach this generation for Christ if America is to be saved. If men don't turn to Christ, they'll turn to the anti-christ."

Rev. Orval Butcher, Chairman of the Music Committee and pastor of the Skyline Wesleyan Methodist Church in San Diego, California, led in the opening singing and introduced the special musical talent. The Central College Male Quartet and the Rev. Kenneth Knapp richly contributed their talents to the evening service.

From the introductory words by the President, Dr. Nicholson, to the benediction by Dr. Eddy, the Conference theme of "Christ Preeminent" was effectively stressed.

Hour of Prayer—Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 a. m.—The Rev. Floyd Banker, returned missionary to India was in charge of the Hour of Prayer during the entire session of the General Conference. These services were a great inspiration to all who attended.

Spiritual Emphasis Hour—Each day of the Conference at 11:00 a. m. See "Daily Proceedings" for report of each of the services.

The General Conference Sermon—Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.—The tabernacle was filled to capacity as Dr. F. R. Eddy, Vice President of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, delivered the conference message. The theme of his sermon was "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." John 15:16.

Dr. Eddy stressed that God has chosen us for a purpose and that it is a tragedy if we choose anything less than this for our lives. Hearts were truly challenged as this man of God delivered to the conference the burden of his heart.

The choir, under the capable direction of Orval Butcher, sang "How Great Thou Art," an unusually stirring hymn that has been translated from the Swedish and Russian languages. Kenneth Knapp led the song service and presented the Miltonvale Wesleyan College Male Quartet.

Wesleyan Colleges—Thursday, 6:15 p. m.—Dr. R. C. Mullinax, President of Central College was in charge of this service. Professor E. S. Banker Jr. of Central College led the congregation in a song. Dr. Wilber F. Dayton of Marion College led in prayer. The Miltonvale quartette rendered a special number in song. Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, President of the Board of Trustees for all our Wesleyan Colleges, made remarks of appreciation for the sacrificial and efficient labors of the faculty and staff

of each of our colleges and presented each one present to the congregation.

The theme for the program was "Opening Doors for Tomorrow's Youth." President Mullinax opened the discussion by reading a paper titled "The Impending Tidal Wave of Students." In this article Dr. Mullinax predicted that the number of students in American colleges and universities would be doubled by 1970, and he suggested that our Wesleyan colleges should be prepared to meet the crisis.

Dr. W. F. McConn, President of Marion College, set forth in forceful manner the challenge and opportunity that the predicted increase in enrollment will offer our colleges. President Wesley Knapp of Miltonvale College made a splendid address on the problem our colleges will face in securing teachers for the expected increased enrollment. He suggested that the low salary scale of our Wesleyan colleges is not sufficient to attract new teachers of the nature we desire. Dr. S. W. Paine, President of Houghton College, concluded the program by pointing out the problem of securing proper buildings and equipment so that our colleges can take care of an increased enrollment. He challenged Wesleyan Methodists to arise to meet the occasion.

The meeting was dismissed by Professor Luckey of Houghton College.

Evening Service—Thursday, 7:45 p. m.—Bishop J. Paul Taylor of the Free Methodist Church brought the address of the evening. Bishop Taylor brought greetings from the Free Methodist Church of North America. In the course of his salutation he expressed the desire that we may always work together as brethren of like faith. He stated that "if we cannot have our flowers of fellowship in the same basket, may our bouquets be found frequently on the same platform."

For the text of his sermon Bishop Taylor read I John 3:8: "For this purpose was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." Bishop Taylor stressed the fact that the purpose for which Christ came justified everything He went through to achieve that purpose. The events that transpired during the ministry of Christ were in effect the presentation of His credentials to prove He was the divine Son of God, capable of carrying out that supreme task. Bishop Taylor emphasized Christ as the preacher of the greatest sermons the world has ever known, Christ the physician of physicians, and wonder worker of the wonder workers, displaying the power of God. However, he stated this all would have meant nothing had it not been for His supreme purpose in coming, "that He might destroy the works of the devil." He concluded, "But Christ only destroys something to replace it with something of greater value."

Orval Butcher again directed the capacity crowd in singing, and presented the men's chorus which sang "Revive Us Again." The Houghton College quartet also contributed their talent to the service.

Foreign Missions—Friday, 7:45 p. m.—Dr. F. R. Birch, Foreign Missionary Secretary was in charge of this service. There were about thirty-six missionaries and former missionaries on the platform and in costume. Dr. David T. Tsutada, president of the Immanuel Bible College of Japan was the first speaker. He gave a clear word picture of his plans and hopes for the spread of Scriptural Holiness in Japan. Dr. Roy S. Nicholson was the featured speaker of the evening. Fresh from his recent world missionary tour, he gave a complete and vivid word picture of the world missionary situation. There were shadows which made the many hopeful places stand out more clearly. Rev. R. S. Nicholson, Jr. presented the project "Our Million for Lost Millions". There was a

splendid response with over \$14,000 in shares and over 500 prayer shares taken.

Tithing Service—Saturday, 6:15 p. m.—Dr. Oliver G. Wilson, General Tithing Secretary, was in charge of this service. It was a most instructive and inspirational service. A paper on "Storehouse Tithing" was read by the Rev. V. A. Mitchell, President of the South Carolina Conference. Mr. Howard Dietrich, a businessman of Syracuse, New York, read a paper on "Wills and Bequests." The Rev. Arthur L. Bray, President of the Illinois Conference, spoke on "The Stewardship of Life." The Church reiterated its position on tithing and insisted upon utter commitment of self to God.

Wesleyan Young People's Society—Saturday, 7:45 p. m.—Saturday night was the youth service with various youth leaders taking part. Dr. David Tsutada, President of Immanuel Church and Bible School of Japan inspired our hearts as he spoke concerning his own life story. He is travelling here in this country in behalf of his own people. The Rev. C. Wesley Lovin, newly elected General President of the W.Y.P.S., challenged the hearts of parents and pastors as he spoke on their obligation to young people. His plea was that we might reach the youth of our generation for Christ. The combined quartets, under the direction of Prof. Stanley Banker, presented special music. The mass youth choir, under the direction of Orval Butcher, added to the crusade spirit of the service by their presentation of the choruses used during the recent Victory Volunteers Crusade, composed by Rev. Butcher. Dr. H. K. Sheets, General Secretary, presided.

Sunday Services—Sunday, June 26, 1955—Hour of Prayer—6:00-7:00 a. m.—The Hour of Prayer with the Rev. Floyd Banker in charge.

Sunday School, 9:00 a. m. with Dr. Rufus D. Reisdorph in charge.

Communion Service, 10:00 a. m.—The Rev. E. L. Kierstead, President of the Indiana Conference presided over the Communion Service. This proved to be a heart-warming time and a great blessing to all who participated.

The Sunday Morning Service, 11:00 a. m.—Dr. Claude Ries, Professor of Bible and Greek of Houghton College, was speaker in this service. Dr. Ries preached on "Following Jesus" and used as his text the events that transpired as Christ met his disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two disciples were downcast and discouraged because "Jesus they could not see". Dr. Ries declared that the lost note in the holiness movement is Christ. "The Wesleyan Movement needs a re-appraisal of what is primary and what is secondary." He went on to show how the disciples' eyes were opened and Christ's glory was bestowed upon them, "but God does not give glory for our own good feelings, but that we may be fit vessels."

Church Extension Rally, 2:00 p. m.—Dr. J. R. Swauger presented the Church Extension Program. Each Conference President was given an opportunity to report on church extension within his own conference. There were many reports which showed real endeavor in the field of pioneering. The men's chorus sang two stirring hymns and the Marion College Trumpet Trio played. The combined College quartets also presented a special number. Dr. Roy S. Nicholson gave the address of the afternoon and spoke on "The Greatest Missionary Field in the World—Home." With startling statistics and vivid portrayals of sin, crime, abounding iniquity, etc. Dr. Nicholson proved America to be a most

needy mission field. "Our number one problem is a spiritual one and the cause of all other problems. The spiritual indifference in our country will develop into spiritual hostility unless Christians are challenged to make it otherwise." Dr. Nicholson pled with his hearers to establish Wesleyan Methodist Churches in the great untouched areas of our country.

The Church Extension Revolving Fund was launched in this service. The goal for the quadrennium is \$100,000 which will enable the denomination to loan money to new churches. This is truly a progressive plan worthy of our support.

Evangelistic Service—Sunday, 7:45 p. m.—The Sabbath day was closed with an evangelistic service. The dean of Wesleyan Evangelists, the Rev. J. M. Hames, Greer, South Carolina, was the speaker of the evening and warned the congregation to be true to conscience, to be ever aware of the records being kept, and to be prepared for the coming judgment. A stirring altar service followed and found at least thirty seekers, scores of young people consecrated their lives and preachers rededicated themselves at an altar of prayer. Orval Butcher and Kenneth Knapp again directed the musical portions of the service. Featured were Stan Morse, noted trombonist; quartets from Marion College and Central College, and the mass choir singing, "Master, the Tempest is Raging." The seal of God's Spirit was clearly upon the services of the Sabbath day.

Child Evangelism Hour—Monday, 6:15 p. m.—Dr. R. D. Reisdorph was in charge of this service. While the pianist, Mrs. Don Polston, played "Onward Christian Soldiers," fifty boys and girls marched to the platform of Bethel Tabernacle led by two boys carrying a large banner bearing the motto: "I can do all things through Christ," central theme for the children's meetings held at eleven o'clock each morning.

Colorful paper hats, banners and T-shirts announced that the children were marching in the interests of the Y.M.W.B. and Bible Crusader Clubs.

The program of Scripture memory work, hymns, and choruses delighted the congregation. Special talent evidenced in the children's solo and trio work was much appreciated. The sixteen-piece children's band of Carthage, Indiana, under the direction of Mrs. H. Rich, played two numbers.

The Rev. Miss Mary E. Bennett, Director of Child Evangelism, addressed the congregation from the subject: "Is It Well With the Child?" She pictured the breakdown in the home and called attention to the current social evils surrounding the child, challenging the congregation to the great need of ministry in the field of child evangelism.

Sunday School Rally—Monday, 7:45 p. m.—Dr. Paul S. Rees of Minneapolis, Minnesota, delivered an address to the Sunday School Rally on the subject, "Where are we in Evangelism" using Goodspeed's translation of Acts 4:20, "We can't help but tell it." Hearts were stirred as Dr. Rees expounded on present-day Protestant evangelism. Dr. Rees stated that we have recovered the term evangelism, we have confessed the allusion that by social and educational means we could do nothing about the dreadful condition in the world and in the hearts of man, and we have sensed the need. In discussing where we are now in evangelism, Dr. Rees stated that we are at a point where we need a clarity of the term, "evangelism". He quoted William Temple as saying, "Evangelism is the presenting of Jesus Christ so that by the power of the Holy Spirit men will come to put their trust in God through Him, to know Him as their Saviour, to serve Him in the vocation of the common life." He also said

that we are at a point where we need flexibility. "There is no limit as to what we can do if we are flexible enough in our methods." And then Dr. Rees declared that we need an urgency in our evangelism.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY CONVENTION REPORT

Wednesday, 9:00 a. m., June 22, 1955—Mrs. Hazel Banker, Missionary to India, led the opening devotions of this thirteenth quadrennial session by reading from Exodus 30 concerning the anointing oil. Quoting from an old conference letter from the Rev. D. T. Perrine, she read: "Some cutting tools have to operate in an oil bath." Following a solo, "Channels Only," by Mrs. Naomi Wood, Mrs. Elizabeth Leach, President of the Indiana W.M.S., gave a very fitting welcome to which Mrs. Alice McMillen, general vice president of the W.M.S. responded.

Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, general president, proceeded to organize the conference after which she gave a most encouraging report for the quadrennium.

Dr. F. R. Eddy, publisher of THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY, was introduced and gave some interesting facts concerning purchases of supplies for our official magazine.

Wednesday, 2:00 p. m.—Mrs. Hazel Banker in the devotional period remarked that some of our young people have never seen a real revival. She urged us to allow nothing to hinder the Christian fellowship which, according to I John 1:3, is a prerequisite of revival. A gracious season of prayer prevailed and then the committee on courtesy presented Mrs. Hattie Crosby Manyon, retired missionary to Africa, who inspired us to push the battle for souls. Mrs. Irene Hanley, home missionary to the Jews, was presented, who testified how marvelously she was led into the experience of holiness. The Rev. and Mrs. McCandless, candidates for the mission field, were introduced, as well as Mrs. Mabel Perrine, Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke, Mr. Long of Marion College, and Mr. Park of Marion and Korea. Mrs. Eunice Comadoll and Mrs. Erma Blair sang "Each Step I Take." Miss Gracia Fero, Editor of THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY, read her quadrennial report with valuable suggestions added verbally.

Wednesday, 6:15 p. m.—This service on Haiti featured the Central College Quartet singing "Launch Out". Rev. Calhoun, Superintendent of the mission field in Haiti, brought greetings. He introduced Edna Taylor, who spoke on the dispensary work. After missionary-elect, Virginia Hooker, was introduced, Mrs. Calhoun spoke on the burdens and victories of the Bible School. She reported also fifteen organized churches, five prospective groups holding services, and seventy-six outstations. Brother Calhoun presented a missionary challenge and gave natural and spiritual qualifications of a missionary.

Thursday, 9:00 a. m.—After learning an inspiring new chorus, "Here Am I, Send Me", we again heard Sister Banker share some of the precious experiences of the recent India revival. Miss Vera Clocksen sang "In the Secret of His Presence." Sister Landrey brought a "vitamin" from Samuel Rutherford's **Letters**: "When our faith goes to meddle with events, we lose ground."

Following the auditor's report, Mrs. Lucille Phaup, General Treasurer, read her quadrennial report which showed receipts of over \$1,000,000.00. A question and answer period enlightened the group on such subjects as the policies of the medical student fund and the honorary enrollment plan.

Mrs. Aileen Shea prefaced the Y.M.W.B. report with a refreshing per-

sonal testimony.

Communications from the Australia W.M.S. were read which were full of grateful appreciation for the ministry there of Dr. and Mrs. Reisdorph in their World Evangelism Tour.

Thursday, 2:00 p. m.—In the afternoon, Sister Banker emphasized the need for having our ears and tongues anointed lest we quench the Spirit. Any confessions should be made when and where and before whom the Lord wants. Mrs. Ruth Kelly Argo, returned missionary to Africa, led in prayer.

The Committee on Courtesy presented Mr. Nate Scharff, Director of Jewish Evangelism, and his wife Mary; Mrs. Edith Mattke, mother of Rev. Robert Mattke, President of the Wesleyan Bible College, Melbourne, Australia; Rev. and Mrs. Clayton Hayes of Hope Mission, Kentucky; Miss Ruth Bixler and Mrs. Arlene Eddy, missionaries to Africa. Also presented to the group were Mr. Norbert Anderson, a medical student, and his wife; Miss Edna Taylor, R.N., missionary to Haiti; and Rev. and Mrs. Leo G. Cox and daughters, who served in Australia.

Miss Elizabeth Moreland, of the Free Methodist Church, and returned missionary to India, reminded us that it is time to think in terms of the indigenous church rather than the small supported mission. Mrs. Ella Daniels, fraternal delegate from the Free Methodist Church, reported a women's society membership of 23,000, a magazine circulation of 23,000, and total receipts for the quadrennium of \$1,500,000.00.

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Calhoun, missionaries to Haiti, were presented, following which Rev. Harold Goode, secretary of the World Gospel Mission (formerly the National Holiness Missionary Society), brought fraternal greetings.

Ladies of the Kansas Conference presented a magazine skit entitled "Till I Come, Give Attendance to Reading" in which the Angel of Learning gave an examination on information available in THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY.

Dr. David Tsutada, President of Immanuel General Mission, brought greetings from Japan, after which his son John, and also Benjamin Saoshiro, testified of the Lord's leadings in their lives. Dr. Tsutada was presented with a Thompson Chain Reference Bible. The conference voted to send a letter of greeting and appreciation to Mrs. Tsutada in Japan.

Thursday, 6:15 p. m.—Mrs. Ruth Ann Polston sang "Am I A Soldier of the Cross?" Missionaries who spoke were Rev. and Mrs. Clayton Hayes of Hope Mission, Kentucky, who told of their ministry to the school children. Brainerd Indian Training School was represented by Mrs. June Gerow and Mrs. Edna Wood. Mrs. Clara Webb, formerly of Wheelrim Mission, Kentucky, testified to God's faithfulness. Mr. Nate Scharff, Superintendent of Jewish Evangelism, presented Mrs. Irene Hanley, a converted Jewess, who gave glowing testimony of God's dealings in her life and of the joys and responsibility of winning Jews to Jesus. Dr. A. B. Machlin and his wife Edna gave witness to the marvelous grace in their lives. Mrs. Mary Scharff spoke of God's sufficient grace in "tarrying by the stuff" while her husband travels in kingdom interests.

Friday, 9:00 a. m.—Rev. Floyd Banker, missionary to India, told of the progress he observed on the Australia field. In giving tender tribute to his mother's prayers, he urged parents to claim wayward children for God. He reminded the women of the W.M.S. that God promised: "I

will pour out my Spirit upon my handmaidens." The Houghton College Quartet sang "Moment by Moment."

Miss Anna McGhie, world missionary traveler and author, was mightily used of the Lord in challenging our hearts to faith. Satan's two battlefields: he tries to keep us from taking time to pray and then from contacting God when we do pray. It is tragedy to pray and not pray through. We pray to get things from God, to stop Satan's working, and to change things that ought to be changed. Then through prayer and song a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit was manifested as each heart claimed new victory and rejoiced in the power of the Blood to defeat Satan. The spirit of testimony rested on the group until it was time to adjourn to attend in Bethel Tabernacle the reading of the W.M.S. President's report and the Y.M.W.B. Superintendent's and W.M.S. Treasurer's reports to the general conference in session.

Friday, 2:00 p. m.—Leading the devotions once more, Miss Anna McGhie, commenting on the words of Christ in Luke 18:1 "Men ought always to pray and not to faint," said that if we are faithful in the prayer closet, we will not faint when it comes to going to church. God bottles up our prayers because our faith is not quite equal to them yet. Then He goes to work on our faith by allowing trials until our faith is equal to our asking. Sister McGhie continued: there are four kinds of faith: active, passive, conquering, and expecting. Are we subduing our kingdoms? If Satan has no claim on our life at any point, God will not restrain Himself in our behalf.

Miss Grace Wood, returned missionary to India and Australia, led in prayer, followed by Mrs. Ruth Kelly Argo, returned missionary to Africa. Sister Wood shared this poignant maxim with us from the fly-leaf of her Bible: "The power to help depends upon our acceptance of a trampled life."

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Coleson and Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Landrey, returned missionaries to India, were presented to the group.

The report of our literature secretary, Miss Alice Boyd, demonstrated the fact that this department is a tremendously growing concern. Over 2176 women earned seals by reading the prescribed books in the course.

Following a partial reading of the minutes of the interim board meetings, the group repaired to the nearby field for the taking of the General Conference W.M.S. picture.

Friday, 6:15 p. m.—A public Foreign Missionary service in the main auditorium was presided over by Sister Ruby Reisdorph. The choir, composed of the missionary ladies, rendered a special number in song. Sister Hazel Banker led in prayer. Returned missionaries were dressed in native costumes and sat on the front seats of the tabernacle.

Rev. Floyd Banker said that the situation on the mission field is dark indeed, in India especially. The trend toward nationalism makes it very difficult for the missionaries. The schools have already been taken over. The hospital, being on privately-owned land, cannot yet, at least, be taken over by the government. God is still working in India—the Indian Conference has taken control of the work and is becoming self-supporting.

Saturday, 9:00 a. m.—Miss Anna McGhie again ministered to our hearts through the Word: "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you." (Joshua 1:3). Just as the human foot is the standard of measurement, so God has the same standard in the spiritual. We are to tread, with the two feet of "asking" and "believing," upon the promises of God. We hobble on one foot if we only

ask and do not take. God does not want us to remain infants crying "Papa, Father". He longs for us to become adults and "do business" for Him in the Name of Jesus.

Rev. Alton M. Liddick, representative of the Department of Foreign Missions, acquainted the women with the problems of missionary deputation work and welcomed suggestions and questions from the group.

The Committee on Courtesy presented Rev. and Mrs. William Cessna, missionaries-elect to Japan, and Miss Phyllis Brixey who has on her heart the burden for a holiness work in Germany; also Mrs. William Gale and Miss Boswell of Brainerd Indian Training School, and Mrs. Sheridan, mother of Miss Lois Sheridan, missionary to Africa.

Mrs. Gipsie Miller, Southern Area Chairman, gave a very commendable report.

Miss Mary Bennett, Sunday School Promotional Secretary, Dr. F. R. Birch, Secretary of Foreign Missions, and Mrs. Grace Birch, his wife, were presented for a brief word of greeting.

An impressive memorial service opened with a duet, "Only Glory By and By," sung by Velma Brannon and Thelma Clark, after which Sister Mary Lane Clarke prayed that the mantle of those who have gone on before should fall on the noble women present. Miss Mary Bennett read an appropriate poem, "Let Me Hide Myself in Thee." As symbols that their leaf of influence "shall not wither," sprigs of green were placed in the vase by missionaries. Then as Sister Freeborn read fitting tributes, a white carnation was placed in the vase in memory of each departed one, by the conference representative. Due reverence and respect were given fifteen who in their lifetime had faithfully espoused the missionary cause. As a climax, Sister Reisdorph sang the stirring song, "We Have an Anchor."

Saturday, 2:00 p. m.—Using Isaiah 1:15, "And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood"; Miss Anna McGhie again applied the Word to our hearts. The first reason for hindered prayers is the old man of sin within us, but even after sanctification, certain things can enter in to prevent the answers to our prayers: a tendency to postpone our prayer time, unbelief of the heart, failure to give God first place in our affections, or in our finances, disobedience in matters of mission as well as commission, indefiniteness in prayer, failure to live religion at home, selfish prayer, a spirit of unforgiveness, or the wrong use of our members, particularly the tongue.

Mrs. Mary Pat Nicholson, missionary to Japan, and her baby daughter were introduced to the group. Then Mrs. Roy S. Nicholson was presented, and testified to the all-sufficiency of God's grace, quoting "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." It was the pleasure of the Woman's Missionary Society to present Sister Nicholson with a large orchid corsage and an envelope containing the balance of the amount which had been raised for Dr. Nicholson's world tour, in appreciation for her spirit of sacrifice and devotion during the eight lonely months of her husband's absence.

A group of seven from the Caparra Heights Church in San Juan, Puerto Rico, greeted the delegates: the Pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Crosby; Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Heavilin and Miss Florence Crocker, occupational missionaries; Miss Violet Bolevit, a Nazarene occupational missionary; Mr. Melvin Vance, a serviceman; and Miss Sara Otero, a charter member of the church. A mixed quartet from this group

then sang 'It Was His Love for Me' in beautiful Spanish.

Rev. E. Steryl Phinney, formerly a Wesleyan missionary to Japan and Colombia, greeted the assembly.

Mrs. Helen Calhoun, East Central Area Chairman, gave her report, followed by Mrs. Viola Leyh, West Central Area Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Miller of the Western Area, and Mrs. Helen Stark, Eastern Area.

Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger reported her activities as Prayer Partner Secretary.

Mrs. Catherine French, chairman of THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY committee, submitted her report with some interesting recommendations for circulation improvement.

The W.M.S. building was the setting for a beautiful scene as Rev. James Ridgway of Melbourne, Australia and his fiancée, Miss Melva LeRoy of North Bay, Ontario, were pleasantly surprised when gifts brought from the various conference societies were showered upon them. Many useful and valuable gifts were on display. After their expressions of gratitude, the whole assembly joined in singing "Bless Them, Lord, and Make Them a Blessing," and bade them Godspeed.

Upon calling the five area chairmen before the assembly, Sister Reisdorph, in behalf of the W.M.S., presented each with a copy of Moffatt's translation of the Bible in appreciation for their labors of love in kingdom interests.

Saturday, 6:15 p. m.—This public missionary service featured India. Brother Banker led in singing "I Love to Tell the Story". Missionaries to India appeared in costume on the platform. Rev. J. L. Landrey prayed, following which the missionary group sang in Gujarati. Sister Coleson interpreted the song the group sang. She told how disappointing it was not to go back to India, but accepted it as God's will. Miss Grace Wood and Mrs. Hazel Banker conversed in native language while Mrs. Lowell Jennings interpreted. Sister Landrey gave a picture of heathenism and of their zealous worship. Using Acts 9:11, she gave another picture of what salvation has done for those who have given up their idols and gods for Jesus. Vera Clocksen brought a special number in song. Dr. Lowell Jennings spoke on the medical work—medicine is a means unto an end: teaching them of Christ and a better way to live. He said they had seven hospital buildings ready to be equipped when they were notified to leave. The thrusting out of the missionaries can be the stepping stone to the evangelization of India by the national Christians.

Sunday, 6:15 p. m.—This service featured Japan. Brother and Sister Eddy sang, "I Know Who Holds My Hand." Missionaries-elect, Rev. and Mrs. William Cessna, were introduced and testified that they were glad to plan to serve the Lord in Japan as of this August.

Rev. R. S. Nicholson, Jr. then spoke about the thing that is nearest his heart—revival in Japan. Eighty per cent of churches in Japan burned during the war. Those days in Japan were most trying for the Japanese Christians. Many of the preachers failed at this time, but Dr. Tsutada stood true. The Immanuel Bible School, of which he is now president, trains in prayer, faith, and devotion, as well as text-books.

Sister Reisdorph and Brother Nicholson sang in Japanese "Precious Name."

Monday, 9:00 a. m.—The Scripture brought to the attention of the delegation by Miss Anna McGhie was I Corinthians 9:27: "But I keep under my body and bring it into subjection." She discussed the difference

between the carnal nature and the human nature. There are six factors of personality that Jesus purifies but does not eliminate: affections, pride of respectability, appetite, ambition, temper, will.

The Orders of the Day called for the election of officers which proceeded with committee reports interspersed. The election results were as follows: President, Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph; Vice President, Mrs. Alice McMillen; Secretary, Mrs. Ella Bradley; Treasurer, Mrs. Lucille Phaup; Editor of THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY, Miss Gracia Fero; Literature Secretary, Miss Alice Boyd; Y.M.W.B. Superintendent, Miss Mary Bennett; Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger.

The Committee on Posters reported conference posters rated in the following order: Illinois, Allegheny, Kansas; Y.M.W.B. charts: Nebraska, Tennessee, North Michigan. Special commendation was given Middle Atlantic States Conference for their world map missionary display.

During the morning, the following persons greeted the delegation: Miss Ruth Gibson, who will return July 12 to Medellin, Colombia, solicited our prayers that she may be God's channel of blessing there. Mrs. Clarence Barnett, mother of Rev. Glenn Barnett, missionary to Haiti, shared with us her desire to give her other six sons to the mission field as well. Mrs. Martha Lewis, daughter of our W.M.S. President, was presented along with her little son Dwight. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Lytle expressed thanks to their prayer partners and urged them to pray, above all things else, for revival on the Colombian field whither they plan to return in two weeks. Miss Carrie Hazzard and Miss Lois Richardson who, having made an extensive world missionary tour during the quadrennium represent the needs of the total harvest field, challenged every heart to consider no sacrifice too great in supplying our unexcelled missionaries with the tools necessary for their work.

Monday, 2:00 p. m.—The cities of refuge listed in Joshua 20 became spiritually significant as Miss Anna McGhie opened the Word. Kedesh means "holiness." Jesus outdid Satan and, taking our sin nature away, made us partakers of His holiness. As such, He is our refuge. Shechem means "shoulder" or burden-bearer. We can cast all our care upon Jesus. Hebron means "fellowship." He is our Hebron. Bezer is "fortress" or "protection." Ramoth means "high place"—a place of victory. Golan signifies "exile." We are aliens in this world—citizens of another. Only six are listed, but perfection demands a seventh, says Miss McGhie, which is probably the New Jerusalem.

The delegates from each area recessed to nominate their respective area chairman. The following elections resulted: Southern Area, Mrs. Catherine French; West Coast, Mrs. Margaret McCarty; West Central, Mrs. Pearl Freeborn; East Central, Mrs. Gwendolyn Blanchard; Eastern, Mrs. Beulah Landrey.

The Committee on Constitutional Revision and Memorials read their reports which, after due discussion and consideration, were acted upon. Full minutes and reports appear elsewhere.

Monday, 6:15 p. m.—The Latin American missionaries presented an impressive service. Miss Otero, a charter member of the Puerto Rican church, expressed appreciation for what the General Conference had meant to her personally. Then the Crosbys and the Heavilins told how the Lord was enabling them to build a church and carry on a radio ministry. Rev. T. Y. Miller, president of the California Conference, spoke on how the Mexican field had opened up to them like the Macedonian call. Finally, seven of the Colombian missionaries and Dr. Nicholson presented

a skit "God Works in Mysterious Ways His Wonders to Perform." This depicted an incident which had occurred during Dr. Nicholson's visit to Colombia. The government had tried to stop them from holding public worship in a private home. However, through prayers and efforts of both people in Colombia and the States, they have been able to erect a church at Nare.

Tuesday, 9:00 a. m.—The session met with Mrs. Alice McMillen, vice president, presiding. The singing, led by Mrs. Gipsie Miller, was followed by a season of prayer. After the reading of the report of the Literature Committee, Miss McGhie spoke feelingly on Leaking Wells, based on the Genesis account of Isaac's wells, and Jesus' statement in John 4:14 concerning a well of living water. The importance of keeping our wells flowing constantly was developed: wells of love, faithfulness, faith, praise, tenderness, promises, courage, and patience. The need for a revival of tenderness in the home, for guarding against domestic impatience, and for making the promises ours by faith and experience, was stressed. "God's promises are just as sure **before** fulfillment as **after**."

A considerable portion of the day was spent in considering the Report of the Plan of Work Committee, which was adopted after numerous changes.

Dr. Edling was introduced, and spoke concerning help for the tubercular in Haiti, and the need for a sanatorium where isolated cases could be placed. Dr. Rufus Reisdorph was introduced and expressed thanks for the privilege extended him by the W.M.S. of making the world tour with his wife. He spoke inspiring of the need for the Divine Word, the Divine Compassion, and the Divine Vision.

Tuesday, 2:00 p. m.—Miss McGhie brought her last message from the lesson of the woman who crept through the crowd and touched the hem of His garment. She presented the truth of many thronging Jesus with their prayers, but only a very few actually touching Him. We need a large capacity for asking and receiving of Him. Her plea for our response to the beckoning hands of the lost and oppressed millions, as well as to the beckoning hands of Christ, will be a lasting remembrance.

Mrs. Helen Calhoun read the report of the Finance Committee, after which Mrs. Irene Olander read the report of the Statistical Committee with recommendations that a new blank for quadrennial reporting be adopted, and that all reports be in the hands of the Quadrennial Statistical Committee chairman not later than May 1 of the quadrennial year.

The report of the committee on the dispersing of the present Self Denial Offering was adopted in the following form: that \$50.00 be given to Misses Sniffin and Pagett for a well on their mission premises; that the remainder of approximately \$435.00 be given to the Ridgways for the new work in Tasmania. Any balance received during the remainder of the year is to be dispersed by the Executive Board.

Tuesday, 6:15 p. m.—Rev. Melvin Welch led the congregation in the singing after which Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke gave words of testimony concerning her childhood conversion and God's later dealing with her heart when He reminded her: "It's not what you do, but what I do through you." Sister Clarke then prayed for each station and missionary on the African field.

Rev. and Mrs. Welch sang "Have You Caught the Vision?" and Mrs. Hattie Crosby Manyon, speaking of her own experiences in the early years of the work in Africa, stressed Africa's present need for prayer

support. Rev. Edward Eddy read Habbakuk 2:1, and then gave the characteristics of vision.

Tuesday, 7:45 p. m.—The final session of the W.M.S. Quadrennial Conference met in the missionary building at 7:45 p. m. Mr. Edward Sitt was introduced and asked earnestly for our prayer support as he went to visit his home in Mexico within a month.

The Quadrennial Program Committee report was read and adopted. The slogan for the coming four years is to be: "What is your vision?" Proverbs 29:18. The actual program planning was left in the hands of the Executive Board, as well as the distribution of funds raised by the White Christmas Gift and Self Denial offerings. Honorary Enrollment, Miles of Dimes were continued for another Quadrennium, while the W.M.S. is also to promote heartily the Million for Lost Millions endeavor.

Devotionally, it was recommended that we divide into small groups locally for prayer and door-knob evangelism and visitation. The Editor was asked to provide a Scripture Memorization program to be promoted through THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY.

The goals are ambitious and will only be attained by revival coming to our Church: THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY, one in every church home; Membership, increase to 30,000; Funds raised, \$2,000,000.

Following the adoption of the Program Report, gifts were presented to Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger, our unsalaried Prayer Partner Secretary, and to Mrs. Aileen Shea, retiring Superintendent of the Y.M.W.B.

The blessing of the Lord was present as Mrs. Reisdorph shared with us a part of her great burden for the work, and pled with us to put our shoulders to the work of the Lord.—Mrs. Virginia Dongell.

WESLEYAN YOUTH CONVENTION REPORT

The seventh quadrennial convention of the Wesleyan Young People's Society met in W.Y.P.S. Bethel on the Fairmount campground from Wednesday, June 22 through Tuesday, June 28, 1955.

The business sessions and feature services were conducted in an atmosphere of prayer. The Rev. R. S. Nicholson, Jr., missionary-on-furlough to Japan, was the devotional speaker at 6:00 a. m. prayer meetings each morning. He brought with him the challenge and inspiration of revival on the mission field.

The business sessions were scheduled from 8:30 to 10:30 a. m., though there was one advancement and several extensions of time, especially toward the close of the week.

Following preliminary organization, Dr. H. K. Sheets, General Secretary of the W.Y.P.S., gave his quadrennial report. It spoke of increases in membership and stewardship.

The convention elected C. Wesley Lovin general president, succeeding Karl W. Johnston. It returned H. K. Sheets to the office of general secretary. The delegates of the four college areas met in caucus and nominated and the convention elected as area presidents: Central, Earl Alexander; Houghton, Forest J. Gearhart; Marion, Robert W. McIntyre; and Miltonvale, James Harris. These, with Dr. O. G. Wilson of the denominational Board of Administration, constitute the General Council for the coming quadrennium. They elected Earl Alexander as their secretary, and he subsequently served as secretary of the convention.

The convention was significant for its advancements. It referred to

the General Council, for its consideration, the possibility of establishing some type of youth fellowship for pioneering efforts among families without Wesleyan background, whose youth could not qualify for active membership in the W.Y.P.S. It changed the name of the Wesleyan Young People's Society to Wesleyan Youth. It approved action leading to THE WESLEYAN YOUTH becoming the official periodical of Wesleyan Youth. It revised its efficiency standard, providing for a more elastic missionary program, and a definite Scripture memorization plan of at least 12 verses a year. It provided for re-evaluation of Youth Week and the crusade program of the past quadrennium. It gave direction toward more localized crusades on the conference extension level. It ordered the preparation of a correspondence Bible course leading to a certificate upon completion. It authorized the hiring of a full-time assistant for the General Secretary and increased the annual dues to \$1.50 per member to finance the same.

At 11 a. m., each day the convention adjourned to share with the General Conference in the Spiritual Emphasis Hour, where the delegates were privileged to hear from the spiritual leaders of the Church.

The first four days brought special periods of enlightenment at 2 p. m. Prof. Charles Carter spoke on, "Our Wesleyan Heritage," on Wednesday. On Thursday, the public-relations directors of the four Wesleyan colleges spoke in a panel discussion on, "Our Church Schools." On Friday, representatives from many parts of the Denomination shared the platform in a discussion of, "Our Youth Camps." And, on Saturday, the discussion concerned, "Our Youth Conferences."

The final period of activity, beginning at 3:10 p. m., was largely given to a sharing of the talents God had bestowed upon guests of the convention. The final complete afternoon was marked by messages from the four area leaders for the coming quadrennium. The spirit throughout the closing hours was one of challenge and confidence as Wesleyan Youth faced the future united under the banner of a triumphant Christ.—Lee Haines.

Program

Theme: "In All Things, Christ Pre-eminent"

Tuesday

P. M.

- 7:45 — Pre-Conference Message—H. K. Sheets

Wednesday

A. M.

- 6:00- 7:00 — Hour of Prayer—Floyd Banker
8:00 — General Conference Convenes
Opening Devotions
Organization: Credentials, Bar, Agenda
Report of Nominations for General Conference Committees
Report of General Conference Secretary on result of votes cast to amend "Article of Religion" V, Par. 12 of Discipline
9:00 — Report of the President of the General Conference
Report of the Board of Review
General Business
10:45 — Recess
11:00 — Spiritual Emphasis Hour—B. H. Phaup

P. M.

- 2:00 — Conference Convenes
2:15 — Report of the Publishing Agent and Treasurer
2:45 — Report of the Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST
3:15 — Report of the Editor of Sunday-school Literature
3:45 — General Business
6:15 — Home Missions, J. R. Swauger
7:45 — General Conference Sermon—F. R. Eddy

Thursday

A. M.

- 6:00- 7:00 — Hour of Prayer—Floyd Banker
8:00 — Conference Convenes
8:30 — Report of the Committee on Church Merger
10:45 — Recess
11:00 — Spiritual Emphasis Hour—H. Robb French

P. M.

- 2:00 — Conference Convenes
2:30 — Report of Committee on Church Merger
4:30 — Report of the Secretary of Foreign Missions
6:15 — The Schools' Hour—R. C. Mullinax
7:45 — Bishop J. Paul Taylor, Free Methodist Church

Friday

A. M.

- 6:00- 7:00 — Hour of Prayer—Floyd Banker

- 8:00 — Conference Convenes
- 8:30 — Election of General Conference Officers and hearing of reports:
 - Report of Secretary of Home Missions
 - Report of Pension Fund Treasurer
- 10:00 — General Business
- 10:30 — Report of General W.Y.P.S. Secretary
- Report of W.M.S. President
- 11:00 — Spiritual Emphasis Hour—E. L. Henderson

P. M.

- 2:00 — Conference Convenes
- 2:30 — Election of Denominational Officials and the hearing of reports
 - Report of the Secretary of the Wesleyan Mens' Fellowship
 - General Business
- 6:15 — Foreign Missions Rally in charge of W.M.S.
- 7:45 — Foreign Missions—F. R. Birch

Saturday

A. M.

- 6:00 7:00— Hour of Prayer—Floyd Banker
- 8:00 — Conference Convenes
- 8:30 — Introduction of Fraternal Delegates
- Election of Denominational Trustees
- 10:45 — Recess
- 11:00 — Spiritual Emphasis Hour—H. C. VanWormer

P. M.

- 2:00 — Conference Convenes
- 2:30 — Report of College Presidents and Treasurers
- 4:30 — Memorial Service—D. A. Manker
- 6:15 — Tithing Service—O. G. Wilson
- 7:45 — W.Y.P.S. Night—H. K. Sheets

Sunday

A. M.

- 6:00- 7:00 — Hour of Prayer—Floyd Banker
- 9:00 — Sunday School—R. D. Reisdorph
- 10:00 — Communion Service—E. L. Kierstead
- 11:00 — Sermon by Claude A. Ries

P. M.

- 2:00 — Church Extension Hour—J. R. Swauger
- 6:00 — Ring Meeting
- 7:45 — Evangelistic Sermon—J. M. Hames

Monday

A. M.

- 6:00- 7:00 — Hour of Prayer—Floyd Banker
- 8:00 — Conference Convenes
- 8:30 — Fraternal Delegate
- 9:00 — Committee on International Headquarters
- 10:45 — Recess

11:00 — Spiritual Emphasis Hour—P. L. Kindschi

P. M.

2:00 — Conference Convenes
 2:30 — Committee on International Headquarters
 3:00 — Committee on Revision
 6:15 — Child Evangelism Hour—R. D. Reisdorph
 7:45 — Sunday School Rally—Paul S. Rees, Guest Speaker

Tuesday

A. M.

6:00- 7:00 — Hour of Prayer—Floyd Banker
 8:00 — Conference Convenes
 8:30 — Report of the Committee on Revisions of the Discipline
 10:00 — General Business
 10:45 — Recess
 11:00 — Spiritual Emphasis Hour—Oliver G. Wilson

P. M.

2:00 — Conference Convenes
 2:30 — General Business
 8:00 — Conference Convenes
 General Business

Wednesday

A. M.

6:00- 7:00 — Hour of Prayer—Floyd Banker
 8:00 — Conference Convenes
 8:30 — General Business
 11:45 — Recess

P. M.

2:00 — Conference Convenes
 2:30 — General Business
 Adjournment Upon Motion
 6:00 — Organization of the new Board of Administration and the
 transaction of its necessary business

Daily Proceedings

First Meeting—Wednesday, 8:00 a. m., C.D.T., June 22, 1955

The twenty-ninth quadrennial session of the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America was held on the Indiana Conference Campground at Fairmount, Indiana.

Opening—The Rev. Orval Butcher led the congregation in singing and Dr. Oliver G. Wilson led in the devotions. Dr. Wilson read portions of Psalm 48 and Psalm 19 and led in prayer. Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, General Conference President, called the meeting to order and asked for the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Committee on Credentials and Roll Call—This committee examined the credentials submitted to the General Conference Secretary and the list was read by the Secretary as the roll call. Several alternate delegates were seated and the count revealed that 80 ministerial delegates were present out of a possible 81 and 73 lay delegates out of a possible 81. The report of the Committee on Credentials was approved as the official roll of the General Conference.

Fixing of Conference Bar—The motion passed by vote that the official bar of the conference consist of the first nine seats across the front of the tabernacle and the platform.

Condolence—The conference voted that a letter of condolence be sent to Mr. Maxwell Enyeart, who has suffered the loss of a daughter, Mrs. Maxine Friar. Mr. Enyeart was to have been a delegate to this conference. The Secretary was authorized to write this letter.

Agenda—The Chairman asked the Secretary to read the entire Agenda. Two changes were authorized by the Board of Administration: 1. Thursday, 6:15 The Schools' Hour—R. C. Mullinax. 2. Saturday, 6:15 Tithing Service—Oliver G. Wilson. The Agenda was adopted by vote. (See Agenda preceding these minutes)

Committee on Committees—The Secretary of the General Conference was asked to read the report of the Committee on Committees which report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 1) It was agreed that the alternate delegates which were seated by this conference take the places of vacancies on these committees created by the absence of the regular delegates.

Article of Religion V. Paragraph 12—The General Conference Secretary gave a partial report on the results of votes cast to amend "Article of Religion V, Paragraph 12" of the Discipline. (See report in daily proceedings of Thursday, 8:00 a. m.)

Report of General Conference President—Dr. F. R. Eddy, Vice President of the General Conference, called for the report of the President of the General Conference, Dr. Roy S. Nicholson. The report was adopted and a rising vote of thanks was given for the excellent message. (See Report No. 2)

Decision on a Point of Law—The President of the General Conference gave his report on the decision which he rendered on the legality of a Resolution adopted by the Ohio Conference, and which was appealed to the Board of Review. (See Report No. 2) It was decided that the report of the Board of Review should be given.

Board of Review—Dr. Oliver G. Wilson, Chairman of the Board of Review, called for the Secretary of the Board, Dr. Rufus D. Reisdorph, to read the report. This report was read, discussion followed and parts of the report were reread. The report of the Board of Review was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 3)

Picture Taken—At the beginning of the discussion concerning the report of the Board of Review a question of privilege was asked. It was requested that Dr. Nicholson and those representatives from foreign countries be excused from the conference that their picture could be taken for the press. This request was granted.

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. 2)

Committee on Courtesy—The Committee on Courtesy presented Mr. Charles McAlister, a representative of the Fairmount Chamber of Commerce, which has provided approximately one hundred rooms for the accommodation of friends and visitors to this General Conference. A rising vote of thanks was given for this wonderful gesture.

Recess by vote for committee work.

Benediction by Dr. Roy S. Nicholson.

Spiritual Emphasis Hour—Wednesday, 11:00 a. m.

The Rev. Kenneth Knapp led the singing. The Rev. George Failing led in prayer. The special music was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cockrell. The Rev. B. H. Phaup, President of the North Carolina Conference, brought the message. He read from Hebrews 12:18-24 and spoke on the subject: "The Society of Saints." His message was an exposition of the passage of Scripture read and he outlined it as follows: I. The Contrast of the Two Systems, II. The Citizenship of the Saints, III. The Church of the First Born, and IV. The Company Enjoyed by the Saints. A very excellent message. Dr. C. I. Armstrong closed the service with prayer.

Wednesday, 2:00 p. m.

Opening—Congregational singing was led by the Rev. Orval Butcher. The Rev. George Hawthorne gave a wonderful accordion solo. The Rev. David A. Rees led in the devotions, reading from Romans 12:1-14, and led in prayer.

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

Orders of the Day—The Publishing Agent and General Treasurer gave his report of affairs which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 4)

The report of the Treasurer of the Superannuate Ministers' Aid Society gave his report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 4)

The report of the Treasurer of the Publishing Association was given which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 4)

The report of the Treasurer of the Wesleyan Methodist Church General Fund and Administrative Budget Fund was given and adopted by vote. (See Report No. 4)

The four above-mentioned reports were given by the Treasurer, Dr. F. R. Eddy.

Orders of the Day—The report of the Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST was given by Dr. Oliver G. Wilson and the report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 5)

Orders of the Day—The report of the Editor of Sunday School literature was given by Dr. Rufus D. Reisdorph and the report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 6) The Financial Statement of the Sunday School Department was read by the Treasurer, Dr. Rufus D. Reisdorph, which report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 6)

The Thanksgiving Offering—The motion passed by vote that the Thanksgiving Fund, now in the hands of the Sunday School Secretary and Editor, continue to be held by him and that its disbursement be made subject to the Board of Administration.

General Business—The General Conference Secretary, the Rev. Carl Beaver, asked to be excused for a funeral service which is to be held Friday afternoon and asked that Dr. Stephen W. Paine act as Secretary in his stead for that afternoon. Request was granted by vote.

Edit and Publish General Conference Minutes—The committee to edit and publish the General Conference Minutes was elected. They are to be the Secretary of the General Conference, the President of the General Conference and the Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST.

Chairmen of Committees—By vote the President of the General Conference was authorized to nominate the Chairmen of Committees for the next General Conference and the Board of Administration to nominate the members of the Committees and to report the same to the next General Conference.

Board of Review—Motion was made asking that there be included in the minutes the questions asked and the answers given in the discussion during the morning meeting concerning the decision of the Board of Review which pertained to the appeal of the Ohio Conference. The question was called and the motion was declared lost by the chairman, but a member of the body asked for a rising vote which resulted 42 favoring the motion and 94 opposing it.

There arose a discussion concerning the decision of the Board of Review being printed in the Discipline. By vote of the conference it was decided that the Board of Review by a committee to determine the matter of what, if anything, shall go into the Discipline, in its judgment, and report back to the General Conference their decision for action by the General Conference.

Adjourned by vote for Committee work.

Benediction by the Rev. Joseph B. Markey.

Second Meeting—Thursday, 8:00 a. m., June 23, 1955

Opening—The Rev. Clayton Elsberry led in the congregational singing. The devotions were conducted by the Rev. Martin Cox who read from Matthew 5:13-16 and spoke briefly concerning the Servicemen's Commission. Rev. Cox led in prayer.

Roll Call—The roll was called with 80 ministers and 74 laymen present.

Minutes—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with the following corrections: 1. Instead of the names of the Rev. Carl Beaver, Dr. Roy S. Nicholson and Dr. Oliver G. Wilson in the item about the Committee to Edit and Publish the General Conference Minutes, insert the following: "The General Conference Secretary,

the General Conference President and the Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST to be this committee". 2. That the word "distribution" in the item about the Thanksgiving Offering be changed to "disbursement". 3. That the words "And the Vice President, Dr. F. R. Eddy, took the chair" in the item of question of privilege be deleted.

Orders of the Day—The hour arrived for the consideration of the report of the Committee on Church Merger which was deferred by vote until such time as the report was completed by its Secretary, Dr. Stephen W. Paine.

Committee on Courtesy—Dr. David Tsutada of the Immanuel General Mission of Japan was presented to the body. Dr. Tsutada brought greetings from Japan and gave a word of testimony.

Report of Vote on Article of Religion—The General Conference Secretary gave the report of the result of the votes cast to amend Article of Religion V, Paragraph 12, of the Discipline which was as follows: 19 conferences reporting, total number of votes cast in the conferences 1,265 in favor of the amendment, 11 opposing; the total number of votes cast in the churches 13,095 in favor, 40 opposing. This report was adopted by vote.

Article of Religion V, Paragraph 12—It was voted that the editors of the next edition of the Discipline be authorized to change the Discipline in accordance with the above-mentioned action. Paragraph 12 will be as follows: the title "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.

Committee on Audit and Invoice—By vote the Conference elected Dr. David A. Rees and Dr. Willard G. Smith to 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 full Board of Administration which shall constitute the Committee on Orders of the Day for the next General Conference.

Orders of the Day—The Orders of the Day was called which was the hearing of the report of the Committee on Church Merger. Dr. Stephen W. Paine presented the report (See Report No. 7). The motion was made and supported that this report be adopted. Dr. Paine was asked to read the portion of the report which had to do with the Duties of (Bishops) (General Superintendents) which has been omitted by the consent of the conference in the initial reading. The conference voted to hear Dr. Paine speak in favor of the motion. Following Dr. Paine's presentation, Dr. F. R. Eddy spoke against the motion.

Question of Privilege—Dr. J. R. Swauger, Home Missionary Secretary, made a statement concerning a reference which Dr. Paine had made in his presentation which pertained to the overhead expense of the Home Missions Department. This statement was given as information.

Recessed by limitation of time.

Spiritual Emphasis Hour—Thursday, 11:00 a. m.

Dr. Oliver G. Wilson was in charge of the service. The Rev. Clayton

Elsberry led in the congregational singing. Dr. Russell DeLong of the Showers of Blessing Radio Program led in prayer. The Bloom sisters sang a special. The Rev. H. Robb French, a General Evangelist of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, brought the message. He read from Psalm 48 and brought a very stirring message. The service closed in a prayer and fast about the altar.

Thursday, 2:00 p. m.

Opening—The Rev. Kenneth Knapp led the singing. The Rev. John Cole conducted the devotions, who read from Colossians 3:1-17 and led in prayer.

Orders of the Day—The Chairman called attention to the Agenda. Since it was nearing the time for an Order of the Day, it was voted that the Agenda be set aside to finish the work on hand, namely, the acting upon the report of the Committee on Church Merger. (See Report No. 7)

Committee on Church Merger—Motion passed by vote that action on this report be by a ballot vote. Motion was made and supported that it require a two-thirds vote of the body to adopt this report. A standing vote was called and there were 57 voting in favor of the motion and 90 against it. The motion was declared lost. After much debate on the original question, it was voted that debate be closed. The chairman stated the manner of voting, those favoring the adoption of the report will vote "Yes" and those opposed will vote "No". After a period of silent prayer the ballots were cast. The tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

Report of Secretary of Foreign Missions—The Secretary of Foreign Missions, Dr. F. R. Birch, gave his report of the affairs of the Foreign Missionary Department which report was adopted by vote (See Report No. 8). The Treasurer of Foreign Missions, Dr. F. R. Birch, gave his financial report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 8)

Report of Ballot on Church Merger—The report of the canvass of the ballot on the recommendations of the Committee on Church Merger resulted as follows: 62 "yes" and 96 "no". The recommendations were declared lost. (See Report No. 7)

Expression of Appreciation—It was voted that the General Conference express its sincere appreciation to our committee for their faithful and diligent work, and that Dr. Stephen W. Paine should receive special thanks for his labors as Secretary of the Committee on Church Merger.

Free Methodist Church of North America—By vote the General Conference Secretary was asked to prepare a draft for presentation to this body as a communication to the Free Methodist Church of North America, setting forth the desire of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America for continued fellowship and co-operation with the Free Methodist Church in the areas wherein such may be observed.

Adjourned by vote.

Benediction by the Rev. Garl Beaver.

Third Meeting—Friday, 8:00 a. m., June 24, 1955

Opening—The Rev. Stanley Hill led in the singing. Dr. A. B. Machlin of the American Association of Jewish Evangelism conducted the devotions and Mr. Nate Scharff led in prayer.

Roll Call—The roll was called with 79 ministers and 77 laymen present.

Minutes—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Communication to Free Methodist Church of North America—The Secretary of the General Conference read the draft of the report to the Free Methodist Church of North America which he was asked to prepare. This report was adopted by vote, a copy of which follows:

“To the Free Methodist Church of North America.”

“The General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America in session at Fairmount, Indiana on June 23, 1955 voted to discontinue the Committee on Church Merger for the coming quadrennium. While this action eliminates further movement toward merger at this time, it is not meant to terminate the fellowship and co-operation which these two bodies have enjoyed. It is the desire of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America that there shall be closer fellowship and co-operation with the Free Methodist Church in the areas wherein such may be observed.”
Signed by Roy S. Nicholson, Chairman; Garl Beaver, Secretary.

Election of Officers and Hearing of Reports—It was passed by vote to proceed with the election of the General Conference officers and that during the canvassing of the ballots the Conference hear the reports as scheduled in the Agenda for Thursday afternoon.

Election of W.Y.P.S. Officers—Motion passed that we hear the report of the nominations of the officers of the Wesleyan Young People's Society. The General Conference Secretary read the report which was adopted by vote, which elected the following: Dr. H. K. Sheets, General Secretary of the W.Y.P.S.; General President, the Rev. C. Wesley Lovin; Central Area President, the Rev. Earl Alexander; Houghton Area President, the Rev. Forrest Gearhart; Marion Area President, the Rev. Robert McIntyre; Miltonvale Area President, the Rev. James Harris.

Election of General Conference Officers—It was moved and supported that the first ballot for all of the officers be an electing ballot. It was then moved to amend the motion to mean only the President of the General Conference, a rising vote was called for the amendment which resulted in 75 favoring the amendment and 66 opposing. The motion passed by vote. The original motion was called and passed by vote.

General Conference President—A ballot was cast for the General Conference President and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

Secretary of Home Missions—The Secretary of Home Missions, Dr. J. R. Swauger, gave his report of the affairs of the Home Missionary Department which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 9)

Concerning Elections—It was passed by vote that there be no audible response when the results of the elections are declared.

General Conference President—The report of the canvass of the ballot for General Conference President revealed that Dr. Roy S. Nicholson was elected with 116 votes out of 155 ballots cast.

Ministerial Vice President—A ballot was cast for the Ministerial Vice President of the General Conference and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

Home Missions Financial Report—The Treasurer of the Home Missionary Department, Dr. J. R. Swauger, gave the Financial report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 9)

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 99 votes out of 156 ballots cast.

Lay Vice President—A ballot was cast for the Lay Vice President of the General Conference and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

Superannuated Pension Fund Treasurer—The Treasurer of the Pension Fund, Dr. David A. Rees, gave his report of the affairs of the Pension Fund which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 10)

Lay Vice President—The report of the canvass of the ballot for General Conference Lay Vice President revealed that Dr. Stephen W. Paine was elected with 140 votes out of 150 ballots cast.

General Conference Secretary—It passed by vote that the Secretary of the General Conference be elected by acclamation. The election of the Rev. Garl Beaver was moved and he was elected by vote.

Superannuated Pension Fund Treasurer—The Treasurer of the Pension Fund, Dr. David A. Rees, gave his Financial report of the Pension Fund which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 10)

Fraternal Relations and Co-operation with the Free Methodist Church—The following resolution was presented: "Be it resolved that the Board of Administration be directed to name a Committee on Fraternal Relations and Co-operation with the Free Methodist Church and that they be charged with the following duties with power to act under the direction of the Board of Administration. 1. To meet with a similar committee of the Free Methodist Church to plan times of inter-church fellowship such as Joint Ministerial Conventions, City-wide Evangelism and Community Church Fellowship. 2. To study ways of co-operation in the Publishing field in respect to Sunday School literature, holiness classics, and other literature. 3. To study the feasibility of a jointly operated Holiness Seminary." (Presented by the Rev. J. B. Hilson). It was moved and supported that the resolution be adopted. A motion was made to refer the resolution to the Committee on Resolutions. By vote the motion to refer was lost. The original motion was called, and after a rereading of the resolution, it was adopted by vote.

Committee on Courtesy—The Rev. J. M. Hames, a senior General Evangelist of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, was presented and gave a word of testimony.

Report of General Secretary of W.Y.P.S.—The Agenda was arranged by consent to hear the report of the General Secretary of the W.Y.P.S., Dr. H. K. Sheets. It was moved and supported that this report be adopted. (See Report No. 11)

Extension of Time—It was voted to extend the time to hear the W.M.S. report.

Report of General Secretary of W.Y.P.S.—The Report of the General Secretary of the W.Y.P.S. was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 11)

Report of W.M.S.—The Report of the W.M.S. was presented by its President, Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph. The report of the affairs of the W.M.S. was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 12)

Report of Y.M.W.B.—The Treasurer of the Y.M.W.B., Mrs. Aileen Shea, gave the report which was adopted, with appreciation, by vote. (See Report No. 13)

Report of W.M.S.—The Financial Summary of the W.M.S. was given

by its Treasurer, Mrs. Lucille H. Phaup. This report was adopted by vote (See Report No. 12). The congregation joined the W.M.S. ladies in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

Recessed by limitation of time.

Spiritual Emphasis Hour—Friday, 11:00 a. m.

Dr. Rufus D. Reisdorph was in charge of this service. Professor Stanley Banker led in the congregational singing. Dr. Luckey of Houghton College led in prayer. Houghton College Male quartet sang a special number. The message was brought by the Rev. E. L. Henderson of the North Carolina Conference. He read from Matthew, chapter 26, beginning with verse 36, and used as the basis for his message the two phrases "sleep on now" and "arise, let us be going."

The Rev. J. M. Hames dismissed the service with prayer.

Friday, 2:00 p. m.

Opening—The congregation was led in singing by the Rev. Kenneth Knapp. The devotions were conducted by the Rev. James B. Hilson, who read John 17: 6-16 and led in prayer.

Orders of the Day—The election of Denominational Officials. It was voted that in this voting the first ballot be a nominating ballot.

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

Director of Servicemen's Department—The Director of the Servicemen's Department, Dr. H. K. Sheets, read his quadrennial report which was adopted with appreciation by vote. (See Report No. 14)

Denominational Editor—The canvass of the nominating ballot for Denominational Editor revealed a total of 151 ballots as follows: R. D. Reisdorph 1, E. L. Henderson 1, H. K. Sheets 1, E. L. Kierstead 1, J. R. Swauger 1, F. R. Eddy 10, O. G. Wilson 136. An electing ballot was cast for Denominational Editor and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

Report of Secretary of Wesleyan Men's Fellowship—The Secretary of the Wesleyan Men's Fellowship, Dr. Hollis Stevenson, read his report of affairs which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 15)

Denominational Editor—The canvass of the ballot for denominational editor revealed that Dr. Oliver G. Wilson received 147 of 152 ballots cast. He was declared elected.

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

Report of Secretary of Wesleyan Men's Fellowship—The Secretary of the Wesleyan Men's Fellowship read his financial report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 15)

Committee on Leaders' Conferences—The report of the Committee on Leaders' Conferences was given a first reading by the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Archie R. Crapo.

Publishing Agent—The canvass of the nominating ballot for Publishing Agent revealed 150 votes cast as follows: Howard Dietrich 1, C. I. Armstrong 1, E. L. Henderson 1, F. R. Birch 1, J. R. Swauger 1, Russell Baldwin 2, H. K. Sheets 4, David A. Rees 45, F. R. Eddy 94. An electing ballot was cast for Publishing Agent and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

Committee on Board Meeting Expense—The report of the Committee on Board Meeting Expense was read by the Secretary of the Committee, Dr. R. C. Mullinax. It was moved and supported to adopt the report. It was voted that the report be referred back to the Committee. (See Report No. 41)

Publishing Agent—The canvass of the ballot for Publishing Agent revealed that Dr. F. R. Eddy received 91 of the 152 ballots cast. He was declared elected.

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

Transportation Secretary—The Rev. J. F. Simpson was, by voice vote, elected transportation secretary.

Committee on Insuring Church Property—It was voted to set aside the Orders of the Day in order to hear at this time the report of the Committee on Insuring Church Property. The report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 16)

General Conference Picture—It was voted that the General Conference, upon notice to the Chairman that matters are in readiness, adjourn for the taking of the General Conference picture.

Committee to Edit the Discipline—It was moved that the editing of the Discipline be assigned to the committee elected to publish the General Conference Minutes. It was moved and supported to substitute the motion to provide that the editing of the Discipline be assigned to the same committee as was named four years ago, namely, Roy S. Nicholson, David A. Rees, and Oliver G. Wilson. The motion to substitute was carried. The amended main motion was carried by vote.

Secretary of Foreign Missions—The nominating ballot for the Secretary of Foreign Missions resulted in a total of 150 votes as follows: J. R. Swauger 1, E. L. Kierstead 1, F. R. Eddy 1, David A. Rees 1, C. I. Armstrong 1, Arthur Calhoun 1, Floyd Banker 3, Charles Carter 3, H. K. Sheets 5, Alton Liddick 13, R. D. Reisdorph 27, F. R. Birch 93. An electing ballot was cast for this office and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

General Conference Minutes—It was moved that a copy of the General Conference Minutes be furnished each member of the General Conference, to be paid for from General Conference Expense Fund, and that sufficient additional copies be printed to supply the needs of the church. The motion was lost by vote.

Secretary of Foreign Missions—The canvass of the ballot for Secretary of Foreign Missions revealed that Dr. F. R. Birch received 99 of the 156 ballots cast. He was declared elected.

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

Report of Elections—It was moved that when the tellers are ready to report, all other business or debate be interrupted to hear that report. The motion was lost by vote.

Secretary of Home Missions—A report of the nominating ballot for the Secretary of Home Missions revealed a total of 153 votes cast as follows: Don Howard 1, L. D. Wilcox 1, Clarence Budensiek 1, B. O. Crowe 1, R. C. Mullinax 1, F. R. Eddy 1, C. I. Armstrong 1, E. L. Kierstead 3, David A. Rees 3, R. D. Reisdorph 6, H. K. Sheets 26, J. R. Swauger 99.

Secretary of Home Missions—An electing ballot was cast for the Secretary of Home Missions. Dr. J. R. Swauger received 106 of the 157 ballots cast. He was declared elected.

Sunday School Secretary and Editor—A nominating ballot was cast for the office of Sunday School Secretary and Editor. The canvass of the ballot revealed a total of 151 votes cast as follows: L. D. Wilcox 1, F. R. Eddy 1, James Bence 1, C. A. Hoover 1, C. I. Armstrong 1, S. W. Paine 1, D. O. Miller 2, E. L. Kierstead 3, Garl Beaver 5, David Rees 5, H. K. Sheets 24, R. D. Reisdorph 106. The electing ballot was cast. Dr. R. D. Reisdorph received 114 of the 148 votes cast. He was declared elected.

Adjourned by vote.

Benediction by the Rev. E. L. Gunby.

Fourth Meeting—Saturday, 8:00 a. m., June 25, 1955

Opening—The Rev. C. M. Elrod led the singing. The Rev. Charley Wireman conducted the devotions. He led in prayer and spoke from I Corinthians 13:8a on "Love" that "Never Faileth."

Roll Call—The roll was called with 79 ministers and 70 laymen present.

Minutes—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with one correction: the word "ensuing" be deleted from the item about the General Conference Minutes.

Travel Expense to and from General Conference—Dr. F. R. Eddy, Treasurer of the General Conference Expense Fund, announced his procedure of paying the travel expense of the delegates to and from the meetings of this General Conference.

Orders of the Day—The hearing of Fraternal Delegates. Dr. David A. Rees presented Dr. Ora E. Lovell, Dean of Cleveland Bible College, who represented the Society of the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends and spoke on "The Church". Dr. Nicholson replied with fitting words of appreciation for Cleveland Bible College students whose work he had observed in his tour of mission fields.

The Rev. George L. Ford, Associate Executive Director of the National Association of Evangelicals, was presented. He spoke of the work of the N.A.E. and of our co-operation with the organization. Dr. Stephen W. Paine responded by speaking of ways in which we can assist in this Evangelical Association.

The Rev. R. A. Beltz of the Pilgrim Holiness Church was presented. He brought greetings from that church and spoke of our common standards, our spiritual unity and our mutual service. Dr. Nicholson spoke words of sympathy to the Pilgrim Holiness Church because of the sudden death of their General Superintendent, Dr. L. W. Sturk. Then he spoke of the fine fellowship and co-operation of our denominations.

Dr. John W. Osberg of the American Bible Society was presented. He outlined the many items of service of this society. Dr. Rees responded by speaking commendably of the ministry of the American Bible Society.

Election of Denominational Trustees—It was voted that the first ballot be an electing ballot. A ballot was cast for the first ministerial trustee, and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot. It was voted that while the tellers were canvassing the ballot that the body cast a ballot for the first lay trustee. A ballot was cast for the first lay trustee and tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

Special Prayer—Prayer was offered in behalf of Sister Day, the wife

of one of the Delegates, the Rev. Ralph Day of North Georgia. The Rev. Donald Fisher led in the prayer.

Election of Denominational Trustees—The report of the canvass of the ballot for the first ministerial trustee revealed that Dr. Roy S. Nicholson received 134 of the 143 ballots cast. He was declared elected. A ballot was cast for the second ministerial trustee and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

Recessed by limitation of time.

Spiritual Emphasis Hour—Saturday, 11:00 a. m.

Dr. F. R. Birch was in charge of the service. The Rev. Robert Hughes of Enid, Oklahoma led in the singing. The Rev. Dayton A. Manker led in prayer. The Rev. Kenneth Knapp sang a solo. The message was brought by the Rev. H. C. VanWormer, President of the Allegheny Conference. He read from I John 5: 14. The main emphasis of his message was twofold: first, the need of vision, and second, the need of passion. The service closed with a spontaneous altar service of men and women seeking a deeper burden for the lost.

Saturday, 2:00 p. m.

Opening—The Rev. Kenneth Knapp led the singing. The Rev. A. M. Gilmer led in the devotions; reading Matthew 7: 24 and led in prayer.

Election of Trustees—The report of the canvass of the ballot for the first lay trustee revealed that Dr. Stephen W. Paine was elected with 130 of the 137 votes cast. The report of the canvass of the ballot for the second ministerial trustee revealed that Dr. F. R. Eddy was elected with 104 of the 133 ballots cast. A ballot was cast for the third ministerial trustee and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

College Caucus—It was voted that the Committee on Agenda for the next General Conference include a time for College Area Caucuses in the printed Agenda. It was voted that the College Area Caucuses be held Monday afternoon at the close of the business meeting.

Committee on Courtesy—The Committee on Courtesy presented three of our servicemen: Chaplain Glenn D. Lauby of the U. S. Army, of the Oregon Conference; Sergeant Carl D. Barnett of the U. S. Air Force, of Houghton, N. Y.; and Chaplain Beverly J. Barnett of the U. S. Air Force, of the Michigan Conference.

Denominational Trustees—The report of the canvass of the ballot for the third ministerial trustee revealed that Dr. David A. Rees received 100 of the 120 ballots cast. A ballot was cast for the second lay trustee and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

Orders of the Day—The hearing of the reports of College Presidents and Treasurers. These were heard in the order of their founding.

Houghton College—Dr. Stephen W. Paine, President, gave his report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 17)

Denominational Trustee—The report of the canvass of the ballot for the second lay trustee revealed that Dr. Hollis Stevenson received 68 of the 128 ballots cast. He was declared elected.

Central College—Dr. R. C. Mullinax, President, gave his report of the affairs of Central College which was adopted by vote. (See Report No.

18) He then gave his financial report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 18)

Miltonvale Wesleyan College—President Wesley L. Knapp gave the report of the affairs of Miltonvale Wesleyan College which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 19). The financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. Milton Wint, which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 19)

Marion College—Mr. Russell S. Baldwin, Treasurer, gave his financial report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 20)

Recessed for ten minutes before Orders of the Day—the Memorial Service.

Memorial Service—The Rev. D. A. Manker was in charge. A very appropriate service was conducted and twenty-nine names of ministers who had departed this life during the last quadrennium were read.

Benediction by the Rev. Garl Beaver.

Fifth Meeting—Monday, 8:00 a. m., June 27, 1955

Opening—The Rev. John J. Hunter led the singing. Mr. Archie Crapo conducted the devotions. He read from I Peter 5 and led in prayer.

Roll Call—The roll was called with 76 ministers and 71 laymen present.

Minutes—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with one change: Dr. Ora Lovell is "Dean" of Cleveland Bible College and not "President".

Seating of Alternate Delegate—It was moved and supported that Mrs. V. A. Mitchell of South Carolina be seated as the alternate delegate from that conference for the balance of the General Conference session in the place of Mr. W. T. Hughey who had to return to his home. The motion was lost by vote because of the precedent which it would set.

Agenda—It was voted to change the agenda so as to hear the Fraternal Delegate of the Church of the Nazarene.

Fraternal Delegate—Dr. S. T. Ludwig of the Church of the Nazarene was present. Dr. Ludwig brought greetings from that church and spoke commendably of the world tour of our General Conference President and its influence on their mission fields. Dr. Nicholson spoke of some of those fields and their personnel.

Orders of the Day—The report of the Committee on International Headquarters. The Rev. E. L. Kierstead, Secretary of the Committee, read the report (See Report No. 21). It was moved and supported to adopt the report in its entirety. By consent Dr. David A. Rees, Chairman of the Committee, spoke on the question of cost and other pertinent problems. Dr. F. R. Eddy spoke of the many serious problems involved in relocating of the Publishing House. Motion was made and supported that the previous question be called. By a rising vote the motion was lost, 61 voted favoring and 67 voted against the motion. Debate was then continued.

Recessed by limitation of time.

Spiritual Emphasis Hour—Monday, 11:00 a. m.

Dr. J. R. Swauger was in charge of the service. Mr. Eugene Cockrell led the singing. The Rev. Donald E. Howard led in prayer. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker of Marion, Indiana sang a duet. The Rev. Paul L. Kindschi,

Executive Secretary of the National Holiness Association, brought a thought-provoking message. He challenged the Wesleyan Methodist Church to co-operate with other Holiness Churches in the promotion of the Doctrine of the Spirit-filled life of Holiness. He emphasized the thought that our doors of evangelism are often closed because of 'human fears.' He pointed out how Christ gave us His word—"Peace be unto you"—He can open closed doors, dispel fear, bring encouragement and relief and send us forth as witnesses and martyrs for Him. He urged the need for a holy restlessness for things as they are and the necessity of a passion for things as they ought to be.

The Rev. Noel H. Winterholter closed the service with prayer.

Monday, 2: 00 p. m.

Opening—The Rev. William Foster led in the singing. The Rev. E. J. Mills conducted the devotions. He read from Romans 12 and presented a few facts about the Burial Association.

Agenda—It was voted to change the agenda in order to hear a Fraternal Delegate.

Fraternal Delegate—Dr. Myron F. Boyd, President of the National Holiness Association, was presented. Dr. Boyd spoke of five areas in which the holiness people should major: 1. The Word of God. 2. Communion with God. 3. Faith in God. 4. Witnessing for God. and 5. The Sanctifying Unity.

Dr. Paul F. Elliott, of the Pilgrim Holiness Church brought personal greetings.

Committee on Courtesy—Dr. Paul S. Rees, the speaker for the Sunday School Rally of the evening, was presented.

Delegate Excused—William Albrecht requested to be excused for the balance of the General Conference due to a business engagement. The request was granted by vote.

Committee on International Headquarters—It was voted to call the original question. The report of the Committee on International Headquarters was then adopted by vote. (See Report No. 21)

Pertaining to the Pilgrim Holiness Church—The motion was made and supported that the Board of Administration be empowered with authority to study the proposal for merger with the Pilgrim Holiness Church, if and when they make such a proposal. The Order of the Day was called.

Orders of the Day—The report of the Committee on Revision of the Discipline. Dr. David A. Rees, Secretary of the Committee, reporting. (See Report No. 22)

Items submitted by Dr. Roy S. Nicholson:

Paragraph 208 (1) (b) recommended for approval by the Board of Administration. The conference voted to sustain the action of the Board.

Paragraph 256 (13), recommended by the Board, sustained by vote of the conference.

Paragraph 187, recommended by the Board, sustained by vote of the conference.

Paragraph 191A, recommended by the Board, sustained by vote of the conference.

Paragraph 121, recommended by the Board, sustained by vote of the

conference.

Paragraph 222, recommended by the Board, sustained by vote of the conference.

Items submitted by the Lockport Conference: Paragraphs 141, 142, and 166 2b. The Board recommended the adoption of the items with the following amendments: That Paragraph 141, Section III (1), and 142 Section III (1) be the same as they are in the present Discipline in Paragraph 141 (5), and that Paragraph 141, Section V, (1) also appear as Paragraph 142, Section V, (4), that is, "Other than Pastors". Paragraph 142 would answer the same question as Section V, (1) "Have you faithfully tithed your income?"

An amendment was voted to change Paragraph 166-2b as follows: After "Each evangelist and all others on the Stationed List of the Conference" and then insert this clause "except as provided for in Paragraph 128", "Not appointed", etc. continue the rest of the paragraph.

Motion was made and supported to amend Paragraph 141, 1, under Credentials, and 142, 1, under Credentials: strike out the words "pass your character" and insert the words "approve your ministry". Motion was lost by vote.

Item of the Pastor's Character Blanks was then passed by vote as amended.

Item pertaining to Item VII (Notes) Paragraph 177, page 108:

That it be amended by adding the following: "Building" should include funds invested in property, other than borrowed monies and items reported as "repairs". The Board approved this item and the conference sustained their action by vote.

Other Items from the Lockport Conference:

Item I: Regarding Conference Preachers. Page 98, Paragraph 170 (3), was not recommended by the Board and the conference sustained this action by vote.

Item II: Regarding W.M.S. officers. Page 163, Paragraph 301, Article 6, (1), was recommended by the Board and the conference sustained their action by vote.

Item III: Regarding W.Y.P.S. officers. Page 252, Paragraph 398, Article IV, (1), was approved by the Board and the conference sustained this action by vote. (This does not delete the words pertaining to the College Church Societies).

The item pertaining to the Course of Study was referred to the Committee on Course of Study which is to report to the Board of Administration.

Item submitted by the South Ohio Conference: This item was referred by the Board to the Committee on Home Missions who will report their action to this body. (See Report No. 31)

Item submitted by the Indiana Conference: This item was recommended by the Board and the conference sustained this action by vote.

Item submitted by the Local Board of Managers of Houghton College: Pertaining to Paragraph 256. This item was recommended by the Board with these amendments: in line 14 replace the sentence beginning "They shall be nominated" with the following: "In order to insure a degree of continuity on the Board approximately one-half of the members shall be elected by their annual conferences in the session next following the General Conference and approximately one-half at the third session of the

annual conference following the General Conference. Provided that at the General Conference of 1955 the delegates from each district shall designate approximately half of the members of the Board to be elected for terms of two years instead of four years, specifying these by conferences, the terms thereafter to be regularly for four years and this sentence to be removed from the following Discipline."

Amend Section (9) by changing the word "Regional" to "district".

And in line 18 amend by deleting what is in the memorial and changing this sentence as it now appears in the Discipline by striking out the word "shall" and inserting the word "may". On the last line of the page place a period after the word "manager" and delete the remainder of the sentence. The Board recommended the approval of these amendments. It was moved and supported to sustain the action of the Board. An amendment was made that the word "may" be struck out and the word "shall" be inserted in the line 18. The amendment passed by vote. (This makes it the same as it now appears in the Discipline). The conference then voted to sustain the recommendation of the Board as to this item as amended.

Adjourned to take a picture of officials and to hold college caucuses.

Benediction by the Rev. Garl Beaver.

Sixth Meeting—Tuesday, 8:00 a. m.

Opening—The Rev. Joseph B. Markey led in the singing. The Rev. James Ridgway conducted the devotions. He read from Acts 20:17, and led in prayer.

Roll Call—The roll was called with 74 ministers and 63 laymen present.

Minutes—The minutes were read and approved with this change: in the Character Blank of the evangelist pertaining to tithing, Paragraph 142, the question should read "Have you faithfully tithed your income?"

Agenda—It was voted that after the 11 a. m. Spiritual Emphasis Hour, the rest of the day be devoted to business.

Agenda—It was voted to postpone the Orders of the Day to take care of the General Business until the Secretary of the Committee on Revision arrived.

Pertaining to the Pilgrim Holiness Church—The motion of Monday afternoon's meeting was read and discussion followed. It was voted to limit debate to five minutes to each speaker. It was moved and supported to amend the motion as follows: "That the Board of Administration be empowered to elect a committee to study merger with the Pilgrim Holiness Church and to continue the study of merger with the Free Methodist Church." It was moved and supported that the previous question be called, a hand vote revealed that 79 favored the previous question and 15 opposed. The call was given for the previous question which was the amendment. By a rising vote the amendment carried with 75 voting for and 59 voting opposed. This brought the motion as amended before the conference. It was voted that the vote be taken by ballot, those favoring vote "yes" and those opposed vote "no." The ballot was cast and the tellers retired to canvass the ballot.

Orders of the Day—The report of the Committee on Revision of the Discipline continued. (See Report No. 22)

Item submitted by the Kansas Conference: The Board of Administration recommended the approval of this item and the conference sus-

tained this action by vote.

Items submitted by the Dakota Conference:

Item 1, was referred by the Board to the Committee on Home Missions. Sustained by consent of the Conference. (See Report No. 31)

Item 2, was referred to the Budget Committee by the Board. Sustained by consent of the Conference. (See Report No. 42)

Item 3, was referred to the Committee on Home Missions by the Board. Sustained by consent of the conference. (See Report No. 31)

Item 4, was approved by the Board and the Conference sustained their action by vote.

Items submitted by the South Carolina Conference:

Item 1, was approved by the Board. Sustained by vote of the conference.

Item 2, was referred to the Pension Plan Committee. Sustained by the consent of the conference. (For action on this item see Daily Proceedings for last day of General Conference 1:00 meeting)

Church Merger—The result of the ballot revealed that 79 voted favoring and 58 opposing the item concerning the study of merger as amended. (See above) The motion as amended carried.

Committee on Revision Continued—(See Report No. 22)

Item submitted by Rev. W. D. Shelor: This item was referred to the Committee on Boundaries by the Board. Sustained by consent of the conference. (See Report No. 39)

Item submitted by the Pension Plan Committee of the Indiana Conference: This item was referred to the General Conference Pension Plan Committee by the Board. Sustained by consent of the conference. (For action on this item see Daily Proceedings for Wednesday, June 29th, 1:00 p. m.)

Items submitted by the Michigan Conference:

Item 1, was referred to the Committee on Sunday School by the Board. Sustained by consent of the conference. (See Report No. 29)

Item 2, was referred to a special committee to study and to report to this conference which report was given. (See Report No. 22) It was moved and supported to amend the report by adding the words "with power to act". By consent this motion was withdrawn. It was moved and supported that the matter be referred to the Board of Administration and a sub-committee to study and if after proper study the Board of Administration feels that it is a wise step by a two-thirds vote they be authorized and instructed to hand it down to the Annual Conferences and the churches and come back to General Conference for final action next time. A call was given for the previous question which call was approved by vote. It was voted to have a division of the house on the final vote. The vote was a rising vote on the amended question which resulted as follows: 50 ministers voted favoring, 11 voted opposing. 43 laymen voted favoring, and 15 voted opposing. The motion as amended carried by majority vote of each side of the house.

Committee on Leaders' Conferences—The second reading of the report of the Committee on Leaders' Conferences was presented by its Secretary, Mr. Archie Crapo. (See Report No. 23) It was moved and supported that the report be adopted. It was moved and supported to amend the report in the matter of the expenses incurred by the Confer-

ence representatives, by adding the expenses shall be prorated among the conferences "upon the basis of their membership."

Recessed by limitation of time.

Spiritual Emphasis Hour—Tuesday, 11:00 a. m.

Dr. David A. Rees was in charge. The Rev. Orval Butcher was in charge of the singing. The Rev. Everett E. Elliott led in prayer. Rev. and Mrs. William McMahon of Indiana sang. The message was delivered by Dr. Oliver G. Wilson. He used as his subject "Facing Our Tomorrows". He based his message on Acts 3 and 4, from which he pointed out our field, our tools, our foes, and our fellowship of prayer. A very heart-warming message.

The Benediction by the Rev. E. L. Crocker.

Tuesday, 2:00 p. m.

Opening—The Rev. Robert Vardaman led in the singing. Dr. C. I. Armstrong conducted the devotions. He read from Matthew 2:1-12 and led in prayer.

Unfinished Business—A motion (of the morning meeting pertaining to Leaders' Conferences) was read with its amendment and discussion was opened. The motion as amended was passed by vote. (See Report No. 23)

The Committee on General Conference Entertainment and Expense—Mr. LeVerne Tolle, Secretary of the Committee, reporting. It was moved and supported to adopt the report. It was moved and supported to amend the report by adding that the "Board of Administration be authorized to increase the levy if the Board sees that it is not sufficient to cover the cost." The amendment passed by vote. The report as amended was then adopted by vote. (See Report No. 24)

Committee on Conference Records—The Secretary of the committee, the Rev. Noel H. Winterholter, reporting. The report and recommendations were adopted by vote. (See Report No. 25)

Committee on Lay Delegates-at-large—The Secretary of the committee, Mr. J. F. Yates, reporting. The report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 26)

Committee on Education—The Secretary of the committee, Dr. Allen Bowman reporting. The report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 27)

Committee on Evangelism—The Secretary of the committee, Mr. G. C. Summey, reporting. The report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 28)

Committee on Sunday School—Dr. Rufus D. Reisdorph, Chairman of the committee, reporting. It was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 29) The amendments which were referred to the Committee on Sunday School were acted upon. Paragraph 331, as amended by the committee was moved and supported to adopt. It was then moved and supported to amend as follows: that "the Sunday School Secretary be for one year instead of two." The amendment passed by vote. The action on Paragraph 331 as amended was passed by vote.

College Area Caucus—The report of the Miltonvale Area Caucus was read by Mr. Milton Wirt, Secretary of the caucus. The report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 30)

The report of the Central Area Caucus was read by the Rev. Earl T. Gentry, Secretary of the caucus. It was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 30)

Committee on Home Missions—The Rev. E. L. Gunby, Secretary of the committee, reporting. (See Report No. 31) The adopting of the report was moved and supported. It was voted to amend the report to make the limit to be \$1,000.00 as it has been during the past quadrennium. It was moved and supported to amend the report as follows: "That the entire card call be put into the purpose for which it was originally designed, without any deductions for expenses or being placed in a loan fund." The Chairman stated that the original purpose of the Card Call was "for aid to needy churches in mission conferences in building projects." The amendment was lost by vote. It was voted to amend the report to read that "all of it go in the regular card call channel and not one-half of it into a revolving loan fund." The report was then passed by vote as amended.

Adjourned to meet at 8:00 p. m.

Tuesday, 8:00 p. m.

Opening—The Rev. Robert Vardaman led in the singing.

Committee on Foreign Missions—The Rev. D. O. Miller, Secretary of the committee, reporting. Motion was made and supported to receive this report. Motion was made and supported to amend as follows: "That the recommendations having to do with missionary employment and retirement be referred to the new Board of Administration with power to act." Amendment carried by vote. The report was voted to be received as amended. (See Report No. 32)

Committee on Tithing—The Secretary of the committee, Mr. Gilbert Mortimer, reporting. The report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 33)

Committee on Societies of the World—The Chairman of the committee, the Rev. C. Wesley Bradley, reporting. The report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 34)

Report of Committees—It was voted that the reports of the following committees: on Book Concern, on Resolutions, on Prohibition and Public Morals, and on Statistics be received and considered as read with the exception of any recommendations.

Committee on Book Concern—(See Report No. 35)

Committee on Resolutions—(See Report No. 36).

Committee on Prohibition and Public Morals—(See Report No. 37).

Committee on Statistics—(See Report No. 38).

Committee on Boundaries—The Rev. Vestal VanMatre, Secretary of the committee, reporting. The report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 39)

College Area Caucus—The report of the Houghton College Area Caucus, the Rev. W. E. Foster, Secretary of the caucus, reporting. The report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 30)

The report of the Marion College Area Caucus, the Rev. Noel H. Winterholter, Secretary of the caucus, reporting. The report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 30)

Committee on Young People's Work—The Rev. Earl T. Gentry, Secretary of the committee, reporting. (See Report No. 40) The report was moved and supported to adopt. It was voted to refer the report to the Board of Administration with power, all of the recommendations except the one which was not recommended by the committee reporting. It was moved and supported to amend by striking out the word "not" which would change the name of the Wesleyan Young People's Society. The amendment passed by vote. And it was voted to adopt the report. (The Committee on Revision had approved all the items of this report except the one acted on here by the Conference.)

Adjourned for committee work by vote to meet at 8:00 a. m.

Seventh Meeting—Wednesday, 8:00 a. m.

Opening—Dr. C. I. Armstrong led the singing. Mr. Athol Dale conducted the devotions. He read from Nehemiah, chapter four, and led in prayer.

Roll Call—The roll was called with 67 ministers and 43 laymen present.

Minutes—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with the following corrections: Item 2 in those submitted by the Dakota Conference, of the Committee on Revisals, was referred to the "Budget Committee" and not to the "Pension Plan Committee". And the Rev. C. Wesley Bradley was "Chairman" of the Committee on Societies of the World and not "Secretary".

Resolutions—(By Dr. J. R. Swauger)

Whereas, the Board of Administration early in its meetings of two weeks ago approved the printed Agenda for the General Conference soon to convene, and

Whereas, the General Conference by unanimous vote adopted the Agenda for its meetings, and

Whereas, the said Agenda clearly and definitely specified that the item for the hearing of the Report of the Committee on Church Merger should be at 8:30 a. m., Thursday morning, June 23, and

Whereas, the Report of this Committee was heard as soon after the time designated as the Committee was able to present it, and

Whereas, the recommendation of the Committee to continue further study of Church Merger with the Free Methodist Church was prayerfully and extensively considered, and

Whereas, it is understood that the President of the General Conference assured delegates, in answer to specific inquiry, that the vote taken on this Report at this time would settle the question, and

Whereas, the vote on the said Report was taken by ballot in the spirit of prayer, and the result of the balloting was a resounding rejection of the proposition to continue negotiations with the Free Methodist Church by a vote of 62 for and 96 against, and

Whereas, quite a number of delegates were called away from the last days of the General Conference by the compulsion of responsibilities, at home, and

Whereas, said delegates who conscientiously could not stay to the end of the General Conference were deprived of voting on the matter a second time, and

Whereas, said delegates left the site of the General Conference

with the impression that the matter had already been definitely settled, and

Whereas, a proposal was introduced to the General Conference whereby the identical issue of further study of Church Merger was presented by the use of slightly different parliamentary technique and a change of wording with the addition of dangling propositions which were never included in the original proposal, and

Whereas, said proposal was introduced on the day before the last day of the General Conference Session without any advance notice that such an important matter would be reconsidered,

Therefore, be it resolved, that it is the sense of this body that, unwittingly, those members whose duties demanded their absence from the General Conference at that time, were placed at a disadvantage, in view of the general understanding that the matter had been definitely settled before they departed.

It was moved and supported that this resolution be tabled, which was passed by the vote of the conference.

Concerning Report of the Committee on Resolutions—Since this report of the Committee on Resolutions was not read before the assembly, therefore, the following resolution was presented to be added to the report of this committee:

"Whereas, discrimination against one's fellowmen on grounds of ancestry or race is contrary to the principles of democracy and the principles of the Gospel of Christ,

"Be it resolved, that we express our disapproval of such discrimination, and that we encourage every constructive effort to promote interracial understanding and to secure fair treatment of every individual regardless of race or color." (Presented by Dr. Allen Bowman).

The resolution was approved by vote to be added to the report of the Committee.

Board of Review—Members of the Board of Review, acting as a Special Committee, gave the following report:

"Members of the Board of Review acting as a Special Committee to consider the meaning of Paragraph 418 as it refers to their previous report are of the opinion that since the decision did not change any point in the discipline it is not necessary to print any portion of the decision in the discipline, but in order to clarify Paragraph 418 on this point they present the following recommendation: After the words, "General Conference," in line 7 on page 275, insert the following: "and which have the effect of rendering invalid any point of church law," continuing as it now reads."

F. R. Eddy,
Stephen W. Paine,
Rufus Reisdorph,
Oliver G. Wilson.

The report of this Special Committee was approved by vote. It was also voted that this be declared effective immediately.

Clarification of the Discipline—A matter which was referred to the two Vice Presidents of the General Conference was presented by them. Pertaining to Paragraph 147 of the Discipline, page 86, where it says, "to decide all questions of law" etc. make it read "to decide questions arising in the administration of the law of the church as it relates to the work of the Annual Conference". This was passed by vote. It was

also voted that the same principle of interpretation be applied to Paragraph 149 and that it be made to agree with Paragraph 147. Paragraph 208 (2) seems obsolete; it was, therefore, voted that this paragraph be deleted immediately.

Expenses of Departmental Heads—The following resolution was presented (by the Rev. E. L. Crocker).

"That at the next (30th) session of the General Conference all Department Heads of the Church include in their financial reports a statement of expense showing the amount spent during the quadrennium for such items of overhead as salaries, rent, equipment, office help, travel, etc., as will give a concise picture of the cost of maintaining such departments.

"And further, for the enlightenment of the official representatives of the church, that they present a breakdown of funds disbursed and invested in promoting the purposes of such departments."

This resolution passed by vote.

Committee on Board Meeting Expense—Dr. R. C. Mullinax, Secretary of the committee, reporting. The report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 41)

Committee on Budget—The Rev. William E. Foster, Secretary of the committee, reporting. It was moved and supported that this report be adopted. It was moved and supported to amend the report by adding 25¢ per member for the Brainerd Indian School. The motion to amend was lost by vote.

Question of Privilege—An announcement was made concerning the meals.

Vote of Thanks To Indiana Conference—Expressed by the General Conference Chairman: "Everybody that is in favor of expressing sincere gratitude to Brother Kierstead, to his Committee, and to all who have had any part in our very royal entertainment, let it be known by standing." It was unanimous.

Committee on Budget, Continued—It was moved and supported to amend the report by adding to the Sunday School item, that the Board of Administration may raise this budget item but not to exceed 25¢ per enrolled member in the Main School. This amendment passed by vote. It was moved and supported to increase the Home Missionary Budget by 25¢ per member in order to cover the Brainerd Indian School needs. This amendment was lost by vote. The report of the Committee on Budget as amended was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 42)

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

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

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

Committee on Statistics—The Rev. Kenneth Dunn, Secretary of the committee, read the Recommendations of the Committee. It was voted to lay the report on the table until the completion of the report of the Committee on Revisals. (See Report No. 38)

Election of Board of Review—Three elders and two laymen to be elected from the Board of Administration. Dr. Oliver G. Wilson was elected by vote. Dr. F. R. Eddy was elected by vote. Dr. David A. Rees was elected by vote. Lay members: Dr. Stephen W. Paine was elected by vote. Dr. Hollis Stevenson was elected by vote. This filled the Board.

Committee on Revisals—It was voted that the Board of Administration be designated as the Committee on Revisals.

Committee on Constitution—It was moved and supported that the committee, and the personnel of the committee, be continued and that if and when their work is completed during the quadrennium, upon the approval of the Board of Administration, that it may be handed to the Conferences and the churches for consideration. By consent of the Conference it is asked that it be a two-thirds vote of the Board of Administration. It was moved and supported as an amendment to the motion that this Committee be continued and that its work be referred to the next General Conference before handing it down to the various Conferences. This amendment passed by vote. The motion, as amended, was adopted by vote.

Committee on Church Architecture—It was voted that the Board of Administration make provision for such a committee.

Committees for General Conference—It was voted that the Board of Administration elect a special committee to study the matter of the committees necessary for the work of the General Conference; the said committee shall report to the Board of Administration who shall have power to act.

Delegate asked to be excused—The Rev. Henry Kielty of the Canada Conference was granted the privilege of leaving the Conference in order to get home in time for a special meeting.

Denominational Officials Vacation—It was moved and supported that our General Conference President, Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, and his wife be given a two weeks' vacation this year with a supplemental expense, in addition to his salary, of two hundred and fifty dollars. It was moved and supported to amend the motion, that the Board of Administration for this quadrennium be instructed to grant each General Official two weeks' vacation. The amendment passed by vote. The original motion as amended passed by vote.

Recessed for ten minutes.

Committee on Revision—Dr. David A. Rees, Secretary of the committee, reporting. (See Report No. 22)

Items submitted by the Michigan Conference:

Item 3, was not recommended by the Board, sustained by vote of the Conference.

Item 4, was recommended and the conference sustained by vote.

Item submitted by Clifford A. Hoiem, Paragraph 73 in Discipline, was recommended by the Board, sustained by vote of the conference.

Item submitted by H. C. Burchel, Paragraph 86, Section (2), was not recommended by the Board, sustained by vote of the conference.

Items submitted by the Iowa Conference:

Item 1, was not recommended by the Board, the conference sustained by vote.

Item 2, 1. Paragraph 141, Item 9, already handled by previous action. 2. Board voted that this item be approved. It was amended, by striking out "ess" on the word "Stewardess" leaving the word "steward". Amendment passed by vote. The conference sustained by vote. 3. Paragraph 77, The Board voted that this be not approved, conference sustained by vote.

Item 3, was referred to a special committee and has already been acted upon.

Item submitted by the Allegheny Conference: This item was not recommended by the Board and the Conference sustained this action by vote.

Items submitted by the Rochester Advisory Board:

Item 1, Paragraph 134, sub-paragraph (1), The Board voted that this be approved with the understanding that it become Paragraph 134A. By consent this item was held in suspense till further information be brought in before the conference.

Item 2, Paragraph 69, sub-paragraph (1), the Board voted that this be approved and the conference sustained by vote.

Item submitted by Oliver G. Wilson: The Board voted that this be approved and the conference sustained by vote.

Item submitted by Wm. F. McConn: This item was incorporated in a previous action.

Item submitted by the Elwood Church: This item was referred by the Board to the Committee on Budget and has been handled by previous action. (See Report No. 42)

Item submitted by Hephzibah Home Board: The sense of these have been handled by previous action, and was not read. Sustained by vote of the conference.

Items submitted by Rochester Advisory Board

Item 1, Paragraph 166, sub-paragraph (2), the Board voted that it be approved, sustained by vote of the conference. It was moved that it become effective immediately.

Item 2, Paragraph 367, sub-paragraph (1), the Board voted that this be approved and the conference sustained by vote.

Back to item 1 as submitted by Rochester Advisory Board.

Concerning Paragraph 134A the Board of Administration voted that Paragraph 117 be amended to harmonize with Paragraph 134A, section 1. This was moved and supported by the conference. It was voted to amend Paragraph 134A by adding: "provided that the conference may by vote continue him on the Stationed List." It was voted to sustain the Board action as amended from the floor. It was voted that this become effective upon the rise of this General Conference by a show of hands—46 voting for and 18 voting against. The motion carried by vote.

It was voted that the Secretary of the General Conference provide mimeographed sheets listing those actions which are effective immediately and furnish them to all conference presidents as soon as it is possible after General Conference.

Items submitted by Roy S. Nicholson: Item 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 18 were voted to approve by the Board and the conference sustained by vote. Each of the following were approved by the board and sustained by the conference by vote separately: Nos. 2, 3, 4,

7, and 17. (18 was handled by previous action).

Additional Memorials to the General Conference: (See Report No. 22)

An item on Form for Service: Installation of Conference President, it was moved and supported that this be incorporated in the Discipline in Section 35, Paragraph 435 C.D. It was adopted by vote.

Item submitted by Roy S. Nicholson: The Board voted that this item be approved. It was moved and supported that this item be amended by omitting the word "deleted" and that this sentence be handed down to annual conferences and local churches for their vote. This motion with its support was withdrawn until conference votes on the original motion. The original item was approved by vote of the conference. Motion was made and supported that the sentence just discussed be approved and that it be handed down to the Annual Conferences and the local Churches for their vote. The Conference voted to approve, unanimously. (Paragraph 46 in the Discipline). It was voted that the time limit for action on this be during this quadrennium ending 1959.

Submitted by the Sunday School Council: Concerns Paragraph 73. The Board voted that this be approved with the following amendment "That the attention of the Statistical Committee be called to this amendment and if it is approved by the General Conference they provide in the Statistical Forms for the item of Junior Membership and that a line for Total Membership be placed in the statistical blank." The Conference sustained this action by vote. (This item becomes sub-paragraph 73 sub-paragraph (3)).

Items submitted by Special Committee to Review Commissions: The Board voted to refer this to the General Conference for reference to the next Board of Administration. This was approved by vote of the conference.

Item submitted by J. B. Hilson, V. A. Mitchell: The Board voted that this be not approved, the conference sustained by vote.

Item submitted by J. B. Hilson: The Board voted that this be not approved, the conference sustained by vote.

Item submitted by J. B. Hilson, V. A. Mitchell: The Board voted to approve, the conference sustained by vote.

Item submitted by Rufus Reisdorph, J. F. Simpson, C. W. Dunbar: The Board voted to approve, the conference sustained by vote. It was voted that this become effective immediately.

Submitted by the Sunday School Council: The Board voted to approve, the conference sustained by vote Paragraph 231, and for Paragraph 331, the Board voted to approve and the conference voted to sustain.

Items submitted by the General Council of the W.Y.P.S.: The Board voted to approve and referred to the General Conference for their consideration and ratification. It was voted that this be approved which included 6 items.

Recessed to meet at 1:00 p. m.

Wednesday, 1:00 p. m.

Committee on Revisals Continued—Item pertaining to Wesleyan Mens' Fellowship: The Board voted to approve and to refer to the General Conference for consideration and ratification. The conference sustained the Board action by vote.

Items pertaining to the W.M.S. The Board recommended that items 1-19 (all) be approved, and the conference sustained by vote.

Items submitted by Committee on Young People's Work (See Report No. 40): Revisals as it relates to the amendments to the Constitution of the W.Y.P.S.

Item pertaining to Y.M.W.B. (Page 164 of the Discipline) The Board voted that this be adopted as amended. The Conference sustained this action by vote. (See Report No. 22)

Item pertaining to Ritual in Discipline: The Board recommended the approval of this item "That the ritual contained in the Proposed Discipline of the United Wesleyan Methodist Church, except for the Ordination of Deacons, be substituted for the ritual now appearing in the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline." The conference sustained the recommendation of the Board by vote.

Committee on Statistics—It was voted to take the report of the Committee on Statistics from the table. By vote the recommendations were adopted. (See Report No. 38)

Expunge from the Minutes—It was moved and supported that the Resolution tabled in the morning meeting and all references to it be expunged from the minutes. A rising vote was called which resulted in 19 favoring and 38 opposing. The motion was declared lost.

Junior Membership—It was voted that the item on Junior Church Membership become effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year of the various Annual Conferences and that a copy of the same be sent by the Secretary of the General Conference to each of the Conference Presidents.

Budget Items—It was voted that the General Conference Secretary furnish each Conference President with a statement of the items of the Budget as they have been passed in the Report of the Committee on Budget. Also notify each Conference President about the matter of the electing of the Local Board of Trustees for each College.

Committee on Revisals—Items which pertain to the Pension Plan. (See Report No. 22)

Items submitted by South Carolina Conference and referred to the Pension Plan Committee. (Paragraph 316, Item 4, Section (1)) was recommended by the Board. The Conference sustained by vote. (Paragraph 317, Section (2)), the action of the Board was to delete the figures from "\$14.00" and put in its place "\$17.00". Change the words "for both services" to "all services". And at the end of the sentence add: "rendered under Pension Plan coverage". The conference sustained this action of the Board by vote. (Paragraph 317, Item 5, Section (9)). The Board recommended this item with this change, put a period next to the last after the words Pension Plan and delete the balance of the sentence. The conference sustained this action by vote.

Items submitted by the Pension Plan Committee of the Indiana Conference and referred to this committee: The Board recommended its approval and the conference sustained by vote.

Items submitted by the Pension Plan Treasurer:

Item I, was recommended for approval by the Board with these changes: change the word "regular" in paragraph 5 of this item to "reserve" and add, "to be held in trust until all legal angles are clarified."

Change paragraph 6 to read, "RESOLVE, further, THAT from the income of the Pension Fund, subscription to THE WESLEYAN METHODIST be provided for widows in the plan who certify to the Pension Plan Treasurer that they are unable to otherwise subscribe to this periodical." It was moved by the Rev. V. A. Mitchell and seconded by the Rev. Leslie D. Wilcox that Item I be adopted. It was carried by vote, unanimously.

Item II, was approved by the Board, and the conference sustained by vote.

Item III, was amended and recommended as follows by the Board, "There shall be paid into the treasury of the Pension Plan one percent of the church budget received by the Foreign Missions and Home Missions Department treasuries, and one percent of the payroll of the staff members, who are members of the Plan, by the treasuries of our several schools, provided that no school shall pay less than one hundred dollars." The conference voted to sustain the Board in this action.

Item IV, was withdrawn and hence it will remain as is in the Discipline.

Item V, the Board voted to approve and the conference voted to sustain.

Item VI, the Board recommended its approval with some change to make it read as follows: "All persons eligible for membership in the Pension Plan, June 1, 1955, must become members of the Plan within two years, and all who subsequently become eligible for membership must join within a two-year period from the time of their eligibility or forfeit their right to become members; however, the above restriction may be waived by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Administration." The Conference sustained the Board by vote.

Item VII, was recommended by the Board and the Conference voted to sustain.

Item VIII, the Board voted to approve and the conference sustained by vote.

Item IX, was recommended by the Board with these changes: delete the words "in full", insert the word "quarterly" before the word "assessments" and insert the word "fiscal" between the word "conference" and the word "year". The conference voted to sustain this action.

Item X, the Board voted to approve with these changes: in line 1 "In case of an elder or a conference preacher . . ." then follow on through "he shall" and make the rest read "he shall forfeit all funds he has paid in as well as all claims to benefits." Conference sustained the Board by vote.

Recommendation by the Pension Plan Committee: It was voted that this item be approved. (See Report No. 22)

Words of Appreciation—It was voted that the conference go on record as giving words of appreciation to our General Conference Officers and the Committee for General Conference for the tremendous emphasis on revival and prayer which has been carried on during this conference. (Unanimous)

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

Motion to Adjourn—It was moved and supported that we do now adjourn. But before the vote was called, Dr. Nicholson gave the following remarks:

"Brethren, there has been a great deal of prayer that this session of the General Conference would be one signally owned and blessed of God. It has been desired that we know and that we do God's will. It is sincerely hoped that as you return to your homes it will be without disappointment insofar as the total over-all picture is concerned. That there shall be a determination that whatever the cost of the consequences we shall obey God. May it be our resolve that we shall not only talk revival, think revival, but that we shall within our own hearts have a revival.

"Our responsibility is that we keep at peace with God and with man in our hearts. And that there be, above all, a determination and a resolve to serve the present age, our calling to fulfill.

"For some time I have had a conviction that I should like to see this General Conference end with us on our knees about the altar beseeching divine guidance. Only God knows all that is involved. I should like if it be your pleasure to ask as a favor that when we have voted to adjourn we gather at the altar and beseech divine guidance and pledge God and each other that throughout this quadrennium ours shall be a united effort to spread Scriptural Holiness throughout these lands."

It was voted to adjourn sine die.

The members of the General Conference gathered about the altar for a season of prayer. After a period of heart-searching and prayer individually, Dr. Roy S. Nicholson led in a closing prayer.

Signed: Roy S. Nicholson, Chairman;
Garl Beaver, Secretary.

Reports of the Conference

Report No. 1

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Committee on Book Concern—Dr. F. R. Eddy, the Rev. D. T. Perrine, the Rev. R. H. Parker, the Rev. L. D. Wilcox, O. T. Beckman, James Polits, E. J. Willett, Talmage Evatt.

Committee on Foreign Missions—Dr. F. R. Birch, the Rev. V. O. Agan, the Rev. C. I. Armstrong, the Rev. D. O. Miller, the Rev. Floyd Banker, H. C. Stevenson, Athol Dale, Warren Best, H. L. Dietrich, Vera Clocksen.

Committee on Home Missions—Dr. J. R. Swauger, the Rev. J. W. Phillips, the Rev. E. L. Gunby, the Rev. W. T. Brinson, W. P. Marshburn, Art A. Costello, Mrs. Gwendolyn Blanchard, Earnest Massie.

Committee on Sunday Schools—Dr. R. D. Reisdorph, the Rev. W. H. Armstrong, the Rev. Lyman Lance, the Rev. L. J. Corliss, O. E. Felton, George Walquist, Otto Terrill, Harold Woodard.

Committee on Young People's Work—Russell S. Baldwin, the Rev. T. O. McCracken, the Rev. E. T. Gentry, the Rev. J. B. Hilson, the Rev. Loring Peterson, Edwin Hoover, Lawrence Hart, Harold Jack.

Committee on Evangelism—The Rev. H. C. VanWormer, the Rev. Dennis Osgood, the Rev. J. A. Giles, the Rev. A. M. Gilmer, J. D. Williams, John Carey, R. M. Douglas, G. C. Summey.

Committee on Education—Dr. O. G. Wilson, Dr. W. F. McConn, Dr. R. C. Mullinax, the Rev. W. S. Freeborn, R. R. Luckey, Allen Bowman, Clarence Martin.

Committee on Societies of the World—The Rev. C. Wesley Bradley, the Rev. M. L. Arnold, the Rev. A. L. Bray, Eber Messner, Stanley Banker, F. A. Merrill, William Albrecht.

Committee on Resolutions—The Rev. V. A. Mitchell, the Rev. E. A. Coates, the Rev. H. Kielty, V. E. Sell, Erwin Bailey, W. W. Kiser, J. T. Chandler.

Committee on Tithing—The Rev. B. H. Phaup, the Rev. Reginald Hewitt, the Rev. James Ridgway, A. J. Patrick, Harry Gibson, Gilbert Mortimer, Mrs. Norma Curtis.

Committee on Budget—The Rev. E. L. Kierstead, the Rev. J. E. Bence, the Rev. W. E. Foster, A. L. Deason, T. W. Mobley, J. W. Shatford, E. C. Campbell.

Committee on Prohibition and Public Morals—The Rev. Donald C. Fisher, the Rev. J. J. Hunter, Walter Armour, S. W. Paine, Bruce Cox, J. C. Poole, Glenn Root.

Committee on Conference Boundaries—The Rev. T. Y. Miller, the Rev. T. W. Comadoll, the Rev. Vestal VanMatre, the Rev. D. O. Dorr, Harold Macy, E. D. Cheney, J. N. Gilliam, G. W. Fowler.

Committee on Conference Records—The Rev. E. Elliott, the Rev. I. B. Markey, the Rev. N. H. Winterholter, J. C. Putman, Walter Parks, Theodore Flood.

Committee on Statistics—The Rev. E. L. Crocker, the Rev. Kenneth Dunn, the Rev. C. D. Crabill, Ralph Rummell, K. K. Rothrock, R. B. Kenshaft, Nathan Poppell.

Committee on Courtesy—Dr. David A. Rees, the Rev. W. C. Black, the Rev. A. M. Jackson, C. A. Rathbun, L. G. Powell, J. E. Comer.

Committee on Credentials—The Rev. C. W. Dunbar, W. E. DeHass, B. L. Clark.

Committee on Lay Delegates-at-large—The Rev. Clarence Budensick, the Rev. Donald H. Cline, the Rev. Ralph Day, H. A. Williams, J. F. Yates, Thankful Clawson.

Committee on Memorial Service—The Rev. D. A. Manker, the Rev. J. C. Himes, W. A. Wilson, W. L. Richardson.

Committee on Communion Service—The Rev. E. L. Kierstead, the Rev. Foster Piatt, the Rev. C. L. Blanchard, the Rev. E. W. Zuber, the Rev. A. L. Nabholz, the Rev. W. C. Lovin, the Rev. D. E. Howard, the Rev. T. A. Robertson, the Rev. Garl Beaver.

Committee on Tellers—The Rev. J. A. Treese, the Rev. Stanley Kendall, the Rev. J. A. Ferguson, the Rev. M. L. Gentry, the Rev. George Ott, Robert Huffman, Milton Wirt.

To Convene the Area Caucus—Houghton, the Rev. H. Kielty; Central, the Rev. M. L. Arnold; Miltonvale, the Rev. Loring Peterson; Marion, the Rev. Arthur L. Bray.

Reference Clerk—S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

Committee on Leaders' Conferences—The Rev. J. F. Simpson, the Rev. E. L. Henderson, Archie Crapo.

Committee on General Conference Entertainment and Expense—The Rev. Paul L. Kindschi, the Rev. C. R. Bremer, George Fisher, LeVerne Tolle, D. M. Brenner, W. T. Hughey.

Committee on Pension Plan—Dr. David A. Rees, Dr. O. G. Wilson, the Rev. V. A. Mitchell, Allen Bowman, O. T. Beckman.

Stephen W. Paine, Chairman;
Oliver G. Wilson,
Glenn Root,
J. W. Shatford,
E. L. Henderson,
LeVerne Tolle,
H. K. Sheets.

Report No. 2

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

1951-1955

"Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever." It is through His abundant mercy that we are privileged to assemble in this 29th quadrennial session. We have met to transact the appointed business and to plan our procedure for the ensuing quadrennium. Doubtless we shall hear much about the anxieties and problems which perplex our people. We shall discover that our age is both problem-conscious and power-mad. My earnest prayer is that we shall, despite every perplexity, become aware of God's superabundant provision for us in the fullness and fruit of the Spirit. May we seek His guidance in everything.

Inasmuch as time is at a premium in this session, the Board felt justified in limiting the time allowed for a report. Therefore, much that one might ordinarily include will be omitted. Some of it has been included in the annual reports to the Board of Administration to which you are referred if you are interested in the details. Suffice it to say that this has been the most strenuous of the five quadrenniums of service devoted to the Church which means more to me than my own life.

During the quadrennium there were three things out of the ordinary round of duties which have consumed considerable time and effort: (1) An appeal for a decision on a point of law concerning the power of an Annual Conference, which shall be reported separately; (2) An official visitation in two separate stages to our own and other mission fields which required 35 weeks' time and involved approximately 50,000 miles of air travel; and (3) Work on the Joint Commission on Church Merger. The details of the trip to our mission fields have been given in reports to the Board and in printed articles in our Church publications. The visible results of the activities on Church Merger may be seen in the report of the Committee on Church Merger.

Inasmuch as the Board directed that the State of the Church report be included in the President's report, some of the items ordinarily found elsewhere are included here.

Before proceeding with the report, permit this expression of gratitude to the entire Church for the privilege of being its servant for the past twenty years.

The purity, peace and prosperity of our Church has been a primary concern during the past four years. The world is in the melting pot. Our age is one of anxiety. Power has become the new god of millions, and is a weapon which creates new fears. Hate has become the mark of the new religion of rabid nationalism. This is called the "era of nagging fears." Man's sense of insecurity has driven his feet into strange and dangerous paths in his quest for security. Nation after nation seems to have fallen into the grip of explosive forces which could wreck the world, if given the right combination of circumstances. Everywhere one sees evidences of unrest and strife, and often there are displays of violence by those who say they seek peace. Behind the smooth, suave words of the diplomats one sees the shadow of drawn swords and mailed fists.

World conditions affect the members of the Church in so many ways that they present a greater peril to the Church than many are willing to admit. The threatened invasion of the Church by worldliness keeps many alert to that possibility who do not perceive the threat of a grave danger from another quarter: that the materialistic philosophy which controls this age shall subtly poison the thinking of Church people. It is high time we were aroused to this menace.

We have not been beguiled by the so-called "Social Gospel" advocates who have shifted "faith from God to man, from eternity to time, from the individual to the group, from individual conversion to social coercion, and from the church to the state." It has led to development of the idea of political coercion to achieve what was considered to be God's will. That indicated a backward drift toward the traditional weakness of the state-church for legislating righteousness. Eventually its call grew very urgent for the state to assume increasing responsibility for guaranteeing the individual greater security. This has become very involved because it helped to destroy the sense of individual responsibility which is vital to the message of personal salvation.

The collapsing civilization swung man toward a humanistic secularism

which cannot meet his real need. Although the cry is for God, man tries to meet the need with human panaceas. He tries form and ceremony without the Holy Spirit. He relies upon pledge and promise without performance. He stresses hope for the future, but has no adequate faith for the present.

Wesleyan Methodism was born in an era when slavery was denying the dignity and rights of the individual. Its message helped to change the climate of public opinion. Today we are witnessing the rise of a new type of slavery: Communism which can exist only by a technique of tyranny. A part of the secret of our triumph has been our basic principle that the voluntary co-operation of our members was the mortar which held the bricks of our fellowship together.

The Christian Church is being beset by the "divide-and-conquer" strategy of subversive elements. Our own Wesleyan Methodist Church is subject to considerable agitation. We deplore the breakdown of moral integrity and common decency, and bemoan the decline of common virtues which are the foundation stones of an enduring social order. We realize that somewhere along the line the Churches have failed and need to do something to correct that failure. The natural impulse is to resort to legislation. But the Church is obligated to challenge people by substituting incentive for coercion. Our Lord, who is our example, said: "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." Perhaps our greatest failure is that we have not exalted Christ as we should have.

Wesleyan Methodism is dedicated to moral reform, yet we must beware lest we forget a costly lesson of our early history and be found guilty of overexertion against certain issues while underestimating the real threat of other, and perhaps more subtle, threats to our Church's very life. We must have high and holy standards, and we must proclaim and practice them, thus providing a moral and spiritual climate which produces saints. That can never be done by the legal requirements of coercion, however noble our motives. We must show people how to live holy. Through the beauty of Jesus in our lives we must give them an incentive to go and live likewise.

We must, as a Church, beware lest we accept a philosophy of despair which creates a state of dependency. A step in that direction is the suggestion that individual liberty will not work. Collectivists rejoice when freedom-loving people begin to fear that liberty will not work. The next step is to clamor for security and surrender a segment of their liberty for the promise of security. A further step is that man's own competence to think and to provide for himself and his loved ones is mistrusted. He is made to feel that others are better qualified than he to tell him what to think and how to act.

The founders of our Church set forth some Elementary Principles 112 years ago which became the foundation of our Constitutional Law. That law is of such vital importance that special restrictions safeguard it from easy change. One of those principles concerns the inalienable right to hold and express private judgment in matters of religion, provided one does not violate the laws of God or the rights of his fellowmen. That is one of Protestantism's foundation stones, and a point of attack by those collectivists who dispute the right of private judgment. We who believe that the Holy Spirit reveals God's will to the individual without the mediation of a human agent should defend this principle.

World conditions are such that the Church cannot stand still. It must move. In a 24-year period (1929-1953) the factories produced as much as those built from 1776 to 1929, and the factory output from 1940-

1953 was five times the rate of our population increase. Such a situation demands progress if the Church is to fulfill its mission to the age. Progress requires (1) readiness and ability to take an introductory act or step, without waiting for others to take the initiative; and (2) mobility, or the ability and willingness to respond to the challenges and opportunities created by new situations.

Wesleyan Methodism has wide-reaching boundaries which embrace a variety of geographic areas, people of varied tastes, attainments, temperaments and circumstances. A candid evaluation of the people within our ranks reveals three general classifications of tendencies: (1) Radicalism, (2) Conservatism, and (3) Timid Neutrality. Much has been said concerning each group by members of the other groups. Trying to furnish all three groups with an incentive to voluntary co-operation in a unified effort has proved to be a most difficult and unenviable task. The success achieved has been less than we desired.

The last year of this quadrennium has registered substantial gains over the same year of the previous quadrennium. Our statistics do not always reflect the exact status of our work. A case in point is the reports of the Conference Presidents to the Secretary of Home Missions on the new churches organized during the quadrennium. They gave the number, location and date of organization of eighty such churches. A comparison of the annual statistics reported a net gain of only thirty churches in those years. This means one of two things: (1) Either a loss of fifty churches through discontinuance, disbanding or otherwise, or (2) incorrect reporting of statistics. If it is the former, it means that for each eight new churches organized we lost five of those previously organized. If that be true, it indicates a serious condition which needs correcting. If it is due to incorrect reporting, that is also serious and should receive attention. There were, however, thirty churches more reported than in 1950.

Other gains were 2,242 members, 2,046 tithers and 70 church buildings and 95 parsonages. These two last-mentioned items show a wide gap between the reported statistics and the Conference President's reports to the Secretary of Home Missions which revealed that during this quadrennium 178 churches and 132 parsonages had been built or bought. The value of these church and parsonage properties has increased \$7,632,909 over what it was four years ago, yet the indebtedness thereon has increased only \$837,089. Our pastors' receipts for the last year of this quadrennium were \$659,104 greater than for the last year of the previous one. During the last year we gave for Foreign Missions \$43,297 more than in 1950, for Home Missions \$15,641, and for Education \$18,687, with a gain in total for all purposes of \$1,893,328. There was a gain of 33 Sunday Schools and a gain in Sunday-school enrollment of 23,546. Let us thank God for these gains and resolve by His help to make greater gains in the next quadrennium. It can be done if we unite our efforts.

While we acknowledge that figures are not everything, these represent definite gains which, when coupled with the glowing accounts of unusual revivals in almost every Conference and the reports of spiritually fruitful camps and conventions throughout the Church, ought to refute the generalized insinuation that our Church is not what it used to be.

Although there are many worthy things one might desire as goals for the ensuing years, only one thing is proposed for your most serious consideration as an objective for the new quadrennium: a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit which will bring a genuine revival throughout the length and breadth of Wesleyan Methodism, a revival of primitive Christianity, which extends to marginal churches and turns them into centers of radiant, spiritual life and pure doctrine, as well as centers of

energy and evangelistic activity. We need an outpouring of the Spirit that will give us more than a form of revival. These must be super-abounding vitality and a passion for souls which sends us out with the "whosoever will" message of "salvation for rich, poor, lofty, learned and illiterate ringing through country and city, alley and avenue, shop and university, the year through, the world over."

"Fervent piety is the safeguard of the Church, but it must be piety with common sense, piety with sound culture, piety with a knowledge of human nature, piety with consummate tact, piety with a present and felt indwelling of the divine Spirit of wisdom, love and power."

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy S. Nicholson

A DECISION ON A POINT OF LAW

A difference of opinion over the legality of a Resolution adopted by the Ohio Annual Conference, and carried in its Annual Journal as Resolution Number 21, 1951 edition, became the basis of an appeal for a decision by the President of the General Conference. That Resolution read:

"We understand paragraph 51 in the Discipline to require that no one be received into membership of our local churches unless they have left off wearing of gold including the wedding ring. Be it further resolved that paragraph 52 regarding modest apparel be strictly adhered to."

It was enacted on the authority given a Conference in Paragraph 138 of the Discipline. During debate over a proposed amendment to this Resolution at the 1952 session of the Ohio Annual Conference, the President of that Conference announced his decision: "The Resolution does not contravene the rights of our members."

On the basis of the privilege of appeal, also granted in Paragraph 138 of the Discipline, three members of the Ohio Conference took exception to the Resolution and on August 2, 1952 appealed for a decision by the President of the General Conference. The appellants' contention was that "this conference resolution does create a new condition of membership and violates both the wording and the spirit of the disciplinary regulation of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America."

In keeping with his duties, outlined in Paragraph 214 (3) of the Discipline, the President of the General Conference endeavored to ascertain the pertinent facts in this question and was aided by the Ohio Conference officials in that quest. On September 20, 1952 his decision was given. On that date the President of the Ohio Annual Conference, the appellants and the members of the Board of Administration were advised of the decision, as follows:

"Resolution Number 21 of the Ohio Annual Conference is declared to contravene the rights of the members of the Annual Conference and the local churches in establishing a new condition of membership by saying: 'We understand paragraph 51 in the Discipline to require no one to be received into membership of our local churches unless they have left off wearing of gold including the wedding ring . . .'

"According to Paragraph 41, 4 of the Discipline, 'The conditions

of membership is a constitutional right. No Annual Conference or church, or the General Conference, can change said conditions, either by repeal of present conditions or adding new conditions, but said changes must be made by the concurrent action of all three—the General Conference, the Annual Conference and membership of the churches.' Since the effect of Resolution 21, Section IV of the Annual Journal of the Ohio Annual Conference is to add a new condition of membership to the provisions of the Discipline, without the concurrence of the General Conference, the Annual Conferences and the local churches, it contravenes the rights of the members as guaranteed to them in Paragraph 41, 4. By so doing it violates the restriction of Paragraph 138 which prohibits an Annual Conference from adopting any rule which shall 'contravene any Disciplinary regulation established by the General Conference.' And since no disciplinary regulation could be more clearly stated than that of Paragraph 41, 4, which is intended to safeguard the conditions of membership; and since Resolution Number 21 of the Ohio Annual Conference is an infringement of the Constitutional Law of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, therefore Resolution is ruled to be null and void, and the appeal is sustained."

On the date he rendered this decision, the President of the General Conference advised the President of the Ohio Conference of his right to appeal this decision to the Board of Review if it were considered to be incorrect. Several months later the Board of Review received such an appeal from interested parties. At the Board of Review's hearing on the appeal to set aside his decision, the President of the General Conference defended his position, and on September 23, 1953 he was advised of the Board of Review's decision on the appeal made to it.

By disciplinary provision (Paragraph 418), the report of that Board will be made to this session of the General Conference for action.

Roy S. Nicholson,
President of the General Conference

Report No. 3

BOARD OF REVIEW

Your Board of Review met May 6, 1953, for organization. On June 19, 1953, the case just mentioned by the President of the General Conference was presented to the Board; after hearing the case the Board adjourned. Each member was given copy of material presented and was instructed to write his decision independent of consultation with other members of the Board. On July 8, 1953, the Board met and prepared the following final decision on the basis of the individual statements:

Final Decision

In view of the evidence submitted, and in view of the law of the Church as reviewed by the Board, the vote was unanimous to sustain the President, Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, in his decision that the Ohio Conference Resolution Number 21, in effect creates a condition of membership and thus contravenes the Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. These materials, comprising 300 typewritten and mimeographed pages, are all in the official records of the case.

In sustaining the ruling of the General Conference President, the Board of Review would not want to be understood as implying that the

Ohio Conference, or other conferences, cannot speak in the form of a resolution on the point under consideration. It can:

- 1) by standing rule, declare its opposition to worldly practices and adornment.
- 2) request all local churches to comply with the expressed standards adopted by the vote of the conference.
- 3) by disciplinary administrative processes, require its ministers to comply with resolutions adopted by the conference. See Paragraph Number 141, subparagraph 14.

We believe this to be in keeping with the disciplinary provision which places the question of who shall become its members in the hands of the local church. It does not take from the local church any of its rights but recognizes the obligation (which has been acknowledged by reasonable church leaders and historians) of each member of the local church to seek the peace and prosperity of the local church and the annual conference and the entire denomination; and in order to be true to his vow and covenant one must be loyal to duly established church authority and standards of conduct.

The Board of Review agrees that the historic policy of the Wesleyan Methodist Church has been maintained by careful supervision, by plain but powerful preaching, and by a united effort to keep the anointing of God upon us as a people. This policy has sustained us for more than a century, and it will continue to keep us separate from the world, free from heresy, and zealously evangelistic. We recommend this to all our conferences and churches. We believe it to be Wesleyanic and Scriptural.

Oliver G. Wilson,
F. R. Eddy,
H. C. Stevenson,
S. W. Paine,
Rufus Reisdorff.

Report No. 4

REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING AGENT AND GENERAL TREASURER

of

THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA

For the Quadrennium 1951 - 1955

To the members of the General Conference, Greeting: Another Quadrennium has passed into the archives of the Past. Its trials and difficulties are all a matter of history. The effort that has been expended was all spent in the loving service of the King and for His glory. The failures He has placed under the blood and to Him we render homage and praise for all of the victories that He has made it possible for us to achieve. We have at the best only been His servant, and supplied with ability to win only by the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The annals of men never quite tell the story of the service rendered and truly only the Lord Himself is able to evaluate their worth. Mortals are ever foolish to take credit or acclaim, and victory is never worthwhile except it is in the hidden counsels of the Almighty. We have here a very few poor material things to tell you about as we have served the Lord and the Church. Toil and sweat and

tears may have been expended, but the glory of God has been sought and there our riches rest with Him.

The Quadrennium began with a rather high amount of money borrowed. Much of this was caused by changes ordered and carried out by the General Conference. These notes have gradually been liquidated until they are at the lowest point in many years. The effort that the Agent made to accommodate the General Offices of the Departments in the Publishing House met with some difficulty. Erroneous reports have been made about this problem making it appear that we were under the ban of the Fire Inspection. This has never been true. The Building is listed as a Factory building under State Factory Inspection Rules. These rules require certain limitations, unless the building has a complete Sprinkler System, which we have never had. Under these conditions the State Factory Inspector ordered us to reduce the number of hired workers to Twenty-Five above the First Floor. This was later amended to Thirty.

The quality and condition of the building is very secure. The fire hazard is no more, and in many ways is less, than most of our College Dormitories. To install the needed Sprinkler system would entirely eliminate the ruling, but we met conditions by reducing the Office Workers above the first floor to the required number and have met with no further criticism.

During the Quadrennium we have added more high production machinery and have been able to realign our machinery so that at the present time we are operating with a high degree of efficiency. We have installed an automatic feeder on our large press and have so far increased the efficiency of operation that we have been able to hold one hand fed press in idleness as an insurance against a possible break in machinery. By the addition of one Press man and the installing of another feeder we could step up the volume of press work by an amount equal to the production of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST and THE WESLEYAN YOUTH. We have eliminated one small Folder and have added a high speed Folder in its place so that our production has been greatly accelerated. At the present time we have entirely paid for all machinery and equipment and have the best rating for efficiency that the shop has ever attained.

The Subscription Campaigns for THE WESLEYAN METHODIST have been highly successful and we have a mailing that is the largest in net value that we have ever had. THE WESLEYAN YOUTH has not had the increased subscriptions that we believe it should have but the problem is not an easy one for there is a constantly changing list of people in this age group. THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY is published by this department for the Missionary Society and is making a very fine contribution to the literature of the Church.

The use of our Sunday School Supplies has now stabilized and we are experiencing a steady growth in the sales of this material. During this Quadrennium we have added two Teachers Quarterlies and have succeeded in securing the very fine line of Graded materials produced by the Free Methodist Publishing House. Our people are slowly becoming acquainted with this wholesome material and we are selling an increasing amount of it.

The New Hymnal has met with the finest reception that any comparable book has ever had among our Churches. We have almost entirely sold out the second printing of the Hymns of the Living Faith and have arrangements made for another printing. The increased cost of production has compelled the Free Methodist Publishing House to increase the prices on this book but it is still lower in price than anything in its field.

We wish to pay high tribute to the Editorial work of Rev. O. G.

Wilson who carries the office work of both THE WESLEYAN METHODIST and THE WESLEYAN YOUTH. He ranks high among our readers and contemporary Editors as well as a Christian Gentleman and friend. Rev. R. D. Reisdorph has employed a fine group of contributing writers for both the story papers and the Sunday School Quarterlies and has been supplying the shop with the manuscript in such a manner that we have been able to reduce the time element in the production of the supplies and have made a good advancement in their sales. As time has progressed we have found additional supplies to augment the materials that our volume of trade does not justify us in producing so that our people are able to buy of their own Publishing House suitable supplies at reasonable rates. We have sought to eliminate all materials that do not teach sound doctrines and have at the same time obtained some of the latest sort of special supplies.

We are the General Treasurer of Five Denominational Corporations. The active accounts of the Educational Society are carried in the names of the various Colleges. The active accounts of the Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church are carried in the Department of Foreign Missions and the Department of Home Missions. An accounting of our Stewardship in the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association, The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, and the Superannuated Ministers' Aid Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, except the accounts of the Pension Plan of which Rev. D. A. Rees is the Treasurer, is to be found in the following pages

F. R. Eddy, Publishing Agent and General Treasurer.

**QUADRENNIAL REPORT
SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' AID SOCIETY
of
THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

May 1, 1951 — April 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash in Bank—First Trust & Deposit Co.	\$ 7,152.43
Loans Receivable:	
J. M. Byars	\$ 534.92
Central College	1,740.00
Donald Cordner	891.30
Joseph Cox	328.39
Fred Crawford	670.73
Loren Grant	75.00
Willard Grant	319.50
John McGraw	261.65
Houghton College	600.00
Middle Atlantic States Conference	1,000.00
Hugh Newcomb	90.00
H. K. Sheets	2,000.00
Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association	1,000.00
Charles White	486.00
Virgil Winnie	55.00
Total	\$10,052.49
Total Assets	\$17,204.92

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Liabilities:

Annuity (Ottie L. Holden) \$ 500.00

Net Worth:

Balance—May 1, 1954 \$16,382.17

Add: Excess of Income over Expense

Year Ending April 30, 1955 322.75

Balance—April 30, 1955 \$16,704.92

Total Liabilities and Net Worth \$17,204.92

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET WORTH

For the Year Ending April 30, 1955

Income:

Interest Received: \$375.25

Expenses:

Annuity Interest \$27.50

Audit Expense 25.00

Total Expense \$52.50

Net Increase in Net Worth \$322.75

STATEMENT OF LOANS RECEIVABLE AT APRIL 30, 1955

Name	Balance, May 1, 1951	New Loans Granted	Interest Charged	Payments Received	Balance, April 30, 1955
J. M. Byars	\$1,440.02	\$ 918.00	\$124.90	\$1,948.00	\$ 534.92*
Central College	1,300.00	840.00	.....	400.00	1,740.00*
Donald Corder	400.00	2,003.00	172.30	1,684.00	891.30*
Joseph Cox	331.40	1,430.00	28.39	1,461.40	328.39*
Fred Crawford	.....	1,805.00	75.73	1,210.00	670.73*
E. Efland	.....	150.00	.....	150.00	.....
Loren Grant	.....	250.00	.....	175.00	75.00
Harold Grant	.....	700.00	.....	700.00	.....
Willard Grant	.....	810.00	4.50	495.00	319.50*
Ralph Grant	.....	250.00	.....	250.00	.....
Clarence Hosford	100.00	150.00	.....	250.00	.....
John McGraw	.....	1,200.00	51.65	990.00	261.65*
Houghton College	600.00	.....	.....	.....	600.00*
Middle Atlantic States Conference	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00*
Hugh Newcomb	30.00	115.00	.....	55.00	90.00
Donald Osgood	.....	50.00	.....	50.00	.....
D. A. Rees	3,679.00	.....	.....	3,679.00	.....
Rochester Conference	.....	3,000.00	.....	3,000.00	.....
L. C. Swordfager	600.00	400.00	.....	1,000.00	.....
A. W. Seymour	.....	50.00	.....	50.00	.....
Wesleyan Methodist Church of America—Administrative Fund..	.....	2,500.00	.....	2,500.00	.....
Kenneth Vose	542.08	.....	.....	542.08	.....
Wes. Meth. Pub. Assn.	3,400.00	.....	.....	2,400.00	1,000.00*
Charles L. White	486.00	.....	.....	.....	486.00
Virgil and June Winnie	.....	1,130.00	32.00	1,107.00	55.00*
H. K. Sheets	.....	2,000.00	.....	.....	2,000.00
Totals	\$13,908.50	\$19,751.00	\$489.47	\$24,096.48	\$10,052.49

* Interest Paid or Charged

QUADRENNIAL REPORT **WESLEYAN METHODIST PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION**

May 1, 1951—April 30, 1955

Cash Receipts

All Sources, 1951-1952	\$238,410.27
All Sources, 1952-1953	241,943.62
All Sources, 1953-1954	252,318.29
All Sources, 1954-1955	266,371.55
Total Receipts	\$ 999,043.73
Cash on Hand, May 1, 1951	16,347.70
TOTAL	\$1,015,391.43

Disbursements

For All Purposes, 1951-1952	\$239,242.47
For All Purposes, 1952-1953	229,039.12
For All Purposes, 1953-1954	256,862.72
For All Purposes, 1954-1955	259,592.01
Total Disbursements	\$ 984,736.32
Cash on Hand, April 30, 1955	30,655.11
TOTAL	\$1,015,391.43

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

EARNINGS

	1951—1952	1952—1953	1953—1954	1954—1955
Sunday School Supplies	\$114,113.62	\$117,128.01	\$120,884.65	\$ 129,516.48
Books and Merchandise	50,572.22	52,593.72	59,831.75	61,060.77
Job Printing	43,267.13	28,508.04	30,893.21	25,186.70
Wesleyan Subscriptions	22,440.66	23,180.52	24,686.70	26,194.18
Youth Subscriptions	8,863.08	8,956.22	8,675.95	8,242.11
Advertising	418.97	496.48	611.02	619.02
Sunday School Dues and Contributions	2,907.60			
Rents	2,920.00	2,377.50	2,040.00	1,820.00
Discount Earned	650.99	551.41	583.37	879.47
Interest Received	126.25	181.10	124.92	118.12
Miscellaneous	861.17	860.26	2,412.35	931.92
Inventory	14,554.23		15,160.00	
Contributions	344.08	17.50	31.20	
Totals	\$262,040.00	\$234,850.76	\$265,935.12	\$ 254,568.77
Grand Total				\$1,017,394.65

SALARIES AND EXPENSE

	1951—1952	1952—1953	1953—1954	1954—1955
Executive and Clerical Salaries	\$ 37,052.62	\$ 38,652.42	\$ 40,336.48	\$ 41,862.80
Direct Labor	49,858.90	48,912.16	54,170.81	53,842.83
Supplies	98,539.94	78,030.14	86,463.63	82,216.59
General Plant Expense	43,217.34	46,714.21	46,239.23	45,823.25
Selling Expense	13,487.64	10,598.71	15,436.90	13,079.41
Other Expense	4,118.27	16,603.63	3,464.45	5,115.48
Totals	\$246,274.71	\$239,511.27	\$246,111.50	\$241,940.36
Grand Total				\$973,837.84

Earnings\$1,017,394.65

Salaries and Expense	973,837.84	
Net Business Gain for Quadrenium ...		\$43,556.81

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

April 30, 1955

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash in Bank	\$ 30,568.26	
Canadian Cash .....	.35	
Petty Cash, Office	90.00	
Petty Cash, S. S. Secretary	300.00	
		<u>\$ 30,958.61</u>

Accounts Receivable:

Trade Customers, Debit Balances	8,953.46	
Wesleyan Commission for Men in Service	4.50	
		<u>8,957.96</u>

Loans Receivable	488.90
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Investments:

Mortgage Receivable, J. M. Byars	3,727.80	
Agent's Home Reserve Account	4,000.00	
		<u>7,727.80</u>

Inventories:

Merchandise for Resale	42,600.22	
Printing Supplies	17,549.15	
Work in Process	10,159.00	
Expense Supplies	818.64	
		<u>71,127.01</u>

Total Current Assets	<u>\$119,260.28</u>
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Fixed Assets:

Land, Plant Property	\$ 40,000.00	
Building, Plant Property	50,000.00	
Machinery & Equipment, Composing Room	34,583.00	
Machinery & Equipment, Press Room	36,686.71	
Basement Tools and Fixtures	2,207.93	
Building Maintenance Equipment	9,060.78	
Cuts and Electros	6,653.50	
Furniture and Fixtures	26,229.06	
Land—Executive Home	2,000.00	
Building—Executive Home	9,000.00	

	216,420.98	
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	<u>44,784.31</u>	

\$171,636.67

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Deferred Charges:

Prepaid Insurance	3,719.83
Board Meeting Expense	50.00
Post Office Deposit	63.84
Hospitalization	116.25

3,949.92

TOTAL ASSETS \$294,846.87

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable:	
Trade Creditors	\$ 1,920.84
Payroll Taxes Withheld	1,189.24
N. Y. State Disability Benefits	45.43
Credit Balances—Accounts Receivable	238.38
Wesleyan Missionary Magazine	2,505.06
	<u>\$ 5,898.95</u>
Loans Payable	5,500.00
Deferred Credits:	
Board Meeting Expense	211.30
Wesleyan Methodist Reserve	105.85
	<u>317.15</u>

Total Current Liabilities \$ 11,716.10

Capital Liabilities:

Annuities 14,500.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES 26,216.10

Net Worth 268,630.77

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH \$294,846.87

THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA GENERAL FUND

Quadrennial Report—1951-1955

RECEIPTS

	1951-1952	1952-1953	1953-1954	1954-1955	Total
American Bible Society	\$1,888.22	\$2,127.96	\$ 570.26	\$1,369.35	\$ 5,955.79
General Conference Entertainment	7,366.42	3,883.87	3,843.92	7,417.30	22,511.51
Administrative Fund	1,199.08				1,199.08
Refund of Gen. Conf. Exp. 1951	4,716.18				4,716.18
Leaders' Conference		2,340.00	90.00		2,430.00
Cash Left from Leaders' Conf.			862.15		862.15
Bertha Grange Estate			175.00		175.00
In and Out	1,528.43	641.89	579.41	5,090.29	7,840.02
TOTALS	\$16,698.33	\$8,993.72	\$6,120.74	\$13,876.94	\$45,689.73
Cash on Hand May 1, 1951					\$12,412.58
					<u>\$58,102.31</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

	1951-1952	1952-1953	1953-1954	1954-1955	Total
American Bible Society	\$ 1,888.22	\$2,127.96	\$570.26	\$1,379.35	\$ 5,965.79
General Conference Entertainment	19,014.29	24.00	34.00	2,893.85	21,966.14
Leaders' Conference Expense	19.66	1,821.20	50.00		1,890.86
Interest Paid on Annuity	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Dues and Subscriptions to NAE	75.00				75.00
Miscellaneous			28.57		28.57
In and Out	1,528.43	1,508.04	579.41	5,090.29	8,706.17
TOTALS	\$22,550.60	\$5,506.20	\$1,287.24	\$9,388.49	\$38,732.53
Cash on Hand April 30, 1955					19,369.78
					\$58,102.31

**THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA
GENERAL FUND**

Balance Sheet—April 30, 1955

ASSETS

Bank—First Trust & Deposit	\$19,369.78
American Bible Society	10.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$19,379.78

LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED CREDIT

General Conference Entertainment	\$17,694.02
Leaders' Conference	902.15
Annuity	500.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$19,096.17
NET ASSETS	283.61
TOTAL	\$19,379.78

**THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA
ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FUND**

Quadrennial Report—1951-1955

RECEIPTS

	1951—1952	1952—1953	1953—1954	1954—1955	Total
Administrative Budget	\$11,050.95	\$10,699.27	\$12,695.45	\$11,282.74	\$45,728.41
Easter Offering	10.69				10.69
House Fund	281.50	228.47			509.97
Gifts	257.32	21.45			278.77
Travel Expense Credit	177.22	150.00	227.27		554.49
Office Expense Credit	4.46		18.08		22.54
Telephone and Telegraph				1.38	1.38
Office Supplies Credit	12.51				12.51
Loans Payable	2,500.00				2,500.00
Sale of Office Typewriter	60.00				60.00
Official Field Visitation					
Assessments			3,775.00	727.10	4,502.10
Gifts			159.53	137.50	297.03
Holy Land Trip			185.00	580.00	765.00
Balance Redeposited				365.60	365.60
In and Out	10.00	74.33			84.33
TOTALS	\$14,364.65	\$11,173.52	\$17,060.33	\$13,094.32	\$55,692.82
Cash on Hand May 1, 1951					150.00
TOTAL					\$55,842.82

DISBURSEMENTS

	1951—1952	1952—1953	1953—1954	1954—1955	Total
President's Home Fixtures ..		\$224.95	\$108.56		\$ 333.51
President's Home Expense ..	\$ 91.91	332.39	149.73	\$1,095.74	1,669.77
Office Furniture and Fixtures	381.60		297.00		678.60
Notes Payable	2,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00		5,000.00
Interest Paid	130.00	110.83	30.00		270.83
Salaries	5,761.00	6,044.00	6,615.00	6,500.00	24,920.00
Travel	1,399.77	1,504.47	1,317.74	605.59	4,827.57
Office Rent	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	2,400.00
Dues and Subscriptions		205.00	313.50	125.00	643.50
Office Supplies and Expense..	492.94	177.94	376.44	274.98	1,322.30
Telephone and Telegraph	69.34	146.28	282.49	181.66	679.77
Postage	199.61	136.59	180.14	93.05	609.39
Auditing	91.35	90.00	77.50	70.00	328.85
Accounting	56.00	72.00	93.50	176.50	398.00
Group Hospital	11.85	51.75	41.40	41.40	146.40
Promotional	102.50	43.30	42.95	27.05	215.80
Transferred to General Fund..	1,199.08				1,199.08
Fed. S.S. & W.-H. Tax Paid ..	687.80	849.10	931.66	905.00	3,373.56
Official Field Visitation			954.88	5,109.25	6,064.13
Miscellaneous	50.00				50.00
Insurance		10.00		69.29	79.29
In and Out	10.00	74.33			84.33
Total Disbursements ..	\$13,834.75	\$12,172.93	\$13,412.49	\$15,874.51	\$55,294.68
Less Tax Withheld	709.00	831.60	920.94	849.30	3,310.84
Net Disbursements	\$13,125.75	\$11,341.33	\$12,491.55	\$15,025.21	\$51,983.84
Cash on Hand April 30, 1955..					3,858.98
TOTAL					\$55,842.82

THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA
ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FUND

Balance Sheet—April 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$ 3,508.98
Petty Cash	350.00
Real Estate	10,000.00
Fixtures—Home (depreciated)	327.00
Office Furniture and Fixtures (depreciated)	1,240.66

TOTAL ASSETS **\$15,426.64**

LIABILITIES

Withholding Tax	\$ 69.20
Social Security Tax	4.55
World Trip—Administrative	365.60

TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$ 439.35**

NET ASSETS **14,987.29**

TOTAL **\$15,426 64**

F. R. Eddy, Treasurer

Report No. 5

REPORT OF THE EDITOR

Mr. President and Members of the Twenty-ninth Quadrennial Gen-

eral Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church assembled at Fairmount, Indiana, Greetings:

AS Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST and THE WESLEYAN YOUTH I submit my report with thankfulness to God for all that has been accomplished, and with deep regret that our efforts and prayers have fallen so far short of the vision we have for reaching the lost for Christ.

The present Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST is charged with heavy responsibility as he stands in a line of men who made large contributions to the promotion of holiness—Orange Scott, Luther Lee, L. C. Matlack, Cyrus Prindle, Adam Crooks, L. N. Stratton, N. Wardner, A. T. Jennings, F. A. Butterfield, I. F. McLeister, Roy S. Nicholson. On this day we honor them for their faithful service and are inspired to continue the fight for holiness, decency, justice, and truth.

Man today has in his grasp power to destroy himself in the fires of nuclear catastrophe. Like a dreadful nightmare, a fearful calamity this hangs over us each hour of the day. But man has also in his grasp a power that can change hate to love, fear to faith, suspicion to salvation and contention to co-operation—all of this in Christ. This power of the gospel must be released upon the world through a holy church.

The burden of evangelism has never been laid more heavily upon the conscience of the Church. A suspicious, disillusioned, and bewildered age must be made to look into the face of the Risen Christ.

The religious press must ever recognize its mission and responsibility. It must never be shackled by tradition, nor intimidated by expediency, nor lured into extravagant positions by popular demand. There is peril at each of the above points. To be snared by any one of them is to betray a trust and render faltering, if not harmful, service to the generation it is obligated to serve.

Some have declared that the printing press is man's greatest mechanical triumph. By this means we not only become heirs of the thoughts of the wisest and best of men of all the ages, but we have also the transcription of the very thoughts of God. It was the printing press which put the Bible into the hands of the common man, and changed the destiny of nations and individuals.

The destiny-shaping power of the printed page is almost miraculous. The temporal and eternal destiny of many a boy has been determined by one hour's reading. They have risen from the reading of the pages of some book to follow the ideals set forth therein. Such an experience has sent some boys down the road to become lawyers, statesmen, preachers of the Gospel; while other boys went out to follow the haunts of seductive sin and crime. Nothing will ever entirely undo the work of that hour spent with the printed page.

My heart is heavy here. If parents and teachers and preachers would but realize as they ought to the importance of what the young people are reading, this country would be sown down with good literature. A veritable flood of false and foul literature is being pressed upon the people. There are many magazines at the soda fountain, in the corner drug store, in the grocery and dime stores that are promoters of crime, instructors in seduction and enemies of all righteousness. Those magazines teaching clearly salvation through Christ have little or no place on magazine racks.

No other question is fraught with the possibilities both for good and for evil as is the question of the literature of the people. The devil knows this and is working overtime to sow the country down with salacious lit-

erature, and to catch the unwary with the printed pages of false religions which deny the Christ.

The Reverend I. V. Neprash, Director of the Russian Missionary Service, writes concerning the ministry of the printed page in Russia:

They print beautiful editions not by millions, but by hundreds of millions. This is done not only in all leading languages, but they adopt the contents to the local needs, thus making the publications timely, more interesting and effective. The world is on fire and while we Christians deliver water by the cups they pour kerosene by the buckets. Very often they run ahead of us with their poison and we are hindered with applying God's healing waters afterwards. While we look for volunteers to distribute our literature, they order their followers to do it for the sake of the success of Communism. No arguing or weighing of consequences or difficulties is allowed; action, and often immediate, is demanded.—**Christian Life**, May 1955.

The only antidote for a bad press is a good one. The only answer to Satan's flood of impure literature is a flood of holy literature. This should be the concern and work of every lover of truth and holiness.

The homes may be ever so humble, lacking in most of life's modern conveniences, but that home should have coming regularly to it the denominational paper and in addition periodicals with a spiritual emphasis. The picture of such a home comes before me now. The furnishings were meager, the children—eight in all. But there were a number of fine religious magazines in the home. Out from that home have gone two ministers for the Wesleyan Methodist Church, one medical missionary for the Church of the Nazarene, three wives of ministers in three different denominations. The father, when asked how he did it, said, "We kept holiness literature before our children all the time."

THE WESLEYAN METHODIST is built week after week—its whole sixteen pages—to help men and women in their fight against sin. The ideal has not been fully achieved but we have striven toward a goal. That goal has been the exaltation of the Christ, the instruction of the readers in their privileges in Christ through His blood, and to warn all of the perils of complacency, compromise, contention.

The Agent's report will show the financial and numerical gains during the quadrennium. They may seem meager in comparison to the challenge of the field, but they have taken the blood of the Agent and the Editor. A personal tribute to Dr. F. R. Eddy: He has ever striven to help the Editor improve the appearance and quality of the periodicals.

It has been the responsibility of the Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST to also edit THE WESLEYAN YOUTH. To this periodical much thought and labor has been given. It is a magazine with a distinctive age group appeal. It is directed to youth—to youth with twentieth century problems, tensions, and pressures.

It is serving in a field to which the Church is directing no other concerted appeal. Its potential is not yet fully realized. If every parent could catch the importance of a strong youth magazine coming regularly into their homes it would go a long way toward solving the problems of THE WESLEYAN YOUTH.

The General Council of the W.Y.P.S. has given much to make THE WESLEYAN YOUTH what it is. The contributions and the advice of the men on this Council have been of great value. Without the help of these loyal leaders it would have been impossible to produce the magazine which we have.

Whether or not THE WESLEYAN YOUTH meets your ideal or not, it has striven consistently to set before its readers a high level of Christian living in a world that has lost its way. It has endeavored to teach plainly and clearly the great and historic doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ. It has tried to make clear the historic standards and distinctive emphasis of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. It is the firm belief of the Editor that THE WESLEYAN YOUTH is making a strong contribution to the spiritual life of the youth of our day. It is quoted widely by other Youth magazines and is read eagerly by many from our own communion.

It is the duty of the Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST to compile and publish the statistics from the several conferences. This has been done each year. A comparison of some of the statistics of 1950 with those of 1954 is offered to give direction to your thinking as plans are laid for the next quadrennium:

Items	1950	1954
Elders	1,185	1,375
Societies	961	991
Members (Does not include foreign nations communicants)	33,796	36,038
Church Buildings	958	1,028
Value of Buildings	\$7,988,979	\$13,988,237
Debt	\$862,633	\$1,449,624
Parsonages	646	741
Value of Parsonages	\$3,053,500	\$4,687,151
Debt	\$345,688	\$595,786
Pastor's Salary	\$1,334,924	\$2,394,028
Foreign Missions	\$133,788	\$177,085
Home Missions (Does not include Annual Conference extension work)	\$53,684	\$69,325
Education	\$49,879	\$68,566
Pension	\$38,709	\$46,559
Sunday School Attendance	99,310	112,856
Sunday School Promotion	\$4,616	\$9,467
WESLEYAN METHODIST Subscriptions ...	14,797	16,777
WESLEYAN YOUTH Subscriptions	8,225	7,813
WESLEYAN MISSIONARY Subscriptions ...	11,789	12,965
Administrative Budget	\$7,140	\$12,530

It is with a feeling of deep gratitude to Almighty God that we have been permitted to come to the close of this quadrennium with a sense of His approval. The past four years have been years with tension on every level of human existence. New and never-before-heard-of problems have confronted us. For every burden God has given strength; for every dark day He has given a light; for every blunder He has given loving chastisement; for every lonely hour He has been a companion.

To all the brethren who have assisted in any way to make the publications of the Church what they are, a hearty "thank you" is given. To all who have spoken kindly concerning the work done, a "God bless you." Until we look into His face let us be busy in heralding the message of Full Salvation to our generation, "not in the wisdom of men but in the power and demonstration of the Spirit."

Oliver G. Wilson

Report No. 6

QUADRENNIAL REPORT
OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

June 1955

The Need

To the members of the General Conference, greetings in the name of our risen Lord. We report to you at this time concerning the activities of the Sunday School Department of the Church.

The Sunday schools of America, like the public schools and colleges, are facing a real challenge. The increase of population in our country places upon Sunday schools everywhere new demands for facilities, resources, and personnel far beyond previous requirements.

Between 1934 and 1937 there were 8,300,000 babies born in America. This segment of our population is now between 18 and 21 years of age. They have reached the point where the Sunday school must win them to the church and to God or miss its best opportunity for such service.

During the years 1937-1941 there were 9,400,000 births in the United States; these are now 14 to 18 years of age. In the following four years 11,200,000 were added to the population, who are now between 10 and 14. In the next four years, 14,200,000 infants were born.

Between 1950 and 1953 the infant population was increased by 15,100,000. This total of more than 58,000,000 under 21 years of age provides the Sunday school movement of America with her greatest opportunity for evangelism. Public school attendance is increasing at the rate of 1,000,000 per year. The Sunday school must also serve this younger generation. The Sunday school must continue to grow, or surrender her place as a potent force for righteousness in our society which is governed to a major degree by a materialistic philosophy of life.

The Sunday school is not the only organization vitally interested in this large group of young people who will control the church, school, courts, industry, commerce, and nation within a few brief years. Mr. Business Man is already planning ahead with this increase in mind; he looks five, ten, fifteen, even twenty years ahead and muses, "These youngsters will need dolls, electric trains, bicycles, even cars." The government plans schools and teachers for these all the way through college. The Church must also plan for them.

The liquor traffic is also vitally interested in America's new throng. It expends \$200,000,000 annually to advertise \$9,000,000,000 worth of a product which has produced one million chronic alcoholics, three million drink addicts, and an estimated three million heavy drinkers. The number of drink addicts and alcoholics increases at the rate of a quarter million annually.

America is responding tragically to the appeal of the liquor traffic. At present she spends twice as much per minute for liquor as for religious, charitable, and educational institutions. According to the Family Economics Bureau of Northwestern National Life Insurance Company, the American people contribute \$8,500 a minute for religious, charitable, and educational institutions over against \$17,000 a minute for alcoholic beverages.

The United States is reputed to have one tavern for every 326 persons, with a total of 213,955 more taverns than churches.

In recent months the American public has been aroused by the mar-

keting of comic books which build hero stories out of juvenile delinquency and crime. Ninety million of these books are published monthly, many of which portray lust, violence, perverted sex attitude, and disrespect for law and order. In April 1954 the United States Senate authorized a committee to investigate the comics to ascertain their influence on juvenile delinquency. The Sunday school should also take the front lines in this crusade, not only in an effort to redeem from delinquency, but to prevent it. Ninety-eight per cent of Sunday school-trained boys and girls never get into serious trouble or crime. The vast majority of criminals come from those who are without Sunday school influence.

In recent weeks the Board of Regents in New York State recommended "that all schools in the state devote frequent periods to the teaching of America's moral and spiritual heritage." Said action is to be commended, but recent court ruling prohibiting the reading of the Bible in the public schools tends to destroy the only true basis for promoting moral and spiritual values.

While juvenile delinquency, the liquor traffic, and other evils sweep across our fair land, the evangelical Sunday school (believing that the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only remedy for the ills of society and the only means of salvation for the lost) has been awakened and is pressing forward with unprecedented success.

A Revitalized Sunday School

During this last decade certain denominations and other organizations have put forth an untiring effort to revitalize the Sunday school. The success of their efforts is registered in the fact that Sunday school enrollment showed a gain of nearly 2,000,000 or 6.4% in 1952. Following that date the Sunday schools of our land have continued to increase in vitality, membership, efficiency, and spiritual power.

Wesleyan Methodist Sunday Schools and certain other organizations were not affected by the adverse criticism and efforts the International Council of Religious Education put forth some years ago to swing the Sunday schools of America to a liberal theology and a "social gospel." Our schools with some others have enjoyed a continuous growth across the years.

As added numbers caught the vision and undertook the task of revitalizing the American Sunday school, the Wesleyan Methodist Church supported the effort with prayerful interest, and in various ways contributed toward the accelerated Sunday school program of this great land.

Forward Steps

The quadrennium which now closes has registered certain advanced steps in the Sunday School Department of the Church. On recommendation of the Committee on Sunday Schools, the last session of the General Conference ushered the Department into some new fields of activity and endeavor; it authorized a transfer from the National Council of Religious Education to the National Sunday School Association outlines for lesson helps; it also made the Sunday School Department responsible for the work of Child Evangelism.

The task of changing from one outline to another in production of lesson helps was not an easy one. But the patience and consideration of our constituency helped greatly, and the transition was made without great handicap, although there was some inconvenience.

With the change of outlines, the General Conference recommended that the Board of Administration consider publishing a Sunday School Commentary following the outlines of the N.S.S.A. That recommenda-

tion was duly explored with the result that the project was abandoned for the time being because of the expense involved.

This field is still open, however, and the need is great. The number of schools using these outlines has increased during the quadrennium. More organizations have accepted them, and others have stated their intention of doing so in the immediate future.

The change was a blessing in disguise as it related to our quarterlies. The scarcity of supplemental material necessitated an appraisal of our entire setup. As a result, we now have three teacher quarterlies instead of one. The staff of writers has been increased. This has changed the former practice where one individual prepared all quarterly material. It has brought in qualified writers for each age group. This has eliminated to some degree the need for certain supplemental material previously used, and has done much to raise the standard of our material.

Changing outlines solved a problem that confronted the Department for many years. Prior to the transition, we were affiliated with an organization which is liberal in its theology. The lesson outlines were produced by a committee, the majority of whom were liberal in their thinking. To many of our people, the affiliation became a matter of conscience and continual protest.

The outlines of current use are prepared by a Committee which is fundamental in theology and evangelical in emphasis. Some portions of Scripture that are considered of vital importance to evangelicals, but which were overlooked by the liberal committee, are now being used in our lessons. Our Sunday school workers are better satisfied with lesson subjects than for many years, if appraisal of reports to the office can be accepted as a criterion for conclusions.

The task of promoting Child Evangelism ushered in a new day to departmental activities. For the first time in our history, the promotional work of the Sunday school has had the attention of a full-time worker.

Soon after the last session of General Conference, Reverend Miss Mary E. Bennett was employed to work in the promotional field. This advanced step has paid off well.

Seven conferences are now promoting Bible Crusader Camps, reaching approximately 2,000 children each summer. There are approximately one hundred Bible Crusader Clubs, and an equal number of religious instruction classes with at least seventy-five Junior Church services conducted weekly, reaching a total of between five and six thousand children.

Fourteen hundred conversions are reported through these efforts: 9,259 Scripture verses were memorized; 2,200 tracts were distributed; approximately 1,000 home contacts were made annually.

A more extensive piece of promotional work has been done during the quadrennium than was possible under the former setup. Many conferences have been assisted by office personnel in children's camps, Sunday school rallies, conference Sunday school conventions, local Sunday school institutes, teacher training classes, and seminars.

Each pastor in the denomination was contacted several times a year by direct mail. By this means the Department sought to promote the Adult Evangelism Crusade, the Thanksgiving Offering, Vacation Bible Schools, Teacher Training, and all other phases of the work.

Increased activities in the promotional work resulted in new contacts, increased enrollment, and a general forward Sunday school movement. The teacher training work has moved forward, though there is yet great need for expansion in this area. The Department now offers nine courses

and anticipates adding more as need arises. On the completion of a respective course, each student is given a Certificate of certain Credit Points; subsequent courses add to his total number of Credit Points.

In recent months a series of eight filmstrips on the general subject, "Successful Teaching," has been recommended by the Department. These are being accepted enthusiastically and are proving very beneficial. During the quadrennium 128 individuals completed one or more courses in teacher training. Fifty-five certificates were issued to workers completing certain courses in the field of Child Evangelism.

The expanding program of the quadrennium greatly increased office demands on the staff. Previously, the quarterlies consisted of 250 printed pages per quarter; now they total 400 pages, an increase of sixty per cent. The present obligation requires approximately 40,000 words, or 114 pages of manuscript each week. This comprises one of the largest editorial tasks in the church, with an additional responsibility of a most extensive promotional program.

Thanksgiving Offering

The annual Thanksgiving Offering has been promoted by the Department during the quadrennium. In 1951, an offering of \$17,141 was raised for Home and Foreign Missions; in 1952 a total of \$25,019 was raised for our colleges; in 1953, \$17,170 was raised for the Pension Plan; the 1954 offering of \$17,907 was raised for the International Wesleyan Methodist Headquarters Building. The Thanksgiving offerings for the quadrennium totaled \$77,241, an increase of \$26,831 over the previous quadrennium. The grant total of Thanksgiving Offerings over a period of fourteen years registers at \$170,318.

Vacation Bible Schools

The Department has promoted the V.B.S. work enthusiastically; hundreds of schools are held each summer, thousands of children are instructed in the way of the Lord, and many are led to Christ. Reports reveal that 23,780 students were enrolled in 1952; 27,735 in 1953; and 28,831 in 1954. Hence, the number enrolled in Vacation Bible School equals approximately 25% of the total number enrolled in Sunday schools. This shows a fair coverage for those in our Sunday schools who are eligible to attend Vacation Bible School.

A great potential is yet to be explored in the field of Vacation Bible Schools in communities not being served by the Sunday school. There are 39,000 villages in America without a resident pastor, and 19,000 without a church building. Many of these would welcome Christian workers in Vacation Bible Schools. One thousand rural churches close each year in America; the Vacation Bible School might save some of these.

The task of selecting materials for Vacation Bible School and Child Evangelism is a difficult one. Most companies providing this material employ writers of Calvinistic belief. Some of these endeavor to avoid positions which are in pronounced disagreement with the Arminian persuasion; yet some statements appear which are contrary to the Wesleyan position.

Along with other holiness groups, the Sunday School Department has put forth an effort to work out some satisfactory arrangement through which we may obtain materials more in keeping with our doctrine, but to date the measure of success has not been great.

The type of material prepared by these organizations requires an outlay of investment far beyond the ability of a few small groups to pay; thus, we are handicapped.

Statistics

Additional statistics may better portray the work of the Department. Periodicals: The Children's Friend and Junior Class Paper have not done well during the quadrennium. Sunday School Banner subscriptions increased from 40,000 to 45,000. The number of quarterlies produced each quarter rose from 82,000 to 95,000.

The number of schools increased by thirty-three. The enrollment rose from 96,867 to 112,856, an increase of 15,989, or sixteen and one-half per cent. These figures reveal that our increase does not come from additional schools, but from growth in the established schools. Here one notes that Wesleyan Methodism fails to register gains in organizing churches or Sunday schools. This is a matter which should be considered seriously; it indicates a weakness and breakdown in our promotional program. Unless the home base grows, we will soon reach a saturation point where home and foreign missions cannot expand.

Spiritual Values

It is interesting to note that the Sunday School Department registers gains not only in the amount of money raised, scholars contacted, special days observed and the number of workers employed, but also in the salvation of the lost. During the quadrennium, 21,679 scholars were converted; 8,868 of these joined the church. Thus an increase of 1,199 in conversions and 191 in church membership is noted over the previous quadrennium.

A total of 21,600 converts, and 8,868 church members from the Sunday schools during the quadrennium makes an impressive figure. But to observe that our total gain in church membership for the quadrennium was slightly over 2,000 is to be awakened on lines of earnest inspection in the over-all program of our Zion.

During the quadrennium the Department has laid special emphasis on evangelism. We are persuaded that as a Church, Sunday school, or other auxiliaries, we must prayerfully promote a work which will result in the salvation of the lost. It is evident the Sunday school may serve as such.

Billy Graham affirms, "I am convinced that the Sunday school is the greatest single agency for teaching people God's Word as well as a tremendous evangelistic force in its own right. A lot of us have been taking the Sunday school too much for granted. We have been to complacent about it. We have lost our vision. We have been sitting with folded hands when we should be on the march for God.

"I want to say to every Sunday school teacher that he is just as much called of God as a missionary is called to the heart of Africa. He needs to prepare just as diligently—he needs to labor just as earnestly—as if he were carrying the gospel to the most remote part of the globe."

To encourage evangelism, the Department has launched annually the Adult Evangelism Crusade, beginning with the New Year and continuing through Easter. During the summer months workers are active in the field of Vacation Bible School. With the fall months comes Rally Day, the Thanksgiving Offering, and Teacher Training as a means of contacting people, contributing financially, and preparing members of the staff for more efficient work in the field of evangelism and teaching.

Organization Setup

The organizational setup of the Department has realized a definite change within the last decade. For many years the Department was

housed in a small room in the home of the General Secretary and Editor. Little or no office help was provided. At present, four rooms are occupied as office space, and three persons give full time to the work; others serve part-time as need arises.

The Denominational Sunday School Council which was authorized by the last session of the General Conference is composed of the following: Reverends David A. Rees, C. W. Dunbar, E. L. Kierstead, and Dr. R. C. Mullinax. These men, representing the four School Districts, have rendered valuable service in forming the policy of the Department and directing its activities.

Five writers besides the editor contribute regularly to the quarterlies. The Department has on file the names of many who contribute to the three Sunday school papers.

A Problem

The Department is not without problems. As pointed out previously, our papers are not increasing in circulation as they should. Some very strong competition has come into the field, and we have not been able to meet it in a satisfactory manner. This situation calls for change both in editorial and printing departments. The pay schedule for contributors to the Sunday school papers should be increased so as to obtain a better scale of material. We must also modernize our printing plant or continue to lose trade in this field of endeavor.

Conclusion

This report of our stewardship is given with a sense of gratitude to God for His manifold blessings, and a realization of a great indebtedness to all who have contributed to the work of the Department. Our burden centers in the fact that as a Church we expend so much time, energy, and money and have seen so few rescued from the power of sin. Our prayer is that this session of General Conference will initiate a revival that will transform every phase of our work.

Rufus Reisdorph,
General Secretary and Editor

Sunday School Department

Invoice

1951

Library	\$1,550.00
Dictaphones	983.90
Mimeograph	150.00
Typewriters (3)	400.00
File Cabinets (4)	214.00
Desks (3)	160.00
Table	50.00
Typewriter Stands (3)	27.00
Chairs (5)	156.00
Safe	75.00
Adding Machine	75.00
Total	<u>\$3,840.90</u>

Financial Statement

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

April 30, 1951-May 1, 1955

RECEIPTS

Sunday School Assessments		19394.47
Contributions		
Child Evangelism	\$103.51	
Sunday School	6.00	109.51
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Petty Cash—Return, A. J. Shea		18.53
Field Work		
Receipts	1561.91	
Less Expense of travel	1241.42	320.49
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N.S.S.A. Contributions		107.44
Teacher Training Certificates ..		31.10
Sales—Mds.		
Ink and Stencils	1.65	
Bible Crusader Pins	139.50	
Books and Tracts	1600.59	1741.74
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Film Rentals		50.50
Thanksgiving Offering		
1951 Home & Foreign		
Missions	17157.69	
1952 Colleges		
Houghton	\$9142.41	
Miltonvale	4994.66	
Central	3936.80	
Marion	3282.90	21346.77
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1953 Superannuate Fund	17177.30	
1954 New Headquarters ..	1790.75	73599.51
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.5% '52 Thanksgiving Offering		
sent direct from Indiana Conf.		177.37
Total Receipts		96050.66

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary and House Allowance		8559.02
Office Expense		
Supplies, Equip. Exp.	699.52	
Rent	799.80	
Periodicals	35.47	
Telephone & Telegraph	159.59	
Postage	\$233.12	
Less Returns	26.66	206.46
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Stationery	81.78	
Other	24.38	2007.00
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Service Charge on office		
machines		83.15

Petty Cash to M. E. Bennett		50.00	
B-Forwarded		10699.17	
Forwarded		10699.17	\$96050.66
Promotional Expense	962.55		
Postage	550.26		
Cuts	346.03		
Stationery	577.73		
Art	62.30		
Booth—N.S.S.A.	256.85		
Picture	5.00		
Thanksgiving Offering	175.54		
Other	339.76	3276.02	
Wesleyan Publishing House		150.00	
Executive Tour—			
R. S. Nicholson		125.00	
Purchases			
C. E. Pins	352.02		
Lit, Books, etc.	1325.84	1677.86	
Child Evangelism Equipment		190.90	
Furniture & Fixtures		1440.13	
N.S.S.A. Contributions		107.44	
Thanksgiving Offering			
1951 Home Missions	\$11403.00		
Foreign Missions	4887.00	16290.00	
1951 Late remittance			
Th. Offering		6.20	
1952 Colleges			
Houghton	8442.94		
Miltonvale	4620.82		
Central	3641.54		
Marion	2948.01	19653.31	
1953 Superannuate Fund	16318.45	52267.96	
Total Disbursements			69934.48
Balance on hand			
May 1, 1955			\$26116.18

Signed: Rufus D. Reisdorph,
Sunday School Treasurer

Thanksgiving Offering Fund \$17,012.36
General Fund 9,103.82

Report No. 7

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MERGER TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA

Fairmount, Indiana.
June 24, 1955

Your Committee on Merger submits the following report:

During the past quadrennium the committee has met sixteen times with the committee elected by the general conference of the Free Methodist Church, working as a Joint Commission, and once as a committee by itself. A mimeographed text of a proposed discipline was presented to the Wesleyan Methodist Board of Administration at its meeting in June, 1954, and to the Free Methodist Board of Administration prior to its meeting in October, 1954. By authorization of these two bodies the text was also sent to all the conference presidents and to the district superintendents of the respective denominations.

The Joint Commission has continued its meetings through the year 1954-55 endeavoring to complete certain unfinished portions of the work, to remedy certain discrepancies, and to benefit by suggestions and criticisms. The resulting volume is now in your hands, bearing the title, **Proposed Discipline of the United Wesleyan Methodist Church**. It is assumed that the delegates have to some extent familiarized themselves with this **Proposed Discipline**. Realizing, however, that for the purposes of this presentation it will be advantageous to have recourse to a more summary statement, your committee submits the following analysis:

ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSED DISCIPLINE

With particular attention to points of difference between the practices proposed and present practices of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, where these may well affect basic church policy.

Part I. The Constitution of the United Wesleyan Methodist Church (p. 6).

Name

Here is introduced the name proposed for the united denomination. The word "United" serves as an index of the separate histories of the Wesleyan and of the Free Methodist Churches.

Modifications of Articles of Religion

Section II. Articles of Religion (p. 6).

The proposed articles of religion represent a blending of the articles of religion of the two uniting denominations, with some new work done under the traditional headings. The present Wesleyan Article Number VII "Relative Duties" is not continued. A new Article Number I "Of Atonement by the Sacrifice of Christ" is added in the proposed Discipline (p. 8) and replaces present Article XIII "Regeneration."

A new Article numbered M, "Of Entire Sanctification" is found on p. 9 and is followed by another new article numbered N. "Of the Church," which contains some of the materials formerly included under an article on "Rites and Ceremonies."

There is also a new article numbered O, "Of Speaking in the Congregation in Such a Tongue as the People Understand", a title coming to us from the Free Methodist discipline. Also taken from the Free Methodist are Article Number S, "Of the Duty of Christians to Civil Authority" (p. 10), Article T, "Of Christian Men's Goods" (p. 11), and Article U, "Of a Christian Man's Oath" (p. 11).

Although as has been noted, certain new articles are introduced, yet it is felt that there is no essential change from Wesleyan Methodist doctrine in any of these proposed articles of religion.

Section III. Rules of Christian Living (p. 11).

General Rules p. 11**A. General Rules**

Under the Rules of Christian Living which are made constitutional and subject to restrictive law are included both the General Rules and the Special Rules. The statement of the General Rules follows the General Rules of the Methodist Episcopal Church as they appeared in 1840, before either of our two churches had its origin. 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.

Special Rules p. 13**B. Special Rules**

As to dress, conformity to the scriptural standard of attire is required, with the specification that only such apparel should be worn as modestly and properly clothes the person. This is to be taken in the light of the background of the General Rules which have just been cited, including the injunction against "The putting on of gold and costly apparel" p. 12, l. 48).

Because of the changes which have been brought by the years since the special rules were written, the rules as to the garb of Rescue Home Matrons, on expensive furniture and carriages, and on the change of apparel in mourning for the dead are not repeated in the proposed special rules.

Church Membership p. 14**Section IV. Membership (p. 14)**

No essential changes. This section gathers up the items presently enumerated in our discipline with reference to conditions, privileges, and termination of church membership. These are as nearly possible identical with conditions of membership as presently stated in the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.

Articles of Government p. 14**Section V. Articles of Organization and Government (p. 14).****Lay Delegates to Annual Conferences**

Under Article II it is provided that one lay delegate to the annual conference shall be guaranteed to each pastoral charge. This differs a bit from present Wesleyan Methodist practice where a charge or circuit is permitted to elect additional lay delegates for any elders in its membership who are not on the unstationed list and who do not sustain pastoral relations to any other charge or circuit.

Election of General Conference Delegates

In Articles IV and V the constitution provides that General Conference ministerial delegates are to be elected by the ministers of the annual conference, and the lay delegates to General Conference by the lay members of the annual conference. This represents a slight change in present Wesleyan Methodist practice, where both lay and ministerial delegates to the General Conference are elected by the annual conference voting as a whole.

General Conference Presidency

Article VI provides that the General Conference is to be presided over

by the (bishops) (general superintendents). The Wesleyan Methodist Church currently elects one man as president of the General Conference.

Board of Administration

Article IX provides that the Board of Administration shall not exceed 32 members and that a majority must be members of the General Conference which elected them. The present number in the present Wesleyan Methodist Board of Administration is 25.

Furthermore the Board of Administration together with the United Wesleyan Methodist Church is given "basic and final authority for the management and control of all the corporations of the general church" but there is left a possibility for other trusteeship, subject to the Board of Administration, by regular disciplinary process.

Restrictions on General Conference

Article XII, **Powers and Restrictions of General Conference** (p. 16), outlines the limits of General Conference powers, and thus is a statement of those general church principles which are deemed to be of constitutional standing. To those principles which are already customary among Wesleyan Methodists are added:

"The system of free seats in our churches."

The "right of appeal" of church members who have been subject to local discipline.

The right of ministers and members to trial by impartial committee and to an appeal.

Supreme Judiciary

Article XII. **The Supreme Judiciary** (p. 17)

Provision is made for a supreme judicial council with decisions subject to veto by two-thirds vote of the General Conference, with a further provision that in decisions involving constitutional law, such two-thirds vote of the General Conference must be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the annual conference membership and of the local membership of the church.

Constitutional Amendments

Article XIV. **Amendments to the Constitution** (p. 17).

Except in the case of Article XII, **The Powers and Restrictions of General Conference**, amendment shall be by concurring majority vote in the General Conference, Annual Conferences, and local churches. In the case of Article XII amendment must be by two-thirds majority vote of these three groups. The restrictive rule guaranteeing committee trial and appeal to members and ministers is not subject to amendment. Part II. The Church (p. 19).

Christian Life

Section I. **Christian Life**. Includes directions as to Christian Conduct, Moderation and Modesty, Marriage and the Home, Temperance, Secret Societies, Labor Unions, Peace, and Stewardship. There are no significant changes from present Wesleyan Methodist disciplinary teachings.

Members under sixteen

Section II. **Membership** (p. 21). Same as now, except that full members under sixteen are to be listed separately in statistical reports, do not

have a vote in business meetings, and are not counted in the computing of budget asking.

Those Joining Other Bodies

Those joining a secret society or another church are declared withdrawn by a vote instead of "automatically" as now (p. 23).

Section III. Worship (p. 23).

Music

Sub-section B, part 2, requires that congregational singing shall not be subordinated to special music.

Part 3 of the same sub-section specifies that "The use of instrumental music is left to the decision of the local church." Thus the way is left open, in the case of union, for former Free Methodist congregations to use instrumental music or not, as they may see fit by congregational vote. Former Wesleyan Methodist churches are by the same token free from any restrictions in this matter.

Love Feast

Sub-section C calls for the observance of a love feast in the local church at least once each quarter.

Part III. Official Bodies (p. 25).

General Conference

Section I. The General Conference

Ex-Officio Members

The (general superintendents) (bishops) are the only **ex-officio** members of the General Conference. This means that the other general church officers, to be members, must be elected in the usual way, and represents a modification of present Wesleyan Methodist procedure.

Annual Conference Representation

The basic annual conference representation is one minister and one lay delegate from each conference. Any conference having a local membership of more than 1,000 shall receive an additional ministerial and an additional lay delegate for each eight hundred additional members. At present one ministerial and one lay delegate are allotted to each annual conference for each five hundred members or major fraction thereof.

Election of Departmental Heads

The editor of the denominational paper is specified to be elected by the General Conference. This same body also stipulates the departments for which general secretaries shall be elected by the Board of Administration. This is a departure from the present practice of the Wesleyan Methodist Church whereby all of the departmental secretaries are elected by the General Conference. The entire proposed arrangement can, of course, be changed at will by any General Conference.

Election of (Bishops) (General Superintendents)

It is also provided (p. 26, 1. 25) that each General Conference shall elect by ballot one or more traveling elders as (general superintendents) (bishops). This is a change from the Wesleyan Methodist provision whereby one man only, the General Conference President, is elected for the respon-

sibilities of general superintendency. However the present Wesleyan provision is not considered to be constitutional in its force.

Initial Distribution of Departments

The (general superintendents) (bishops) are constituted a committee for the first two joint General Conferences to recommend an equitable distribution of the general offices between those who were formerly of one group or of the other, considering also the best interests of the united church.

Initial Board of Administration

Section II. Board of Administration (p. 27)

During the first quadrennium the Board of Administration would be in effect a combined group comprising the Free Methodist Board of twenty-four members and the Wesleyan Methodist Board of twenty-one members, each group elected by its own constituency in the joint General Conference. Thereafter the Board of Administration becomes a board of fifteen lay and fifteen ministerial members, these to be elected by the General Conference from the fifteen administrative districts into which the denomination is to be divided. To these are added the (general superintendents) (bishops) *ex-officio*. The departmental heads would no longer be members of the Board of Administration, since their work is to be subject to the Board's supervision, and since (except for the editor) they are to be elected by the Board.

Commissions of the Board

The Board of Administration is to be organized into five commissions, each of these to have specific responsibility for a general department of the church, subject to the basic authority of the Board of Administration (p. 28). The specific areas of the five commissions are outlined. This organization of the Board of Administration into commissions among whom is divided practically the entire gamut of denominational concern is new to the Wesleyan Methodist Church, although it has been seriously suggested. The present committees of the Board which work with and advise certain of our departmental men can perhaps be considered steps in the direction of the commission type of administration, although these groups do not exercise the administrative and semi-legislative responsibilities proposed in the plan of merger.

Pension Plan

The Executive Commission of the Board of Administration is assigned the responsibility for the Pension Plan of the church (p. 30ff). The proposal calls for adoption of the federal Old Age and Survivors' Insurance as the official retirement plan of the united church, while retaining the respective denominational plans for those to whom the two churches have presently outstanding obligations and /or for those not covered by the federal Old Age and Survivors' Insurance.

The proposal provides that ministers qualifying for benefits under the O.A.S.I. are thereby discontinued from eligibility under the respective denominational plans, and are to be refunded all monies by them paid into the respective plans. In the opinion of your committee, these arrangements should, during the first quadrennium at least, be made subject to modification by the Board of Administration of the denomination.

Wesleyan Youth Society

Section IV. Commission on Sunday Schools, Youth, and Service Personnel (p. 37).

B. Department of Youth (p. 40)

The Department of Youth is integrated to the general church through the Commission on Sunday Schools, Youth, and Service Personnel. The proposed constitution of the Wesleyan Youth Society follows many procedures of the W.Y.P.S. of our church, while deviating in some respects toward the practices of the Young Peoples Missionary Society of the Free Methodist Church. The general secretary is to be elected by the General Conference upon nomination by the Quadrennial W.Y.S. conference.

Management of the Schools

Section V. Commission on Educational Institutions and Ministerial Training (p. 50)

The text referring to the management of educational institutions is of importance. It begins on p. 53, l. 25. Currently the basic control of all Wesleyan Methodist schools is committed to the Board of Administration, with Local management depending upon the recommendations of Local Boards of Managers, while each of the Free Methodist Schools (except John Wesley Seminary) is under the management of its own boards of trustees elected by the annual conferences in the respective Board of Trustees with no direct legislative check by the denomination.

The proposal would give trusteeship of all of the schools to local school areas (with an allowance for an additional number of trustees-at-large not to exceed one-sixth of the conference-elected number) and with the following direct denominational checks: (1) The Board of Administration is to have the right of review of all trustee-actions, with the power of initiatory action if it deems that an emergency exists. (2) Each institution is to be so incorporated as to provide that the corporation shall be subject to the rules, regulations, doctrines, and Discipline of the United Wesleyan Methodist Church, and that the corporation shall be managed by trustees elected according to the provisions of this chapter of the Discipline. (3) The title to school properties is to contain a trust clause restricting the property to the use and benefit of the United Wesleyan Methodist Church, incorporated under the name "The United Wesleyan Methodist Church", subject to the discipline, usages, and regulations of said church government educational institutions as from time to time authorized and declared.

Evangelism and Church Extension

Section VI. Commission on Evangelism, Church Extension, and Benevolent Institutions (p. 56).

The machinery is provided for an aggressive program of evangelism and church extension at the denominational and annual conference levels. It is provided, with reference to benevolent institutions coming under the approval of the United Wesleyan Methodist Church, that each such institution shall have in its articles of incorporation a clause specifically committing the institution to the rules, regulations, and discipline of the United Wesleyan Methodist Church, and providing that in the event of dissolution of the corporation, the property of the same after all obligations have been discharged shall become the property of the United Wesleyan Methodist Church. This is a more stringent requirement than presently practiced with reference to benevolent institutions in the Free Methodist Church and, to some extent, this statement also applies to the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Missions

Section VII. The Commission on Missions (p. 58).

The Board of Administration is considered the General Missionary Board of the church and the Commission on Missions is designated as a Board of Directors of the General Missionary Board. The Commission on Missions furthermore elects five of its members as an executive committee with interim powers. The Commission on Missions supervises the work of the general Missionary Secretary. It makes an annual report to the full Board of Administration and its actions are subject to approval by the Board of Administration as is true also with all the other commissions of the Board of Administration.

The area of home mission work is also under the Commission on Missions. The term "home missions" is construed to embrace all work on the North American continent carried on by the Commission on Missions among foreign speaking bodies and others as designated by the Board of Administration. This is a different use of the word from that which has been customary among the Wesleyan Methodists. Much of the work which has been known among us as "home missions" work would now come under the Commission on Evangelism, Church Extension and Benevolent Institutions.

Overlapping Boundaries

Section IX. The Annual Conference (p. 61)

The concept of the annual conference is in general exactly the same as is presently understood in Wesleyan Methodist practice. The proposed plan recommends that the United Wesleyan Methodist Church begin its existence with all of the annual conferences of the two uniting denominations, whose names are specifically listed at the outset of Section IX. Overlapping boundaries would thus be inevitable, although it would be hoped and expected that plans for uniting annual conferences and thus eliminating duplication in territory would be realized as time progressed. In the matter of uniting annual conferences the principle of self-determination and democratic procedures would be followed.

Annual Conference Presidency

The present provision in the Free Methodist Church is that the bishop to whom an annual conference has been assigned presides over the sittings of the annual conference. Wesleyan Methodist procedure calls for the election of a conference presiding official from among the elders of the annual conference. The proposed discipline provides that, "The (general superintendent) (bishop) or in his absence his appointee, shall preside over the sittings of the annual conference unless the annual conference by previous vote or standing resolution shall have indicated its desire to have its Conference Superintendent preside at the sittings of the annual conference, in which case the (Bishop) (General Superintendent) shall have been advised in advance."

This provision allows liberty to any of the annual conferences who desire to have their sessions presided over by their conference superintendent (corresponding to the conference president as now known among Wesleyan Methodists) rather than by the denominational representative.

Conference Superintendency

The Free Methodists presently have divided most of their conferences into districts, each of which is under the supervision of an elected district superintendent. The Wesleyan Methodists have an elected conference president, with an increasing tendency in the larger conferences toward a

traveling assistant or assistants to the president. The proposed plan calls for the election of a conference superintendent, with assistant superintendents as needed, these to work under the direction of the conference (p. 63, 1. 21ff).

Vacancies

The filling of interim vacancies in the annual conference officer, now assigned to a committee on vacancies, would be assigned to the conference superintendent and his advisory Board (p. 63, 1. 37).

Stationing Committee

Each annual conference elects a Committee on Ministerial Appointments "whose membership shall include the conference president as chairman, the (general superintendent) (bishop) if he is not the presiding officer and who shall have no vote except in case of a tie, the conference superintendent if he is not the presiding officer, not more than two elders by the annual conference from its own membership, and a number of laymen elected by the conference from its lay delegates equal to the number of conference ministers on the committee. If for any reason the conference superintendent is not able to serve on the stationing committee, the conference shall elect another elder in his place" (p. 64, 11. 19ff).

Annual Conference Jurisdiction

The proposed plan provides that "each annual conference has final jurisdiction over all pastoral appointments within its areas. (p. 64, 11. 11, 12).

Pastoral Call

The policy of the Free Methodist Church does not assign to the local congregation the function of calling its pastor, or of initiating a pastoral agreement. In the Wesleyan Methodist Church this is a constitutional right of the local church. Under the proposed discipline, the constitution guarantees to preachers and churches the right to make initial negotiations concerning pastoral arrangements p. 16, 11. 7-9). Implementing this constitutional provision, the plan provides (p. 65, 1. 33ff). "Each pastoral charge may vote upon the return of a pastor and may make a new pastoral arrangement with any preacher who is a member of a conference in full or who is in preparation for the ministry. Authority to negotiate with such a preacher outside the home conference must first be secured from the Conference Superintendent and his advisory board. Vote on a pastor's return shall be taken by ballot at a business session duly called for the purpose by the pulpit supply committee within sixty days prior to the convening of the annual conference. However, all arrangements between churches and pastors are subject to review by the conference committee on ministerial appointments which may alter any proposed arrangement deemed not for the best interest of the work or the minister. The approval by the conference committee of a new pastoral agreement or a renewal shall be given at each annual conference session. Pastoral changes other than at the time of the annual conference shall be permitted only in cases of emergency. Temporary arrangements terminating at the next annual conference session may be made with the approval of the conference superintendent.

"Churches not initiating a ministerial arrangement for conference approval shall receive a minister appointed by the committee on ministerial

appointments, unless the committee makes such other disposition of the appointment as it deems wise or necessary." (It is felt that this provision describes the manner in which all local churches may avail themselves of the right of pastoral call, while still making provisions for any churches which do not wish to avail themselves of this procedure).

District Quarterly Conference

Section XII. The District Quarterly Conference (p. 68)

This is a district business meeting used generally by the Free Methodists, but unused by the Wesleyan Methodist people, who have come to regard the term as applying to the quarterly meeting of a pastoral charge. This district quarterly conference is continued as an optional matter in the proposed discipline, with the anticipation that people will tend to follow their preferences. In the case of uniting annual conferences, this item would need to be considered. No longer are local preachers' licenses to be issued by these district quarterly conferences as formerly practiced by the Free Methodists, nor are preachers to be recommended to the annual conferences through this medium. These functions are now assigned to the quarterly meeting of the local charges or churches as presently practiced in the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Local Officiary

Section XIII. The Local Church (p. 69).

Charges or local churches are to elect a board of stewards, a board of trustees, and a class leader or leaders. No provision is made for a pastor's advisory committee as presently with us. But the officers of the various departments of the local church work comprise an official board for the church or charge as follows: "An official meeting, composed of the pastors, local preachers, deaconesses assigned to the circuit, stewards, class leaders, Sunday School superintendents who are members of our church and belong on the circuit, superintendent of the local W.Y.P.S., president of the local W.M.S., treasurer of the society when a member in full connection and elected by the society, president of the local Men's Fellowship, and trustees of local church property who are members of our church and belong on the circuit, shall whenever practicable, be held on each circuit once a month" (p. 72, 11. 39-46).

The secretary and treasurer of the local church or circuit are elected by the official board, which also exercises general concern for the spiritual and temporal interests of the church or circuit.

Part IV. The Ministry (p. 75).

Probationary Status

Section II. Ministers and the Annual Conference (p. 82).

A local preacher who has been recommended by his local or circuit quarterly meeting and who is received "on probation" or, to use the expression more customary among Wesleyan Methodists, "to study preparatory to travel" or "to study and travel," is given four years to complete his course of study required for admission into the conference in full membership. To be received into full membership he must also have been employed in the regular itinerant work two successive years as a probationer (p. 83, 11. 33ff).

Two Grades of Ordination

This reception into full membership in the conference is marked by ordination as a deacon (p. 84, 11. 33ff). There are two levels of ordination as in the Free Methodist Church, rather than one level as in the Wesleyan Methodist Church presently. A traveling deacon is required to exercise that office for one year before being eligible to elder's orders. He must also have completed the required studies. The total itineracy requirement is therefore three years, as compared with the present Free Methodist requirement of four years (two as a probationer and two as a deacon) and the Wesleyan Methodist requirement of two years. However, the two years of itinerant credit required for deacon's orders may be earned through a plan of supervised practical service while the candidate is attending a United Wesleyan Methodist School (p. 86, 11. 35).

Local Church Membership of Ministers

Every minister in the United Wesleyan Methodist Church is required to hold membership in some local United Wesleyan Methodist Church. This is a change from the present policy in the Free Methodist Church and is similar to the requirement in force in the Wesleyan Methodist denomination.

Term of Office

Section IV General Superintendents or Bishops (p. 87).

The (general superintendents) (bishops) are elected for a term of four years (p. 87. 1. 15).

Duties of (Bishops) General Superintendents as a Board

To the (bishops) (general superintendents) are assigned the following responsibilities: (1) To meet at least once a year. (2) To exchange experience and to counsel and formulate plans for the work of the church. (3) To group the conferences and arrange the conference schedules so that as far as practicable no substitute other than a (general superintendent) (bishop) will be assigned to any one conference for two successive years. (4) To visit each conference in their respective groups during the year, and as far as possible, call the pastors and conference leaders together to counsel and advise them in the promotion and the spiritual and temporal interests of the church in accordance with the plan of the Board of (bishops) (general superintendents). (5) To oversee the spiritual and temporal interests of the church, and to labor to promote its purity, peace and prosperity. (6) To establish new societies when occasion arises. (7) To receive and suspend preachers, according to the provisions of the discipline. (8) To change a preacher from one district to another presided over by a different superintendent, with the consent of the preacher to be removed, of the conference superintendents, and of a majority of the official board of the circuit from which he is to be removed and of the circuit to which he is to be moved. (9) To transfer a preacher from one conference to another, with the consent of the preacher and of the conference to which he is transferred; provided, that no preacher shall be transferred to another conference without a certificate of his good standing and general acceptability, given by his annual or his quarterly conference. (10) To cite a preacher for trial for insubordination or maladministration, according to Par. . . . (11) To form new conferences in the intervals of General Conference, as the needs of the work demand, subject to the approval of the General Conference, provided, that no new conference shall be formed without the consent of the conferences whose territory is affected, nor without the consent of two thirds of the members of the Executive Commis-

sion; and that no new conference shall be organized with less than five preachers in full membership and one hundred full lay members within its bounds. (12) To preside at the sessions of the General Conference, of the Board of Administration, and of the annual conferences unless otherwise provided, and at the trial of appeals taken from quarterly or annual conferences, and to decide all questions of law therein, subject to an appeal to the General Conference or, when relevant, to the Judicial Council. We have listed in full the duties of the (general superintendents) (bishops) acting as a Board, because, with only one general official specifically assigned to superintendency duties, the Wesleyan Methodist Church obviously has no exact parallel. It might be mentioned that most of these functions assigned to the Board of Bishops are presently performed for the Wesleyan Methodist Church by the General Conference president acting with the other general church officials and/or with the Executive Board of Administration.

Decisions on Law

It is provided that a (general superintendent's) (bishop's) decisions on points of law are subject to the judicial council (p. 88, 1. 10ff). When he rules upon a point of law not arising in conference proceedings where he is involved as president, his decision is subject to concurrence by three (two others besides himself) of the (bishops) (general superintendents) (p. 88, 11. 19ff).

Amenability

A (general superintendent) (bishop) is amenable to the General Conference for his official conduct, and to his annual conference for his Christian conduct (p. 88, 11. 27ff).

Local Preachers Lay Helpers

Part V. Local Preachers and Lay Helpers (p. 93).

While there is naturally in this part of the discipline some alteration between present practices of the Free Methodists and Wesleyan Methodists yet it is not felt that the Part contains any items which should call for excessive adjustment by either group.

Judicial Administration

Part VI Judicial Administration (p. 96).

This part of the Discipline carries some provisions which are new to either denomination. Sections I and II, "Judicial Administration in the Local Church" and "A Complaint Against a Minister" follow present Wesleyan Methodist procedures to a considerable extent. It is not felt that there are any points of potential difficulty in Part VI.

The Ritual

Part VII. The Ritual (p. 100).

Here again there is considerable adaptation and some new work. But it is not felt that this chapter presents difficulties which require intensive study by the General Conference.

In presenting the **Proposed Discipline** your Committee points out that there will doubtless be a number of revisals whose advisability will suggest itself. The Committee calls attention to certain of these which occur

presently and which should be noted. It therefore recommends specifically as follows:

1. That this General Conference by vote declare its preference in the matter of the title to be used for the officers charged with the duties of denominational supervision now referred to in the **Proposed Discipline** as (bishops) (general superintendents).

2. That the General Conference go on record as requesting that in the event of Union the details of settlement with ministers currently eligible for benefits under the respective retirement plans of the two churches be made subject to modification by the Board of Administration.

3. That the election of the W.Y.S. Secretary mentioned on p. 46, 1. 19 be by the Board of Administration in view of the proposal for election of the other departmental secretaries in this manner.

4. That the plan be made to provide that the Board of Administration be made a committee to advise uniting annual conferences and to make recommendations to the General Conference concerning the approval of conference boundaries where annual conferences shall have united.

5. That at the close of the paragraph beginning on p. 64, 1. 19 and outling the membership of the Committee on Ministerial Appointments be added the sentence, "No person who is recommended to the annual conference to be received on probation, nor a supply, though acting as a delegate, shall be eligible to serve on the committee on ministerial appointments," and delete the entire paragraph beginning on p. 65, 1. 40.

6. That Article XIV of the Constitution, entitled **Amendments to the Constitution** (p. 17, 11. 37ff), be modified to call for a two-thirds vote of the General Conference, annual conferences, and local churches in all constitutional amendments.

We are informed that the Free Methodist Committee unanimously recommended and that their general conference adopted the following:

- I. "We recommend: (a) That this General Conference authorize the continuance of the Standing Committee on Merger; (b) That the Board of Administration name and appoint the personnel of the continued Committee on Merger; (c) And that the Committee report to the Board of Administration as and when necessary."

- II. "We recommend that if the Wesleyan Methodist General Conference makes similar provision to continue the negotiations, this General Conference authorize our Free Methodist Committee to continue negotiations with the Wesleyans, and when such seem to have reached a satisfactory climax and conclusion to submit the completed plan for Merger to the Board of Administration."

- III. "We further recommend that when the Board of Administration shall have received the completed plan for Merger, the said Board be authorized as of now by this General Conference, in anticipation of such event, to submit the completed plan for Merger to the several annual conferences (according to our Constitution) for the vote of the annual conferences thereon during the quadrennium, preparatory to final action (according to our Constitution) in our next session of General Conference."

- IV. "And we recommend, lastly, that provided both of the denominations in their respective General Conferences, this 1955, take similar action, as indicated heretofore, THE DISCIPLINE, now in your hands, be accepted as a basis for further study."

Recommendations Concerning the Work of the Committee

Finally, your Committee beg leave to present for the favorable action of the General Conference the following recommendations concerning its work:

1. That the committee on Merger be continued by this General Conference and that the **Proposed Discipline** now in your hands be accepted as a basis for further study.
2. That the committee shall be charged, working in conjunction with the committee of the Free Methodist Church, with the task of refining and completing those portions of the Discipline which seem to require further work, and that they proceed to test, as far as is practicable, the provisions of the new Discipline by submitting them to the test of examination, conference, and comment by those units and elements of the two churches whose work they most immediately concern.
3. That the committee report its work to the yearly meetings of the Board of Administration, which shall sustain an advisory relationship to the committee and shall have the power to fill any vacancies which may occur.
4. That following this period for further refinement of the plan and for its more complete examination and discussion by the church, the General Conference of 1959 take definite action upon the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report No. 8

QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SECRETARY

Dearly Beloved Brethren:

This is my third Quadrennial Report. I bring it with a humble heart that is filled with gratitude to God and to each of you. To God for His wonderful grace and His kind providences; to you for your loyal support of our growing missionary program. The Department of Foreign Missions is one that prospers from the prosperity of every other part of our work. And to each of you we acknowledge our indebtedness with glad and open frankness.

Finances

The finances for this quarter have been somewhat erratic. We began the quadrennium with an increase of \$16,461.00 over the giving of 1950-51. But in the fiscal year 1952-53 we slipped back \$1,649.00. However, in 1953-54 we took a great stride forward with a gain of \$53,693.00. This was largely due to an increase in the giving of the Woman's Missionary Society and the Y.M.W.B. But we have not been able to maintain that pace, and this year we dropped backward in the amount of \$14,609.47. This has not been too serious this year as we had on hand an emergency reserve and were thus able to pay all the budgets, but it will hamper us next year since "the askings of any year may not exceed the receipts of the previous year". The amounts received each year for the quadrennium are as follows:

1951-52	.....	\$210,717.88
1952-53	.....	209,068.59
1953-54	.....	264,410.04
1954-55	.....	249,800.57

General Comment

As one surveys the missionary world today, there are many lights and shadows that tend to confuse the picture. Great portions of the world are closed to foreign missionaries. Other portions are half closed and mission men and women are seriously asking the meaning of this trend. There can be no question but that a new strategy is called for today. The task of evangelism is only half done. Wherever mission men and women gather the question is raised, "How can we finish the carrying out of the great commission?" The answer seems to lie in **"the indigenous church"**.

For many years our Wesleyan missionary strategy has been slanted away from the basic old methods, toward the development of the national church. It has been difficult in some instances to hold to this, because in our great haste to get the work going we tend to take it from the nationals and try to do it ourselves. But a good start has been made in Africa, India, Colombia, and Haiti. Japan, of course, is farther advanced than any of these others for it has its own church organization, with which we have the honor to be affiliated. But in none of these fields except Japan is the national church able to carry on effectively without some financial help from us here. Nor do any of our fields except Japan have personnel trained as Bible School teachers in sufficient numbers to carry forward an effective training program. We shall need to continue our help in these areas. The period of transition from a mission to a church is never an easy one and we need to hand over to the nationals authority and responsibility as rapidly as possible. Only by and through the national churches will the remaining part of the world be reached. We shall consider this further as we,

SURVEY THE FIELDS

China

We begin with this field because it is the one we first were forced to leave. Rev. Wager writes that he has recently seen people who came to Formosa from China via Hong Kong. These told him that our people in China are still carrying on their worship. This shows that the National Church can still go forward in spite of great difficulty. We also quote from China Bulletin, Vol. V No. 9.

"A European who had been in business in Shanghai came to Hong Kong about the first of February on his way home. While there he was interviewed by a missionary about conditions in Shanghai, and the following is a summary of his statement:

"About the only group that is still enthusiastic for the Communist government is the student group. Farmers are worse off than before, and so are business people. They hope there will be war with America over the Formosa issue, as that would give them an opportunity to throw off the Communist yoke. Labor unions are allowed to squeeze private firms d-r-v, but once a firm is taken over by the government the unions are told that now they are working for the people and they must be satisfied with less wages.

"The Government has used two ways to get churches to join the 'Re-form' movement. One is by persuasion, and the other is by the pocket-

book. An unreformed church has to pay heavy land taxes, and if these are not paid promptly, there is a fine of $\frac{1}{2}\%$ per day. Financially therefore a church can exist only if it reforms, for then it either pays no taxes, or the taxes are reduced to a minimum.

"The censorship of letters is very unobtrusive, but there is evidence that some of them at least have been read by the police. There are almost no cars in Shanghai. Except for the 'rush hours', when one may see one or two cars, one can look along the whole street outside the Foreign Y.M.C.A. (Nanking Road) without seeing a single car. Gasoline is about US 3.50 a gallon."

India

"Will India be next" was the question posed by the Christian Century in an editorial on July 29, 1953. It pointed out that some missionary executives thought the end of missionary work by missionaries in India would come in "about five years". Almost two years have elapsed. Already many have been denied visas and residence permits. Still the number of missionaries remaining in India is great, but the refusal of permits and visas is spurring Mission Boards to turn over to the National Church most of their church property and to place nationals in charge of the churches and conferences. That this process must be accelerated seems evident. The Republic of India is making a heroic struggle to improve the standards of living of its people. It seems to feel that this can best be done by a Fabian Socialist Welfare State, and appears to be setting up such a society. It is the genius of Fabianism to avoid battle, to purpose delay, to be cautiously dilatory. So we may as well expect many changes and reverses, all tending to keep us unsettled and off balance. The end result will likely be at best, that we can only keep a small staff in India. If Mr. Nehru should be unseated and the Hindu party win the election, missionaries will, of course, be out almost immediately.

Are we then without hope? Far from it. For years we have had a conference in India made up jointly of missionaries and nationals. Now the missionaries are withdrawn from it except as advisors and counselors. The Conference seems to be taking up its load and going forward.

Our beautiful hospital sits with the windows boarded up. Is there any hope of being able to open it? As is perhaps well known, our hospital is near a part of a Portuguese colony which extends up into India. India is negotiating with Portugal to have this area ceded to India. There is hope that this may be done within one year. When this is done, we should again try to reopen our hospital.

Africa

This seems to be a harvest time in Sierra Leone. And time, too, to turn things over to the National Church there. With more personnel back on the field it is possible to carry out some of the Evangelistic work which has had to be delayed from time to time. A great evangelistic campaign has just come to a close in Makeni, Sierra Leone. It was held in the city market and attendance was from 950 to 1,400 persons with a peak estimate of 2,000. There were from 20 to 50 seekers each night. What a "follow up" job our people there have now. Another campaign has just closed in Fardugu. It was hindered by the rains, but still was very fruitful.

The schools continue to flourish. The new building for the girls' school was dedicated by Dr. Nicholson during his visit to Africa. But, already it is too small and fifty pupils had to sit on the floor. The Annual Conference this year took some new steps forward, such as to separate the preachers from the teachers. It also has its own Stationing Com-

mittee, Finance Committee and Judiciary Committee, with no missionaries on any of these. It is probable that within one, or at the most two years more, this will become a full fledged Annual Conference.

The hospital had a good year. Dr. Benninger was able to fund out money for a diesel-driven electric plant and a new operating table and over \$1,000 toward an x-ray machine.

The Bible School is having a hard time. It has only a few students. This is due to the fact that a wave of diamond mining has hit the country and it is far more profitable to dig diamonds than to be a preacher. Let us pray that this may soon pass and young men may again enter Bible school to prepare for the Lord's work.

Japan

The work in this field is prospering. Since we are affiliated with the Immanuel Church there, the work of our missionaries is largely that of helping in evangelistic meetings and teaching in the Bible College. The report from all of this is gratifying. Rev. Tsutada is with us and we are helping in preparation for the new Bible College building. He will be speaking for Japan.

Colombia

The work here seems to be faring better now than in the early part of the quadrennium. The campaign of assassinations and burnings has been eased off, but a legal campaign has been substituted. Local laws have been passed and used to stop the building of churches. However, we have permission for the Nare Church and work is going forward on it at this time. The printing and circulating of literature is still our main work in Colombia and the product of our press is still going into every republic of South America. As we contrast our situation in Colombia now with what it was four years ago, there is much from which to take courage. Dr. Sydney Correll in his **Report on Latin America** says "The Christian advance is taking place at a rate of which the organized church finds it impossible to take advantage". Here again there is a great need for speedily getting our National Church in order, so that Colombian nationals head up the Church and Conference.

Haiti

Much progress has been made in Haiti this quadrennium. The new dispensary and Bible School have been completed in Petit Goave, and the doctor's residence and the Rest Home in the Port Margot area are finished and in use. Last year an additional Seminary Course of two years work in French was added on to the Bible School Course. One year of this has been successfully completed and soon we shall have several young men who are qualified educationally for ordination. Here in Haiti too we must hasten the day when we can have a fully organized Conference officered by Haitians. Plans have been approved for the waiting room and in-patient ward of the hospital and work should begin soon on these.

Three New Fields

We have added three new mission fields this quadrennium. Let us look first at

Puerto Rico

The Crosbys have done heroic work here and have been well assisted by our occupational missionaries. The new church is nearly completed and is a credit to our people. We plan to begin a Day School there in September of this year. The second new field is

Mexico

Two stations are open here and fine work is being done by our two Mexican ministers, Brother Antino Rios and Brother Antino Cortez. A new church is being built in Cananea and there is real need for one at Bacoachic. This Mexican work is under the Board of Administration but has largely been financed by the California Conference. There are good prospects in Mexico. The last of our fields is

Formosa

The Rev. and Mrs. William Wager set sail for this island in February 1954 and landed in March of the same year. For some time they were with the Taiwan Gospel Mission which was associated with the Voice of China Mission. But when the Taiwan Gospel Mission separated from the Voice of China Mission it seemed best that we should not become involved in their separation. So we went on our own for a very short time. But presently a plan was arranged for Brother and Sister Wager to teach in the Free Methodist Bible School in southern Formosa, and they are there now living in a rented house and working to train nationals for kingdom service.

On March 1 of this year Miss Freda Farmer, a Wesleyan girl who also had been working with the Taiwan Gospel Mission, was accepted by our Board after having been interviewed by Dr. Nicholson. She now lives in a rented house one block from the Wagers and works in the same Bible School. No one can tell what the future holds for Formosa. But no matter what may come, men trained for the service of Christ can be depended upon to bear witness no matter where they may be driven.

Conclusion

Missions today are at a crossroads before a great unfinished task. The great upsurge of nationalism has closed many doors to missionaries of the western nations.

In order that the Gospel may go out to these remaining nations and tribes, the National Churches must take up the message of Christ and His power to save and carry it onward. We must continue to do all in our power to help them and also do all in our power not to hinder them. It seems true that right now in some areas the presence of a missionary would prove embarrassing to a national. So we must have grace to stay out as well as grace to go in to them. It is likely that there will always be a place for certain select special missionaries and counselors, but it appears that from some of the fields the invitation will have to come from the nationals and the meetings and conventions will likely need to be under the auspices of the National Church. This will require a type of missionary who can work under the national, and many will find it difficult to slow down to such a pace.

The great hope then is that we work through the National Churches, and confine ourselves to doing the things that they cannot do. There are many "phases of work for our missionaries, such as teaching special subjects, nursing, radio, audio-visual work and writing and distributing literature". So there will be no scarcity of work.

May God give us grace to take our place, and faith and courage to inspire them to go forward with the work committed to them.

Appreciation

I would not bring this to a close without expressing my gratitude to you who have made a report such as this possible. My hearty thanks are

due to the Board of Administration, the Executive Board and the Commissions on Missions for their excellent help. I herewith, also, tender my hearty thanks to the great organizations, the W.M.S., the Y.M.W.B., the W.Y.P.S., the W.M.F. and the Sunday Schools. Also to all of the pastors, evangelists, and Conference Presidents for your good help. I want also to thank our fine staff of missionaries, both furloughed, retired and on the field. No one anywhere has a finer group of people than these. Last, but surely not least, I want to thank our fine staff in Syracuse. They have worked loyally and faithfully far beyond the call of duty. May God reward them.

Respectfully submitted,
F. R. Birch

**WESLEYAN METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOREIGN DEPARTMENT
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May 1, 1951—April 30, 1955

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts	1951—1952	1952—1953	1953—1954	1954—1955	Total
General Fund	\$102,915.13	\$91,919.44	\$117,505.02	\$95,083.50	\$407,423.09
Africa	22,728.53	24,511.26	25,680.80	30,268.88	103,189.47
Cuba		699.05			699.05
Formosa			1,966.05	2,117.03	4,083.08
Haiti	13,518.30	14,149.97	14,285.62	18,284.53	60,238.42
India	10,760.80	13,169.35	18,546.24	15,625.16	58,101.55
Japan	9,341.94	8,878.67	9,625.52	4,729.17	32,575.30
Mexico			1,450.87	134.40	1,585.27
Puerto Rico		2,052.08	3,613.79	4,059.03	9,724.90
South America	10,691.84	10,652.89	12,049.74	9,603.31	42,997.78
Total Budget Receipts ...	\$169,956.54	\$166,032.71	\$204,723.65	\$179,905.01	\$720,617.91
Designated Funds	40,761.34	36,561.16	49,224.08	60,023.34	186,569.92
Total for Fields	\$210,717.88	\$202,593.87	\$253,947.73	\$239,928.35	\$907,187.83
Retirement Reserve		6,474.72	10,462.31	9,872.22	26,809.25
Total Contributions	\$210,717.88	\$209,068.59	\$264,410.04	\$249,800.57	\$933,997.08
Interest Income on Annuity Funds	4,088.28	5,040.94	4,808.61	5,198.19	19,136.02
Notes, Mortgages & Loans Receivable	8,840.50	16,073.04	9,843.32	11,363.06	46,119.92
New Annuities	500.00	10,000.00	10,100.00	100.00	20,700.00
Refund Petty Cash from Y.M.W.B. Expense	500.00				500.00
Refund Home Department on Y.M.W.B. Expense ..	640.02	278.61			918.63
Refund from Foreign Missions Conference		158.12			158.12
Refund Hazel Jones Ticket				549.43	549.43
Sale of Automotive Equipment	1,500.00			1,400.00	2,900.00
Sale of Mission Supplies ...	33.46				33.46
Sale of Landour (India) ...				5,180.15	5,180.15
Sale of Miscellaneous Assets		141.20			141.20
Travel Expense Refunds ...	537.87				537.87
Bank Interest on Colombia Clinic Funds		9.93	120.25	61.25	191.43
Miscellaneous	538.85	450.00			988.85
In and Out	4,725.01	5,634.48	4,829.51	(766.01)	14,422.99
Total Receipts	\$232,621.87	\$246,854.91	\$294,111.73	\$272,886.64	\$1,046,475.15
CASH ON HAND, 5/1/51					92,003.79
					\$1,138,478.94

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Disbursements	1951—1952	1952—1953	1953—1954	1954—1955	Total
Africa	\$32,841.95	\$39,400.32	\$42,243.04	\$49,694.03	\$164,179.34
Cuba		10.00			10.00
Formosa			2,093.91	4,547.29	6,641.20
Haiti	23,060.24	29,430.79	25,913.67	27,946.10	106,350.80
India	26,069.36	26,233.68	23,335.69	28,070.14	103,708.87
Japan	13,403.58	17,959.49	16,552.75	16,088.37	64,004.19
Mexico			1,264.91	732.90	1,997.81
Puerto Rico		7,223.75	6,816.05	6,002.50	20,042.30
South America	24,541.39	19,417.44	15,331.04	17,366.38	76,656.25
	\$119,916.52	\$139,675.47	\$133,551.06	\$150,447.71	\$543,590.76
Designated Funds	44,728.33	33,059.00	51,884.51	30,453.15	160,124.99
Total to Fields	\$164,644.85	\$172,734.47	\$185,435.57	\$180,900.86	\$703,715.75
Annuity Payments	2,157.46	2,101.00	2,112.25	2,527.50	8,898.21
Notes and Mortgages					
Receivable	22,000.00	10,600.00	14,900.00	22,150.00	69,650.00
Deposit for Travel Expense		500.00			500.00
Deposit for Air Travel	55.00				55.00
Puerto Rico Real Estate		15,225.00	3,850.00	110.00	19,185.00
Caleb Avenue Home				12,988.12	12,988.12
Automotive Equipment	6,819.75	1,750.00		4,499.25	13,069.00
Furniture & Fixtures, Office	457.60	265.57	446.59	1,161.91	2,331.67
Furniture and Fixtures,					
Intercession City	168.62	265.21			433.83
Furniture and Fixtures,					
Missionary Home		1,000.00		147.15	1,147.15
Savings Bonds			22.85		22.85
World Tour—Nicholson			2,000.00		2,000.00
Colombia Clinic Reserve				4,961.91	4,961.91
In and Out	4,876.52	5,971.17	5,429.70	(2,006.13)	14,271.26
Administrative Expense	11,157.69	11,520.87	13,822.73	17,446.71	53,948.00
General Expense	7,857.11	7,612.87	10,134.06	11,113.50	37,726.72
Y.M.W.B. Expense	2,283.71				2,283.71
W.Y.P.S. Rebate	76.89				76.89
Superannuate Pension Plan	746.67	849.78	856.60	1,066.27	3,519.32
From Missionary Benefit					
Fund	877.96	1,785.94	307.00	655.00	3,625.90
Missionary Home Expense	957.83	808.95	886.69	1,856.31	4,509.78
Intercession City Expense	151.76	237.82	91.01	71.20	551.79
Payroll Taxes Paid	1,377.33	1,424.85	1,646.24	2,168.72	6,617.14
Refund Gen. Fund Receipts	17.00				17.00
Total Disbursements	\$226,683.75	\$234,653.50	\$241,941.29	\$262,827.46	\$966,106.00
Less Taxes Withheld	1,379.42	1,434.59	1,696.11	1,956.30	6,466.42
Net Disbursements	\$225,304.33	\$233,218.91	\$240,245.18	\$260,871.16	\$959,639.58
CASH ON HAND, 4/30/55					\$178,839.36
					\$1,138,478.94
Cash on Hand, April 30, 1955					\$178,839.36
Less Current Liabilities and Reserves (See Balance Sheet)					165,090.73
Cash on Hand for Current Expense, April 30, 1955					\$ 13,748.63

BALANCE SHEET, APRIL 30, 1955

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Petty Cash	\$ 300.00
First Trust & Deposit Company	96,686.51
Commercial Trust Company, Jersey City	4,981.24
Buffalo Savings Bank	9,324.21
Buffalo Savings Bank (Retirement Reserve)	9,324.21
Erie County Savings Bank, Buffalo	9,324.22
Lincoln National Bank	9,890.88

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Merchants National Bank	9,180.90	
Onondaga County Savings Bank	1,026.42	
Syracuse Savings Bank	9,860.69	
Marine Midland Trust Company	9,634.70	
Western Savings Bank, Buffalo	9,305.38	
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Total Cash on Hand and in Banks		\$178,839.36
Deposits Outstanding		1,555.00
Certificates and Bonds		19,579.10
Notes Receivable		49,052.32
Mortgages Receivable		24,691.28
In and Out Account Balance		66.00
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Total Current Assets		273,783.06
Fixed Assets:		
Mission Property—Africa	\$60,700.00	
—China	2,500.00	
—Haiti	20,750.00	
—India	49,319.85	
—Japan	15,000.00	
—Puerto Rico	19,185.00	
—South America	41,150.00	
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Total Foreign Properties		\$208,604.85
Caleb Avenue Home, depreciated	12,766.60	
Woodbine Avenue Home, depreciated	8,287.75	
Missionary Home, Jersey City, depreciated	12,270.00	
Seekins Home, depreciated	1,685.00	
Intercession City Cottages, depreciated	3,008.00	
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Total Real Estate U. S. A.		\$ 38,017.35
Furniture and Fixtures, Office, depreciated	3,054.72	
Fixtures, Woodbine Home, depreciated	94.71	
Furniture and Fixtures, Missionary Home, depreciated	1,700.95	
Furniture and Fixtures, Intercession City, depreciated	459.19	
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Total Furniture and Fixtures		5,309.57
Automotive Equipment, depreciated		4,311.73
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Total Fixed Assets		\$256,243.50
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TOTAL ASSETS		\$530,026.56

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities and Reserves:

Withheld Income Tax and Social Security		\$ 205.64
Designated Funds—Africa	\$28,124.90	
—China	16.60	
—Cuba	1,985.67	
—Formosa	36.62	
—Haiti	11,955.05	
—India	11,699.25	
—Japan	1,002.13	

—Mexico	24.00	
—Puerto Rico	8,239.52	
—South America	3,520.10	
Miscellaneous	2,751.41	69,355.25
Reserve for Annuity Payments		2,400.00
Reserve for Missionary Benefit Fund		6,320.59
Retirement Reserve		26,809.25
Reserve for Transportation		30,000.00
Reserve for Emergencies		30,000.00
Total Current Liabilities and Reserves		\$165,090.73

Capital Liabilities:

Annuities	\$ 46,300.00	
Sinking Funds	8,200.00	
Total Capital Liabilities		54,500.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$219,590.73
Net Worth		310,435.83
TOTAL		\$530,026.56

Dear Co-Worker:

As we come to the end of this quadrennium it has occurred to me that you might be interested in a report that contains some comparisons of how we stood twelve years ago and how we stand now. So, here are some of the "Then" and "Now" comparisons.

	Then-1943	Now-1955
Number of mission fields	3	8
Number of missionaries	16 (war year)	74
Number of missionary children	10	45
Number of office staff in addition to Foreign Secretary-Treasurer		1 part time 4 full time 2 part time
Allowances (single missionary)	\$600	\$990 (Sterling area) \$1,080 (Dollar area)
Allowances (couples)	\$1,200	\$1,815 (Sterling area) \$1,980 (Dollar area)

(Note: Couples in Japan receive a \$500 per year cost of living bonus due to inflation there.)

Children's allowances—\$100 per year to six years	\$150 to six
\$200 per year after six years	\$300 after six
\$100 per year (furlough)	

Number of mission fields increased	166 $\frac{2}{3}$ %
Number of missionaries increased	362.5%
Number of children increased	350.0%
Missionary allowances	72.5%
Allowances for missionary children	50.0%
Incidental costs (shipping, deputation, dues, fees, etc.)	were up 250%.
Medical costs which were \$100 minimum are now \$750 minimum yearly	

INCREASE IN INCOME

We find that although costs have gone up, income has also increased. There has been a splendid rise in income during the three quadrenniums. The total for Foreign Missions for 1955 is \$249,820.83; the total for 1943

was \$70,538.25. This is a gain of \$179,282.58, and computed on a per cent basis, it is a gain of 254%.

We do praise God and you, His people, for a gain like this. It is interesting too, to look at the total picture. In 1954 the total given for all purposes by the whole Church was \$6,294,771; in 1943 the same total was \$1,476,404. Thus, in all-purpose giving, we gained \$4,818,367. In all purpose giving, this is a gain of 326%. In 1943, the Foreign Department received 4.6% of the total giving, and in 1954, 2.8% of the total giving of the Church.

We are often asked if Wesleyan Methodism is top heavy on Foreign Missions. If we are, we must be more than top heavy on some other things. The figures above show that during this three quadrennium period our total giving for all purposes increased 326%, whereas, giving for missions increased 254%. In 1943 we gave 4.6% of our total income to Foreign Missions, while in 1954 (the latest year on record) we gave 2.8% of our total for all purposes to the cause of Foreign Missions. This is a decrease in proportionate giving for Foreign Missions of 1.8%. Let us prayerfully ponder this trend.

Sincerely,

F. R. Birch

COMPARISON OF CONTRIBUTIONS

for 10 Year Period
1945-1946 to 1954-1955

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

Year	Current Funds	Designated Funds	Total Contributions
1945-46	\$117,180.11	\$16,867.43	\$134,047.54
1946-47	126,081.21	32,010.87	158,092.08
		(Missionary Home 16,000)	
1947-48	129,463.66	15,865.98	145,329.64
1948-49	130,129.01	34,681.18	164,810.19
		(India Hospital 10,000)	
1949-50	131,152.01	52,568.85	183,720.86
		(India Hospital 19,000)	
1950-51	149,334.36	44,922.41	194,256.77
1951-52	169,956.54	40,761.34	210,717.88
1952-53	171,319.59	37,749.00	209,068.59
1953-54	213,254.36	51,155.68	264,410.04
1954-55	187,399.82	62,400.75	249,800.57
Totals	\$1,525,270.67	\$388,983.49	\$1,914,254.16

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF HOME MISSIONS

INTRODUCTION

It is a privilege to give to you at this time an accounting concerning the responsibilities entrusted to me as Secretary of Home Missions dur-

ing the past Quadrennium.

PART ONE: HOME MISSION STATIONS

Reports from our workers show 55 conversions during the Quadrennium in our Home Mission Stations. Their estimated church attendance each Sunday is almost 1150, and the Average Sunday School Attendance is over One Thousand. (1019)

1. Missions in Kentucky Mountains.

Mountain Missions in Kentucky have been maintained throughout the Quadrennium as follows: Zion's Hill, Hope, Means, and Wheelrim.

Out-station Sunday Schools have been conducted from time to time in various communities by the noble, self-denying missionaries who operate the main stations mentioned above. One missionary in particular has done considerable work among the school children in her area for which she has received the commendation of school authorities.

2. Missions among the Mexicans. (Southern California)

Our Mexican mission at Carlsbad, California is perhaps one of the oldest Home Missionary enterprises of the Church. Its workers have labored faithfully down across the years, and Heaven alone will tell the number of weary souls who found release and celestial peace by following the patient teaching and quiet example of our missionaries in that needy field.

From Carlsbad have sprung two other stations: Oceanside and Vista. A splendid little chapel parsonage stands at Oceanside, and in 1954 a new chapel was dedicated at Vista, where the need for such a place of worship has long existed.

3. Mission on The Onondaga Reservation. (Near Syracuse, New York)

The work among the Indians of the Onondaga Reservation has been carried on without interruption during the Quadrennium. There are various opposing factors on this field which add to the difficulty of the work. The Indians themselves are a fine people with an intelligent and devoted nature.

As in all missionary work the progress moves in waves—there are crests to encourage and troughs to be overcome. Slowly but surely the Gospel Light is advancing and the work moves forward.

4. Missions in The Ozark Mountains.

The Ozark Mountain Missions are located at two points in Arkansas: Rogers and Highland. Our church is not actually in the city of Rogers; it is about three miles out, and serves a very needy community.

Highland Church is near Harrison, Arkansas, and it too is serving a rural area. This church has been favored with a revival spirit that has been almost continuous, and there has been a splendid growth.

5. West Tennessee Mission.

By official action, the Executive Board in February, 1952 granted the petition of the people of the Wesleyan Tennessee Conference to be given a Mission status. This decision was timely. The Rev. J. A. Cassady accepted appointment as Missionary to this field and has done excellent work.

The results of this move have shown its wisdom. A new spirit of fervor and harmony and earnestness has developed. Souls have been saved and sanctified. A new church has been erected; last October it was my privilege to be present for the Dedictory Service of this new edifice, located at Bethel Springs, Tennessee. It was made possible by a special

gift from Mrs. William Clement of Fairmount, Indiana who is the daughter of the late Rev. W. L. Thompson. The church has been named the W. L. Thompson Memorial Church, and is a center of spiritual activity in the community.

PART TWO: HOME MISSION INSTITUTIONS

1. Bible School of Melbourne. (Australia)
Melbourne Bible College is discussed under "Australia" in Part III.
2. Brainerd Indian Training School. (Hot Springs, South Dakota)

For the Brainerd Indian Training School, this past Quadrennium has come to a favorable close. Problems that were quite serious at the beginning of the Quadrennium have been solved, and the last two years have been especially good.

A better spiritual atmosphere has been gradually achieved, and our Indian boys and girls are responding to the efforts of our workers to bring them into saving relationship with Jesus.

This past March, a new Chapel was dedicated. This was a greatly needed building, and we are pleased to report that it is at long last a reality.

Financial perplexities are a constant pressure. No budget assignment has ever been provided for the school. More children are available than can be cared for, but funds to operate, even up to capacity, are short. Some money was borrowed to meet current operating expenses. If the work is to be continued, the matter of an operating budget will need to be given consideration.

3. Hephzibah Children's Home. (Macon, Georgia)

"Hephzibah Home for Happy Children" has had a rather interesting Quadrennium, with an unusual variety of experiences. Our workers have changed at different times, but the work moves on.

At the present writing, our problems at the Home have wonderfully levelled off in definite answer to prayer. Our great need at the moment is an adequate financial reserve to compensate for varied income throughout the year. New buildings are sadly needed. The budget of 25¢ per member per year for Hephzibah was set in 1931, a depression year. It has been changed in spite of constantly rising prices and the devaluation of the dollar. It is hoped that something will be done at this session of General Conference to relieve this situation.

PART THREE: HOME MISSION ENTERPRISES IN OTHER LANDS

1. Australia.

One of the brightest spots among our Home Mission enterprises is our Conference and College in Australia. The situation there has had some serious periods of sifting, but the Master's hand has been on the situation at all times, and often a seeming set-back has eventually resulted in a consolidation of forces and new advances.

A high time in the period was the recent visit by Dr. R. S. Nicholson. His presence was a source of encouragement to all our people there. A new vision seems to have gripped pastors and laity, and the outlook is bright.

The Self-Denial Offering by the Woman's Missionary Society in 1954 was designated for a new church at Hihett. That building is today a reality, and if those whose gifts made it possible were allowed a little glimpse into its busy interior on a Sunday morning, they would feel well

repaid for all they gave.

Tasmania, a very prospective field, has been entered. Tasmania forms one of the states of Australia. Our work is off to an encouraging start there.

2. Jerusalem and Jewish Evangelism.

This new venture has been attended with problems of no inconsiderable importance. After much study and consultation with various interested persons, it was finally decided that our best method of doing work of Jewish Evangelism would be to work in conjunction with the American Association for Jewish Evangelism of Winona Lake, Indiana. The co-operative effort has worked in a very gratifying manner.

At present we are supporting a worker in Jerusalem under the general oversight of the American Association for Jewish Evangelism. Dr. R. S. Nicholson visited this work in Jerusalem and was very favorably impressed with the missionary we are supporting.

We are also supporting a worker in Dayton, Ohio.

PART FOUR: CHURCH EXTENSION

1. The Card Call Plan.

This Quadrennium has seen a splendid growth in the Card Call Plan, despite the fact that there have been many cancellations which we attribute to a slight misunderstanding of the Plan when it was so effectively presented during Youth Week by our young people in 1952. Many seemed to be of the impression that the pledge was for one year only. When their year was up they felt they had completed their pledge, and as a result there were many cancellations.

Our able Representative, the Rev. George Hawthorn, has done a noble work in arousing interest in this splendid financial system, and has not only kept us from suffering loss, but has brought us a comfortable and comforting increase.

The Receipts for the Quadrennium just closed were \$76,583.32. This represents a gain of \$7,764.79 over last Quadrennium, a percentage gain of 11.28. The total amount received since the beginning of the Plan is \$177,820.83.

It would seem that the time has arrived when the benefits of the Card Call Plan should no longer be limited to Home Mission Conferences. It is hoped that this General Conference shall give this matter proper consideration.

2. Home Mission Conferences.

Church Extension has been the foremost project of the Department of Home Missions. To describe the need in these awful days of world-wide oppression by Communism would be superfluous. The need is here and there and every where. That it exists is so obvious that all are aware of it and affected by it.

It has been the desire of the Home Department to promote Church Extension wherever it could, whether within or without the boundaries of the Home Mission Conferences. A full list of all projects aided will be found in Appendix.

We have twelve Mission Conferences, with a total membership of approximately 4500. We have 10,314 Sunday School scholars.

With the beginning of the Calendar Year of 1952, there was inaugurated a monthly report system for pastors serving in our Home Mission Conferences.

It is fully recognized that no report system could adequately present a complete portrayal of a pastor's work, for there are too many intangibles involved which can not be represented by mere statistics. It is much like an individual's portrait; the portrait can only convey certain physical features to the eye, but the invisible characteristics of the personality are to be learned mostly by personal acquaintance. However, we do not discount the value of the personal photograph because of what it may lack. We cherish it for what it represents. Such, we believe, is the proper attitude toward statistical reports.

PART FIVE: FINANCES

1. General Statement.

The financial income during the Quadrennium has exceeded all other records of the Department since it was made a separate part of the Missionary Endeavors of our Church. Each year of the Quadrennium has seen an increase and for this we are thankful to our Heavenly Father and to the great army of contributors whose generous and sacrificial giving made it possible.

We are grateful for the generous contribution which came from the Thanksgiving Offering in 1952 through the Sunday School Department. This was a tremendous help and was dispersed according to instructions of the Executive Board. It amounted to \$11,405.48.

Especial mention is also due to our Woman's Missionary Society whose Golden Jubilee Year in 1954 brought in unprecedented amounts, and we express sincere appreciation.

The winter of 1954-1955 has been one of the most severe tests for the General Fund that we have ever gone through. Only the fact that we had a reserve laid up kept us from going deeply in the red.

2. Expenses.

During the Quadrennium our office expenses were unusually heavy. With the approval of the Executive Board a Davidson Dual Duplicator was installed which has proven to be a profitable investment. To have kept records on the matter would have been too cumbersome for practical purposes, yet it is estimated that about eight months use of the new Duplicator has saved the Department approximately one third to one half the cost of the machine in printing bills alone to say nothing of the convenience and freedom from long delays which it provides.

3. The Matter of Special Offerings.

The demands for aid have far exceeded the finances of the Department. Again and again we have been compelled to whittle down the requests in order to share at all in the local burdens.

There have been objections to the presenting of any special appeals for aid. The idea of some appears to be that we ought to set a fixed amount and stay within that amount without any effort to ask for special giving for special projects. Such a program would be entirely possible if one were merely embarking on a pleasure cruise on tropical seas, but when we are trying to launch the "Life boats" right into the face of the storm and to "throw out the life lines to danger fraught men," the placid and regular procedures of normal routine may need additional help. Why not, then, cry aloud, as did the Disciples of old, "Save us! We perish!"

So long as the matter is kept on a purely volunteer basis, our people do not need protection from Wesleyan Methodism! To provide any kind of protection from appeals from other organizations is impossible. The

stream of money from Wesleyan Methodism is bound to over-flow. Why not put a funnel under that overflow and gather at least a part of it into Wesleyan Channels for Wesleyan efforts.

To attempt to stop the natural impulses of generosity by declining to ask for such aid, is like trying to stop the flow of sap in a sugar-maple tree by removing the pail. Much better is it to place the pail where it will gather the most sap possible.

In like manner, much better is it to give Wesleyan Methodists a chance to make special offerings to Wesleyan Methodist enterprises rather than to remove that opportunity in favor of non-Wesleyan appeals.

CONCLUSION

The work of the Home Department has inevitably been a part of the Expansion which is graciously visiting our Denomination. In some respects the growth might be said to be almost phenomenal. This is not due to any abilities of the Secretary of Home Missions. He has simply joined the line of march and has tried to keep in step with the general advance lest there should be an unfortunate break in the ranks. We trust there shall be continued emphasis on this,—and that as a Department, and as a Denomination, we shall “GO and GROW and GLOW” until Jesus comes.

Certain individuals and groups are due our heart-felt thanks for their generous and timely help without which, it would have been impossible to carry on the work.

The Executive Board, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Nicholson, have been cooperative and helpful in times of need. To them I give my special thanks.

There is a debt of thanks due to our faithful men and women throughout the Church. To Conference Officials, to pastors, to our humble laymen, we express our gratitude for every consideration and favor bestowed upon us.

Above all, we are grateful to our Heavenly Father, high over all, whose divine assistance and gracious blessing made our work possible. To Him we ascribe the honor and blessing and glory due His Holy Name.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Swauger

FINANCIAL SUMMARY—MAY 1, 1951-April 30, 1955

Year Ending April 30	Balance at Be- ginning of Year	Yearly Total Received	Quadrennial Total Received	Yearly Total Plus Balance	Quadrennial Total Plus Balance	Yearly Total Expended	Quadrennial Total Expended	Balance at End of Year	Balance at End of Quadrennium
GENERAL FUND									
1952	\$3,131.36	\$85,532.39		\$88,663.75		\$84,468.31		\$4,195.44	
1953	4,195.44	94,694.23		98,889.67		97,467.67		1,422.00	
1954	1,422.00	87,169.22		88,591.22		84,742.64		3,848.58	
1955	3,848.58	82,975.68		86,824.26		81,000.09		5,824.17	
Totals			\$350,371.52		\$353,502.88		\$347,678.71		\$5,824.17
AUSTRALIA FUND									
1952	\$4,078.84	\$12,152.47		\$16,231.31		\$6,342.79		\$9,888.52	
1953	9,888.52	8,530.59		18,419.11		12,847.00		5,572.11	
1954	5,572.11	14,668.16		20,240.27		17,355.66		2,884.61	
1955	2,884.61	18,334.04		21,218.65		17,134.15		4,084.50	
Totals			\$53,685.26		\$57,764.10		\$53,679.60		\$4,084.50
CARD CALL FUND									
1952	\$9,191.97	\$13,763.24		\$22,955.21		\$19,444.62		\$3,510.59	
1953	3,510.59	18,659.69		22,170.28		20,546.78		1,623.50	
1954	1,623.50	20,261.32		21,884.82		20,780.72		1,104.10	
1955	1,104.10	23,899.07		25,003.17		17,807.40		7,195.77	
Totals			\$76,583.32		\$85,775.29		\$78,579.52		\$7,195.77
JEWISH EVANGEL FUND									
1952									
1953									
1954		\$991.94		\$991.94		\$407.67		\$584.27	
1955	\$584.27	17,848.18		18,432.45		11,823.87		6,608.58	
Totals			\$18,840.12		\$18,840.12		\$12,231.54		\$6,608.58
BOYD LENDING FUND									
1952									
1953									
1954		\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00				\$3,500.00	
1955	\$3,500.00	450.00		3,950.00		\$3,925.00		25.00	
Totals			\$3,950.00		\$3,950.00		\$3,925.00		\$25.00
CHURCH BUILDERS' JUNIOR LEAGUE									
1952									
1953									
1954									
1955		\$9.10		\$9.10				\$9.10	
Totals			\$9.10		\$9.10				\$9.10
TOTAL, ALL FUNDS									
1952	\$16,402.17	\$111,448.10		\$127,850.27		\$110,255.72		\$17,594.55	
1953	17,594.55	121,884.51		139,479.06		130,861.45		8,617.61	
1954	8,617.61	126,590.64		135,208.25		123,286.69		11,921.56	
1955	11,921.56	143,516.07		155,437.63		131,690.51		23,747.12	
GRAND TOTALS			\$503,439.32		\$519,841.49		\$496,094.37		\$23,747.12

RECEIPTS
EXPENDITURES

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	Balance at Begin- ning of Year	Balance at Begin- ning of Quad.	Received During Year	ANNUAL TOTALS	Balance Plus Receipts	Expended During Year	Total Annual Expenditure	Balance at Close of Year	ANNUAL TOTAL BALANCE	Balance at Close of Quad.
1952										
General Fund	\$3,131.36		\$85,532.39		\$88,663.75	\$84,468.31		\$4,195.44		
Australia Fund	4,078.84		12,152.47		16,231.31	6,342.79		9,888.52		
Card Call Fund	9,191.97		13,763.24		22,955.21	19,444.62		3,510.59		
Totals	\$16,402.17			\$111,448.10	\$127,850.27		\$110,255.72		\$17,594.55	
1953										
General Fund	\$4,195.44		\$94,694.23		\$98,889.67	\$97,467.67		\$1,422.00		
Australia Fund	9,888.52		8,530.59		18,419.11	12,847.00		5,572.11		
Card Call Fund	3,510.59		18,659.69		22,170.28	20,546.78		1,623.50		
Totals	\$17,594.55			\$121,884.51	\$139,479.06		\$130,861.45		\$8,617.61	
1954										
General Fund	\$1,422.00		\$87,169.22		\$88,591.22	\$84,742.64		\$3,848.58		
Australia Fund	5,572.11		14,668.16		20,240.27	17,355.66		2,884.61		
Card Call Fund	1,623.50		20,261.32		21,884.82	20,780.72		1,104.10		
Jewish Fund			991.94		991.94	407.67		584.27		
Boyd Fund			3,500.00		3,500.00			3,500.00		
Totals	\$8,617.61			\$126,590.64	\$135,208.25		\$123,286.69		\$11,921.56	
1955										
General Fund	\$3,848.58		\$82,975.68		\$86,824.26	\$81,000.09		\$5,824.17		
Australia Fund	2,884.61		18,334.04		21,218.65	17,134.15		4,084.50		
Card Call Fund	1,104.10		23,899.07		25,047.17	17,807.40		7,195.77		
Jewish Fund	584.27		17,848.18		18,432.45	11,823.87		6,608.58		
Boyd Fund	3,500.00		450.00		3,950.00	3,925.00		25.00		
Church Builders' Jr. League Fund			9.10		9.10			9.10		
Totals	\$11,921.56			\$143,516.07	\$155,437.63		\$131,690.51		\$23,747.12	\$16,925.33
Quadrennial Totals		\$16,402.17		\$503,439.32	\$519,841.49		\$496,094.37			\$23,747.12

Report No. 10

**QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE SUPERANNUATE PENSION
PLAN OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF
AMERICA****MAY 1, 1951—APRIL 30, 1955**

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

Christian greeting! It is a privilege to present the Quadrennial Report of The Pension Plan Department to the General Conference. As you know, soon after the rise of the last General Conference, upon the resignation of Dr. Eddy as Treasurer of the Pension Plan, the Board asked us to assume this responsibility and in this capacity we have endeavored to serve throughout the quadrennium.

We have now come to the close of what has, in general, been a good quadrennium. Since the Pension Plan has now been in operation for eight years, it would seem profitable to make some comparisons and a brief financial analysis that we might gain a closer insight to the general trend, both numerically and financially.

There has been a steady increase in membership through the quadrennium and we are convinced this is the result of a growing appreciation for the Plan and what it means to those who retire, and the fact that more of the conferences are taking action to the effect that all who receive appointment to work by the conference are automatically members of the Plan, while other conferences are making it definitely clear that the Pension Plan is being supported as a Denominational Plan, with no provision for any other system. We now have 717 members a gain of 207 members for the four years or an average of nearly 52 each year. The records show that we have 150 beneficiaries on the list, representing an increase of 37 this quadrennium, or an average of almost 9.25 per year. Benefits paid during the quadrennium have increased from \$40,329.07 in 1950-51 to \$64,363.94 in 1954-55 or an average of \$54,391.67 per year. This represents an increase of \$14,062.55 per year as compared with 1950-51.

The income from Church Budget has increased from \$38,044.72 in 1950-51 to \$64,363.94 in 1954-55 or an average of \$54,391.67 per year. This making a total of \$165,828.25. The lower Budget income this year as compared with that for last year does not indicate a less cooperative spirit or lack of interest since a careful study of the records reveals that several of the conferences that make a practice of sending in a full Budget did not get in their usual payments prior to the close of the fiscal year. It is noted also that last year some of the conferences paid ahead of schedule and these two factors explain the true picture of the difference in Church Budget received for the two years.

Income from assessments has steadily increased until we have the largest income from this source for the current year, which is \$17,348.99. The average income from assessments per year for the current quadrennium is \$14,318.87 which represents an increase per year of \$3,456.82. In view of the fact that the Pension Plan is operated on a voluntary basis we are convinced that our financial report and analysis shows a growing appreciation of the Plan.

However, there are two areas that should receive our attention. The first is that relative to the matter of assessments. While the assessments, as shown above, have steadily increased it is a part of the work that needs

frequent survey and promotion. The other problem is the fact that the list of beneficiaries is increasing and thus the aggregate of benefits paid has reached a figure larger than the net income. The result of consideration of this matter is the formation of one of the current memorials.

Throughout the quadrennium our records show that most of the conferences paid the full Budget, which is indeed greatly appreciated. Those not paying full Budget lacked, generally, only a small amount of doing so. According to the provision of the Discipline, the beneficiaries who are members of these conferences did not receive the full amount of benefits.

In keeping with the provision of the Discipline, loans have been made for churches and parsonages in several of the conferences until there is at present the amount of \$71,680.70 used in this manner (\$10,000 of this amount has been paid since the books were audited). These loans have been authorized by the Board of Administration or its Executive Board according to Discipline and the further requirements as recommended to and approved by the Board of Administration. Interest received from these loans and from money on interest in the Reserve Fund amounted to \$3,169.33, which was sufficient to pay 71.23% of the overhead expense, including salaries. We only wish we had a larger amount available to help by way of granting loans where new and expansion programs are being initiated.

With reference to the matter of benefits having increased until they exceed the net income, the provision for added income in the proposed memorials would lead us to believe the increase would more nearly approach the load of the current benefits. The real problem is the extent to which this load will increase in the coming years. For these reasons, we would suggest that any proposals to increase benefits or decrease assessments be withheld for the present time. Careful study has revealed that it would be well to give thought to the matter of assessments in general and there are memorials accordingly which will be presented to this General Conference for study. It also seems the incorporate name should be changed to more adequately describe the present purpose of the Plan and the funds now held by The Superannuated Ministers' Aid Society be transferred to The Pension Plan of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America (the proposed incorporate name), as provided for in Paragraph No. 323, Item 11. There is an appropriate resolution to this effect to be presented for your consideration.

Careful investigation has been made to determine the bearing which Social Security, with its new provisions making it possible for ministers to have coverage on the basis of the self-employed, has on our Denominational Plan. Contacts have been made with other churches as to their attitude concerning Social Security and their church pension systems. Considering all factors involved, it would seem advisable for this General Conference to give serious thought toward the continuation of the Pension Plan, making appropriate adjustments from time to time as necessity may require. However, since the benefits of the Plan, as fine and much appreciated as they are, are not adequate provision for retirement, we would also urge all ministers who possibly can, to join Social Security. There is one requirement for those who wish to be covered which should especially be emphasized and that is this ruling: "If he delays until after April 15, 1957, he will **forfeit altogether**, his right to elect Social Security coverage."

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to those who have so kindly assisted us in our task during the quadrennium. To Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, The Board of Administration and the Executive Board, who

have given much help and counsel; to Dr. O. G. Wilson, who has so generously cooperated as Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST; to each of the conference presidents and conference contact men who have shown such fine interest and rendered splendid help throughout these four years in promotion of the Plan we are grateful indeed. The excellent response in the Thanksgiving Offering taken in 1953 was greatly appreciated. We are indebted to our Secretary and Bookkeeper, Miss Esther Perrine for her most faithful and efficient service. Above all, we give praise to God who has been our constant Guide and Help. The prayer of our heart is that our Pension Plan may continue to be a financial bulwark against the needs of those who have so faithfully and loyally served Christ and our Church down through the years.

Respectfully submitted,,

David A. Rees

Treasurer.

SUPERANNUATE PENSION PLAN—

Conference	Membership, 1951, 1952	Membership, 1954, 1955	Beneficiaries, 1951, 1952	Beneficiaries, 1954, 1955	Income Assessments 1951, 1952	Income Assessments 1954, 1955	Church Budget 1951, 1952	Church Budget 1954, 1955	Benefits Paid 1951, 1952	Benefits Paid 1954, 1955
Alabama	18	27	1	3			\$1,451.37	\$1,248.36	\$528.72	\$1,320.56
Allegheny	33	33	1	4	\$864.77	\$824.27	5,032.05	4,472.40	430.00	2,217.50
California	8	10	1	1	133.52	283.72	437.60	278.61	230.70	840.00
Canada	7	10	4	4	159.07	363.41	1,424.00	828.00	1,164.00	1,164.00
Champlain	22	29	4	8	493.04	723.06	1,614.25	1,574.69	2,020.00	3,743.91
Colleges:										
Central	1				9.25		* 82.75	* 78.52		
Houghton	18	19	1	3	538.12	592.00	* 66.17	* 82.21	308.00	947.24
Marion	9	11			304.03	383.67	* 48.57	* 85.63		
Miltonvale	3	5		1	68.44	60.92	* 50.63	* 63.56		224.00
Dakota	20	22	2	3	323.64	359.90	1,019.80	1,354.32	566.49	828.62
Florida	4	4		1	16.35	33.75	70.50	152.21		216.36
Illinois		9			65.03	211.97	237.00	259.31		
Indiana	62	102	23	25	1,689.00	2,453.11	5,005.18	6,133.51	9,227.63	10,050.12
Iowa	19	37	8	7	277.89	577.41	1,274.61	1,943.12	2,223.00	2,519.00
Kansas	52	59	14	14	1,231.19	1,184.70	2,560.08	2,577.88	5,456.80	5,678.80
Kentucky	12	19	1	3	155.66	484.98	1,152.55	594.50	417.37	924.49
Lockport	19	27	11	11	327.90	746.36	2,547.35	1,636.00	5,612.28	5,677.33
Michigan	31	47	10	10		2,325.54	1,987.87	4,351.50	5,054.32	5,427.32
Middle Atlantic States ..	30	42	1		572.42	503.02	1,140.00	1,396.50	462.00	
Missions:										
Foreign	13	24	3	3	227.00	409.14	* 746.67	* 1,066.27	1,720.00	1,720.00
Home	3	5	1	1	31.68	146.22	* 257.88	* 323.06	560.00	560.00
Nebraska	6	14			509.32	258.24	478.28	408.50	210.76	
North Carolina	1	1			44.10	49.90				
North Georgia	1	4	2		20.34	246.58	126.25	500.33	534.00	190.00
North Michigan	9	27	2	4	65.73	656.75	1,300.00	1,513.50	651.68	1,401.00
Ohio	10	16	5	6	448.50	294.57	2,048.03	1,851.50	1,591.32	2,001.54
Oklahoma	8	19		1	55.37	612.11	467.75	611.12		720.00
Oregon	3	3	2	2	34.54	80.30	294.62	264.62	1,000.00	1,060.00
Rochester	29	34	8	11	407.45	638.44	2,162.96	678.72	2,810.38	4,905.50
South Carolina	17	26	12	16	327.06	708.17	3,646.43	2,336.91	2,892.59	5,017.64
South Georgia	2	4	4	5	2.28		524.68	467.63	2,354.00	2,994.00
Tennessee	7	11		1	258.08	245.03	523.24	734.14	216.26	435.52
Wisconsin	7	17	1	2	205.12	218.39	857.46	542.00		
Totals	1484	1717	121	150	\$9,865.89	\$16,675.63	\$40,636.58	\$40,409.27	\$48,675.97	\$64,195.98

* Number deceased during the quadrennium—30.

* Departmental Assessments

SUPERANNUATE PENSION PLAN—QUADRENNIAL REPORT

April 30, 1951—April 30, 1955

**CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
RECEIPTS**

	1951—1952	1952—1953	1953—1954	1954—1955	Total
Checks:					
Returned (Deceased)		\$49.00	\$269.26		\$318.26
Stopped Payment				\$2.50	2.50
Church Budget	\$39,989.31	38,588.21	48,540.71	38,710.02	165,828.25
Departmental Assessments ..	1,252.97	1,456.46	1,525.11	1,699.25	5,933.79
Gifts and Bequests	2,369.84	108.22	53.68	26.97	2,558.71

GENERAL CONFERENCE MINUTES

	1951—1952	1952—1953	1953—1954	1954—1955	Total
Hoyne Avenue Fund				1,627.00	1,627.00
In and Out	200.00				200.00
Income Assessments	9,775.72	14,383.49	15,767.28	17,348.99	57,275.48
Interest Received	1,483.10	1,887.64	2,665.54	2,773.48	8,809.76
Membership Fees	573.70	1,438.32	1,587.00	1,111.25	4,710.27
*Mortgages Receivable	438.39	2,100.06	3,086.06	3,194.92	8,819.43
*Reinstated Fees		10.00			10.00
*Suspension Fund			25.00	3.10	28.10
Thanksgiving Offering	12.33	12.10	16,218.77	99.68	16,342.88
Transfer Savings Account to Checking Account			5,000.00	26,500.00	31,500.00
Typewriter Sold		75.00			75.00
United States Savings Bonds Sold	20,018.75				20,018.75
Total Receipts	\$76,114.11	\$60,108.50	\$94,738.16	\$93,097.16	\$324,058.18
Cash on Hand, 4/30/51					46,851.28
TOTAL					\$370,909.46

DISBURSEMENTS

	1951—1952	1952—1953	1953—1954	1954—1955	Total
Auditing Expense	\$174.50	\$158.50	\$178.00	\$172.50	\$683.50
Bank Charges	7.50	8.00	22.51	13.90	51.91
Benefits Paid	46,073.18	50,837.96	56,291.40	64,363.94	217,566.48
Bond Expense	18.55				18.55
Checks Returned	76.52	352.68			429.20
Conference Visitation In and Out	200.00			120.00	120.00
*Mortgages Receivable	13,500.00	15,500.00	24,000.00	27,500.00	80,500.00
Office Furniture & Fixtures	303.80	525.50	462.04	69.12	1,360.46
*Outside Office Expense	56.25	71.02	49.64	28.24	205.15
Office Supplies & Expense	246.27	339.22	419.23	340.83	1,345.55
Opened Savings Account	20,000.00		23,000.00		43,000.00
Postage	23.82	36.87	32.04	62.55	155.28
Refund:					
Membership Fees		60.00			60.00
Income Assessments	33.26	170.69	38.80		242.75
Bequest Returned (Kansas Conference)		2,100.00			2,100.00
Rent Paid	360.00	360.00	360.00	360.00	1,440.00
Salaries	2,196.13	2,194.55	2,629.00	2,815.40	9,825.08
Telephone	36.00	97.41	110.99	128.33	372.73
Transfer monthly payments from Hoyne Ave. Fund to Hoyne Ave. Account				1,718.40	1,718.40
Traveling Expense	15.30	61.36	85.84	135.03	297.53
Wesley Press:					
Field Visitation			150.00		150.00
Improvement Editor's Home			75.00		75.00
Withholding Tax Paid	244.50	267.10	346.40	368.25	1,226.25
Total Disbursements	\$84,065.58	\$73,380.86	\$108,250.89	\$98,196.49	\$363,893.82
Less:					
*F. I. C. A.				4.42	4.42
Tax Withheld	246.00	278.60	351.00	374.35	1,249.95
Transfer Hoyne Ave. Fund to Liabilities			1,765.22		1,765.22
Net Disbursements	\$83,819.58	\$73,102.26	\$106,134.67	\$97,817.72	\$363,874.23
Cash on Hand, 4/30/55					10,035.23
TOTAL					\$370,909.46

- * 1. Payment on loans.
2. Fees paid to be reinstated as active members.
3. Funds awaiting allocation until further information is received.
4. Loans.
5. Office expense incurred elsewhere that at headquarters.
6. Federal Insurance Contribution Act.

SUPERANNUATE PENSION PLAN—QUADRENNIAL REPORT

APRIL 30, 1955

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash in Bank—Checking Account	\$10,010.23	
Cash in Bank—Savings Account	12,618.54	
Petty Cash	25.00	
United States Savings Bonds	40,000.00	
Total		\$62,653.77

Long-Term Assets

*Mortgages Receivable		
Bristol Parsonage	\$4,725.22	
Clear Fork Church	4,912.13	
Rapid City Church	8,50.00	
Ellicott Church	4,750.00	
Hoyne Avenue Church	9,621.94	
Oakland Parsonage	1,150.00	
Russellville Church	8,271.28	
Total		41,930.57

Short-Term Assets

Mortgages Receivable		
Philadelphia Church	10,000.00	
Russellville Church	10,000.00	
Whitehall Church	9,750.00	
Total		29,750.00

Fixed Assets

Furniture and Fixtures	2,747.64	
Less Depreciation Reserve	1,182.28	
Total		1,565.36
TOTAL ASSETS		\$135,899.70

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities and Reserves

Federal Insurance Contribution Act	\$4.42	
Hoyne Avenue Fund	1,673.83	
*Sinking Fund	83,493.48	
Suspension Fund	3.10	
Tax Withheld	40.20	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVE		85,215.02
NET ASSETS		50,684.68
TOTAL		\$135,899.70

1. Loaned from the Sinking Fund.

2. Part of Sinking Fund invested in Mortgages. (See Assets.)

Report No. 11

**THE GENERAL W.Y.P.S. SECRETARY'S QUADRENNIAL
REPORT TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE
WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH**

Members of the General Conference, Christian greetings!

The Wesleyan Young People's Society brings the work of another Quadrennium to a close against a backdrop of national and world conditions unparalleled in the history of the Church. Factors of hydrogen weapons capable of destroying entire civilizations, Universal Military Training, continuing home disintegration, the corrupting influences of an unsalted society, secularization of the public school system of this nation, a highly increased ratio of population increase, and other factors all serve to aggravate the magnitude of our task and the challenge of our objectives as a Christian Youth Organization within the family life of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The established functions of the W.Y.P.S. have been administered without interruption and in the fullest way possible throughout another Quadrennium. The splendid co-operation of all who have been associated in our work, the many answers to prayer, the miracle hand of God, and the grace of His continual renewing in strength both physical and spiritual makes possible a report of activities which should encourage our hearts and prompt us to humble thanksgiving to Almighty God.

Subheadings used will help to organize the report and guide the reader.

Statistics

Certain tabulations listed below are self-explanatory. Figures, where possible have been taken from the annual audited reports of the General Treasurer to the General W.Y.P.S. Council and the Board of Administration. Numerical growth for the Quadrennium is represented in the organization of 88 new local societies bringing the total of certificate societies to 690. It must be remembered, however, that there is a considerable degree of fluctuation in the vitality of local organizations. Many of our smaller churches witnessing a noble epoch in youth activities may "graduate" these young people and be obliged to begin all over again. Church reverses, as we well know, can give youth a stunning blow. In our work, therefore, there is a genuine sense in which we begin again from time to time.

W.Y.P.S. Membership

1947-48	9,515
1948-49	9,278
1949-50	10,072
1950-51	10,581
1951-52	10,983
1952-53	11,070
1953-54	11,656

Membership figures show a gain of more than 1,000 for the Quadrennium, including both active and associate members. The present total represents about the same percentage of increase as in the Quadrennium which was concluded in 1951. For comparison some previous totals are listed.

General W.Y.P.S. Dues

(\$50 Budget)

1947-48	\$3,194.50
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1948-49	3,802.05
1949-50	4,031.52
1950-51	4,568.49

(\$1.00 Budget)

1951-52	5,556.63
1952-53	8,478.93
1953-54	7,757.86
1954-55	9,521.88

It will be recalled that the general dues assessment was raised from \$.50 to \$1.00 four years ago. Again for purposes of comparison dues totals are listed reaching back into the last Quadrennium. Our conferences and local societies are to be heartily commended for faithfulness and consistency in the matter of general dues payments. While the fund thus created does not fully cover administrative costs of the General Department as witness the tabulation below, yet this fund does go a long way toward meeting the need.

Sources of Revenue for General W.Y.P.S. Administration 1951-55

Total General Dues	\$31,315.30
Field Receipts	4,490.98
Foreign Missions Department	3,208.40
Home Missions Department	1,423.65
Wesleyan Publishing Association	1,384.05
Servicemen's Department	1,440.00
Literature Sales (Net Profit)	1,787.64

\$45,050.02**Cost of General W.Y.P.S. Administration**

1951-52	\$7,495.05
1952-53	9,032.52
1953-54	10,150.89
1954-55	12,135.80

Grand Total

\$38,814.26

Balance

\$6,235.76

It should be pointed out that the balance of \$6,235.76 does not represent the actual cash on hand at the close of the current fiscal year since there have been certain approved investments from this revenue in the W.Y.P.S. Crusades which were not chargeable to administrative expense. The tabulation is presented as a memorandum for information rather than as a financial report.

W.Y.P.S. TOTALS FOR ALL PURPOSES

1947-48	\$45,051.98
1948-49	60,021.43
1949-50	71,421.57
1950-51	73,067.86

Grand Total

\$249,562.84

1951-52	\$87,799.76
1952-53	87,971.80
1953-54	86,984.85
1954-55 (An estimate; Stat. not completed)	87,000.0

Grand Total

\$349,756.41

A gain of \$100,000 over the previous Quadrennium is noted in this schedule. A more complete reporting system is responsible for a small portion of this gain. The larger part of it, however, I believe, reflects the increased vitality and dedication of Wesleyan young people in their service to Christ and the Church. It should be pointed out too, that these statistics are still not entirely complete.

TOTAL FOR W.Y.P.S. CRUSADES

1951-52	.....	\$3,756.87
1952-53	.....	1,567.58
1953-54	.....	3,361.64
1954-55	Victory Volunteer (Sales)	2,081.07

Grand Total \$ 10,767.16

The above schedule again is a memorandum. It is listed to present a summary of crusade activities which will be referred to in a later sub-heading.

TOTALS FOR MISSIONS AND EDUCATION (General Church Bdget)

1951-52	.....	\$17,422.13
1952-53	.....	20,389.51
1953-54	.....	15,114.35
1954-55	.....	17,147.82

Grand Total \$ 70,073.81

The above schedule represents actual cash received by the General W.Y.P.S. Treasurer from Wesleyan young people for General Church Budget.

TOTAL FOR BUILDING FUND OFFERING

1952-53	.....	\$1,514.94
1953-54	.....	1,780.52
1954-55	.....	2,006.53

Grand Total (Plus interest accrued) \$ 5,301.99

The story of this fund as it has been raised through the Youth Week offerings is familiar to all. The Wesleyan Young People's Society shares the concern of other departments of the Church in the need for administrative offices. Early in the Quadrennium the General Youth Council gave prayerful thought to this need and felt that some planning and provision should be made to meet it through funds which were being gathered in during the Quadrennium. Arising out of this study and prayer the General Council recommended to the Board of Administration that Youth Week offerings be taken for this W.Y.P.S. fund. The total to date appears in the tabulation above.

The Council has projected plans for a self-contained department office to meet the need of the Department pending action of the Board of Administration and the General Conference relative to an adequate plan for Denominational Headquarters. It has been understood between the Council and the Board of Administration that the General W.Y.P.S. offices would be secured or built for use only until such time as a Church Headquarters was provided and therefore the building was to be purchased or designed in such a way as to protect the funds of the Department should it be necessary to dispose of the property later on. At the writing of this report \$5,000 of this Building Fund is invested in the Marion Building and Loan Association, Marion, Indiana, drawing interest at 3%.

Topic and Lesson Materials

Under the supervision of the Council and the Board of Administration a committee composed of H. K. Sheets, Chairman, Karl W. Johnston, and Robert W. McIntyre have directed the selection of titles, scriptures, lesson writers, and otherwise assumed responsibility for the published lesson materials which appear in **THE WESLEYAN YOUTH**. For a part of the Quadrennium a parallel series of lessons with an attempted slanting at a younger age need was published but the actual difference in the material did not seem to be sufficient to justify the continuance of this plan. Supplemental program and lesson materials books and other carefully selected books and materials for youth leaders have been provided as a service of the department. In some instances these materials have been our own publications as in the case of **Sunday Evenings With Jesus and Miracles With Youth**. In many instances, however, we have made selections from other publishers.

Using for a mast head "The Leader's Exchange" mimeographed material with leader appeal has gone out regularly from the General W.Y. P.S. office to all pastors and local W.Y.P.S. presidents. The number of mailings per year has varied somewhat depending upon the capacity of the office and the occasions which needed special promotion. While substantial costs have been involved we believe the medium has fully justified this.

Youth Bible Camps

Some version of the Youth Bible Camp is now operating in practically every conference of the denomination. Next to the Sunday School probably no other single agency within the Church is doing more for youth today than the Youth Bible Camp. While they are administered by the various conferences, the General Council has shared concern for their sound development and their deepest and farthest possible influence upon young people. Members of the Council have repeatedly ministered in many of these camps. Youth Camp workshops have been arranged when youth leaders were in session. In other ways guidance and encouragement have been given.

Hosts of young people have continued to find the Saviour at these camps, many of whom it has been impossible to reach through local church revivals. Probably no occasions of the church have witnessed greater outpourings of the Holy Ghost than the nightly evangelistic services of the camps. It is the studied judgment of the General Council that the Church should give every encouragement to the further growth and development of the Youth Bible Camp ministry. The willing dedication of pastors and leaders in this new line of duty as deans, business managers, teachers, treasurers, evangelists, musicians, and in other ways is deserving of the highest commendation and the faithful support of the entire Church.

Wesleyan Youth Week

The tenth consecutive Wesleyan Youth Week has been observed on the established week in the annual calendar of Church activities beginning the last Sunday of January and concluding the first Sunday of February. While allowing for flexibility specific guidance has been offered from year to year for unified action and concrete results. All of this has been imperfectly done. Lessons have been learned by experience. As of now the department is searching for ways to improve plans for the week.

Every effort has been made to keep the activities balanced, to inspire Bible reading and memorization, to challenge to Christian evangelism, and to enrich and widen the fellowship of the young people of the Church.

We believe the week has done much to make the entire Church more conscious of the mutual advantages gained through a proper interest in young people.

We would humbly pray that Wesleyan Youth Week may continue to be cleared as one week in the 52 weeks of the Wesleyan calendar year given purely to the interests of youth and that in the face of the various worthy functions and special features of other departments there may not come conflicting or overlapping dates which will tend to deteriorate the significance this week has had in the past decade.

Crusades

Crusading activities launched and completed within the Quadrennium have helped to put red corpuscles in the spiritual arteries of the W.Y.P.S. and, we believe, have proved of general blessing in our total work. Time does not permit a reviewing of each crusade except to say that in Puerto Rico, in Western Germany, in the Orient, in the frontal spiritual assault upon San Antonio, Texas, and in the emphasis upon revival, evangelism, and volunteers for the Lord's harvest in the final year of the Quadrennium, the hand of God has been mightily in evidence. Glorious victories have attended and financial needs have been fully met. From many quarters the call is sounding for more similar undertakings.

Routine duties can become tedious. Organizational busy work can be like "much ado about nothing." But to live in the realm of miracle where faith is the banner and God leads the way to hitherto unexplored frontiers where obstacles are reckoned with, needs supplied, and prevailing prayers are answered—in short, where the hand of God is clearly in evidence all along the line, this is spiritual adventure at its best. Whatever it takes to have more of this kind of exploit in our local societies, in our conferences, and in our united churchwide activities Wesleyan young people are being called upon to pay the price, and to contribute to all possible advance of the harvest in these last days.

THE WESLEYAN YOUTH

Through another quadrennium the Wesleyan Young People's Society has shared responsibility for THE WESLEYAN YOUTH periodical. The General Secretary has served in the capacity of Associate Editor. Area Presidents have contributed regularly. A portion of the material appearing in each issue, including the W.Y.P.S. lessons, is provided by the General W.Y.P.S. Office. Our editor, Dr. O. G. Wilson, has been most patient and co-operative in these labors. To him, and to his wife who has so ably assisted in the Editorial Offices, Wesleyan young people want to express their fullest appreciation for the high spiritual content, readability, and attractiveness of the magazine. Editorials from the pen of Dr. Wilson have frequently been requested for use by others. Appreciation is similarly expressed to Dr. F. R. Eddy, Publishing Agent, and all who have been associated with him in the publication of THE WESLEYAN YOUTH.

I would re-emphasize the unique field which THE WESLEYAN YOUTH holds among youth publications and the possibilities for larger circulation both within and without our constituency.

Concluding Statement

Thus Wesleyan young people conclude another quadrennium. Activities have been undertaken as a part of the work of the Church family. Relationships between the Department and the adult life of the Church,

in so far as I know them, are most wholesome. While youth leaders have been aggressive, they have been directed to work closely with the parent Church and without cause for apprehension. May this relationship never be otherwise. Conference and local leaders have been most co-operative. The General W.Y.P.S. Council has rendered valuable and faithful service. There has not been a single absence of any member of the Council at any one of its meetings. Dr. Oliver G. Wilson, the representative from the Board, who has sat with the Council for ten consecutive years has given unstintingly of his time and shared the wealth of his own spiritual insight and understanding of young people in shaping the course the Youth Department of the Church has taken across these years. The kindly and encouraging interest of the Board, together with confidence and prayers has helped to make delightful, responsibilities which have grown a bit heavier with each succeeding year.

I would make a frank acknowledgement of my own weakness and limitations. Those with whom it has been my privilege to serve have expressed appreciation and have shown patience and graciousness far beyond anything the writer has deserved.

Young people assembled in the Seventh Quadrennial W.Y.P.S. Convention are being called to a fresh dedication. Our outreach must be greater. We must accept a fuller share of responsibility for kindling revival fires, both within the Church and in the world. The call for crusade must be more widely answered. A sharp and clear witness of holy living must be presented to a dying Western civilization and an awakening Orient. The channels have been opened. God has done His part. May the response of Wesleyan young people be wholehearted and united.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold K. Sheets
General Secretary

Report No. 12

QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

June 1955

Christian greetings to the Woman's Missionary Society, and the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1955.

Whereupon the Church is called to espouse the cause of those who walk in darkness, and them that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, we well know that God alone holds the record of the degree to which our gospel light has shone during the past quadrennium. With this delegation, we would seek to obtain a fresh word from the Lord in the matter of holy witnessing.

The Fields

One who is in vital touch with God cannot look into the face of His world and not marvel at the consequences of the fall; neither can he go his way without a sense of desperate urgency in matters pertaining to gospel responsibilities. The foot paths of the world reflect with heavy imprint the half-hearted effort of a sleeping church to evangelize. One wonders what the Lord of harvest feels when believers absorb themselves in any other program than that of knowing Him, and making Him known.

Mission Study

Four successive years a program of study in the Woman's Missionary

Society has been under way for the purpose of stimulating and directing zeal and purpose along missionary lines. Miss Alice Boyd, as secretary of this office, has done a commendable piece of work, bringing this particular department to the point of business advantage. The course of reading is so outlined as to culminate in a certificate. Some 2,200 certificates have been obtained during the quadrennium.

Prayer Fellowship

The ministry of prayer partnership cannot be over-estimated in the work of missions. Earnest effort has been made through the office of Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger, secretary, to encourage, challenge, and incite to a constant and believing support on these lines. From every field come echoes of what the prayer partner ministry has meant.

The Wesleyan Missionary

Our official organ, THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY, is the promoting agency for our fields. During the past three years the editor's office has been given responsibility for a careful screening of subscription lapses. This entailed considerable desk work, but not without fruit. However, the quadrennial scale has proved a fluctuating one. With a goal of 14,000 subscriptions at last General Conference, we have watched the thermometer vary to an all-time low of 11,800 mid-quadrennium. The total number of subscriptions as of May 17, 1955 was 12,262. The present subscription rate of \$1.50 scarcely covers cost of printing and publication which means that the editor's salary must be subsidized from the W.M.S. general fund. This is not a discouraging status, however, considering the general upsurge in cost of production, and also the fact that the official organ carries no ads and is in itself a promoting agency. The editor's work has been of a high order. Since early in the quadrennium Miss Gracia Fero has, on Board approval, attend the annual Evangelical Press Association in Chicago. This feature proved a helpful and convenient one in the field of editorial fitness.

Administrative

At the general session of 1951 a program was initiated with the desire that the president of the W.M.S. visit each conference at least once during the quadrennium. Of the total twenty-nine conferences, I have visited twenty-seven in at least one annual session. Two conferences have been omitted because of overlapping schedules. The Australian society was organized by Mrs. Esther Cox; it was my privilege to be present for their annual session of 1953.

Projects

1. At the quadrennial session of 1951 a program of world evangelism was launched. The project entailed the labors of a special committee, out of whose deliberations evolved the financial plan for executing the same. Each local society was asked to allocate the sum of five dollars toward the special missionary journey. In August of 1952 Mr. Reisdorph and I entered upon such a ministry. The journey as outlined took us from east to west, with contacts in the countries of England, France, Sierra Leone, West Africa, Belgian Congo, Kenya, Egypt, Palestine, Syria, India, Ceylon, Australia, the Philippines, Formosa, and Japan. A distance of forty thousand miles was covered with engagement in approximately 200 services.

During the six months itinerary we were privileged to cover most of the Wesleyan Methodist mission stations and to fellowship with some

25 other mission groups. These contacts were made possible by means of special conventions and camp meetings, where Wesleyan Methodist missionaries were employed. We were shown every courtesy and consideration both on the part of Board members, missionaries, and friends. The journey culminated in February of 1953 with the first Quadrennial Jubilee Convention in Whittier, California. Four additional Conventions followed respectively during the same year in Waterloo, Iowa; Fairmount, Indiana; Hastings, Michigan; and Greer, South Carolina. These Conventions were well attended, and reflected the general missionary interest of the church.

2. The White Gift Christmas program was launched for December, 1953; the receipts applied on church construction in Puerto Rico. This appeal met with genuine enthusiasm. Our people did not stop with the \$5,000.00 goal, but continued to give until a total sum of \$11,635.56 was received. At present a commodious church building in a new mission center evidences what can be done when groups rally to a cause.

3. Quite soon after the White Gift Christmas offering, came Self-denial month of April, 1954. At that time the pioneer project in Highett section of Melbourne, Australia, was approved. Again, our people rallied to the urgent need; an excess of \$7,000.00 was raised for the building of the Highett church.

4. Mile-of-Dimes. In July of 1954 the Mile-of-Dimes program was launched for mission field equipment. A total of \$3,423.41 has been raised on this project to date. One thousand dollars has already been allocated for a car at Binkola station, Sierra Leone; another thousand dollars was designated toward a car in Port Margot, Haiti.

5. Honorary Registration. In September, 1954, a special plan was launched for aiding our four colleges in current operating expense. The registrations ranged from \$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$25.00, to \$50.00. The Woman's Missionary Society assumed responsibility for publicity and promotion. Certificates were prepared by said Society for each registrant, and an additional sum of \$200 was allocated to each college for the mailing of the certificates. There has been a very gratifying response to date, with receipts nearing \$10,000.00. We recommend the continued operation of this project.

6. Jewish Evangelism. During the General Conference session of 1951, Brother Nate Scharff was invited to give his personal witness. The Lord sealed this with a concerted interest on the part of our constituency in the ministry of Jewish evangelism. An initial offering of some \$600.00 was received for the launching of this program. Later contributions exceeded \$13,009.05; these were channeled through the Home Department at the time the Jewish evangelism program was launched.

7. Medical students. Seven medical students have been aided during the quadrennium.

8. Melbourne Bible College Library Fund. The Melbourne Bible College had a very limited library up to this past year. One Memorial, known as the Russell Memorial, of \$100.00 was received and channeled through the Home Department for initiating a library fund.

9. Missions Communication Service. During the past fiscal year the Missions Communication Service located in Houghton, New York, merited our attention and in turn \$500.00 from general fund was allocated toward its operation.

10. South America. It was the desire of the General W.M.S. to be of some aid in the building of churches along the Magdalena River,

Columbia, South America; \$500.00 was allocated to the Nare church. An additional \$1,000.00 was allocated to the South America budget.

11. Lockwood Estate. The fund established as of the previous quadrennium known as Lockwood Estate is designated to be used as a revolving fund for pioneer churches. This has been employed as follows: Loan to Illinois Conference, two years interest free, Oak Lawn Church, \$1,200.00; (2) Peoria Church, \$8000.00. The first mentioned loan was refunded with one year's interest some months ago, and, on approval of the Board, loaned at once to Lockport Conference to aid the pioneer project in Cheektowaga near Buffalo, New York.

The above-mentioned projects, and funds raised for 1951—\$840,309.22 the general missionary work of the church totaled \$1,164,000.00 for the quadrennium. The Y.M.W.B. office reports quadrennial receipts of \$254,600.00, making a grand total of \$1,418,600.00.

Conclusion

Members of the W.M.S. Executive Board, five district organizers, 29 conference presidents, 926 local groups, and 21,780 members have made vital contributions to the success of an unprecedented quadrennium.

I have sought to faithfully represent the society on the missionary council twice each year, and the annual sessions of the Board of Administration. The W.M.S. Executive Board has met at various times during the quadrennium for regular business, with a number of quorum sessions caring for interim business. I had the privilege of attending the Writer's Institute in Chicago the first year of the quadrennium and the N.A.E. Convention in Cincinnati two years ago.

The Society has no liabilities; her assets are to be noted in the treasurer's report.

Faithfully submitted,

Ruby Reisdorph, President

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Thirteenth Quadrennium

June 1, 1951 to April 30, 1955

CASH

	Br't F'w'd	Rec'd	Disbursed	Balance
Home Missions		138,831.34	138,831.34	
Australia		22,769.12	22,769.12	
Hephzibah		21,027.35	21,027.35	
Foreign Missions	2,987.50	200,970.60	203,958.10	
Africa		83,206.66	83,206.66	
China		109.08	109.08	
Haiti		35,389.37	35,389.37	
India		54,685.06	54,685.06	
Japan		25,655.03	25,655.03	
South America		30,823.17	30,823.17	
Education		31,706.56	31,706.58	
Medical Student Fund	1,318.35	5,633.56	4,700.00	2,251.91
General Fund	2,533.97	65,847.09	64,042.68	4,338.38
General Administrative				
Fund		10,198.31	7,725.36	2,472.95
Miscellaneous	1,045.76	692.69	1,578.35	160.10
Foreign Evangelistic				
Tour (Reisdorph)		6,594.77	6,594.77	

Marion Property Fund	12,285.19	12,285.19	
Jewish Fund	19,009.05	19,009.05	
Puerto Rico	14,369.99	14,369.99	
Cuba	304.05	304.05	
Formosa	3,605.94	3,605.94	
Mexico	1,479.81	1,479.81	
Field Visitation			
Dr. R. S. Nicholson	787.39	500.00	287.39
Lockwood Legacy	1,280.00	1,280.00	
Russell Legacy	200.00	200.00	
Honorary Enrollment	5,525.95	5,525.95	
Mission Equipment Fund	3,423.41	2,000.00	1,423.41

TOTAL	\$7,885.58	\$796,410.56	\$793,362.00	\$10,934.14
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On Deposit Wachovia Bank & Trust Co.,	
High Point, N. C.	\$10,934.14
On Savings First Federal Savings & Loan.....	
Association, Charlotte, N. C. (Marion	
Property Fund)	\$8,466.54
GRAND TOTAL	\$19,400.68

VOUCHERS

Home	47,262.73
Australia	2,116.75
Hephzibah	12,907.58
Foreign	36,897.16
Africa	16,447.71
China	10.00
Haiti	13,766.22
India	3,853.28
Japan	3,078.24
South America	3,462.83
Education	32,957.00
Miscellaneous	190,974.50
Jewish Fund	1,197.44
Puerto Rico	1,290.92
Formosa	1,063.08
Honorary Enrollment	679.50
Total	\$367,964.94

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

By Cash	796,410.56
By Voucher	367,964.94
Grand Total of Receipts	\$1,164,375.50

BREAKDOWN OF CASH RECEIPTS BY YEARS

1951-52	\$164,132.40
1952-53	155,390.96
1953-54	231,778.64
1954-55	244,108.56
Total	\$796,410.56

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille H. Phaup
General Treasurer

Report No. 13

STATISTICAL REPORT OF Y.M.W.B.

1951-1955

Receipts	Foreign	Home	Education	Total
1951*	\$17,804.80	\$2,593.46	\$2,658.68	\$23,056.94
1952	47,788.58	7,215.90	5,236.99	60,241.47
1953	59,673.26	7,109.90	5,856.36	72,639.52
1954	55,284.45	7,926.31	6,374.53	69,585.29
1955**	23,044.45	4,437.45	1,629.58	22,111.47
Grand Total	\$203,595.54	\$29,283.02	\$21,756.14	\$254,634.69
*June-October. **To April 30.				

Comparison of Funds Received in Past Two Quadrenniums

	Foreign	Home	Education	Total
1951	\$171,014	\$21,451	\$17,466	\$209,933
1955	203,595	29,283	21,756	254,634

Special Projects Supported by Y.M.W.B. During Quadrennium

Jubilee Hospital	\$15,700
X-Ray for Africa	1,663
(Self-Denial Offering)	
Puerto Rico Church	2,444
India Operating Room	2,979
Nare Church (to date)	1,754
Brainerd Chapel (to date)	1,236
Haiti Hospital (to date)	3,820
(Self-Denial Offering)	

Eleventh Hour Advance Report

(July, 1953—June 15, 1955)

For Foreign Missions \$107,459

EXPENSE REPORT OF Y.M.W.B.

June, 1951-April, 1955

Balance on Hand June 1, 1951 \$ 233.27

Receipts

Reimbursed by F. R. Birch	\$ 983.07
Reimbursed by Alice Boyd	120.00
Reimbursed by L. H. Phaup	9,518.02
Bulletin Subscriptions	15.17

Total Receipts \$10,636.26

Disbursements

Rent	\$1,200.00
Office Help	1,011.20
Postage	638.54
Supplies and Equipment	823.53

Printing	4,350.52	
Telephone	270.86	
Travel	351.31	
*Miscellaneous	2,065.08	
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Total Expenses		\$ 10,711.04
Balance on Hand April 30, 1955		158.49
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		\$10,869.53.

*Including: Fuel, Electricity, 10% Refund, Bank Fees, Insurance, etc.

Aileen O. Shea

General Superintendent.

Report No. 14

REPORT OF THE SERVICEMEN'S DEPARTMENT TO THE QUADRENNIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

The work of the Servicemen's Department begun in December of 1950 has continued actively throughout the Quadrennium under the supervision of a Commission named by the Board of Administration as follows: Roy S. Nicholson, Chairman; Hollis C. Stevenson, Claude R. Rickman, Martin W. Cox, Claude Rigsbee, Clair Gleason, and Harold K. Sheets, Director. Financial reports have been presented to the Board of Administration monthly and at regular annual meetings. The work of the Department has been directed to servicemen of the United States of America. By common understanding our Canadian brethren have assumed responsibility for those of their own number in uniform.

Since the signing of the truce in Korea the size of American forces under arms has been progressively reduced. With these changes has come a tendency for friends and even loved ones to become less concerned in the interests and needs of those who are serving their term of duty. Yet our obligation to these men is unchanged. The need is equally great. Problems of morale are even greater than when there is a shooting war on. The devil has signed no truce. Moral and spiritual casualties continue.

Actually there has been a higher percentage of conversions and reports of definite spiritual help coming from the work of the Department since the peace-time status than before. This, in part, may be due to the newness of the endeavor in those early years.

This, however, does not seem to be the time to labor the need of this ministry. Brevity is essential. Moreover, there is now a sense in which you who are out across the church are able to evaluate for yourselves that which is being done through these contacts. During this Quadrennium young men have returned from military life to practically every village, town, and hamlet where the church is represented. The results should speak for themselves. Those of us who have been associated with the task are thoroughly persuaded of its value. Our people have indicated their interest and appreciation.

Approximately 4,000 men have been served with an average of ten or

twelve mailings to each man during his term of duty, not including periodicals. Correspondence incident to revising address lists, acknowledging new names, gifts, letters from the men, and passing on to adjacent pastors and servicemen information by which they may contact each other multiplies the letters which go out daily from the office.

The attached financial summary presents an idea of the scope of the operation. Costs have been cut to a bare minimum and indeed some streamlining of procedures has been necessary in the final year in order to attempt to operate the work in the black. It may be observed that an equating of administrative and office service expenses has not been possible during the past two years due to the reduced offerings. The W.Y. P.S. general administrative fund has borne the full weight of this obligation which, at a fixed minimum of \$60 per month now totals \$1,440.

I wish to pay tribute to the prayerful and efficient work of Mrs. Charles W. Carter who has served in the Department throughout the Quadrennium and deserves credit for faithful application to the details of correspondence, acknowledging gifts, bookkeeping, and otherwise doing much of the actual work of the office. It has been my pleasure to supervise selection of literature, dictate the letters to suit the various circumstances of the men, give personal attention to letters where counsel was sought and otherwise to dictate personally hundreds of letters in connection with the Service.

People have been kindly in spirit, have assured of their prayers, and thus the load has been lightened. The general church leaders have given their endorsement and their assistance where possible. Particular mention should be made of the helpful publicity from time to time arranged by our Editor, Dr. O. G. Wilson, through the columns of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST and the co-operative financial basis by which Dr. F. R. Eddy, Publishing Agent, and the Servicemen's Department have made the periodicals of the church available to any of the men in uniform who have indicated a desire for them.

Inasmuch as the free-will offering basis of finance seems to be deteriorating somewhat in the face of other budget supported functions of the church, it would seem that some consideration should be given to a more satisfactory means of caring for this ministry. A meeting of the Servicemen's Commission is being scheduled during the General Conference days, and it is hoped that prayerful study can be given to this problem and some suggestion or recommendation made. In the meantime your prayers are respectfully solicited, not only for the work of the Department, but for all of our men who have been called and will be called for their term of duty in military life.

Chief of Chaplains, Charles I. Carpenter of the United States Air Force, has recently made the statement that he considers the Armed Forces one of the greatest mission fields of the world. We do have a debt to these men who are away. May we never let it go by default. God help us to be faithful to them.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold K. Sheets, Director

QUADRENNIAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY

May 1, 1951-April 30, 1955

Servicemen's Department

The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America

124 West 39th Street, Marion, Indiana

Receipts

Balance, May 1st, 1951		\$ 796.16
Cash		
1951-52	\$3,624.29	
1952-53	4,717.46	
1953-54	2,028.29	
1954-55	1,672.01	
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		\$12,042.05
Receipts plus balance		\$12,838.21

Disbursements

Secretarial help	\$4,359.93	
Administrative and office service	1,743.00	
(Paid to W.Y.P.S. Administrative Fund)		
Printing and Supplies	1,183.33	
Literature	1,018.79	
Postage	1,734.47	
Wesleyan Periodicals	493.75	
Methodist Commission on Chaplains	75.00	
Social Security	67.35	
Japan-Korea Trip	500.00	
W.Y.P.S. (In and out transaction to adjust		
Youth Week Offering)	992.15	
Miscellaneous	88.67	
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		\$12,256.44

Balance on hand May 1st, 1955	\$ 581.77
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H. K. Sheets, Director

Report No. 15**REPORT OF THE WESLEYAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

The Wesleyan Men's Fellowship had its inception in the year 1951 under supervision of the Secretary of Foreign Missions, and in 1952 at the annual meeting of the Board of Administration its responsibility fell upon me.

There has been considerable interest and activity in the Fellowship on the part of the some of our Conferences and churches. However, many of our conference leaders have felt that the organization has been a superfluous and unneeded activity within their conferences due to its overlapping with various organizations of the Church.

Many of our churches have channeled funds through the Men's Fellowship for the departments of the Church, i.e., our colleges, Home and Foreign Missions, Child Evangelism, Service Men's Commission, General

Evangelism, and Missionary Communication. These funds have been dispersed as has been designated.

For some time it has been our conviction, and the conviction of others in our Denomination, that the Wesleyan Men's Fellowship should have as its emphasis the fellowship and evangelism of men without designation that the organization be an agency for raising and channeling funds for the various Church departments.

We believe that the Wesleyan Men's Fellowship in our denomination should be continued, and definite steps have been taken by the Board of Administration to improve the promotion of the Wesleyan Men's Fellowship.

Signed: Hollis C. Stevenson

REPORT OF THE WESLEYAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America 1954-55
Comparison of Receipts for Four Years

	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55
For Central College	\$10.00			
For Houghton College	21.50	34.00	35.00	35.00
For Marion College	11.51			
For Miltonvale College	10.00	13.50		
For Home Missionary Dept ..	123.28	69.37	82.00	72.65
For Foreign Missionary Dept.	806.77	557.16	437.18	337.15
For Child Evangelism		10.00	5.00	
For Service Men's Commission		15.00		
For General Evangelism			5.00	
For Missionary Communication			6.40	
Dues	334.97	116.75	124.00	19.26
Offerings	34.75	2.45		

Total Contributions ..	\$1,352.78	\$818.23	\$694.58	\$464.06
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Expenses for the Same Four Years

Stationery, postage, office expense	\$139.09	\$102.68	\$21.70	\$13.00
Auditing expense	20.00	20.00	16.50	23.75
Foreign Dept. (Additional)				36.06

Total Expenses	\$59.09	\$122.68	\$38.20	\$72.81
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Total Expenses from 1950 to May 31, 1955				\$909.78
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Grand Total all Expenses to May 15, 1955				\$982.58
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Grand Total Receipts (Dues and Offerings from 1950 to May 15, 1955)				\$1,044.83
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Allocated from Foreign Department contributions for expenses during first year of operation				\$381.87
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				\$1,426.70
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Less: Total Expenses	982.59
Cash Balance on hand	
May 15, 1955	\$444.11

Respectfully submitted,
H. C. Stevenson

Report No. 16

COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE OF CHURCH PROPERTY

After proper investigation of the matter, we would report that because of administration involved it would not seem practical or advisable to set up a denominational church and parsonage emergency aid fund.

This field is very well cared for in the types of insurance available through a variety of companies operating in this field.

This report would not, of course, preclude the possibility of a local conference establishing such a mutual aid plan if it were found feasible.

Respectfully submitted:

J. R. Swauger, Chairman
Paul L. Kindschi, Secretary;
John D. Williams,
E. D. Cheney,
Rudolph Nelson.

Report No. 17

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF HOUGHTON COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

June, 1951 to June, 1955

Mr. President and Brethren of the General Conference:

In the providence of God it is again our duty and pleasure to bring you a quadrennial report on conditions at Houghton College and Seminary. This report deals with the period from May 1, 1951 to April 30, 1955.

Enrollment

Dealing first with the item of enrollment, we remind you that the preceding quadrennium saw the college facing, in the years immediately following the close of World War II, its heaviest demand insofar as student registration was concerned. The school year 1948-49 brought the peak enrollment of 878 students in the College and Preparatory School combined. The enrollment then began to recede as the accumulated backlog of potential students was cared for, and for 1950-51, the closing year of the quadrennium, it had dropped to 871.

The figures on campus population for the quadrennium just closed are given in the following chart:

Enrollment Summary Table

Year	In College	In High School	Total	Ministerial Course	Christian Workers' C.	College Grads. June & Aug.
1951-52	615	33	648	78	17	160

1952-53	599	49	648	46	20	113
1953-54	582	52	634	31	26	124
1954-55	592	34	626	20	20	126

These figures reveal that the total enrollment has showed a tendency to level off at a point from 625 to 650 this quadrennium. Considering the college by itself, the school year 1953-54 brought a low point of 582, with 1954-55 showing a modest up-turn.

Financial Condition

A time of gradually decreasing enrollment tends to be a time of stress in the matter of funds for current operation, for it is difficult to readjust the size of faculty and other items of fixed overhead downward to compensate for the shrinking of income. To this factor, which has been operative at Houghton College during the past four years, can be added the stress of a major building campaign with its tendency to curtail gifts for current expense, at the same time causing added pressures on the operating budget. We present herewith a table indicating the financial condition of the school through the quadrennium just closed.

Table Showing Yearly Financial Condition

Year	Land, Bldgs. & Equipment	Endowment Except Plant	Excess of Plant and	
			Notes, Mortgages & Bonds Payable	Endowment Assets Over Liabilities
1951-52	\$1,005,129.68	\$30,023.28	\$145,200.00	\$889,952.96
1952-53	1,060,961.43	45,181.35	143,000.00	963,142.78
1953-54	1,100,926.64	40,059.82	133,300.00	1,007,686.46
1954-55	1,138,650.64	50,279.24	126,875.00	1,062,054.88

Year	Current Income	Current Expense	Current Net Loss	Current Net Gain
1951-52	\$608,453.75	\$600,255.70	0.00	\$8,198.05
1952-53	643,773.17	657,204.61	13,413.44	0.00
1953-54	632,005.08	644,648.45	12,643.37	0.00
1954-55	665,693.57	653,970.74	0.00	13,421.98

By comparing some of these figures with the corresponding figures for 1950-51, the closing year of the preceding quadrennium, we can gain an impression of the trend of the financial picture. The figure for land, buildings, and equipment at the beginning of the quadrennium was \$966,096.29. Thus the increase during the quadrennium has been \$172,554.35. The indebtedness has decreased from \$159,278.50 to \$126,875.00. The excess of assets over indebtedness has increased from \$829,165.83 to \$1,062,054.88, an improvement of \$232,889.05. Buildings are valued at actual cost. These figures, it seems to us, show God's blessing in the growth of the school for the past four years.

In the matter of current funds, it will be noted that the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 saw current losses. As a result the college has faced somewhat of a crisis in this area during 1954-55. We closed the summer of 1954 with a deficit (college and seminary combined) of \$26,611.88. There were outstanding accounts payable on August 31, 1954, of \$18,593.47 and it had been necessary for us to borrow up to \$28,500.00.

A program of emergency economics was inaugurated and an appeal was sent out to 1,000 of the colleges "inner circle" asking for \$10.00 apiece toward the current deficit. The response was immediate and gratifying. More than \$10,000 was received. This, coupled with some \$2,348.20 re-

ceived through the honorary enrollment drive of the Woman's Missionary Society, plus a slight enrollment improvement at the college, has helped us to close the year with a current gain of \$13,421.98. But more and more the need of a permanently increased support in gifts for current expenses is an apparent "must."

Growth of Plant

The two most significant developments in the matter of plant assets during the quadrennium have been the completion of the center wing of East Hall women's dormitory and the putting into service of our new playing grounds, known as Alumni Field. Both of these projects were under construction at the time of our last quadrennial report.

Alumni Field

For many years the running track and athletic field have been on campus in the area which now lies between the Luckey Memorial Building and Bedford Gymnasium. When the Luckey Building was planned for its present location, it was evident that this would spoil the outfield for the baseball diamond, and thus to all intents and purposes constitute an end for the then-used athletic field. The purple-gold baseball game played on April 23, 1941, was the last to be played on the old field. On the following day, excavation was begun on the new administration and library building to be known as the Luckey Memorial.

In June, 1948, the Alumni Association voted to undertake the project of raising funds for the construction of a new athletic field. The Steese farm had previously been secured with this purpose in mind, and the Camp Meeting Association had co-operated by deeding to the college an additional tract of land sufficient to provide the needed area. Funds continued to be raised for the construction of the athletic field and actual work was in progress from time to time concurrently with the East Hall Dormitory project.

By the spring of 1954 the new turf was sufficiently developed so that the first baseball game was played on Alumni Field between the varsity and freshman squads on May 25, 1954, this being the first to be played in Houghton in thirteen years. During these years the purple-gold baseball games had all been played in Fillmore or Rushford. The new field provides facilities for baseball, touch football, and track, and is near enough to the campus to be used by the classes in physical education.

East Hall Women's Dormitory

The center and original wing of our new dormitory for women was under construction at the time of our last General Conference, the work having been started on June 6, 1950. At just about the time the 1951 General Conference convened, with some \$200,000 already expended on the building and with available monies overspent by some \$8,000, the construction was discontinued for a period of six months, during which time the deficit was overcome and some \$10,000 was accumulated toward the completion of the building.

Construction was resumed in January, 1952. By the following September the two top floors were ready for occupancy, and by Homecoming in October the second floor was turned over to its new tenants, who had been patiently waiting in the Dow Hall Cottage on the campgrounds.

By October 31, 1952, the building fund had been overspent by \$15,000 and it looked as though we would again need to stop for breath. Then it was that the denominational Thanksgiving offering came to our rescue. The seven conferences of the Houghton area contributed some \$9,000

through this channel, greatly strengthening our hands and hearts. We proceeded with a small force of good craftsmen and by the fall of 1953 were able to dedicate this building housing nearly one hundred students, all completed except for certain basement features.

Thus was brought to a successful conclusion, by the help of God, the greatest single capital addition to our plant, a building costing \$268,063.46, with equipment costing \$20,679.25. When the dormitory was dedicated, on October 24, 1953, the lounge furniture remained still to be purchased. These furnishings were installed in the spring of 1954.

Academic Matters

In the fall of 1951 the college was re-examined by the Regents of New York State and the official registration of our courses was continued by the State Department of Education.

In the spring of 1953 the school's accreditation by the Middle States Association was reviewed and an evaluation committee under the chairmanship of Dean Stanton C. Crawford of the University of Pittsburgh visited the campus. The committee were very sympathetic and fair. Their report listed a number of items in which it was felt our practices could be improved. The two most important of these were deemed by the Commission on Higher Institutions to be of sufficient weight so that the Commission voted to extend the accreditation of Houghton College for two years only, pending a report on the progress being made toward a solution of the problems involved.

Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Seminary

The first of these two items had to do with the maintenance of a preparatory school by the college. The visiting committee observed that as our books were then set up, it appeared that the maintenance of the preparatory school was costing the college about \$10,000 annually. They were not greatly impressed by statements made by the administration as to the importance of having a Christian high school in this community for use by families of the church desiring to send their young people to a Christian school. Their recommendation was that the preparatory school become self-sustaining or be dropped and the funds utilized for more essential items in the college. A period of two years was given in which this problem was to be approached with some successful solution.

Upon receipt of this statement relative to Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Seminary, the Local Board of Managers set up a special committee under the chairmanship of Dean Arthur W. Lynip to bring in a recommended course of action looking to the placing of the preparatory school upon an independent basis financially and generally insofar as ties with Houghton College are concerned. Growing out of these recommendations and by basic action of the Executive Board of the Board of Administration, the management of the preparatory school has been placed in the hands of a Board of Directors composed of seven men, whose actions are subject to review by the Local Board of Managers.

The Rev. J. Walden Tysinger has accepted an invitation by the Directors to serve as President of the preparatory school. The Syracuse board has approved a recommendation that the name of the school be changed from Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Seminary to Houghton Academy. A promotional plan is being instituted for the securing of students and financial support. The college and Houghton Academy are working out the terms of their financial co-operation for the immediate future, looking toward ultimate independence of these two units.

The General Conference of 1951, in adopting the report of its Committee on Education, declared, "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" (Minutes, p. 263). It is to be hoped that the efforts being made to conserve to the church the preparatory school at Houghton may in God's providence prove successful.

Prominence of the Local Board of Managers

The second basic criticism of the Middle States committee lay in the area of college organization and administrative structure. The statement was made, "The Board of Administration of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America (which is the Board of Trustees of Houghton College and of the other colleges in the Wesleyan Methodist Church) should consider delegating more authority to the Local Board of Managers."

The chairman of the Commission, in conversation with us after their report had been made, stated that the Commission did not object to the Wesleyan Methodist Church retaining basic control of the college, but it was felt that the college needed or would need the strength which could be obtained by having its own board of control, and that for the Local Board of Managers to function as such it needed to be assigned regularly a more prominent place in the management of the college.

Accordingly the Local Board of Managers of Houghton College worked out a proposed disciplinary revision which it was felt would give to the local boards of managers somewhat greater responsibilities while specifically safeguarding to the Board of Administration (1) Ownership of the schools, (2) The right of review of all actions, and (3) The right of initial jurisdiction. This plan was checked betimes with our denominational leaders and was read to the Board of Administration at its meeting in June, 1954, and received by them. It has been studied by the leaders of our three other colleges. It is now among the proposed revisions for study by this General Conference.

After we had made a detailed written report to the Commission on what has been done during the two years since the visit of their committee, I conferred on March 3, 1955, with Dean Stanton Crawford the committee chairman. He had read our report and stated that he was confident the Commission would approve what had been done, including our proposals to the General Conference. He said that it was his hope that the Commission would renew our accreditation unconditionally but that they might wish to see first what would be the action of the General Conference. This latter turned out to be the course taken by the Commission, and so the matter is now pending.

Spiritual Matters

Generally speaking the quadrennium has been one of spiritual blessing. The fall of 1951 saw a blessed outpouring of revival grace which sent scores of students out to witness and was thus used of God to kindle similar fires in many other places. The following year was one of much testing. More recently there has been a return of more evident blessing and freedom, with many finding the Lord in our church services and in the chapel.

The annual fall missionary conventions, sponsored by the students, have been a source of much blessing. The Student Foreign Missions

Fellowship is currently raising a budget of some \$8,000 yearly and is helping with the salaries of eight of our alumni who are on various foreign mission fields.

We give God thanks for the good providences of the quadrennium and we trust him for the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen W. Paine, President

Report No. 18

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL COLLEGE

In general the private colleges in America have experienced some difficulties during the last four years, and Central has been no exception. God's marvelous grace and generous assistance have been most gracious, and some progress has been made. Central is indebted to the Board of Trustees, the Board of Managers, the faculty, the pastors, and the constituency for the loyalty and splendid spirit of cooperation that have been obvious.

Enrollment

The great influx of students for training under the G. I. bill for veterans of World War II has come to a close. The total registrations for the four years of the quadrennium have been as follows: 1951-1952—266; 1952-1953—253; 1953-1954—215; and 1954-1955—212. This gives an average of 236 as the total enrollment for the quadrennium. It is significant that the college enrollment for the quadrennium has been the highest in Central's history, and the increase in college enrollment for the academic year which closed June 6, 1955, amounted to 17 per cent. Obviously, regional accreditation for the college has had a good effect on enrollment for the college department.

Finances

The operating gain for the quadrennium amounts to \$2743.36. During the fiscal year which ended April 30, 1954, there was a serious operating deficit. However, the auditors found us in the black by a margin of \$3828.50 for the fiscal year which closed April 30, 1955. This was made possible by three particular measures as follows: a slight increase in tuition, the honorary enrollment plan, and an increase of 50 cents per member for educational budget for six of the seven Southern Conferences.

While Central has not been in a major building program for the quadrennium, yet the contributions for building and equipment have amounted to \$48,988.63. The net increase in net investment in plant has amounted to \$34,649.73, while the net business gain for the quadrennium has amounted to \$37,393.09.

Material Improvements

In 1953 a new wing to McDonald Hall, a dormitory for women, was constructed at a cost of approximately \$29,000. This wing furnishes housing for 24 additional girls and also supplies a large reception room for the dormitory. Furniture for the new wing was provided by the W.M.S. and amounted to approximately \$1800.

A new chemistry laboratory and a new biology laboratory were constructed in the basement of the Administration Building. It has been estimated that the value of these two laboratories is not less than \$10,000. Laboratory equipment previously owned by Kletzing College, which was

a four year college, was purchased at a cost of approximately \$1000, and this additional equipment has enabled us to offer a course in college physics.

Twenty-one new Royal typewriters and one new electric adding machine were added to the commercial department at a cost of \$3584.86. An attractive office for the librarian has been added at the Bridwell Building, and a workroom for the library has been constructed.

The college kitchen has been improved by the addition of a large walk-in cooler with a deep freeze unit at a cost of \$2250, a new gas range at a cost of \$1175, the installation of a dish washing machine previously obtained from the government, and a new tile floor. A student center is now being constructed in the basement of the dining room.

A new Baldwin organ, which retails for approximately \$3000, has been added to the college chapel. The organ adds to the spirit of worship in the chapel services and in other religious services, and the private lessons in organ meet a long-standing need in Central's music curriculum.

Other material improvements include fire escapes for the Administration Building and Childs Hall; new microscopes for the biology laboratory; fluorescent lights for the commercial room, biology and chemistry laboratories and one classroom; tape recorder, record player with earphones for the library; redecoration of the basement of the Administration Building; an audio-visual room for instructional purposes; and development of an infirmary with equipment.

A beef herd, consisting of 15 head of cattle, is now on the farm. Pickens County Highway Department has constructed a hard-surface highway leading from the corner of the west end of the campus to join the national highway near the town of Central; and, in accordance with a pencil sketch for a long-range program for development of the campus, has graded a street on the north side of the campus approximately one third mile in length.

Regional Accreditation

After several years of intensive effort by teachers and school officials, on November 30, 1954, both the high school and junior college were fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Meeting the 17 standards of accreditation as a junior college required intensive effort, and many labored to make this accomplishment possible. The experience in meeting the standard has resulted in a better school. Of the four white junior colleges in the state, two of which are Baptist, one Methodist and one Wesleyan Methodist, Central is the only one fully accredited.

Effort is now being put forth to have the theology department accredited by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges and Bible Institutes, which is the national accrediting agency for Bible colleges.

Other Progress

Largely as a result of an intensive campaign for the library, approximately 4000 books have been added to the library during the quadrennium, and the number of volumes is now more than 8000, which is the minimum requirement for accredited Bible colleges.

The faculty members have sacrificially gone forward with their preparation. One faculty member now holds the Ph. D., and another has finished residence requirements for that degree. Each of the two teachers scheduled to teach in the field of religion next year, hold the B.D., and one holds the Th.M. in addition. All college teachers hold the Masters de-

gree or the equivalent.

The number of years of graduate study by the faculty at the close of the quadrennium was 13, as compared with 7 at the close of the previous quadrennium and 3 at the close of the quadrennium in 1947.

The average salary of a faculty member at the close of the quadrennium is \$2638, as compared with an average salary of \$2422 at the close of the previous quadrennium.

Teachers have also been assisted during the quadrennium by provision for Social Security, group hospital insurance, in-service training program, faculty tenure, and a sick leave. A faculty constitution has been adopted and makes for greater efficiency in administration.

The following measures have been provided for the benefit of the students: infirmary, college nurse, student council, and guidance program.

The Spiritual

The Lord has given Central some very gracious revivals during the quadrennium. The added emphasis on the cause of missions is also significant. For the first time in Central's history, she has arranged to support a foreign missionary. The first year's salary has already been sent to the Foreign Mission Department, and there is on hand more than enough to pay the second year's salary. Youth Week this year took the nature of a great missionary convention with seven foreign missionaries appearing on the program. Earnest prayer is hereby requested that in all our efforts to make improvements, the Lord may be given first place.

Facing The Future

With full accreditation both for the high school and college, with the impending tidal wave of students expected to swell enrollments of American high schools and colleges during the next decade, and with faith in Almighty God, Central looks to the future with courage. The Greater Central Campaign for \$175,000 is being launched in earnest next fall. The funds are for the purpose of meeting the following needs: removal of present indebtedness \$15,000; new books for the library \$3000; construction of a music building and chapel \$150,000; and other improvements \$7000. Another great objective is accreditation of the Bible College.

Central can succeed only as God's people prevail in prayer for her material, academic and spiritual progress.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. Mullinax, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR QUADRENNIUM ENDING April 30, 1955

The following financial summary for the quadrennium is based on audit reports made by J. Harlon Riggins and Company, accountants and auditors, and signed by J. Harlon Riggins, Certified Public Accountant.

BALANCE SHEET

April 30, 1955

ASSETS

Current Fund

Cash on hand and in bank

\$6,002.44

Accounts receivable	12,742.45	
Due from Plant Fund	4,611.66	
Inventories		
Dining hall	\$463.32	
Farm products	2,208.00	
Supplies	187.50	
Bookstore	2,085.40	4,944.22
Total current assets		\$28,300.77

Annuity Fund

Due from Plant Fund		12,350.00
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Plant Fund

Investment in plant		
Land	4,980.00	
Building	228,553.19	
Furniture and fixtures	41,028.06	
Water system	12,000.00	
Miscellaneous equipment	7,470.75	294,032.00
		<u>\$334,682.77</u>

LIABILITIES**Current Fund**

Accounts payable	8,840.50	
Accrued expenses	234.00	
Reserve for new equipment	2,399.13	
Grants for student loans	400.00	
Surplus—see Exhibit B.	16,427.14	\$28,300.77

Annuity Fund

Annuity contracts		\$12,350.00
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Plant Fund

Mortgage notes payable	18,140.78	
Due to Annuity Fund	12,350.00	
Due to Current Fund	4,611.66	
Net investment in plant	258,929.56	294,032.00
		<u>\$334,682.77</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET INVESTMENT IN PLANT**Quadrennium Ending April 30, 1955**

Total fixed assets per balance....		
sheet, previous report		
April 30, 1951	\$245,590.25	
Building Fund cash at.....		
April 30, 1951	3,789.70	
Total		\$249,379.95
Less		
Mortgage notes payable		
April 30, 1951		
Easley Bank	10,000.00	
Other	4,000.12	

Due to Annuity Fund	11,100.00	25,100.12
Net investment in plant, April 30, 1951		\$224,279.83
Additions during current quadrennium		
Building Fund contributions ..	\$41,286.69	
Less expenses incurred	14,338.90	26,947.79
Contributions from current fund		1,468.88
Current Fund capital outlay		
expenditures	4,789.85	
Contributions for capital outlay		
expenditures	1,443.21	34,649.73
Net investment in plant April 30, 1955		\$258,929.56
Net increase in net investment in Plant		\$34,649.73

STATEMENT OF CURRENT FUND REVENUES

Quadrennium Ending April 30, 1955

Student Income

Tuition			
General	\$83,582.19		
Music	17,882.83	\$101,465.02	
Fees			
Registration	1,756.00		
Student activity	4,376.00		
Library	3,540.95		
Other	5,681.17	15,345.12	
Piano and typewriter rents		3,964.99	\$120,784.13

Auxiliary Enterprises

Dormitories	36,811.00		
Dining Hall	140,680.35		
Farm and garden	9,262.87		
Rental income	11,308.28		
Water system	5,157.58	\$203,220.08	

Gifts

Contributions		\$2,971.20	
Educational budget			
Alabama	\$6,063.14		
North Carolina	35,248.34		
South Carolina	17,313.81		
Florida	884.65		
North Georgia	2,414.48		
South Georgia	2,788.52		
Tennessee	3,784.27	\$68,497.21	\$71,468.41

Other Income

Net income from bookstore	234.83		
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Choir	5,450.13	
Other music groups	4,154.54	
Miscellaneous	1,310.22	11,149.72
Total Revenues		\$406,622.34

STATEMENT OF CURRENT FUND EXPENDITURES

Quadrennium Ending April 30, 1955

General and Administrative

Administrative and office salaries	\$41,564.13	
Board meeting and travel	4,073.62	
Postage, telephone and telegraph	2,615.13	
Office supplies and printing	5,098.47	
Choir expense	5,187.54	
Other music groups expense	5,270.43	
Sundry administrative expense	4,008.33	\$67,817.65

Educational

Instructional salaries	117,816.52	
School and laboratory supplies ..	4,120.43	
Scholarships	7,597.29	
Athletics	968.91	
Library books	2,407.93	
Other library expense	4,335.39	
Commencement expense	2,120.72	
Publications	3,089.12	\$142,456.31

Operation and Maintenance

Fuel, lights and water	5,760.84	
Janitors salaries	5,475.93	
Janitors supplies	2,993.63	
Building repairs	9,343.49	
Campus maintenance	3,352.36	
Insurance	7,135.72	
Other maintenance expense	150.36	\$34,212.33

Debt Service

Interest on notes	2,119.72	
Interest on annuities	2,583.89	4,703.61

Capital, Outlay

Subtotal (carried forward) ..	\$1,689.88
Subtotal (brought forward) ..	\$250,879.78
	\$250,879.78

Expense of Auxiliary Agencies**Dormitories**

Salaries	\$5,055.02	
Fuel, lights and water	14,102.13	
Telephone	320.31	
Supplies and miscellaneous	585.43	\$20,062.89

Dining Hall

Salaries	32,443.62	
Foodstuffs	76,246.15	
Fuel, lights and water	4,212.37	

Supplies and other miscellaneous	3,329.57	116,231.71	
Labor	2,362.21		
Farm Other expenses	5,843.13	8,205.34	
Rental property Repairs	1,199.89		
Other expenses	64.66	1,264.55	
Water system Purchases of water for resale ..	1,666.33		
Other expenses	364.05	2,030.38	\$147,794.87
Other Expenses			
Pension fund		342.50	
Infirmary		880.91	
Contribution to Plant Fund		1,468.88	
Social Security Taxes		1,972.20	
Miscellaneous		539.84	5,204.33
Total Expenditures			\$403,878.98
Net Operating Gain for Quadrrennium			\$2,743.36
Net Increase in Net Investment in Plant During Quadrrennium			\$34,649.73
Net Operating Gain for the Quadrrennium			2,743.36
Net Business Gain for the Quadrrennium			37,393.09

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. Mullinax, Treasurer

Report No. 19

QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT MILTONVALE WESLEYAN COLLEGE, MILTONVALE, KANSAS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE JUNE 1955

The commencement season this spring marked the close of the 46th year of service of Miltonvale Wesleyan College to the church. The Lord, whose guiding hand has been upon the school during these years, deserves great credit for the achievements and progress made.

It has been my privilege to serve the school as acting-president the first year of the quadrennium and as president during the past three years. I have found the tasks connected with this responsibility to be new and varied and at times exceedingly complex. I feel greatly indebted to the staff and members of our constituency for their loyal support and cooperation.

Religious Life:

In keeping with the original objectives of the institution we have endeavored to maintain a wholesome spiritual environment on the campus.

The regularly scheduled periods of revival have contributed greatly toward the realization of this goal. We have been privileged to enjoy the ministry of the following as evangelists: Rev. Charles Wilson, Rev. Forrest Gearhart, Rev. Gerald Carry, Rev. Lowell Gilger, Rev. Lon Woodrum, Rev. Martin Cox, Rev. H. Robb French, and Rev. George Failing. Though far removed from our denominational headquarters we have been favored likewise with the ministry of several of our denominational officials: Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, Dr. O. G. Wilson, Dr. J.R. Swauger, and Dr. H. K. Sheets.

A series of Area conventions have been held on the campus during the quadrennium. These have served to bring a host of young people, pastors, and laymen to the campus and have been a source of spiritual uplift as well as an excellent avenue of promotion for the school. It was our happy privilege to serve as host to the denominational leaders conference in 1953.

A new impetus was given to the religious life on the campus by the adoption of a student sponsored missionary project in the fall of 1952. Raising the field support for Miss Betty Nelle Freeborn, an alumnus of the college, was the first phase of the project. The next year it was expanded to include the same support for Miss Lois Sheridan.

Believing that a Christian College should provide "Training in Service" rather than merely "Training for Service," a full program of student participation in gospel team work has been maintained. In the past three years during which accurate records have been kept, students have participated in a total of 1448 services or an average of 383 per year.

Academic Program:

The most singular achievement in this area was the full accreditation of the junior college by the Kansas State Department of Education in the spring of 1952. Since that date the college has been in a much more favorable position to offer our youth the type and quality of program they desire.

During the past three years the college has offered the community a valuable service in the form of an elementary teacher training program. A large percentage of those who have been enrolled in this program have been or are still teaching in elementary schools in the immediate area. New standards which call for a degree for elementary teachers in the near future have necessitated a shift in this program to a pre-education curriculum.

The college library which underwent complete reorganization during the summer of 1950 has been expanded from 3500 volumes to 5500 volumes. A program of continued expansion toward a goal of 10,000 volumes is in the planning for the next quadrennium.

A beginning offering in the college in the field of business education was made last year. Plans are underway for an expansion of this program to a full two year course this fall. It gives promise of being a very worthwhile program.

Our enrollments for the quadrennium reveal a decline over those of the previous quadrennium when an all time high of 240 was reached. A recent national survey of college enrollments during the past four years shows an 18% gain in enrollments nation-wide for institutions of higher learning while evangelical Christian institutions only show an increase of one-third of one percent for the same period. This situation is of great concern to us as we face the future and the predictions of sharp increases in the number of college age youth during the next ten years. 'How

can we interest more of our Wesleyan youth to attend our church schools?" is a question that must be given careful consideration by laymen, pastors, and educators alike in the immediate future.

A second matter of concern to us grows out of the increasing difficulty Christian colleges are having in securing qualified teaching staff. This problem has been particularly critical with us during the past three years. Some relief seems to be in sight as we plan with young people who are now in training but here again we feel the problem is such as to call for united cooperation of pastors, laymen, and educators, first, to urge more of our young people to prepare for this type of service and second, to create circumstances in our schools which will be conducive to encouraging these young people to make this type of service a career.

Expansion and Promotion:

The college expansion program begun in the previous quadrennium reached its peak in the completion of the gymnasium auditorium in the fall of 1951. This beautiful building is serving a great many uses and has proved to be a wonderful asset to the entire program. It was constructed at a cost of \$77,789.84. The present indebtedness stands at \$5500 exclusive of endowment loans.

Friends of the college who have visited the campus since the fall of 1953 have rejoiced with us over city street improvement program which has resulted in the hard surfacing of part or all of thirteen blocks bordering on the campus. Friends have responded generously in helping us meet our assessments on this project.

Of great significance to the college, though not a part of our expansion program, will be the completion of the new F. C. Hill Memorial Church. Construction was begun in the summer of 1954 and at this date the building is nearly enclosed. The Miltonvale church is the last of our four college communities to have a separate house of worship. We look forward to the completion of this project and the contribution it will make to the spiritual life of the campus.

In the spring of 1953 the college secured the services of Rev. Martin Cox as full time Director of Public Relations. Since that date considerable time, effort, and finance have been expended in selling the program of Christian education to the people of the Miltonville College area. Even yet it is too early to accurately evaluate the returns from this program, nevertheless, the improvement of relations between the school and constituency, the increase in contributions particularly this past year, and the keen interest on the part of an expanding list of student prospects are indications that the program is paying off.

With an eye to being prepared to meet tomorrow's needs further expansion of the program and the plant is being planned. To assist the administration and board in these plans a special layman's committee to be known as the College Development Committee was created this spring. The group will serve in an advisory capacity to the local board of managers and will be largely concerned with long range planning for the college.

If the Lord tarries we have the feeling that the days immediately ahead may provide the greatest challenge in meeting the needs of our youth of any since the college was founded. To the end that we may satisfactorily discharge our sacred trust we humbly solicit your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Wesley L. Knapp

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MILTONVALE WESLEYAN COLLEGE QUADRENNIAL REPORT

May 1, 1951 to April 30, 1955

Receipts and Income

	1951—1952	1952—1953	1953—1954	1954—1955	Total
Tuition and Fees	\$24,346.06	\$27,571.62	\$29,437.27	\$27,973.27	\$109,328.22
Budget	12,792.37	14,469.17	13,711.74	15,295.61	56,268.89
Contributions	9,262.33	6,369.04	6,928.68	9,874.66	32,434.71
Promotional	1,420.46	2,455.01	4,752.63	4,153.69	12,781.79
Dormitories	9,173.86	9,158.08	9,076.60	8,669.06	36,077.60
Dining Hall	29,599.87	25,866.59	26,097.78	23,914.87	105,479.11
Bookstore, Inn, Rent	11,353.79	6,748.74	7,837.92	6,584.08	32,524.53
Miscellaneous	265.77	446.04	265.68	356.63	1,334.12
Endowment Loan Interest	1,731.08	2,023.87	2,435.92	2,361.01	8,551.88
Interest on Revenue Property	4,627.69	4,662.57	5,005.92	5,000.01	19,296.19
Total	\$104,573.28	\$99,770.73	\$105,550.14	\$104,182.89	\$414,077.04
Building Program	70,006.29	12,693.86	7,147.89	4,942.97	94,791.01
Total	\$174,579.57	\$112,464.59	\$112,698.03	\$109,125.86	\$508,868.05

Disbursements and Expense

Adm. and General:

Adm. Salaries and Expense	\$8,716.05	\$9,183.96	\$6,991.88	\$7,551.12	\$32,443.01
Board Meetings	1,396.08	870.91	904.59	1,175.25	4,346.83
Office and Labor Expense	2,002.51	1,919.57	1,002.85	1,598.74	6,523.67
Promotional	3,472.89	6,058.73	11,552.94	10,994.42	32,078.98
Other	1,064.98	629.69	882.56	918.77	3,496.00
Total	\$16,652.51	\$18,662.86	\$21,334.82	\$22,238.30	\$78,888.49

Instructional:

Teachers' Salaries	\$28,363.85	\$30,109.03	\$31,624.28	\$30,225.33	\$120,322.49
Library	2,746.74	3,115.16	3,081.37	3,868.56	12,811.83
Supplies	1,561.59	1,182.15	3,010.90	2,799.82	8,554.46
Total	\$32,672.18	\$34,406.34	\$37,716.55	\$36,893.71	\$141,688.78

Operational:

Maintenance—Repairs	\$1,671.03	\$1,198.32	\$1,473.38	\$1,054.29	\$5,397.02
Utilities and Insurance	1,262.96	1,053.09	763.64	1,215.79	4,295.48
Gym Interest and Expense	1,509.73	2,601.88	2,465.61	2,065.55	8,642.77
Janitors, Care of Grounds	1,625.17	1,439.20	1,716.48	1,616.79	6,397.64
Equipment		1,891.01	3,850.98	805.88	6,547.87
Total	\$6,068.89	\$8,183.50	\$10,270.09	\$6,758.30	\$31,280.78

Auxiliary Enterprises:

Dormitories	\$9,216.65	\$10,478.66	\$8,288.45	\$9,320.61	\$37,304.37
Dining Hall	21,658.72	17,769.86	19,176.91	19,094.05	77,699.54
Bookstore, Inn, Rent	11,171.23	6,257.38	8,112.11	6,297.23	31,837.95
Total	\$42,046.60	\$34,505.90	\$35,577.47	\$34,711.89	\$146,841.86

Non-Educational:

Tuition Discounts	\$673.40	\$424.73	\$1,066.32	\$916.00	\$3,080.45
Scholarships	410.00	394.38	491.25	646.00	1,941.63
Annuity Interest & Expense	117.40	859.33	1,005.59	1,200.93	3,183.25
Total	\$1,200.80	\$1,678.44	\$2,563.16	\$2,762.93	\$8,205.33
Total Current Expense	\$98,640.98	\$97,437.04	\$107,462.09	\$103,365.13	\$406,905.24
Building Program	69,850.15	13,480.26	6,682.56	5,321.79	95,334.76
Total	\$168,491.13	\$110,917.30	\$114,144.65	\$108,686.92	\$502,240.00
Current Loss or Gain	\$5,932.30	\$2,333.69	\$1,911.95	\$817.76	\$7,171.80
Change in Building Program	\$156.14	—\$786.40	\$465.33	—\$378.82	—\$543.75

Assets		
Current Funds		
	4/30/51	4/30/55
Cash	\$1,906.95	\$2,893.60
Accounts and Notes Receivable	7,992.54	15,439.67
Inventories	2,681.71	4,918.98
Dues from Other Funds	2,346.08	821.79
Total	\$14,927.34	\$24,074.04
Plant Funds		
Cash	1,105.66	454.42
Campus & Lots	2,000.00	4,868.12
Administration Building	40,000.00	40,000.00
Annex	19,455.92	19,480.92
Gymnasium	35,020.85	93,871.00
Workshop	759.46	759.46
Hill Cottage	5,000.00	5,000.00
Hill Crest	4,000.00	4,000.00
College Inn & Bookstore	4,591.84	4,804.58
Abbott Hall	20,000.00	20,000.00
Gather House	7,958.25	7,958.25
Girls Dormitory	52,195.52	52,573.91
Henney House	5,000.00	5,000.00
Jones House	3,500.00	3,500.00
Johnson Apartments	3,728.39	3,228.39
Equipment	30,079.99	48,167.73
Less Endowment Funds in Plant	16,993.41	33,228.39
Total	\$217,402.47	\$280,438.39
Loan Funds		
Cash	\$2,757.47	\$2,482.06
Stocks	150.00	2,155.00
Endowment in Plant	16,993.41	33,228.39
Loan Notes Receivable	10,758.95	13,005.22
Total	30,659.83	50,870.67
Total All Assets	\$262,989.64	\$355,383.10

Liabilities		
Current Funds		
Accounts & Notes Payable	\$1,084.65	\$5,107.25
Unearned Tuition and Fees	3,755.12	5,773.84
Reserves	213.10	10,606.68
Surplus	9,874.47	2,586.27
Total	\$14,927.34	\$24,074.04
Plant Funds		
Notes and Mortgage Payable	11,492.82	5,500.00
Due Other Funds	2,330.80	4,599.30

Endowment Funds in Plant	16,993.41	
Reserves	109.30	
Net Investment in Plant	186,476.14	270,339.09
Total	\$217,402.47	\$280,438.39
Loan Funds		
Student Loan Control	1,238.68	2,631.43
Endowment Principal	28,271.15	29,489.24
Annuities	1,150.00	18,750.00
Total	30,659.83	50,870.67
Total All Liabilities	\$262,989.64	\$355,383.10

Milton Wirt, Treasurer

Report No. 20

MARION COLLEGE, MARION, INDIANA QUADRENNIAL FINANCIAL REPORT

MAY 1, 1951 THRU APRIL 30, 1955

To the Board of Administration and Members of the General Conference:

It is with a thankful heart that this quadrennial report is presented to you. Thanksgiving and praise to the Lord for enabling Marion College to carry on and enlarge her Campus and scope of work. Thankful for the support and patience given the Treasurer and Business Manager by President McConn, the Faculty and Staff. Thankful for the faithful support of the Alumni and constituency. Thankful that the ever present Holy Spirit has led in this my first quadrennium as Treasurer and Business Manager of Marion College and to Him all praise be given for what has been accomplished.

As we look over this report there are a number of things I wish to point out.

Starting with the Statement of Assets, it is found that the cash on hand is \$23,000, less than four years ago. This is due to the fact that the College income was less than the expense for the first year of this quadrennium and had been the same the last year of the last quadrennium. It took some time for an institution the size of Marion College to get things in balance. Had it not been for the extra cash on hand and the cash reserve of \$16,637 the College would have been in hard straights indeed.

During the four years the Campus Outlay has increased \$33,877, and of course much of the cash has gone into the following items.

The Campus has been enlarged by about two acres, new water and sewer lines have been added, new sidewalks have been put in, as well as a new incinerator. The Home Economics building and the Howlett House have been acquired, and a washroom building at the Trailer Court has been constructed.

To the Equipment has been added \$34,417. The money for some of the following items came from Special Projects Funds.

A photostat machine for the Registrar's office, calculator for the

Business office, much new laboratory equipment, in fact almost \$5,000, in microscopes, conclave, refrigerators, electrical apparatus and a demonstration desk in the Chemistry Lab.

Library equipment and books increased \$10,000. Athletic equipment by \$1,000. Chapel furnishings increased \$2,600—this represents a new grand piano. To Publicity has been added a station wagon for the Varsity Quartet. Then there is the equipment for the Home Economics department and the Howlett House. \$3,300 has been added to the Kitchen equipment which has helped this department to be very efficient. There has been added to the Tools and Maintenance equipment an International Cub tractor, a Bohlen tractor and a new Dodge truck.

All of these things were needed. It is new equipment and should last for years. During the next quadrennium funds for these items will not be needed and should give the College a chance to build up its cash reserve.

Student Loan Funds have been increased by friends so that there is now \$4,910 which is about double that of four years ago.

Endowment and Annuity funds have increased \$2,260 despite the fact that \$13,000 of Senior Endowment insurance policies have been allowed to lapse.

Plant Funds have increased by \$54,466 due mostly to funds for Williams Hall, but also to an increase in Student Foundation of \$6,000.

Although the cash position is not what is wanted, the assets have increased \$105,850 during the quadrennium.

On the Liabilities side of the statement it is found that the greatest difference under Current Liabilities is Notes Payable.

Because of the lack of funds for current operation it has been necessary to borrow from the bank and internal funds.

The College has the same problems as many other arms of our Church—people like to give for specified purposes.

If the Church wants to have its young people trained for the Ministry and for Missionary service—If the Church wants its young people educated in sound, fundamental, Christian doctrine, it is time that it (the Church) does more for the schools that it controls. More funds for current operation are needed—especially to pay the salaries of the faculty. It is becoming more and more difficult to obtain Christian educators at the low salaries offered by our schools and if salaries are not raised there is a grave possibility that the Wesleyan schools will fail to obtain those with the high standards and educational background that they now have.

Wesleyans are rated as the second highest givers as a denomination showing an over-all individual giving of \$170 per member. It seems that in view of the above that the Educational part of this giving should be over the one and one-half percent shown in our yearly reports.

The Current and Contingent Liabilities show an increase of \$24,763 over four years ago against a gain in assets of \$105,850.

The Income from Students, due to two advances in tuition and an increase of over fifteen percent in enrollment has been gratifying. This pays about fifty percent of the operating budget.

Net Income from Capital investments was about \$30,000 over the four year period.

Income from Gifts include \$60,865 from Educational Budget. Our constituency has paid the Budget asking almost one hundred percent.

The Total operating Income for the quadrennium was \$863,840 and the Total operating Expense was \$857,867, showing a net gain of \$5,973.

Respectfully,

Russell S. Baldwin

Treasurer

QUADRENNIAL REPORT STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

ASSETS

CURRENT FUND

Current Assets—General

Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$11,934.19	\$998.40	
Bookstore Cash on Hand and Bank	9,810.28		
Special Projects Cash	387.60		
Trailer Camp Cash	919.84		
Students Accounts Receivable—Net	27,843.39	30,738.50	
Bookstore Account Receivable ..	1,729.48	319.22	
Miscellaneous Account Receivable ..	354.81	452.21	
Trailer Camp Accounts Receivable ..	298.23		
Students Notes Receivable	420.55		
Miscellaneous Notes Receivable ..	120.00	40.00	
Bookstore Inventory	10,928.28	10,881.25	
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	\$64,746.65	\$43,429.58	\$21,317.07

Current Assets—Reserved

Cash Reserve	\$15,225.84	\$16,637.42	
Music-Lecture Reserve	381.49		
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	\$15,607.33	\$16,637.42	\$1,030.09

Current Assets—Deferred Expense

Prepaid Expense	\$7,233.22	\$6,100.30	\$11,132.92
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Capital Outlay

Campus (incl. Water Line & Trailer Lot)	\$14,181.69	\$25,832.51	
Administration Building	100,534.98	101,080.99	
Gymnasium Building	15,000.00	15,031.24	
Ayres Memorial Library Building ..	90,090.59	90,378.99	
Physical Education Building	20,010.70	20,537.47	
Home Ec. Building		13,829.36	
Teter Hall Building	115,367.62	115,382.93	
4113 South Harmon	8,500.00	8,500.00	
Howlett House—			
411 South Harmon		7,395.84	
Congress Hall Building	17,000.00	17,018.12	
Williams Hall Building		3,708.98	
Storage Building	449.70	449.70	
Trailers	1.00	1.00	
Trailer Washroom Building		2,866.62	
Campground Property	650.00	650.00	

	\$381,786.28	422,663.75	
Less Endowment Fds. Invested in Bldgs.	18,500.00	25,500.00	
	\$363,286.28	\$397,163.75	\$33,877.47
Equipment			
Furniture & Apparatus	\$17,899.69	\$17,899.69	
Office Equipment	6,150.36	8,205.98	
Classroom Equipment	6,524.75	7,241.42	
Library Books & Equipment	29,224.26	39,218.71	
Laboratory Equipment	5,810.22	10,478.63	
Music Department Equipment ..	1,147.70	1,510.25	
Athletic & Gymnasium Equipment	3,344.49	4,423.50	
Visual Education Equipment	952.74	1,046.44	
Chapel Furnishings & Equipment	636.91	3,230.01	
Museum Equipment	4.80	35.52	
Publicity & Radio Broadcast Equipment	273.74	2,336.49	
Home Ec. Equipment		1,438.47	
Teter Hall Furnishings & Equipment	20,259.65	21,009.53	
Annex Furnishings & Equipment	1,305.84	1,315.34	
Howlett House Furnishings & Equipment		1,052.78	
Congress Hall Furnishings & Equipment	1,342.09	1,431.44	
Laundry Equipment	470.73	1,016.63	
Hospital Room Equipment	691.81	691.81	
Dining Hall Furnishings & Equipment	8,382.89	11,665.57	
Snack Shop Equipment	3,140.80	3,464.11	
Tools & Plant Maintenance Equipment	2,641.68	5,660.11	
Bookstore Equipment	1,408.35	1,408.35	
Trailer Camp Equipment	45.00	294.95	
Marionette Office Equipment ..	619.07	619.07	
	112,277.57	146,694.80	34,417.23
Total Current Fund Assets & Net Gain	\$563,151.05	\$610,025.85	\$46,874.80
Loan Funds			
Student Loan Cash	\$2,205.07	\$324.73	
Student Loan Notes Receivable ..	56.00	1,686.49	
Student Loan Investments		1,868.00	
Kiwanis Student Loan Cash	338.08		
Kiwanis Student Loan Notes Receivable	61.25	283.60	
A. & A. Student Loan Notes Receivable		300.10	
Speicher Student Loan Notes Receivable		347.00	

Jessup Student Loan Notes Receivable		100.00	
Total Loan Fund Assets & Net Gain	\$2,660.40	\$4,909.92	\$2,249.52
Endowment & Annuities Funds			
Endowment & Annuities Cash	\$7,766.79	\$1,879.28	
Endowment & Annuities Investments	43,128.94	49,988.81	
Endowment Fds. Invested in Campus Bldg.	10,000.00	25,500.00	
Endowment Notes Receivable (Pledges)	12,967.23	11,955.23	
Senior Endowment Insurance	30,000.00	17,000.00	
Senior Endowment Notes Receivable	200.00		
Total Endowment & Annuities Assets & Net Gain	\$104,062.96	\$106,323.32	\$2,260.36
Plant Funds			
Williams Hall Dormitory Cash ..	\$19,719.09	\$4,356.56	
Student Foundation Fund Cash ..	1,730.87	908.22	
Student Foundation Investments ..		6,845.00	
Dormitory Fund Investments ..		63,050.00	
Chapel Gym Fund Cash		756.08	
Total Plant Fund Assets & Gain	\$21,449.96	\$75,915.86	\$54,465.90
Total Assets and Total Net Gain	\$691,324.37	\$797,174.95	\$105,850.58

LIABILITIES & FUNDS

CURRENT FUND	5/1/1951	4/30/1955	Difference
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$2,430.95	\$99.00	
Bookstore Accounts Payable	501.63		
Accured Expense Payable	1,533.07	4,129.54	
Bookstore Accured Expense Payable	10.50	288.65	
Trailer Camp Accured Expense Payable	12.62		
Notes Payable	8,500.00	29,045.00	
Student Teaching Payable	259.82		
Organ Rent Payable	30.00	255.00	
Baker House Radio Fees Payable ..	1.50		
Deferred Income	18,985.11	20,852.93	
	\$32,265.23	\$54,670.12	\$22,404.89
Contingent Liabilities			
Room Deposits	\$1,030.00	\$1,435.00	

Organ Key Deposits	4.00	12.00	
Trailer Key Deposits	1.00	4.00	
Memorial Scholarship	233.50	1,225.69	
Pluckett Memorial Scholarship ..	177.36		
Foreign Student Aid		1,132.88	
Tuition Foundation	84.00	80.00	
	<u>\$1,529.86</u>	<u>\$3,889.57</u>	<u>\$2,359.71</u>
Net Worth			
Current Fund Net Worth	\$424,540.82	\$576,966.16	
Reserved Surplus	15,607.33		
Plant Funds Transfer	82,176.11		
Auxiliaries Surplus	25,233.75		
	<u>\$547,558.01</u>	<u>\$576,966.16</u>	
Less Endowment Funds Invested in Campus Buildings	18,500.00	25,500.00	
	<u>\$529,058.01</u>	<u>\$551,466.16</u>	<u>\$22,408.15</u>
Net Total Current Fund			
Liabilities & Net Worth & Net Gain	\$562,853.10	\$610,025.85	\$47,172.75
LOAN FUNDS			
Student Loan Control	\$2,261.07	\$2,569.84	
Kiwanis Student Loan Control ..	399.33	417.92	
A. & A. Student Loan Control	297.95	541.86	
Speicher Student Loan Control ..		500.00	
Jessup Student Loan Control		100.00	
Student Loan Notes Payable		780.30	
	<u>\$2,958.35</u>	<u>\$4,909.92</u>	<u>\$1,951.57</u>
ENDOWMENT & ANNUITIES FUNDS			
Endowment Fund Control	\$72,395.73	\$63,918.09	
Annuities Fund Control	18,700.00	30,450.00	
Endowment Capital (orig. pledges)	12,967.23	11,955.23	
	<u>\$104,062.96</u>	<u>\$106,323.32</u>	<u>\$2,260.36</u>
PLANT FUNDS			
Williams Hall Fund Control	\$19,719.09	\$67,371.56	
Student Foundation Fund Control	1,730.87	7,788.22	
Chapel Gym Fund Control		756.08	
	<u>\$21,449.96</u>	<u>\$75,915.86</u>	<u>\$54,465.90</u>
Total Liabilities & Funds and Total Net Gain	\$691,324.37	\$797,174.95	\$105,850.59

**QUADRENNIAL REPORT
SUMMARY OF PROFIT & LOSS
FOR THE QUADRENNIUM ENDING APRIL 30, 1955**

Income

Income from Students	\$415,766.59	
Income from Capital Investments	344,386.38	
Income from Gifts	88,101.22	
Other Income	15,586.01	\$863,840.20

Expense

Administrative & General Expense	\$18,873.55	
Educational Expense	314,791.83	
Capital Investments	289,977.06	
Operation & Maintenance	63,146.97	
Other Expense	9,077.35	\$857,866.76

Net Gain for the Quadrennium		<u>\$5,973.44</u>
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ANALYSIS

1951-1952 Loss	\$6,731.47
1952-1953 Gain	3,410.68
1953-1954 Gain	535.48
1954-1955 Gain	8,758.75
Net Gain	<u>\$5,973.44</u>

**QUADRENNIAL REPORT
STATEMENT OF OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE**

MAY 1, 1951 THRU APRIL 30, 1955

INCOME**Income from Students**

Tuition—General	\$304,887.34
Tuition—Piano	9,789.77
Tuition—Voice	7,178.06
Tuition—Organ	841.93
Tuition—Orchestral Instruments	419.79
Tuition—Expression	3,461.49
Piano Rent Income	2,901.28
Registration Fees	25,242.34
Library Fees & Fines	11,364.91
Hospital Fees	7,235.31
Athletic Fees	2,455.36
Gymnasium Fees	2,324.60
Journal Fees	2,324.60
Music-Lecture Fees	2,345.09
Visual Education Fees	1,162.54
Marionette Fees	5,861.01
Bluebook Fees	692.43
Laboratory Fees	10,949.99
Music Appreciation Fees	111.50

Spanish Conversation Fees	24.00	
Musical Instrument Rent	8.57	
Voice Recording Fees	187.20	
Late Registration Fees	1,517.00	
Change of Registration Fees	411.00	
Vacation Penalty Fees	925.00	
Special Exams Fees	366.00	
Diploma Fees	2,743.94	
Teachers' Placement Bureau Fees	229.00	
Transcript Fees Income	940.60	
College Entrance Examination Fees	85.00	
Chorus Income (net)	364.61	
Summer Art Workshop Income	552.50	
Craft Art Workshop Income	69.50	
Student Service Charge Income	5,793.33	\$415,766.59

Income from Capital Investments

Bookstore Sales Income	\$96,277.25	
Bookstore Miscellaneous Income	389.39	
Dining Hall Income	133,071.31	
Snack Shop Income	47,946.84	
Teter Hall Income	34,879.41	
Guest Room Income	129.60	
Baker House Rent Income	4,359.94	
Annex Income	4,724.13	
Howlett House Income	2,274.90	
Congress Hall Income	6,208.09	
Trailer Court Income	6,276.87	
Kleanette Income	1,430.41	
Orchard Income	148.34	
Auxiliaries Rental Income	6,150.00	
Sheridan Property Income	120.00	\$344,386.38

Income from Gifts

Educational Budget	\$60,865.23	
Miscellaneous Contributions	5,041.07	
Special Projects Contributions	17,513.14	
First Fruits Fellowship Income	4,681.78	\$88,101.22

Other Income

Interest from Investments	\$10,010.14	
Homecoming Day Income	69.16	
Miscellaneous Income	4,558.47	
General Office Income	948.24	\$15,586.01

Total Operating Income for the Quadrrennium	\$863,840.20
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EXPENSE**Administrative & General Expense**

Administrative Salaries	\$73,410.37
Administrative Student Help	17,440.72
Office Supplies	3,236.78
Postage	1,497.72

Telephone & Telegraph	3,580.40	
Bulletin & Catalog Expense	9,170.24	
Advertising & Publicity	34,140.58	
Radio Broadcast Expense	77.34	
Traveling Expense	6,854.57	
Express, Freight, Hauling	640.17	
Board Meeting Expense	2,911.53	
Maintenance & Repairs Office Equipment	486.68	
North Central Association Expense	5,315.30	
Social Security Tax Expense	5,577.32	
Alumni Department Expense	1,180.17	
Uncollectible Accounts Expense	3,224.90	
Miscellaneous Administrative Expense	3,938.06	
Scholarship Expense	7,991.10	
Personnel Expense	199.60	\$180,873.55

Educational Expense

Instructors' Salaries	\$251,592.87	
Instructional Student Help	21,438.92	
School Supplies	2,067.20	
Piano Repair Expense	1,697.62	
Orchestra Expense	30.68	
Chorus Expense	86.45	
Library Supplies & Expense	11,925.21	
Library Binding Expense	1,850.95	
Hospital Supplies & Expense	3,540.45	
Athletic Expense	1,632.19	
Journal Expense	2,859.00	
Music-Lecture Expense	1,695.06	
Visual Education Expense	976.34	
Marionette Expense	5,709.45	
Bluebook Expense	86.00	
Laboratory Supplies & Expense	5,595.39	
Summer Art Workshop Expense	134.60	
Home Ec. Expense	114.23	
Diploma Expense	647.61	
Commencement Expense	931.95	
Teachers' Placement Bureau Expense	179.66	\$314,791.83

Capital Investments Expense

Bookstore Salaries & Student Help	\$9,238.76	
Bookstore Merchandise Purchases	73,781.94	
Bookstore Tax Expense	450.38	
Bookstore Miscellaneous Expense	3,930.68	
Dining Hall Salaries & Student Help	42,385.62	
Dining Hall Purchases	56,782.91	
Dining Hall Expense	12,886.49	
Snack Shop Salaries & Student Help	15,213.57	
Snack Shop Purchases	30,438.25	
Snack Shop Expense	3,684.99	
Teter Hall Expense	20,137.41	
Baker House Expense	3,477.76	
Annex Expense	5,573.45	
Guest Room Expense	10.36	
Howlett House Expense	1,335.64	

Congress Hall Expense	3,053.90	
Trailer Court Expense	4,491.90	
Kleanette Expense	1,775.61	
Orchard Expense	1,267.31	
Atkinson House Expense	24.85	
Campground Cottage Expense	56.68	
Sheridan Property Expense	21.40	\$289,977.06

Operation & Maintenance Expense

Janitors' Salaries & Student Help	\$24,812.04	
Janitors' Supplies	3,053.53	
Maintenance & Repairs	12,291.90	
Insurance Expense	7,978.92	
Fuel, Light, Water	15,011.06	\$63,146.97

Other Expense

Annuities Interest Expense	\$5,518.75	
Investment Expense	20.57	
Debt Interest Expense	1,442.51	
Pension Expense	282.26	
Homecoming Day Expense	140.37	
Expense of Misc. Confs.	186.64	
Miscellaneous Losses .....	.20	
General Office Expense	1,469.80	
Tax Expense	16.25	\$9,077.35

Total Operating Expense for the Quadrennium		<u>\$857,866.76</u>
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QUADRENNIAL REPORT STATEMENT OF SPECIAL FUNDS
MAY 1, 1951 THRU APRIL 30, 1955

RECEIPTS**Gifts**

Endowment & Annuities Funds	\$16,569.19	
Williams Hall Dormitory Fund	57,974.02	
Student Foundation Fund	6,060.95	
Chapel Gym Fund	756.08	
Special Projects Fund	17,513.14	\$98,873.38

Redemption of Investments

Endowment & Annuities Investments	\$9,759.13	\$9,759.13
Total Receipts		<u>\$108,632.51</u>

Cash on Hand, May 1, 1951

Endowment & Annuities	\$7,766.79	
Student Foundation	1,730.87	
Williams Hall Dormitory	19,719.09	
Special Projects	387.60	\$29,604.35
Total Cash Available		<u>\$138,236.86</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Expenditures

Endowment & Annuities Investments	\$32,215.83
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Transferred to Current Fund

Student Foundation	\$6,883.60		
Stdent Foundation	15,100.90		
Dormitory Fund	13,392.00		
U. S. Gov't Bonds	59,944.55	95,321.05	\$127,536.88

Cash on Hand, April 30, 1955		\$10,699.98
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Endowment & Annuities	\$1,879.28
Dormitory Fund	4,356.56
Student Foundation	908.22
Chapel Gym	756.08
Special Projects	2,799.84
	\$10,699.98

PRESIDENT'S QUADRENNIAL REPORT

To the Board of Trustees and to the Delegates and Friends in Quadrennial Session Assembled, Christian Greetings:

Marion College is pleased to submit to you herewith a brief report covering the accomplishments of the past quadrennium. The activities of the college generally divide themselves into three areas; academic, financial, and spiritual. They will not be discussed in that order however.

Financially the quadrennium has been a successful one. The Treasurer's Report shows that during this period the college experienced a growth in assets of \$105,850, and a gain in operating expense of approximately \$6000. The first year of the quadrennium saw us operate at a loss. During the last three years we have operated in the black with this year's gain showing the largest of the three. Our gains in operation have not been large, but we are better off than the college I have heard of that reported to the Board of Trustees that the college had operated in the black throughout the year, but that in closing their books, it had been necessary to buy a bottle of red ink which threw the college into the red. Marion College during the quadrennium has received unusually efficient business management at the hands of her Treasurer and Business Manager, and the Treasurer's Report reflects his painstaking care. Marion's solid financial condition is due also to the services of a sacrificing faculty who have placed their years of training and service at the disposal of the church while accepting a yearly remuneration much less than that received by members of the graduating classes in their first years out of college. While the faculties of our church schools have always taught for much less money than they could earn elsewhere, the church needs to recognize the fact that our schools today are graduating young people who can go into industry and into the public school room and earn more money the first year they are out of college than we are able to pay a Ph. D. who has spent years of time and some thousands of dollars to obtain his degree, and then in many instances has given the church the best years of his life in sacrificial service. The faculties of our schools face the rising costs of living just as every-

one else faces them. Inadequate salaries are compelling some of them to carry sidelines for additional remuneration in order to provide adequately for their families. A teacher has only so much strength and nerve energy to put into his work, and if some of that must be channeled off into other activities because of a low living wage, it can mean only that the youth of the church are not receiving the best from his services. The recruitment of faculty members adequate for our needs is becoming more difficult with each passing year.

During the past four years 1938 students have been enrolled in Marion College during the year, and 601 during the summer terms. Also during the period we have graduated 343 individuals. For the years since Marion College was brought into existence in 1920, we have a roster of 135 individuals who have gone to the foreign mission fields of the world. At the present time our largest enrollment group comprises those who are preparing for definite Christian service, either in the homeland or on the foreign field. Even while this is true, we are not able to supply all of the calls that come to us for workers with a positive evangelical message.

As the Board well knows, Marion College for the last several years has been making preparation to apply for admission to the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This is the oldest accrediting association in the United States, and I believe the largest. I understand that they examined twenty-five colleges last year and admitted only three. We were advised by our consultant, before application was made, that we need not be surprised if we failed to secure admittance on our initial attempt. Dr. Gage said that he could recall very few schools across the years which were admitted on their first application, but he advised us to make application, bring ourselves to the attention of the North Central Association and give them a chance to get acquainted with us. A recent letter from the secretary of the association sets out the areas in which the Commission on Accreditation was particularly concerned about Marion College. The first was faculty training, and their reaction was that we had an unusually large percentage of men and women with Master's degrees, but that our percentage of Ph.D.'s was low. That area can be strengthened by the addition of faculty members with the doctorate degree. The second was unity of program. This, I think refers to our organization setup, and the question of whether we have a unitary organization or whether we have two schools on the campus; a College of Liberal Arts, and a Divinity School. If two schools, then we must have faculty, library, and other facilities for two schools. The North Central Association divides colleges organizationally into simple, semi-complex, and complex types. The simple type has a president and one dean; the semi-complex has a president and more than one dean, but not more than three. The complex type has a president and any number of deans. It makes no difference to the North Central Association how many schools we organize on our campus. They simply demand that we have the facilities to maintain the organization set-up. The college argued the case for the unitary type of organization, but apparently the commission was not entirely satisfied. Our catalogue has for many years designated the theological department as the Divinity School with its own dean. The examining committee's reaction was that the church ought to furnish the college with sufficient money so that we could enlarge that department into a seminary and make it independent of the college organization. They commended a number of changes that we have made in this area, but the question still remained in their minds; does Marion College actually have one school or two. The third was the clarity of our objectives. Our examin-

ers stated that our statement of objectives was much more clear than the previous statement, but they were not sure how closely we were following the statement since it had been written within the last year, however, we were credited highly on the acceptance of our objectives by both the faculty and student body. The fourth was financial support. This is an area that everyone knows is weak and probably will remain one of our weaker spots from the fact that we have a limited constituency. However, our constituency is giving the college the greatest support they have ever given in its history. Our educational budget is paid in full practically every year, and there is a steady increase in the assets of the college, nevertheless, we shall have to develop some other areas of support.

Our consultant insists that there is nothing in the North Central's demands that cannot be met within the next two years when we shall again be permitted to make application for an inspection.

The fifth area was our admissions procedure; an area which we have been seeking to strengthen during recent years and which is still receiving attention. The sixth was the physical plant. The fact that we had practically no housing for men was weighed heavily against us. The erection of Williams Hall and the remodeling of present buildings, which is scheduled to be done when Williams Hall is completed, will strengthen this particular area. We could tell the North Central Association our plans were laid for the construction of a new men's dormitory, but we could not show the building to an examining committee. These are the areas that must receive consideration before we come up before the association again. There is nothing demanded, however, that is in the realm of the impossible. The North Central Association has offered the cooperation of their office if they can be of assistance to us, and we shall expect to call upon them from time to time.

A year ago we were being held up in starting the construction on Williams Hall by the fact that we could not obtain a piece of additional ground which we needed. That stalemate dragged on for months. Finally during the year it was suggested that we engage the services of a professional campus planner to lay out a long range development plan. In accordance with this idea, the college engaged the services of Mr. O. O. Eash of Traverse City, Michigan, who is both a campus planner and an architect. He immediately proposed a new type of architecture for Williams Hall using the lift-slab type of construction. While this type has been in use in many of our cities, it is entirely new in Marion. The value of this type of construction seems to be in its simplicity and the elimination of much high priced labor which enables contractors to lower their bids from ten to twenty-five percent over the traditional type of construction. This is particularly a consideration worthwhile for Marion College since we are in a city with highly unionized labor, and labor costs in the construction field are tremendous. We seem to have faced one delay after another in getting Williams Hall started, but if the new type of construction proves itself for us, as other colleges and universities are insisting that it has for them, in the end we may be glad we have waited.

Also during the year Marion College originated a Foreign Student Aid Fund with the idea of bringing Korean students to the campus. Our people have responded generously and on March 10th Miss Young Chai Chun, our first Korean, arrived by plane from Seoul. Miss Chun's father paid for her transportation. He has three children in school in Indiana. Miss Chun has a brother in Goshen College, and a sister in Hanover College. The sister, however, is staying with Young Chai on our campus this summer. On April 7th Mr. Jeon Shoung Park also arrived by air.

We have been greatly pleased with both of these young people, and they have done successful work on the campus thus far. Miss Chun plans to become an elementary teacher. Mr. Park is preparing for the ministry. Clearance papers have just been sent to another Korean; Mr. Hak Sung Choi. He hopes to be here at the beginning of the fall term if possible; if not then, for the winter term which opens in December. We have been very much gratified both by the response of the people to this program, and also by the splendid young people we have brought to the campus. Their presence has been very stimulating to our students who are learning much concerning the life of the Orient that they would not get from books.

Throughout the quadrennium revival fires have burned in Marion College. Not only has that been true in the revivals which have been held on the campus from time to time, but the college has constantly sent out gospel team groups, not only to the churches within driving distance, but during the past year, a Crusade Team went to the Bahamas during the Christmas holidays. Again the college has not been able to answer all the requests that have come from pastors asking for student groups to assist in or hold revival campaigns for them during the school year. God's blessing has been upon us in a large measure, and to Him we give thanks today.

Not only for Marion College, but for the President as well, this has been an unusual period. In it he had his first auto accident in thirty years of driving, and for the first time in his life was a patient in a hospital. But for the fact that a great host of people prayed, he probably would not be here today. I am also indebted to a great many people, whose names I do not know, for the gifts that went into the purchase of the Oldsmobile I am now driving. May God bless them everyone for their prayers, their gifts, and the messages of cheer they sent throughout the nineteen weeks I was in the hospital. I shall be forever indebted to them. At the time of the accident my car struck the abutment of a cement culvert, upended, and turned over on its top. In the process I was thrown about fifteen feet from the car, and while I was entirely conscious, I discovered that I could not move. Whether I was badly injured I did not know. In the minutes before any help arrived, I told the Lord that if it was in His plan for my life that He was going to take me, I was ready to come, if it was His plan that I go back to Marion College through a hospital somewhere, I was ready to go. After a time, a feeling of drowsiness came over me, and in those moments, I said to myself that if I went to sleep, it made no difference whether I woke up in a hospital or in the New Jerusalem. I was perfectly safe in His keeping. That was the most comfortable feeling I ever experienced in my life.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. F. McConn
President

Report No. 21

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

We, your Committee on International Headquarters, which was elected a year ago, have proceeded according to the authorization given by the Board of Administration and hereby submit the following report:

I. Activities

1. Several existing buildings, which were thought had possibilities of

providing suitable facilities, were brought to the attention of the committee. These were given consideration and in some instances were thoroughly investigated, but it was found that none of these fully met the requirements necessary for such a headquarters.

2. Preparation was made for the Thanksgiving Offering which was promoted by Dr. R. D. Reisdorph through his office. This offering amounted to approximately \$18,000. For this response, the committee expresses sincere thanks to Brother Reisdorph and his staff, to the General Conference President, to the annual conference presidents, to the pastors, Sunday School superintendents, and all others who co-operated in the promotion of this project.

3. The committee made extensive investigation concerning the financial picture such as: the possible sale of the present property; the prospects of helping to finance the project through Thanksgiving Offerings during the ensuing quadrennium; what would be involved in issuing bonds; and the probable cost of moving the headquarters.

II. Recommendations

Much more investigation should be done, such as: contacting Chambers of Commerce in various cities; studying the matters of transportation, communication, adequate space for expansion, the labor situation, housing for personnel, and other factors associated with the project.

The committee, therefore, recommends that the General Conference authorize the establishment of a new International Headquarters and that the Board of Administration be empowered to select the location, provide the plan of financing, and handle all other matters associated with the project.

In order to assure the immediate continuation of this study, it is recommended that the new Board of Administration at its first meeting after the close of this session of General Conference elect from its membership a committee of seven on International Headquarters and outline its responsibilities.

In view of the great importance of any change regarding a headquarters building or location, it is further recommended that this action shall require a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the full Board of Administration.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Rees, Chairman;

Roy S. Nicholson,

E. L. Henderson,

T. W. Mobley,

O. G. Wilson,

J. F. Simpson,

E. L. Kierstead, Secretary.

Report No. 22

MEMORIALS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Submitted by Roy S. Nicholson

Proposed clarifications for the Book of Discipline

Paragraph 208 (1) (b) Amend to read as follows: "Immediately after the election of General Officials a Committee of the General Conference shall recommend the Conferences from which these delegates-at-large shall

be elected. The Conferences shall be considered in alphabetical order, provided that none of them shall come from the Conferences in which the General Officials and the President of the General Conference hold their membership, and provided that a parity between ministerial and lay representation is maintained . . ." and continue the two remaining sentences as they now stand.

Paragraph 256 (13) Amend the last sentence of present sub-paragraph to read: "The Local Board shall meet annually and as much oftener as it may vote, or as the president or any five members shall deem necessary." (This change from 3 to 5 members in calling a meeting of the board seems justified in view of the enlarged membership of the Local Boards of our Colleges.)

Paragraph 187 Place a period after the word "Colorado" in line 2 and delete the words relating to the territory in Nebraska inasmuch as this territory has been changed by General Conference approval.

Paragraph 191A Place a period after the word "Nebraska" in line 2, and delete the reference to territory previously held by Kansas Conference but transferred to Nebraska by General Conference approval.

Paragraph 121 At the end of the present paragraph add this new sentence: "Any vacancy filled by this Committee shall be for the unexpired term of the committee or office vacated. This Committee shall report all its appointments to the Conference."

Paragraph 222. Remove from Paragraph 222 the sentence now appearing near the top of page 124 of the 1951 edition of the Discipline which relates to the Trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America. Continue the sentence referring to Hephzibah Orphanage as it now appears, making it to follow The Wesleyan Young People's Society.

Form a new paragraph to be Paragraph 222 (1) which shall read as follows: "The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America is managed by five trustees who must reside in the State of New York, and shall be subject to the supervision of the Board of Administration as is herein afterwards specified. The acts of the Trustees of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, Incorporated, shall be submitted for approval to the Board of Administration which shall have advisory oversight of the same, and whose advice shall stand as the instruction of the General Conference." (The new material of this proposed new sub-paragraph is the essence of the action of the General Conference of 1895 authorizing the amending of the articles of incorporation of the body now known as The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, and apparently inadvertently omitted from the next edition of the Discipline.)

Approved by the Board.

Submitted by the Lockport Conference

The Lockport Conference, in session June, 1953, adopted the report of the Committee on Revising the Pastor's Character Blanks, and submit it to the General Conference, 1955 session:

First: We recommend that the following be substituted for the present Paragraph 141 of the Discipline:

Paragraph 141 Questions to be answered by a pastor.

Written Report of a Pastor to the Annual Conference.

To the Annual Conference, meeting 19..

I. Credentials: (In the case of Conference Preachers)

Did your last Quarterly Conference pass your character and renew your license?

II. Employment:

1. Did you have work assigned to you at the last session of this Annual Conference?
2. How soon after the last session of this Annual Conference did you enter upon the work assigned you?
3. Have you continued upon that work during the Annual Conference year?

III. Labors:

1. Have you faithfully sought by example and word of mouth to lead the people into the experience of regeneration, and the experience of Perfect Love, or Entire Sanctification, as a second definite work of grace subsequent to Regeneration, according to articles 13 and 14 in our Articles of Religion?
2. Have you, in your relation to the charge, carried out all that the Discipline requires of a pastor, and have you used all proper influence to secure obedience to the Discipline on the part of your churches and members?
3. Have you sought to promote the interest of the Sunday Schools, and to urge upon them the use of our Sunday school literature?
4. Have you labored to circulate the publications of the Wesleyan Methodist Church?
5. Have you faithfully presented the needs of the General and Conference Budgets?

IV. Outlook:

1. What is the present condition of the work?
2. Is there any territory within the bounds of your work that you consider a good field for missionary work?
3. Of how much of this work can you take charge?
4. Are you ready to take work at the hands of this Annual Conference?
5. If not, why not? What listing do you desire?

V. Personal Responsibilities:

1. Have you faithfully tithed your income during the Annual Conference year, and have you presented that subject to your congregations?
2. Are you ready to hand over to your successor the names and addresses of the members and friends of the church, and a list of the subscribers to the church publications?
3. Do you subscribe to THE WESLEYAN METHODIST? Do you subscribe to THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY? Do you subscribe to THE WESLEYAN YOUTH?
4. Have you a copy of the Standing Rules of the Conference, and have you complied with the requirements of each of them, as they apply to you? (The Conference through its Secretary shall supply each stationed minister with a copy of its Standing Rules)

VI. Statistics:

1. Are you prepared to report full statistics according to the requirements of the Discipline?
2. Did your charge meet its financial obligations to the General and Conference Budgets as defined in Paragraph 378?

Signed Delegate.

VII. Questions to be answered by the Delegate:

1. Did your church or charge through its stewards make proper provisions for the support of the pastor as directed by the Discipline?
2. Has your church or charge fulfilled its financial obligations to him?
3. Did your church or charge through its stewards agree with the pastor for the financial support for the coming Conference year according to Paragraph 103 of the Discipline?

Signed Delegate

Second: We recommend that the following be substituted for Paragraph 142 of the present Discipline:

Paragraph 142 Questions to be answered by others than pastors.

Written Report of a minister not sustaining pastoral relations.

To the Annual Conference, meeting 19..

I. Credentials: (In case of the Conference Preachers)

Did your last Quarterly Conference pass your character and renew your local preacher's license?

II. Employment:

1. What appointment or listing were you given at the last session of this Annual Conference?
2. If on the Stationed List, state the nature of your appointment, or work, and give a brief account of your activities. (Not statistics)

III. Labors:

1. Have you faithfully sought by example and word of mouth to lead the people into the experience of Regeneration, and the experience of Perfect Love, or Entire Sanctification, as a second definite work of grace subsequent to Regeneration, according to the articles 13 and 14 in our Articles of Religion.
2. Have you conducted your life according to the standards of our church, being an example to others, of loyal obedience to our rules.
3. Have you sought to promote the interest of our Sunday schools as you were given opportunity?

IV. Outlook:

1. Are you ready to take appointment at the hands of this Annual Conference?
2. If not, why not? If no work assigned, what listing do you desire?

V. Personal Responsibilities:

1. Do you subscribe to THE WESLEYAN METHODIST? Do you subscribe to THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY? Do you subscribe to THE WESLEYAN YOUTH?
2. Do you have a copy of the Standing Rules of this Conference, and have you complied with the requirements of each of them, as they apply to you?
3. Are you ready to report full statistics of your work according to the requirements of the Discipline? (Note Par. 166-2b)
4. Have you faithfully tithed your income?

Signed Minister

Third: We recommend that Paragraph 166-2b of the present Discipline be made to read as follows:

- (b) Each evangelist and all others on the Stationed List of the Conference, except as provided for in paragraph 128, not appointed to pastoral work shall be required to give a complete statistical report of his or her work to the Annual Conference to which they belong according to the following plan: (the rest of the paragraph to continue as in the present Discipline).

Approved.

Committee: James Ross Redstone,
Gordon L. Thurber,
Mary E. Bennett, Secretary.

Amend Item VII (Notes) Paragraph 177, page 108 by adding the following: "Building" should include funds invested in property, other than borrowed monies and items reported as "repairs".

Approved.

The following are Memorials adopted Item by Item containing suggested amendments to the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline for presentation at the Quadrennial General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church meeting in 1955 at Fairmount, Indiana:

Item I: Regarding Conference Preachers. Page 98, Par. 170 (3). After the words "where the laws of the state permit," insert "and he is entitled to a vote in the Annual Conference. A lay delegate shall be elected from the church of which he is a member," striking out the balance of the paragraph.

Not approved.

Item II: Regarding W.M.S. officers. Page 163, Par. 301, Article 6 (1). After the words "who shall be a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church," insert "except in the case of a pioneer work or mission not yet organized as a Wesleyan Methodist Church."

Approved.

Item III: Regarding W.Y.P.S. officers. Page 252, Par. 398, Article IV, (1). After the words, "shall be members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church" insert "providing that a society on a pioneer work or mission not yet organized as a Wesleyan Methodist Church may waive these requirements except for adult counsellor."

Approved.

—Mary E. Bennett, Secretary

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders of the Lockport Annual Conference request a substitution in the Conference Course of Study. It was voted upon motion of Edward Angell to request substitution of "CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY" by Orton Wiley for "ELEMENTS OF DIVINITY" by Ralston. The reasons set forth primarily are these: that this is used as a text in our schools and that it also included many of the trends of thinking in present day theological issues as, for example, the Neo-orthodox trend.—Roy Gibbs, Secretary of the Committee

Referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

Submitted by the South Ohio Conference

At the 61st Annual Session of the South Ohio Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church a resolution was adopted as follows:

We the members of the South Ohio Conference recognizing our in-

ability to meet with the present budget and keep our own home churches on the necessary financial basis, also considering our limited membership, therefore, appeal to our General Conference that we be placed in the category of a Mission Conference.—A. M. Gilmer, President; Elva Johnson, Secretary.

Referred to the General Conference Committee on Home Missions.

Submitted by the Indiana Conference

WHEREAS, the practice in a number of Annual Conferences in regard to the time of election of church officers is not in accord with paragraph 165 (4) of the Discipline.

And, WHEREAS, it seems that each Annual Conference could establish such dates to conform to its own best advantage,

Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Indiana Conference hereby memorialize the General Conference to amend paragraph 165 (4) by striking out the paragraph and inserting the following:

"(4) To call a meeting of each church on his pastoral charge at a time established by the Annual Conference, for the purpose of revising the roll of membership of the church, and the election of church officers, standing committees (except Pulpit Supply as provided for in paragraph 86) Treasurer, Stewards, Class Leaders, Church Clerk, Sunday School Superintendent and Assistant Sunday School Superintendent. The term of office of these church officers shall begin and expire at dates corresponding to the dates of the Annual Conference's fiscal year, or at dates otherwise determined by the Annual Conference."

Done by the Indiana Conference while in regular session on the 11th day of August, 1954.—Noel Winterholter, Secretary, Indiana Conference. Approved.

Submitted by Local Board of Managers of Houghton College

Suggested Disciplinary Changes for Implementing the Definition of the General Control of Wesleyan Methodist Educational Institutions:
Para. 256

Section (4). Insert "General" before the word "Trustees".

Section (5). Omit the words "We recommend that." Replace the words "the trustees" by the words "The General Board of Trustees," in this section and in all other sections where reference is presently made to the Trustees or Board of Trustees.

Section (7). Make this section start as follows:

"Each school district shall have a Local Board of Trustees of not less than five, or more than fifteen members, who shall be elected by ballot by the annual conferences of the district at their annual sessions upon nomination by a committee designated for the purpose. Nominations to the Board may also be made from the floor. An effort shall be made by the electing conferences to maintain parity of lay and ministerial membership on the Board." Continue with the words, "The delegates from each district," etc. In all other sections where the words "Local Board of Managers" are used, change these to "Local Board of Trustees."

In line 14 of the section, replace the word "nominated" by the word "elected."

In line 14: Replace the sentence beginning "They shall be nominated . . ." with the following:

"In order to insure a degree of continuity on the Board approximately one-half of the members shall be elected by their annual conferences in the session next following the General Conference and approximately one-half at the third session of the annual conference following the General Conference. Provided that at the General Conference of 1955 the delegates from each district shall designate approximately half of the members of the Board to be elected for terms of two years instead of four years, specifying these by conferences, the terms thereafter to be regularly for four years and this sentence to be removed from the following Discipline."

In line 16 change word "nominations" to "elections."

In line 17 after the word "elected" place a period, and omit the remainder of the sentence.

In line 21 ff., make the sentence begin, "No member of the faculty or staff of any of our schools," etc.

In line 23 ff., omit the sentence beginning, "While the Local Board of Managers. . . ."

Section (8). In the first line change the word "nominate" to "elect."

In line 3ff., omit the words "forwarding . . . our respective colleges", insert the word "who" and continue.

Section (9). Replace the present section with the following:

"As previously in the history of our educational institutions, the Board of Administration as General Board of Trustees of the Institutions is vested with the following:

- a. Title to property of all the schools.
- b. The function of review of all actions of district boards with the privilege of confirming or annulling the same.
- c. The right of initial jurisdiction whenever it deems it necessary in the interest of the church.

Sections (11) and (12). Replace with a new section (11) as follows and renumber the remaining sections accordingly:

"The management functions of the Local Board of Trustees in the interest and subject to the authority of the Wesleyan Methodist Church shall include the following:

- a. The employment of teachers and staff members; fixing of salaries and duties.
- b. The investment of funds.
- c. The initiation of capital projects.
- d. The binding of the college by contracts and instruments of indebtedness.
- e. Supervision of overall academic policies and standards of conduct in the schools.
- f. Determination of business policies

—Local Board of Managers, Houghton College, Ernest L. Crocker, Secretary

Approved as amended.

Submitted by the Kansas Conference

The Kansas Conference submits the following recommended change in the questions and answers asked the candidates for ordination. We recommend that the first question and answer, Paragraph No. 419, page 284, be made to read: Question: "Is it your sincere conviction that you are truly called according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ to the office and work of an Elder in the Wesleyan Methodist Church?" Answer: "That is my sincere conviction."—C. W. Dunbar, President; Dale W. Campbell, Secretary

Approved.

Submitted by the Dakota Conference

1. WHEREAS as a Denomination, we are faced with a great challenge, and are responsible to God for evangelizing our Home Mission field: (The United States, The Dominion of Canada, Alaska, and Australia); countries with an ever increasing population, expanding communities, growing cities, with new and open doors of opportunity, and not having sufficient funds to enter these new fields for God—to evangelize and to plant churches and Christian institutions therein: and

WHEREAS, God has blessed many of our people with means, who have many dollars invested in interest bearing bonds, securities, investments in personal property, and otherwise, who would loan their money to the Church for the evangelizing of our Home Missionary field, to plant Wesleyan Methodist Sunday Schools, Churches, Missions, and Christian Institutions, providing the Denomination would guarantee the security of such loans, on a sound financial basis

We sincerely RECOMMEND, That our Church set up a DENOMINATIONAL LOAN FUND of \$500,000 (or as nearly to this goal as is possible) created by donations to this fund and by direct loans from members of churches, to the Denominational Loan Fund, at interest rates comparable to interest on saving accounts, to be in turn reloaned to churches, groups, individuals engaged in Pioneer, or Building programs. All loans to be approved by the Department of Home Missions, or the General Executive Board.

Referred to the General Conference Committee on Home Missions.

Let Disciplinary provisions be made for this action.

2. By motion and vote, this Memorial was passed by the Conference.

1. WHEREAS, In order that we conserve our energies and man hours in handling monies raised for GENERAL BUDGET; and

2. WHEREAS, In order that we may expedite our task of gathering, dividing and distributing said monies; and

3. WHEREAS, In order that we may simplify the Budget askings in the minds of the contributors,

We sincerely RECOMMEND, that we use in our Denomination the UNIFIED BUDGET.

Referred to the General Conference Committee on Budget.

On Motion and vote, this Memorial was passed by the Dakota Conference.

3. We RECOMMEND, That one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the Card Call Plan money raised, be applied on Budget; and that one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of Card Call plan money raised, be made available for Church Extension with all Conferences.

Referred to the General Conference Committee on Home Missions.

By proper parliamentary procedure this Memorial was created and passed by Conference.

4. WHEREAS, In order to have the statistics of the Conference as accurate and as free from mistakes as is possible, we RECOMMEND, That the Conference Statistical Committee Report be reviewed and audited by an Auditing Committee, before it is presented to the Conference for adoption.—A. L. Cretsinger

Approved, and to become Paragraph 176-A of the Discipline.

Submitted by the South Carolina Conference

1. Paragraph 177, Item VII of the Statistical Report, after line 5. "Amount paid on indebtedness", Insert as a new line "Amount paid on expense of indebtedness." In the notes, explain that this includes all interest, other carrying charges, cost of mortgage papers and all other such expense, While "Amount paid on indebtedness" includes only the amounts paid on the principal of the debt.—South Carolina Conference.

Approved.

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2. Paragraph 316, Item 4, Section (1)—Eliminate words from the word "and" in line 2 to the word "ordained" in line 4, thus making Section (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.—South Carolina Conference.

Paragraph 317, Item 5, Section (2)—Change the figures \$14.00 to \$17.00. Also add the following: In the case where the widow has served as a pastor, member of the faculty of one of our schools, missionary, or any other work covered by the Pension Plan before marriage she shall receive full benefits for all services rendered under Pension Plan coverage.

Paragraph 317, Item 5, add the following: Section (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.—South Carolina Conference.

These three items referred to Pension Plan Committee, and approved as amended.

Submitted by Rev. W. D. Shelor

Having spent the past seven years pioneering our Wesleyan work in the city of Phoenix, Arizona, I feel it would be advantageous to the Arizona efforts to establish our Church in this State to have the name Arizona added to that of the California Conference, making the name to read in the new and improved Discipline "California-Arizona Conference."

Referred to Committee on Boundaries.

Submitted by Pension Plan Committee of the Indiana Conference

Whereas the Church owes to those who have given it life-time service a debt of gratitude which cannot be assumed by the Federal Government, and,

Whereas the Social Security Plan provides nothing for the minister

until he reaches the age of sixty-five, and,

Whereas the Church has a contract of honor with every individual who has joined the Pension Plan, Therefore,

We the Pension Plan Committee of the Indiana Conference, recommend that the present Denominational Pension Plan be continued.

Signed by Committee: Dr. W. F. McConn, Dr. Allen Bowman, Rev. E. J. Mills, Rev. E. L. Smithee, Chairman; C. D. Crabill, Secretary.

Referred to Pension Plan Committee.

Submitted by the Michigan Conference

1. WHEREAS in many instances the Sunday School Board must plan their own Sunday School conventions before Annual Conference and run the risk of a newly elected board to execute those plans:

AND WHEREAS in some instances they have the authority to disburse conference Sunday School funds:

We, the members of the Michigan Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church do hereby petition the General Conference to be held in 1955, that a section be added to paragraph 331 in the discipline to read: "The Annual Conference Sunday School Board shall be a continuing board with one-third of its members elected annually."

Referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

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2. WHEREAS: The pressure and frustrations of our day seem to be contributing to many problematic situations in calling and retaining pastors, and

WHEREAS: It is felt by many that a more progressive and lasting work could be done if the pastor was assured of a long tenure as pastor,

We, the members of the Michigan Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church do hereby petition the General Conference Session of 1955 to amend the discipline so that, after the pastor has served the church for one year, the church may extend an invitation to the pastor for a term of from one to five years. A similar invitation may be given when this term has expired.

If circumstances so warrant, the Pulpit Supply Committee may call a meeting of the church and it may order, by a majority vote, that a pastoral vote be taken at the close of the current year, as provided in the discipline.

If, for some reason, the pastor feels that he should resign before the contract expires, he may do so, and the resignation shall become effective at the next session of the annual conference. Such a resignation should be given in accordance with Paragraph 86, section 1 in the discipline.

Referred to a Special Committee.

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Special Committee on Pastoral Vote

We recommend that the petition from the Michigan Conference "to amend the Discipline so that after the pastor has served the church for one year the church may extend an invitation to the pastor for a term of from one to five years" and the similar resolution from the Iowa Conference which provides "that a church may after one year's service of a pastor, extend to him a call for a period of up to three years", which

matters were referred to this committee, be referred to the Board of Administration for study.

Adopted.

Committee: E. L. Kierstead, Chairman;
R. C. Mullinax, Secretary.
R. D. Reisdorph,
D. A. Rees,
J. W. Shatford,

3. We the members of the Michigan Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church do hereby petition the General Conference to be held in 1955 that when a pastor is changing churches, his and his wife's membership be automatically transferred except when they request otherwise.

Not approved.

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4. We do also petition the General Conference to insert in our Statistical blank a place to report the dedication of infants.

Approved.

—B. W. Densmore, Secretary of Michigan Conference

Submitted by Clifford A. Hoiem

Paragraph 73 in the Discipline.—Substitute the following for question No. 2 which is asked of candidates for associate membership:

"Will you acquaint yourself with the discipline of our church and earnestly endeavor to govern your life by its rules as God shall give you light?"

1. This would permit the reception of associate members immediately upon their conversion if they are approved by the Advisory Board. The way the question now stands, we must either greet new converts with a set of rules, some of which they may not have had time to get light on, or else put them off on the question of church membership. This may make the church seem cold and stand-offish toward new converts. We feel the proposed change would help to plug the gap where we are losing people between the altar and the doors of the church.

2. The associate membership would then be more true to its name. It would be a time for the associate member to become acquainted with the church as well as vice versa. Associate members should be committed to the study of the discipline as a preparation for full membership.

3. The standards for full membership are not affected since associate relationship does not necessarily lead to full membership and may be terminated by the church at any time. (Par. 73 of discipline)

Approved.

Submitted by Rev. H. C. Burchel of the Lockport Conference

Inasmuch as Sunday voting seems to be a desecration of the Lord's day and dishonoring to God, it is proposed that Paragraph 86, Section 2 (Page 52 of 1951 Discipline) be amended as follows:

At the end of Section 2, Paragraph 86, add the following: "It is understood that no pastoral vote shall be taken on Sunday."

Not approved.

Submitted by the Iowa Conference

I. Resolved: That the church membership of Wesleyan Methodist pastors and their companions be automatically transferred when duties are assumed on newly assigned fields, providing the church is an organized Wesleyan Methodist Church. When two or more organized churches comprise a circuit, the pastor may choose the church into which their membership shall be placed.

Not approved.

II. Resolved: 1. That in Paragraph 141, Item 9, subdivision (b) of the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline, the question "Did your charge elect a Missionary Board?" be stricken out. 2. That Paragraph 106 of the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline be amended to read: "A Communion Steward shall be elected by vote of the church to make all necessary provisions for the administration of the Lord's Supper. 3. That Paragraph 77 of the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline is ambiguous.

No. 1 previously handled; No. 2 approved; No. 3 not approved.

III. Resolved: That a church may, after one year's service of a pastor, extend to him a call for a period of up to three years. It shall be the privilege of the church, through its Pulpit Supply Committee, to call for a vote any year during the term of call.

Referred to Special Committee.

Committee on Memorials, Iowa Conference

Submitted by the Allegheny Conference

We, the members of the Allegheny Annual Conference, gathered in the 111th Session at Stoneboro Campgrounds, submit the following Memorial to the General Conference:

We recommend that Paragraph 221, page 123 of the Discipline, be amended by inserting the following sentences immediately after the period appearing in line fifteen:

"It is suggested that a Denominational Official, appointed by the President of the General Conference, preside over the various caucuses called for the purpose of nominating members of the Board of Administration. It is further suggested that the Conferences which have been without representation on the Board for the longest period of time be given first consideration."—Jos. B. Markey, Secretary.

Not approved.

Submitted by Rochester Conference Advisory Board

I. Paragraph 134, sub paragraph (1)

All elders who are pastoring or serving, by the consent of the Conference, in a denomination or organization other than The Wesleyan Methodist Church but with which The Wesleyan Methodist Church is not actively affiliated and which does not accept nominal supervision from The Wesleyan Methodist Church, shall be automatically transferred to the unstationed list, provided that the conference may by vote continue him on the Stationed List.

Approved. To become Paragraph 134A.

II. Paragraph 69 sub paragraph (1): To rewrite so as to read:

To examine all candidates and consider each application for church membership and report its recommendation in each case to the church within thirty days.

No church shall by vote receive a person in membership until that person has been examined by this committee and a report has been made to the church.—Rochester Conference Advisory Board.

Approved.

Submitted by Oliver G. Wilson

Amend Paragraph 213 by adding sub paragraph (1)

(1) The term of office of the General Conference officers shall begin the fifteenth day of August following the General Conference at which they are elected.

Approved.

Submitted by Wm. F. McConn

Section XII, Paragraph 256, Sub-paragraph No. 7 to be amended to read:

Each school district shall have a Local Board of Managers of not less than five, or more than fifteen members, who shall be nominated by ballot by the Annual Conferences of the district at their annual sessions and elected by the Board of Trustees of our respective colleges. The delegates from each district shall determine, at the time of each General Conference, the number of members of the Local Board and basis of distribution among the conferences of the district; provided that each conference shall have at least one member on the local board who shall reside within the bounds of said conference. The term of office of this Local Board of Managers shall be four years. In order to insure that there will always be a holdover of experienced members on the Board, they shall be nominated as follows: at the session of the conferences next following the General Conference, approximately one half of the board shall be nominated, and the other approximate half shall be nominated at the conferences nearest the midpoint of the quadrennium except for the quadrennium following the General Conference of 1955. For the quadrennium of 1955 to 1959, one group of board members shall be nominated for four years; the other for two years. Beginning with 1957 all nominations shall be for a period of four years or until their successors are elected. The delegates from each district shall determine at the time of the General Conference how their board members shall be distributed for the regular and the mid-quadrennium elections. The President or Acting President of each of our schools shall be a member of the Local Board of Managers by virtue of his office. No other member of the faculty of any of our schools shall be a member of the Local Board of Managers. While the Local Board of Managers is considering the nomination of a president for the college, the president shall retire from the meeting during such discussion.

Incorporated in action on the Memorial from Houghton College.

Submitted by Elwood Wesleyan Methodist Church

Whereas, There are many demands on the General Fund of the Department of Home Missions for financial assistance, and

Whereas, The Brainerd Indian Training School has not received sufficient income to properly meet its operating expenses, and

Whereas, There has not been provided for the Brainerd Indian Training School any regular income,

Therefore, It is hereby respectfully recommended and requested that the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America to be convened in Quadrennial Session on June 22, next, approve the necessary measures to provide a Budget of \$.50 per member per year to be paid through the Department of Home Missions for the support and maintenance of Brainerd Indian Training School.

James Eastburn, Pastor; Marie Marley, Secretary

Referred to the Committee on Budget.

Submitted by Hephzibah Home Board

Budget for Hephzibah Home:

Whereas, The Budget for Hephzibah Home was set in 1931 at .25 cents per member, per year, and

Whereas, The Value of the dollar has decreased, while expenses have mounted, and

Whereas, There has never been any compensation for this financial strain,

Therefore, The General Conference is respectfully requested to give consideration to increasing the Budget for Hephzibah Home, from .25 cents per member per year, to \$1.00 per member per year. This request is presented by the authority of The Local Board of Managers of Hephzibah Home of Macon, Georgia.

Referred to the Committee on Budget.

Submitted by Rochester Conference Advisory Board

I.

Paragraph 166, sub-paragraph (2)a: In lines 3, 4, 5, delete the figures and continue paragraph as it now stands.

Approved.

Paragraph 166, sub-paragraph (2): Change sub-paragraph (b) to (c) and insert as (b) the following: Persons who are appointed to the work of Conference Evangelist must hold ten full weeks of meetings during the conference year in order to be continued in this appointment. In the case of elders who fail to meet the above requirement, their names shall be automatically transferred to the unstationed list unless another appointment is given.

Approved.

II.

Paragraph 367, add sub-paragraph (1): Providing that in the case of students who have satisfactorily completed three years of Seminary work in a reputable and recognized Seminary acceptable to the conference in which they are working, an exception may be made for the two-year requirement (Paragraph 124), and they may be recommended for ordination upon satisfactory completion of one year's active service.

Approved.

Submitted by Roy S. Nicholson

Typographical, clerical or other minor items which need consideration before the new Discipline is edited. They are called to your attention for such consideration as you see fit to give them.

1. In Paragraph 13 in Scripture references at end of article, in line 1, following the second reference to Matthew, after the numbers 22:37-40; add "Luke" making it read **Luke 24:27**. The reference to Matthew 24:27 shows that this belongs to Luke.
2. Paragraph 84 should be amended by the addition of a line before the present sentence which opens it, so that it would read: "Except in those instances wherein the business of the church is transacted in a monthly meeting, there shall be four regular sessions of the . . ." and continue as presently.
3. Paragraph 86 (3) line 5 from top of page, delete the word "and" before the words "the pastor"; and in line 6 following the words "President of the Annual Conference," add the words "in writing".
4. Paragraph 129 should be amended by adding the words "in writing" to the sentence at the very end of the paragraph.
5. Paragraph 89 change the reference Paragraph 71 (3) to read "Paragraph 69 (3)" to make it conform to revised numbering of paragraphs approved by a previous General Conference.
6. Paragraph 120, third line from bottom, the word "paragraph" is misspelled, change by deleting "t" and adding "a".
7. Paragraph 121 in next to the last line from bottom of paragraph following the words "or standing committees" add this provision: "except as may be provided otherwise in the Discipline," and continue by adding "and trustees where the state laws permit." (The reasons for this proposed amendment will be seen by comparing Paragraph 121 with Paragraph 277 and Paragraph 405, last 5 lines at the bottom of the present page.)
8. Heading at top of page 145 should be THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY and not THE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.
9. Paragraph 292 (5) The last sentence in this sub-paragraph refers to the duties of the President of the WMS, not the YMWB Supt. Therefore, delete the sentence which begins: "She shall bring to the Annual Conference . . . and be a member of Missionary Board."
10. Paragraph 332 (10) delete the words "possible boy and girl and" before the words "young person connected with the Sunday schools." Items 1-10 approved.
11. Paragraph 379A (4) should be harmonized with the action of the General Conference of 1951 which says that these contributions may apply on benevolences but are "not to be applied on budget." (See Budget Committee's Report, Page 255 printed minutes, 1951 G.C.) Deleted.
12. Paragraph 141 (9) (c) Change the word "Connection" to read "Denomination."
13. Paragraph 396, line 6 from top, the word "legitimate" is misspelled. The "i" should be changed to "e."
14. Paragraph 420—4, fourth line of the prayer, change the word "is" to read "in."
15. Paragraph 425A, page 307, line 3 from bottom of present page, change the words to read "Lift up your heads" instead of "hands".

16. Paragraph 425A in the part to be read by officiating minister, third line in section, the word "command" is misspelled by a transposed letter "ocmmand."
17. Paragraph 172, change the third word in line 1 from "minister" to read "elder"; because this is a certificate for "ordained" men. See wording of form in same paragraph.
Items 12-17 pproved.
18. It appears that **some reference** should be made in the Annual Conference section to Paragraph 277, since this is an important Committee of the Conference; and it is given some privileges which seem to restrict the unqualified privileges of Paragraph 121 as it **now** reads.
Handled by a previous action. (See 7 above.)

Submitted by Brainerd School Board

Budget for Brainerd Indian Training School:

Whereas, There has never been any Budget assigned for meeting the operational expenses of Brainerd Indian Training School, and,

Whereas, There have been wonderful spiritual advances in the work of the School, and,

Whereas, The income has not been sufficient to meet the needs of the School, and,

Whereas, It has been found necessary to borrow money, in order to keep the School open,

Therefore, The General Conference is respectfully requested to consider the needs of the School, and to assign a Budgt of \$1.00 per member per year for this needy work.

This request is presented on the instruction of The Local Board of Managers of The Brainerd Indian Training School.

Referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Additional Memorials to the General Conference

Installation of Conference President

Charge: (By Denominational Representative)

President Today you stand before us, duly and prayerfully selected by the members of this Annual Conference, as their leader. It is in you the members of this Conference, representing the various charges within its boundaries, are investing their confidence and trust for the coming year. This is, indeed, a position of significance and it is only as God is with you that you will be enabled to fill it.

Many will be the problems faced, many the responsibilities carried, many the difficulties encountered, yet with Paul it will be your privilege to know that you may be "troubled . . . yet not distressed; perplexed, but not in despair. . . ." And, alongside these graver experiences, there may be the satisfying reward of steady progress under the smile of God and some glorious victories because He has led the way through.

In counselling, may He grant needed grace; in decisions, may He impart of His wisdom; in labours may your secret be His all-sufficient strength; in administration's numerous phases, may He be your "very present Help". The support and co-operation of this body is assured you.

in the days that lie ahead; together may you build a conference that knows its best days spiritually, numerically and materially as well.

As Representative of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, I charge you with this responsibility and present you with (Certificate) and declare that you are formally installed as President of the Annual Conference.

Approved.

Submitted by Roy S. Nicholson

That material added to the General Rules (Paragraph 46) by the General Conference of 1947 be deleted.

That item reads: "The wearing of apparel which does not modestly and properly clothe the person." We approve the requirement for modest clothing, but the prescribed method for amending Constitutional Law must be strictly observed to prevent chaos.

Voted that this be approved.

Submitted by the Sunday School Council

Amend paragraph 73 as follows: Classify material now appearing in paragraph 73 as sub-paragraph (1). Place the following as sub-paragraph (2):

"The church may receive as Junior Members, children and young people between seven and sixteen years of age who give affirmative answers to the following questions: (1) Does the Lord now forgive your sins (2) Will you endeavor to govern your life by the Word of God and the teaching of the Church?"

Junior Members may be advanced to associate or full membership at any time by vote of the church. Junior Membership shall terminate automatically when one becomes seventeen years of age. The church shall not be assessed budget for Junior Members. Junior Members shall not be permitted to vote or hold office in the church. This provision for Junior Membership should in no sense be considered a substitute for those who are qualified for full membership.

Voted by the Board of Administration that this be approved with the following amendment: That the attention of the Statistical Committee be called to this amendment and that, if it is approved by the General Conference, they provide in the Statistical Forms for the item of Junior Membership.

**Report of Special Committee to Review Commissions as Elected by
The Board of Administration**

We recommend:

1. That the Board of Administration at its first meeting following the close of the General Conference, set up the Commissions as they were proposed in 1952, namely, that the Foreign Missionary Secretary, Home Missionary Secretary, Sunday School Secretary and the Publishing Agent each have a commission of four members in addition to himself. He shall be a member of the Commission and its chairman.

2. That the Board of Administration elect a **Nominating Committee** of seven members to bring in nominations for these commissions. The

four departmental heads involved shall be members of this Committee.

3. That these commissions meet at least once each year at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Administration and/or as often as is deemed wise by the Departmental Head.

4. It is suggested that these commissions be given opportunity to assist in making major decisions concerning personnel, expansion of fields, and other matters affecting the general policy of the Department concerned. In the interim, such matters may be presented directly to the Executive Board of the Board of Administration.

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. Birch, chairman;
J. R. Swauger,
R. D. Reisdorph,
H. K. Sheets,
David A. Rees,
Stephen W. Paine,
E. L. Kierstead, secretary.

It was voted that this which has been approved by the Board of Administration be referred to the General Conference for reference to the next Board of Administration.

Submitted by J. B. Hilson, V. A. Mitchell

Paragraph 86, Subparagraph (1), in the third line, following the word "Supply", insert the following: (provided, that where a charge consists of only one church, this committee may be elected at the time of the election of the other church officers).

The paragraph will then read: "The Quarterly Conference, at its first session of each Conference year shall elect a Committee on Pulpit Supply (provided, that where a charge consists of only one church, this committee may be elected at the time of the election of the other church officers), each member . . ."

Voted that this be not approved.

Submitted by J. B. Hilson

Paragraph 334, sub-paragraph (1), line 6, strike out the two words "by ballot" and insert instead "in the manner and at the time of the election of the other church officers." It will then read: "The Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent shall be elected in the manner and at the time of the other church officers at the annual election of the church. . . ."

Voted that this be not approved.

Submitted by J. B. Hilson, V. A. Mitchell

Paragraph 433: Insert the following as "Form C":

Certificate of Membership

This certifies that A..... B....., the bearer, has been up to this

date a member of The Wesleyan Methodist Church in C....., and being desirous of removing from said church, is hereby dismissed and granted this certificate of membership.

Given on behalf of the aforesaid church the day of, A.D.

E..... F....., Pastor (or clerk).

Voted that this be approved.

Submitted by Rufus Reisdorph, J. F. Simpson, C. W. Dunbar

Amend paragraph 223 as follows: Omit the second sentence and insert the following instead:

"It shall also elect an Executive Board of six members, three of whom shall be from the conference level; the President of the General Conference shall be a member ex-officio."

(Other portions of the Discipline, such as paragraph 232, shall be amended to harmonize with the above action.)

Voted that this be approved.

Submitted by the Sunday School Council

Amend paragraph 231 by substituting the following for the first sentence: "The Board of Administration shall see that the order of the General Conference requiring the publication of one religious periodical to be known as THE WESLEYAN METHODIST and such Sunday school papers and lesson helps as the Board may direct shall be carried out by The Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association". (Continue paragraph as it now appears.)

Amend paragraph 331 by inserting after the word "three" in line three, the words "or five". Amend further by adding the following to the paragraph: "The Conference Sunday School Secretary shall be chairman of the Sunday School Board. The Board shall nominate for election by the Annual Conference a person to serve as Director of Child Evangelism. This one may be, but need not be, a member of the Board."

Voted that this be approved.

**The General Council of the W.Y.P.S. Requests the
Board of Administration**

To designate THE WESLEYAN YOUTH the Official Organ of the Wesleyan Young People's Society with the following provisions:

1. The publishing is to be done at the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association, Syracuse, New York.
2. The final decision on, and control of the policy, is to be vested in the Board of Administration.
3. The Editor may be nominated by the W.Y.P.S. General Council and is to be elected by the Board of Administration.
4. Someone residing in or near Syracuse shall be designated the office editor to be the liaison with the shop.
5. The business management of the publication is to be vested in the Publishing Agent.

6. The W.Y.P.S. General Council is to receive the sum of 10¢ per annual subscription to be used in its work.

The W.Y.P.S. General Council
Karl Johnston, President
Forrest J. Gearhart, Secretary.

Approved by the Board of Administration and referred to the General Conference for their consideration and ratification.

Report of the Committee on Wesleyan Men's Fellowship

In view of the fact that the present Constitution of The Wesleyan Men's Fellowship has been said to be too complex, we recommend that the General Conference request the new Board of Administration to elect a committee of four Conference Presidents (one from each Area) and three laymen to rewrite the Constitution of the general and local Wesleyan Men's Fellowship. It is recommended that the Constitution be kept as simple as possible.

This committee shall report to the Executive Board or to the 1956 Board of Administration, which is authorized to approve such Constitution and pass the same to the Conferences and churches for their use. The work of this committee shall be reviewed by the next General Conference.

Roy S. Nicholson, chairman
J. F. Simpson,
E. L. Henderson,
C. L. Blanchard,
T. W. Mobley.

Approved by the Board of Administration and referred to the General Conference for their consideration and ratification.

Committee on Memorials, Woman's Missionary Society

We your Committee on Memorials to the General Conference, recommend that the following Disciplinary revisions be made:

1. **In paragraph 282A Article 3:** Delete the words "district organizer" and substitute the words "area chairman."

2. **In paragraph 284 Article 5 subparagraph (1):** Delete the words "corresponding secretary" and substitute the words: "Literature Secretary."

3. **In paragraph 285 Article 6 subparagraph (3):** Amend to read: "The Literature Secretary shall have charge of the Literature Department. She shall prepare for the Executive Board an annual financial report covering the work of her department, the same to become a part of the annual report of the Woman's Missionary Society to the Board of Administration. She shall also prepare a quadrennial report for the General Conference.

4. **In paragraph 285 Article 6 subparagraph (5):** Amend to read: "The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all moneys of the Society reported to her and shall hold in trust the funds of the Society, paying out the same on order signed by the President and Secretary. She shall remit all Educational, Home and Foreign funds monthly to the Treasurers of the School, Home and Foreign Departments, respectively. She shall prepare annual and quadrennial financial reports and present these to the Board of Managers and to the General Conference.

5. In paragraph 284 Article 5, Add subparagraph (6) as follows:
 "The term of office of these officials shall coincide with that of the officials of the General Conference as stated in Paragraph 217, subparagraph (1)."

6. In paragraph 285 Article 6 Subparagraph (7):

Delete the words "area chairman and duties" and substitute the word "areas."

In Line 2: delete the word "districts" and substitute the word "areas".

After "South Ohio", add "Illinois".

After "Tennessee", delete "Tennessee (colored)."

After "Tennessee", add "Florida".

7. Paragraph 285, Article 6, Subparagraph (8): Amend this to read:

"An area chairman shall be nominated by the delegates from each area and elected by the quadrennial session. It shall be the duty of the area chairman to arrange for one area convention during the quadrennium and to promote the work in general, reporting to and working with the General President (and Executive Board) of the Woman's Missionary Society.

8. Paragraph 286, Article 6 should be numbered Article 7.

Paragraph 286A Article 7 should be numbered Article 8.

9. In paragraph 289 Article 3: Delete the last sentence "Provided, the items of this article may be considered suggestive rather than compulsory".

10. Paragraph 290, Article 4: Delete: "And may be held at the time and place of the annual conference".

11. Paragraph 291 Article 5 Subparagraph (2): Amend to read: "These officers shall be elected annually by ballot."

12. Paragraph 292 Article 6 Subparagraph (1): In the second sentence, delete the words: "and bands".

13. In paragraph 292, Article 6 Subparagraph (3): Amend to read: "The Secretary shall keep a full record of all proceedings of the annual and executive sessions. She shall prepare a statistical report for the quadrennial session of the Woman's Missionary Society."

14. Paragraph 292 Article 6 Subparagraph (4): Amend first sentence to read: "The Treasurer shall give receipts for all moneys received and shall disburse funds quarterly or oftener to the General Woman's Missionary Society Treasurer by vote of the Conference Society, or according to the desire of those contributing."

Add the following words at the end of second sentence, "to the Conference Society".

15. Paragraph 293 Article 7: Delete the second paragraph.

16. Paragraph 298, Article 3, Subparagraph (1): Delete the words: "signing these articles of organization and".

17. Paragraph 301, Article 6, Subparagraph (1): Amend to read: "The officers of the Society shall be members of the local society electing, and shall consist of a President and Vice-President who shall be members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church; and a Secretary, Treasurer, Work Director, and Superintendent of the Young Missionary Worker's Band. The last named shall be a member of The Wesleyan Methodist Church. Where this is not practical, a non-member may be appointed by the

Woman's Missionary Society President in consultation with the pastor."

18. **Paragraph 302 Article 7 Subparagraph (3):** Amend to read: "The Secretary shall keep a record of members and keep the minutes of all meetings."

19. **Paragraph 302, Article 7, Subparagraph (4):** Amend to read: "The Treasurer shall receive all moneys raised by the Society, and remit the same as directed by the Society, and shall make an annual report according to printed report blanks to the Conference Society."

Constitution of the Yong Missionary Workers' Band

(This is a new constitution to take the place of the old one beginning on page 164 in the Discipline.)

Article I

The name of this organization shall be the Young Missionary Workers' Band, auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Society of The Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Article II

The purpose of this organization shall be (1) to promote among the boys and girls of our congregations a true interest in Christian missions, (2) to train them for Christian service by the study of the Bible and missions, and (3) to raise funds for world-wide evangelism.

Article III

There shall be a quadrennial meeting of the conference Young Missionary Workers' Band superintendents at the time and place of the General Conference of the Church for inspiration and the promotion of the general interest of the organization.

Article IV

The Young Missionary Workers' Band shall function under the general direction of the Woman's Missionary Society. The organization through its General Superintendent and Treasurer shall submit to the Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Society monthly and annually a report of all offerings received and disbursements made to the General Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society.

(The following paragraph is to be substituted for Paragraph 285, Article 5, Sub paragraph (9)):

The General Superintendent shall preside at the quadrennial meeting of the conference Young Missionary Workers' Band superintendents and shall present the interests of the Young Missionary Worker's Band at the meeting of the Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Society of which she is a member. She shall exercise general supervision of the work under the Woman's Missionary Society. She shall edit "The Young Missionary" and act as Treasurer of all funds received from conference superintendents and other sources. Said funds shall be sent in monthly as designated to the General Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society, ten percent of undesignated Home and Foreign Funds to be retained in the General Treasury to become part of the General Fund.

Article V

There shall be a meeting of local superintendents at the time of the annual conference for the purpose of inspiration, fellowship and instruction.

Workshops for the promotion of the Band may be held during the year.

(The following paragraph is to be substituted for Paragraph 292, Article 6, Sub paragraph (5)):

The Conference Superintendent shall preside at the annual meeting of the local Young Missionary Workers' Band superintendents. She shall have general supervision of the work of the local Bands, give instructions to the local superintendents, receive and record all money sent by them and forward the same to the General Superintendent. She shall bring to the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society a general and financial report of the year, and shall forward financial report to the General Superintendent on authorized forms.

She shall be a member of the Woman's Missionary Society Executive Board of the annual conference. It shall be her task to organize new bands wherever possible.

The Local Y.M.W.B. Constitution

Article I

The Band shall be called The Young Missionary Workers' Band of the
_____ Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Article II

Section 1. Active membership shall include all children of age thirteen or younger who pay the membership dues of not less than one cent per week.

Section 2. Honorary membership shall be open to all persons over age thirteen who pay the membership dues above specified.

(The following paragraph is to be substituted for Paragraph 302, Article 7, Sub paragraph (6)):

Section 1. The supervising officer of the local organization shall be the superintendent. Her term of office shall be one year. She shall be a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church when practicable. An assistant superintendent may be elected.

Section 2. Where no Woman's Missionary Society exists, the superintendent shall be elected by the church.

Article III

Section 1. Twelve meetings a year shall be held for the active members of the Band, ten of which shall be held in the interests of Foreign Missions, one for Home Missions, and one for Education. Public services shall be planned quarterly, when advisable. At these meetings, offerings may be taken for special interests presented.

Section 2. Monthly meetings shall be held, at which time the programs outlined in "The Young Missionary" shall be employed.

Article IV

It shall be the duty of the local superintendent: to supervise the monthly meetings of the Band according to the general purposes of the organization; to keep a record of dues and offerings received; to forward the same quarterly to the conference superintendent. She shall make out an annual report of the Band on forms supplied. She shall present a written report of the spiritual and financial status of the Band at the time of the quarterly business meeting of the church.

This Constitution may be amended by the usual Disciplinary procedure.

Signed, Mrs. Myrtle B. Lawrence,
Mrs. Marion Cretsinger,
Mrs. Helen Stark.

The action of the Board was that these be approved as they have been amended.

Submitted by Roy S. Nicholson

Whereas the ritual section in the proposed discipline of the United Wesleyan Methodist Church represents years of careful study, and

Whereas there has been expressed a desire for an expanded ritual, Therefore,

Be it resolved "that the ritual contained in the proposed discipline for the United Wesleyan Methodist Church, except for the ordination of Deacons, be substituted for the ritual now appearing in the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline". The action of the Board was that this be approved.

Submitted by Pension Fund Treasurer

I. WHEREAS, in the development of the Pension Plan over the past eight years it has become the Denominational Plan for Retirement, and

WHEREAS, the present name under which the Plan as now operated is known as "the Superannuated Ministers' Aid Society of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America" does not describe adequately the present purpose of the Pension Plan; Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, THAT the present incorporate name, "The Superannuated Ministers' Aid Society of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America" be changed to "Pension Plan of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America", and

THAT the President and Secretary of the Board of Managers be, and they hereby are, authorized to sign all papers incident to this transaction, and

THAT in keeping with Paragraph 323 of the Discipline, the balance in the Denominational Superannuate Fund be transferred to the treasury of the Pension Plan and become a part of its reserve Funds, and be it

RESOLVED, further THAT from the income of the Pension Fund, subscriptions to THE WESLEYAN METHODIST be provided for widows in the plan who certify to the Pension Plan Treasurer that they are unable to otherwise subscribe to this periodical.

THAT the Discipline be amended by deleting Paragraph 323, Item 11 and that Paragraph 324, Item 12 become Paragraph 323, Item 11.

II. Paragraph 313, Item 1, sub paragraph 3, line 1:
Insert the word "total" just before the word "funds" and the remainder of the paragraph continue the same. Add at the close of the paragraph the following: "Further regulations governing loans from the Pension Plan Funds may be made by the Board of Administration and when so made may be published by its order."

III. Paragraph 314, Item 2, sub paragraph 3:
"There shall be paid into the treasury of the Pension Plan one percent of the church budget received by the Foreign Missions

and Home Missions Department Treasuries, and one percent of the payroll of the staff members, who are members of the Plan, by the Treasuries of our several schools, provided that no school shall pay less than one hundred dollars."

IV. Paragraph 314, Item 2, sub paragraph (4):

Rewrite as follows: "Each member of the Plan shall pay one percent of his total cash receipts (it is understood that in the case of a business cash receipts would mean net cash receipts) beginning at the rise of each annual conference, the same to be paid quarterly."

V. Paragraph 315, Item 3, sub paragraph 1:

Rewrite the first sentence as follows: "The Board of Administration shall be the Board of Managers of the Plan." Continue the next sentence down through line 4, place a semi-colon and insert the following: "and approve applications for benefits," continue with the rest of the paragraph.

VI. Paragraph 316, Item 4, add sub paragraph (5):

"All persons eligible for membership in the Pension Plan June 1, 1955, must become members of the Plan within two years, and all who subsequently become eligible for membership must join within a two year period from the time of their eligibility or forfeit their right to become members, however, the above restriction may be waived by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Administration."

VII. Paragraph 317, Item 5, sub paragraph 1-2, add the following to each paragraph: "subject to certain limitations which provide that one may earn as much as \$1,200 a year and continue to receive full benefit payments. For every \$50. (or fraction thereof) over the \$1,200 earned from any type of work, benefits based on one year's service credit will be deducted. His earnings in any amount after he reaches the age of 72 will in no way affect his benefit payments. The above shall not apply to those whose pension benefits do not exceed \$500 during the year."

VIII. Paragraph 317, Item 5, sub paragraph 5, in line 2, delete the words "one-half" and continue the remainder of the paragraph.

IX. Paragraph 319, Item 7, rewrite the first sentence as follows:

"Should a member fail to complete the payment of his quarterly assessments for the current year by the close of the conference fiscal year, he shall be granted a grace period of six months before he forfeits his rights to benefits but he may be reinstated by the approval of the Board and the payment or adjustment of all unpaid assessments with interest as determined by the Board of Managers." Continue the remainder of the paragraph, adding the following: "unless he should choose to waive service credit for such a period of temporary retirement, in which case the above assessment would not be paid and he could be reinstated by complying with the requirements of the Board of Managers and paying a nominal fee of \$5.00"

X. Paragraph 320, sub paragraph (1): In case of an elder or a conference preacher who, by conference action, is required to surrender his credentials or voluntarily surrenders his credentials rather

than accept trial, he shall forfeit all funds he has paid in as well as all claims to benefits." David A. Rees

Items I through X were referred to Pension Plan Committee.

Recommendation:

WHEREAS, The benefits of the Pension Plan, though much appreciated, do not provide adequate income for retirement and

WHEREAS, The income received from Social Security coverage is also an inadequate source of income for retirement, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That we urge all of our men who possibly can, to seek Social Security coverage in addition to being members of the Pension Plan, and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That our conference give serious consideration to ways and means by which our churches can assist our pastors in the financial responsibility of Social Security membership.

David A. Rees, chairman
O. G. Wilson,
V. A. Mitchell,
O. T. Beckman,
Allen Bowman.

The Board of administration is the Committee on Revisal.

David A. Rees, Secretary

Report No. 23

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE LEADERS' CONFERENCE

We recommend that the leaders' gathering be continued throughout the coming quadrennium and arranged according to the following order:

There shall be held a general gathering of the General Conference President, Denominational Officials, College Presidents, and the Annual Conference Presidents in the spring of 1956 for inspirational and co-ordination efforts in the work of the Church. Expenses of the Conference Presidents shall be prorated among the Conferences upon the basis of their membership. Expenses of the Denominational Officials shall be borne by their respective departments of the Church.

There shall be a District Meeting held in each of the College Areas in the years 1957 and 1958 for mutual consideration and discussion of the work of the Church. Attendance at these gatherings is to be limited to the Conference Presidents and Vice presidents, or any persons the Conferences 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 these Conferences and shall take with him one Denominational Official to each district conference, alternating them until each has attended; the exact time and place of the meetings to be designated by him.

Committee: J. F. Simpson, Chairman
E. L. Henderson,
Archie Crapo.

Report No. 24

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON ENTERTAINMENT AND TRAVEL

WHEREAS there is an increasing demand for available space for

the General Conference and its auxiliary bodies, and

WHEREAS the Indiana Conference finds it an increasing burden to meet the askings of the various bodies, and

WHEREAS there is, to the knowledge of the committee, no other Wesleyan Methodist conference ground more adequate for our demands than those at the present site, and

WHEREAS there seems to be increasing interest on the part of the constituency as a whole to take interest in this quadrennial gathering, and

WHEREAS adequate entertainment facilities of such a nature that would provide individual choice of accommodations for our visitors are not sufficiently available on these grounds, and

WHEREAS other grounds, available at a slight additional cost, would facilitate the operation of the conference, in so far as eating time, work on the part of our own people, and the heavy burden placed on the personnel of the entertaining conference are concerned, and

WHEREAS the total cost of entertainment and the entire facilities of the conference grounds recommended by this committee would be increased over the present cost only \$4.75 per delegate for the entire eight days, which would mean an increase in cost from \$19.75 to \$24 per person, or a total increased cost on the basis of 330 delegates for the present general conference of \$1583, or a total increase from \$6460 to \$8043, and

WHEREAS it is felt the increased interest on the part of visitors who will attend because of available facilities, and the interest of the general residential Christian population of the proposed grounds, will bring in offerings and support to more than cover the increased cost, and

WHEREAS your committee has made investigation of at least three other possible General Conference sites for 1959, we therefore would recommend:

1. That this body recommend to the Board of Administration that the 1959 General Conference be held at Winona Lake Christian Assembly Grounds at Winona Lake, Indiana, if deemed advisable after further investigation.
2. That all final contracts and arrangements for the 1959 General Conference be left in the hands of the Board of Administration, or a committee appointed by them.
3. That the budget be continued at 15¢ (fifteen cents) per member per year for the next General Conference expenses.
4. That the Board of Administration, at its June 1958 meeting, establish a basis on which to figure travel expense for the delegates to the next General Conference.
5. That the Board of Administration appoint a committee of two to serve with the general church treasurer to prepare instruction and expense forms for the purposes of settling accounts with delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul L. Kindschi, Chairman

C. R. Bremer,

George Fisher,

D. M. Brenner,

W. T. Hughey,

LeVerne Tolle, Secretary

Report No. 25

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RECORDS

Your Committee on Conference Records, has carefully examined the Conference Record Books submitted to us and have graded them according to the standards of efficiency set up by the last General Conference. They are as follows:

- Africa. No report.
- Alabama, 81%. No written initials at bottom of page; no index; marginal index insufficient in Daily Proceedings; divisions not indicated.
- Allegheny, 100%
- Australia, 95%. Lacked the signature of president and secretary.
- California, 93%. No quadrennial index; insufficient headings and marginal references.
- Canada, 93%. Pasted in statistical records; no general index.
- Champlain, 90%. No marginal index.
- Dakota, 92%. Penmanship and typing not uniform.
- Florida, 93%. No general index; Marginal index incomplete.
- Illinois, 100%
- India. No report.
- Indiana, 100%.
- Iowa, 100%
- Kansas, 90%. Keys of typewriter should be cleaned; no marginal index.
- Kentucky, 88%. No general or marginal index; no paragraph headings.
- Lockport, 100%.
- Michigan, 100%.
- Middle Atlantic States, 100%.
- Nebraska, 98%. Without president's signature at close of Journal.
- North Carolina, 100%.
- North Georgia, 88%. Insufficient signature by secretary; incomplete marginal index and paragraph headings.
- North Michigan, 86%. No president's signature for one year; insufficient marginal index and paragraph headings in daily proceedings.
- Ohio, No Report.
- Oklahoma, 95%. Not signed by president and secretary; no general index.
- Oregon, 100%.
- Rochester, 98%. No general index.
- South Carolina, 100%.
- South Georgia, 100%.
- South Ohio, 80%. Without signatures of president and secretary; no marginal index.
- Tennessee, 100%.
- Wisconsin, 87%. Improper signatures; insufficient margin; no paragraph headings.
- General Conference, 100%

Recommendations

We present the following recommendations as to the keeping of Conference Records for the coming Quadrennium:

A. That the Standard of Excellency be as follows:

1. Binding. The book should be a bound legal volume, or in case of loose leaf volume should allow permanent locking upon completion. It is requested that each Annual Conference Secretary purchase their record books through the Agent of the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing House 10%
2. The signature of the president and secretary shall appear at the close of the Journal of Daily Proceedings. The year date shall be placed at the top of each page. The initials of the secretary shall be written at the 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. Quadrennial and Annual index shall list the page location of Officer, Daily Proceedings and all reports 10%
7. Marginal index throughout the Journal 10%
8. Paragraphs and Headings. Each conference action should be properly paragraphed and main divisions indicated by proper headings 10%
9. Quadrennial Statistical Summary transcribed in Record Book 10%
10. Additional copy of Quadrennial Statistical Summary for use of the 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 headings 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. We further suggest that a pattern page furnished from a 100 percent record book be included with the standard of efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

Everett E. Elliott, Chairman

Walter Parks,

J. B. Markey,

J. C. Putman,

Theo. E. Flood,

Noel H. Winterholter, Secretary.

Report No. 26

COMMITTEE ON LAY DELEGATES-AT-LARGE

We, your Committee on Lay Delegates-at-large, recommend that the lay delegates-at-large for the 1959 session be taken from the following

conferences: South Carolina, South Georgia, South Ohio, Tennessee, Wisconsin and Alabama.

Clarence Budensiek, Chairman;
J. F. Yates, Secretary;
H. A. Williams,
Thankful H. Clawson,
Ralph Day,
Don Kline.

Report No. 27

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Christian education holds the answer to today's drift toward secularism which leads into communism. We are faced with the most complex world in the world's long history, and we are being challenged by atheistic communism abroad and by secularism at home.

Our secular education has produced the technological advance which gave us atomic power, but not the skill to use it for the good of man.

Moralizing and morals are two entirely different things. We are in danger of becoming a nation of moralizers rather than the moral nation we must be if freedom is to live in this world.

The emphasis must be on the word "Christian"—**Christian** education. Education in the generic sense is not the answer, for whoever or whatever controls education writes a blueprint for the future. Education can free the minds of men, but it can also close their minds and enslave them to the lower levels of selfishness.

Colleges majoring on Christian education must teach character. Someone inquires, "One can teach subject matter like French or physics, Spanish or speech, geography or geology, mathematics or military science, but where does one teach character?" It is taught in everything we do. Character can be developed by diligent study, by sincerity in worship, and by participation in competitive roles in the classroom, in literary societies, and on the athletic field.

From the report of the committee of the National Association of Evangelicals on Christian Education in Democracy, six criteria are given as an outline of what a Christian school or college ought to be. They are "(1) A Christian educational institution must be built upon a thoroughgoing Christian philosophy of education. (2) A Christian school must have a faculty thoroughly committed to its distinctive philosophy. (3) The entire curriculum of the Christian educational institution must be Christ-centered. (4) A Christian school must have a student body who will actively support its philosophy and aims. (5) A Christian school must recognize two aspects of Christian education—the required and the voluntary. (6) A Christian educational institution must actually do the truth through applying the Christian ethics in all its relationships."

A question which perhaps should be answered is this: "Is the denomination justified in the effort she is making in the field of Christian education? Can this be considered a part of the divine commission, 'Make disciples of all nations'?" The answer is an emphatic **yes**. This is a part of our commission. The Christian college is an integral part of the Church. It is a part of the Body of Christ, commissioned to bring the Gospel to the whole world. Education has the role of informing, developing, releasing and unfolding the individual for a more meaningful and effective

tive effort to make Christ known. If the Wesleyan Methodist Church shifts or evades this responsibility, in time it must face the consequences of duty undone.

During the quadrennium just past there is evidence that our colleges are becoming better qualified from the academic standpoint. There has been a noticeable increase in teacher qualifications as well as in better methods of instruction.

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 moving 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 declare that the two are not incompatible. Each of our institutions of learning continues to function in preparing ministers, missionaries and other Christian workers for the cause of Christ.

Our colleges cannot adequately serve Wesleyan Methodism unless more of our Wesleyan Methodist youth are there to be served. Surely there are more of our own Wesleyan Methodist young people who should be getting training from these colleges. Everything else being equal, it is the judgment of this committee that every Wesleyan Methodist youth, especially those who are going into active Christian work, should have at least some training in one of our denominationally controlled colleges. It is not sufficient to increase the number of children in the Sunday School or the number of young people in the W.Y.P.S., unless there is a continuity from the Sunday School through the W.Y.P.S. into the Wesleyan Methodist colleges. To assume that the local church's educational functions are relatively complete with a sound program of childhood and teenage training is to miss a whole dimension of Christian education. Educators can beg, graduates can testify, and headlines can appeal, but until Wesleyan Methodist parents are aroused to the need of safeguarding the training of their children, our colleges will hobble on, unable to do fully what they are called to do.

From *The Christian Evangelist* of April 27, 1955, we quote: "In 1938, for every student in a tax-supported institution there was one in a private, mostly church-related, institution. At the present time there are approximately 55 students in tax-supported to every 45 in private institutions. By 1970 it is estimated that the ratio will be 4 to 1. This is occasioned, not by the declining value of the private school, but rather by an anticipated rapid increase in the number of young people who will demand a college education and the inability of the church college to expand its facilities to care for many more students than it had in 1948."

If the colleges are to do what the Church has a right to expect them to do, we must find additional operational income. Salaries of professors are far below the level to which their training entitles them. In order to maintain the scholastic rating by men of high caliber in teaching and professional ability, the salaries must be raised.

The conscientious teacher on the campus constantly feels the need of growing professionally through contact with societies within his teaching field; thus attendance at meetings of learned societies, workshops, and summer conferences should be provided for in the over-all expense of the college.

School buildings, many of which are inadequate and obsolete, must be replaced. New and advanced laboratory equipment is a must in the es-

sential development of a college. In order to insure a high type of students an increasing number of scholarships must be offered.

Where is the money to come from for meeting these additional expenses? By extra offerings and by donations that reach beyond the budget askings. It is the judgment of this committee that the budgets of the several colleges should be substantially increased and that every effort should be made to turn Wesleyan Methodist and other evangelical money into the support of Wesleyan Methodist colleges through participation in philanthropic foundations and through annuities, bequests and endowment notes.

While the Church is charged with a heavy responsibility to support our colleges, financially and morally, our colleges in turn must support the Church. The glory of our colleges is that with conviction and firmness of moral purpose, they strive to preserve and propagate the theological distinctiveness of the denomination. Every youth who enrolls in a Wesleyan Methodist College, should be made to feel that the Wesleyan Methodist Church has a message, a mission and a challenge for this generation. Interest and enthusiasm for the total program of the Church, for the ideals and standards of the Church, should permeate the very atmosphere of our colleges.

Every effort should be made to develop stronger links of unity between the Church and the colleges. The courses in Christian leadership should be strengthened, and much attention should be given those courses which will help to make the American home Christian. A well-rounded curriculum covering all phases of Christian homemaking should be made popular and available to all.

We recognize the importance of advanced training for our ministers in accredited seminaries. However, we do not believe that this requires our ministerial candidates to expose themselves to the modernism and neo-orthodoxy offered in many of the established seminaries. We ask that this conference take its stand against neo-orthodoxy and modernism and earnestly request our young men to seek advanced training in seminaries which are true to the Bible and which explicitly teach entire sanctification in harmony with our Article of Religion on this doctrine.

We urge conference presidents to seek to place ministerial students in pastorates near our colleges, and those seeking advanced training near a seminary which is true to our Articles of Religion.

Recognition by various regional accrediting associations is becoming of increasing importance to our schools for two reasons: so that our graduates may be accepted for advanced study in secular universities without loss of credit and so that our degrees will be recognized in areas geographically located outside the state granting the school's charter. These accrediting groups do not seek to dictate the purposes of any college, but they carefully examine the purposes set forth by the institution making application, and they evaluate the ways in which that college is accomplishing these purposes. As educational advisers they recommend standards whereby the academic program can be strengthened, and on the basis of these standards they decide as to the admission of the college to the association.

One such association has pointed out the value to the school of a board peculiarly belonging to that institution. This would involve vesting more administration in the local board of managers; however, three important controls should be kept with the Board of Administration of the church: (1) title to all college property, (2) the right of review of all

actions of the local board of managers, and (3) the right of initial action in any matter. With these precautions we believe that the gains pointed out by the accrediting association can be accomplished and that the positive control by the church so necessary to our Wesleyan schools can be continued.

Oliver G. Wilson,
Wm. F. McConn,
C. H. Martin,
Allen Bowman,
R. C. Mullinax,
Robert R. Luckey,
W. S. Freeborn, Sr.

Report No. 28

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

We are living in no ordinary time and age. Voices from many quarters pronounce our day as one of the darkest in history. Some of the brightest minds can see no way out. National unrest, international jealousies, strife between capital and labor, wars and talks of wars, economic distress, droughts, unemployment and political uncertainty fill the horizon with such clouds of ill omen as to cause sober-minded people to pause and question.

The Challenge to Evangelism

The world conditions challenge us to evangelism. All informed men agree that this is the most critical hour in human history. Our faith and the way of life produced by our faith are in mortal peril. There are spiritual values at stake in the world crisis today which strike at the roots of our very existence. Sinister forces are at work. False religions abound on every side. Catholicism is gaining tremendous power everywhere. Clerical garbed modernism smiles and, in terms of religion familiar to the saints, but hollowed out for new content, postulates the vaporings of Atheism and the blasphemies of Communism. Too, frequently today, popular religion is scarcely more than cultured agnosticism. Pride, haughtiness, pleasure-seeking, Sabbath desecration, prayerlessness are on every hand. An aggressive, atheistic Communism is contending with Christianity for man's allegiance. "The philosophies now set in opposition to each other are irreconcilable." A blatant, blasphemous neo-paganism and a synthetic barbarism "armed with modern engines of destruction and diabolical devices of torture and motivated by dark, furtive forces" have appeared on the scene. A disastrous materialistic philosophy and a secularization of life are dominating and damning our way of life and faith everywhere. Naturalism is threatening to become the basis of world culture. Nationalism is sweeping the earth. Western culture hangs perilously on the edge of an abyss. Renaissance ideals are in a state of collapse. Secular philosophies are once again calling Christianity to a battle for survival.

Events of world-shaking significance are already casting their shadows. Colossal movements have been inaugurated—some good, others ill. The human race faces destruction. Cataclysmic judgments are inevitable. Revolution, with all its horrors, again lifts its hoary head. The Iron and Bamboo Curtains hide a slavery worse than death. All creation groans. No doubt, "The Coming of the Lord Draweth nigh."

Our religious world challenges us to evangelism. According to the

figures recently released, the membership of the churches of America is around 94,842,845. About 59.5 per cent of our population is on the church rolls. In other words, around 60 out of every 100 persons in America are church members. But, on an average, only 8 out of a 100 persons attend the Sunday morning worship service of the churches, and only 2 out of a 100 persons attend the Sunday evening services. The churches are carrying a great list of names of folk who are members in name only. Here is a great area that needs the touch of real religious experience.

What is God's answer to this groaning world and to the condition in the religious world? EVANGELISM—rugged, scriptural, aggressive evangelism. A Spirit-filled program of evangelism is the most dire need of our breath-taking day. In II Tim. 4: 5, the Apostle Paul, after giving the conditions which would characterize the last days, told Timothy the way to meet the situation was "to do the work of an evangelist." Timothy was to be evangelistic in his message and method. He must ever be reaching out for the lost both in his teaching, preaching and personal contacts. It is evangelize or perish. True evangelism is the order of the day, the need of the hour. Without revival, life as we know it, must perish. True evangelism will stimulate the spiritual life of the people, add new interest, create enthusiasm, and will consolidate the work. Evangelism is one of the most important activities of our Church.

The Objectives of Evangelism

This is a day of tremendous religious activity. Much of it is no doubt a discredit to the name evangelism. A lot of it is worldly, carnal and wholly indefensible. Much of the present-day evangelism is but a scratching of the surface. It does not go to bed-rock. There is no clarion call to repentance no heroic, fearless call to forsake all and follow Jesus.

Every activity carried on in the name of Christ must meet the supreme test: Does it have Biblical Authority back of it? Is its spiritual content divinely given? Is it according to the letter and the spirit of the Scripture? That it succeeds proves nothing. That it is popular proves less. Where are the proofs of heavenly birth? Where are its scriptural credentials? What assurance does it give that it represents the operation of the Holy Spirit in the divine plan of the ages? These questions demand satisfactory answers.

If God has an objective in the matter of evangelism—we are certain that He does have—then only that which seeks to obtain that objective is fulfilling its purpose and will be able to stand the storm of Judgment sifting. To determine the purpose of evangelism is to go a long way in determining the kind of evangelism that is to be propagated. Certainly it will have to be in harmony with the character of God and the needs of man. It must maintain the principles and standards laid down in the "Thus saith the Lord." To evangelize with the purpose of fulfilling the real objective of God is evangelism. One must not preach less than Calvary provides. For whatever Calvary provides, the Judgment will demand.

Genuine evangelism has as its objective the bringing of men back to God. It is as old as human obligation. It began with God's first promise that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head. As one has put it, "To recreate fallen man in righteousness and true holiness was the first-born conception in the heart of Divinity far back in the dateless past." The objective of New Testament Evangelism is to offer a redemption that is not only adequate to the deeds of man but also adequate for the needs of man.

The Meaning of Evangelism

Revival and evangelism, although closely linked, are not to be confounded. Revival is an experience in the Church while evangelism is an expression of the Church.

Evangelism has been defined as "The presentation of the Good News of God in Jesus Christ, so that men are brought, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to put their trust in God, accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour from the guilt and power of sin, follow and serve Him as their Lord in the fellowship of the Church and in the vocations of the common life."

As Dr. O. G. Wilson put it in THE WESLEYAN METHODIST sometime ago, "Evangelism is more than a type of preaching, it is a living, flaming passion; more than a creed, more than a dogma, more than a systematized method of work. It is a constraining emotion that will not be quenched until men find rest and safety in the atoning sacrifice of Calvary."

Some Qualifications For Evangelism

The Church must have a vision of the utter lostness, the depravity and the utter bankruptcy of the human race, must have a realization of the adequacy of God's plan of salvation and must be wholly given over to one Great Purpose. Souls are won only by those who purpose to do so. The early Christians were devoted to their mission. They were absorbed in the salvation of their fellowmen. The compassion of the Lord dwelt within them. Their hearts burned for the lost, the wanderers and vagabonds of earth. Their enthusiasm for the gospel swallowed them up. Whether persecution, or wild beasts, or dens, or caves, they suffered it gladly that they might spread the gospel to the lost of earth.

Again, the Church must see to it that all hindrances are removed—"Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me; and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psa. 139: 23, 24) must be placed absolutely at God's disposal—"Yield yourselves unto God"—the command is to "Go ye into all the world," must have a ministry of prevailing prayer—travail in prayer is of paramount importance—must have a ministry saturated with the Word of God, with a vital message for a lost world, in the anointing of the Holy Spirit, characterized by the expectance of faith and wholly devoted to the glory of God and must have a manifestation of God's presence and power which brings deep conviction for sin and which leads to true, deep repentance. There must be the supernatural.

Since the objective of true evangelism is to bring men to God, since this is an hour of extreme urgency and since true, rugged, aggressive, scriptural evangelism will stem the tide of drift, compromise and apostasy, we therefore recommend:

1. That we give greater room and more attention to the Holy Spirit in all of our programs and in our Church activities. One of our chief dangers is dependence upon organization, methods, talent, training and self-effort. Not that we should minimize the value of these, but when they are at their best, without Him, all is of no avail. It is not what is done for God that counts but rather what is done by Him, the work of His Spirit through our yielded wills. Programs, propaganda, pep, personnel, these are not enough. There must be power. God's work must be done by God's people God's way. "It is not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord."

2. That our educational institutions continue an ever-increasing evangelistic emphasis. Education which leaves its students merely intellectual falls so far below the Bible conception of wisdom that it is to be avoided rather than sought. We urge the employment of evangelists who shall bring to the students messages of inspiration, conviction and instruction, given under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and that the proper emphasis be given the students' spiritual life throughout the year.

3. That all our evangelists, pastors and personal workers shall carefully cling to the old paths in dealing with seekers at the altar of prayer. We deplore the tendency to avoid the crucifixion of the old self-life. Seekers should be instructed to truly repent and to travel the pathway of old-fashioned restitution which leads to that definite experience known as praying through.

4. That our churches employ evangelists who are Wesleyan Methodists so far as this is possible. Our own workers are loyal to our doctrines and to our organization. When others are employed for evangelistic meetings, care should be taken to see that they truly conform to our doctrinal stand, to our standards as regards worldliness, and are friendly to our Church as an organization.

5. That child evangelism receive appropriate emphasis in each local church in co-operation with the Conference Secretary of Child Evangelism.

6. That our General President, the Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST and the denominational Secretary of Evangelism do all they can to stir the church to evangelism through the channel of the Church paper, for the heart and core of our great Church is evangelism, evangelistic fervor.

7. That our denominational Secretary of Evangelism work through the Conference Secretaries of Evangelism to obtain as many as will to band together as a prayer band to pray daily for the Denomination, for our schools, for conferences, for a spiritual awakening and for a genuine revival.

8. That our General President designate a week of prayer each year of this Quadrennium when all the churches in the Denomination will be uniting in prayer for a spiritual awakening and revival.

9. That each conference and local church urge their people to observe each Wednesday and Friday as fast days the same as the Early Church and the early Methodists did.

10. That each conference and local church urge their people to continue to observe The Prayer Fellowship each Tuesday and Thursday from 6 a. m. to 7 a. m.

11. That each conference and each local church emphasize lay-evangelism. God has given us the program—every member of the church a spirit-filled evangelist.

12. That as a Denomination we endeavor once more to recover the soul passion that characterized the Early Church for "no amount of scholastic attainment, of able and profound exposition, of brilliant and stirring eloquence, can atone for the absence of a deep, impassioned, sympathetic love of human souls." "There is a passion for souls, a depth of burden for men, a care for the flock of God that beggars words and sighs and tears." An old saint before the days of automobiles said that he quit his work in the middle of the afternoon, hitched up his horse and drove twenty miles to pray with a man whom he felt was drifting from God. He said, "I could scarcely help it my love and concern for him was so great

I could not rest until I had done my best to bring him to God." When we get back to this as a Church, we will see a harvest of souls.

13. That we as a Church discover anew the meaning of intercessory prayer, soul travail and soul burden. The secret of all the revivals in the past have been as soon as Zion travailed she brought forth her children" (Isa. 66:8). The only power on earth that God yields to—or Hell either, for that matter—is the power of prevailing prayer. Over the doors of our churches can be written: "We wrestle not." We are not resisting unto blood. The biggest single factor contributing to a delayed Holy Ghost revival is the lack of soul-travail in pulpit and pew. Revival taries because we lack urgency and desperation in prayer. Let us begin to storm the ramparts of hell. Let us deny ourselves food, sleep, friends, and many other things, while we wrestle with hell's demon forces and liberate souls, depopulate hell and, as a result of our travail, leave a stream of blood-washed souls headed for Heaven.

14. That as a Denomination we go "all out for souls," the next four years. A harvest of souls lies waiting; it will demand earnest human effort plus divine aid. God is eager to help us. Are we willing to co-operate with Him in this "ALL OUT FOR SOULS"?

H. C. Van Wormer, Chairman;
G. C. Summey,
Dennis W. Osgood,
J. A. Giles,
R. M. Douglas,
A. M. Gilmer,
John D. Williams,
John H. Carey.

Report No. 29

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Decades before the origin of many of our modern churches, organizations and institutions, the Sunday school began a service to mankind which has contributed to the salvation of thousands of souls, to the sanctity of the home, and to the welfare of the nation.

The Wesleyan Methodist Church has in the last twenty years been among the foremost in providing better plants and facilities for its Sunday schools. Thousands of dollars have been invested and a multitude has been added to our enrollment. Our Sunday schools have moved steadily forward until they have become part of one of the strongest and most efficient means of instruction in modern society.

The aim of the Wesleyan Methodist Sunday school has not varied across the years. From the beginning we have sought to teach the Word, to bring about the conversion of our members, and to train for spiritual service. To maintain our purpose, we have continually guarded against certain modern trends which remove the Bible from its proper place in the Sunday school program. Our church has insisted that the school must be Bible-centered and definitely spiritual in its activities.

The Sunday school has a definite responsibility toward every child in the community. Many children lack the advantage of a Christian home; these must be provided opportunity for Christian training by means outside of the home.

Likewise, the Sunday school has a great responsibility toward nearly

60,000,000 youth of our day who are pressing through the staggering problems of life with little spiritual help.

Still another group to which the Sunday school is responsible is the vast number of young married couples who have entered that new phase of life which offers great blessing or great tragedy. The "Young Married Folks Class" in many of our Sunday schools is rendering outstanding service to its members, but the number of homes contacted should be greatly increased. To these new homes and to all others, the Sunday school finds opportunity for service.

The major purpose of the Sunday school may be summed up in one word—EVANGELIZE. In our day, when a new upsurge of the spirit of evangelism is being felt around the world, the Sunday school must promote revival as never before for the individual members of the organization, the community, and the world. To this task Wesleyan Methodist Sunday schools reaffirm their consecration, and dedicate themselves again to the task presented in the Great Commission.

Recommendations From The Sunday School Committee

1. It is recommended that the practice of raising an annual Thanksgiving Offering in our Sunday Schools be continued.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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 degree possible.

5. It is recommended that the Sunday School Council and the Board of Administration be authorized to consider the advisability of dividing the responsibilities of the Sunday School Department in such manner that one office under the leadership of the General Sunday School Secretary be responsible for the promotional work of the Sunday school; another office under the supervision of Sunday School Editor be responsible for the editorial task.

6. It is recommended that the Board of Administration be authorized to inaugurate the above-mentioned program during the coming quadrennium should it appear feasible, and providing assessment for financing the plan shall not exceed twenty-five cents per member for the enrollment in the Main School.

7. Amend Paragraph 331 to read as follows: "Each Annual Conference shall elect a Conference Sunday School Board which shall be a continuing board; each member thereof shall be elected for a term of two years and in such manner as to provide that the term of the entire membership does not expire at the same time. The Board shall consist of three or five competent and interested individuals who shall have the direction of the Annual Conference Sunday school work, under the direction of the General Sunday School Board. The Conference Sunday School Secretary shall be elected for a term of two years and shall be chairman of the Sunday School Board. The Board shall nominate for election by the Annual Conference a person to serve as Director of Child Evangelism.

This one may be, but need not be, a member of the Board.

Committee on Sunday Schools:

Rufus Reisdorph, Chairman

Harold Woodard,

Lyman F. Lance,

Otto Terrill,

W. H. Armstrong,

Leo J. Corliss,

O. E. Felton.

Report No. 30

GENERAL CONFERENCE CAUCUSES

MILTONVALE WESLEYAN COLLEGE AREA CAUCUS

June 27, 1955

The Miltonvale Area Caucus met for business on June 27, 1955 and recommended the following:

1. Nominations for delegates to the Board of Administration:
Ministerial delegates—Rev. J. F. Simpson, Rev. Clarence Budensiek; **Lay delegates**—William P. Marshburn, Milton Wirt.
2. Establish basis for conference representation to the Local Board of Trustees for Miltonvale Wesleyan College.
 Each conference shall elect a trustee for every 500 members or major fraction thereof, every conference shall have at least one member on the Local Board of Trustees.
3. Basis for establishing election of trustees in accordance with new memorial.

2 yrs. 4 yrs.

California Conference

Elect one member for two-year term 1

Dakota Conference

Elect one member for two-year term 1

Elect one member for four-year term 1

Iowa Conference

Elect one member for two-year term 1

Elect one member for four-year term 1

Kansas Conference

Elect two members for two-year terms 2

Elect one member for four-year term 1

Nebraska Conference

Elect one member for two-year term 1

Oklahoma Conference

Elect one member for four-year term 1

Oregon Conference

Elect one member for four-year term 1

Wisconsin

Elect one member for four-year term

Total

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4. Raise educational budget from \$2.50 per member to \$3.00 per member, with the exception of California which will remain at \$2.50.

Respectfully submitted,
 Loring H. Peterson, Chairman;
 Milton Wirt, Secretary
 Miltonvale Area Caucus

CENTRAL COLLEGE AREA CAUCUS

The Central Caucus was called to order by the chairman, the Rev. M. L. Arnold, President of the Tennessee Conference. Election of ministerial and lay representation on the Board of Administration resulted as follows:

Rev. B. H. Phaup (27 out of 33 votes cast)

Dr. R. C. Mullinax (19 out of 34 votes cast)

T. W. Mobley (17 out of 33 votes cast)

Mr. W. E. Hobson, Jr. (22 out of 32 votes cast)

The caucus recommended the following:

1. That each conference have one representative on the Local Board of Trustees 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 Annual Conference session following the rise of the General Conference.

2. That the basis for representation on the Local Board of Trustees be according to the previous motion with no additional representation being allowed after the first year of the quadrennium.

3. That terms of service on the Local Board of Trustees be as follows: Four-year terms will be served by each member of the Tennessee and North Georgia Conferences, three (3) members of the North Carolina and one (1) member of the South Carolina Conferences:

Two-year terms will be served by each member of the Alabama, South Georgia and Florida Conferences, two (2) members of the North Carolina and two (2) members of the South Carolina Conferences.

Motion prevailed that the Secretary of the Central Caucus furnish each Conference president of the area a copy of the minutes.

It was voted that the Educational Budget be set for the coming quadrennium at \$2.50 per member per year.

Adjourned by motion.

Rev. M. L. Arnold, Chairman
 Rev. Earl T. Gentry, Secretary

HOUGHTON COLLEGE AREA CAUCUS

We nominate the following to the Board of Administration: 1st Ministerial Member, David A. Rees; 2nd Ministerial Member, C. Wesley Bradley; 1st Lay Member, Hollis C. Stevenson; 2nd Lay Member, Bruce Cox.

Recommendations:

1. That there be fourteen members on the Houghton College Board of Trustees, one ministerial and one lay member being elected from each conference in the Houghton Area.

2. That each conference elect one ministerial and one lay member to the Local Board of Trustees of Houghton College for a four-year term, but in order to insure a continuing Board of Trustees, the initial election of Trustees by each conference shall be staggered as follows:

	Ministerial	Lay
Allegheny	4 years	2 years
Canada	2 years	4 years
Champlain	4 years	2 years
Lockport	2 years	4 years
Michigan	4 years	2 years
Middle Atlantic States	2 years	4 years
Rochester	4 years	2 years

3. That, in the case of Annual Conferences which have already met before General Conference, the Committee on Vacancies be authorized to appoint temporary lay members to the Board of Trustees to serve until the convening of their next Annual Conference.

4. That the Educational Budget for Houghton College area be \$2.50 per member for the next quadrennium.

H. Kiely, Chairman
William E. Foster, Secretary

MARION COLLEGE AREA CAUCUS

The Marion Area Caucus was called to order June 27, at 4:30 p.m. by the chairman, the Rev. A. L. Bray.

The first item of business was that of nominating ministerial and lay members to the Board of Administration. The nominations resulted as follows:

Ministerial—E. L. Kierstead; following the casting of the first ballot, it was moved that the ballot be canvassed openly.

Ministerial—Donald C. Fisher

Laymen—Jesse W. Shatford, Glenn Root.

It was recommended and carried by vote that the membership of the Local Board of Trustees of Marion College be 15 which includes the president of the College.

It was moved and carried that the proportioning of the members of the Local Board of Trustees of Marion College from each Conference in the Marion Area continue the same. The membership by conferences is as follows: Illinois 1; Indiana 8; Kentucky 1; North Michigan 2; Ohio 2.

It was moved that the election of the Board of Trustees of Marion College be staggered in the following order: Indiana four members for two years and four members for four years; Illinois one for two years; Kentucky one for four years; North Michigan one for two years and one for four years; Ohio one for two years and one for four years.

An Educational Budget increase from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per member, recommended by the Local Board of Managers of Marion College and approved by the Board of Administration, was accepted by vote of the Marion Area caucus.

Adjourned upon motion.

A. L. Bray, Chairman
Noel H. Winterholter, Secretary

Report No. 31

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

Your Committee on Home Missions met at appointed times during the Session of the General Conference and considered the work of the Department of Home Missions as it has been conducted during the past Quadrennium.

The Committee felt that its obligation involved more than a routine procedure which would satisfy a formal practice of making some general statements and considering some distant hopes. It has, therefore, seriously examined the various enterprises which come under the oversight of the Department.

We began our work by a careful review of the Quadrennial Report of the Secretary of Home Missions. Questions were freely and frankly raised as each member of the Committee saw fit, and answers were given as frankly.

The Report of our Secretary was supplemented, in some instances, by the statements of local workers on some of our fields, and enlightening backgrounds were thus acquired.

In the case of our various Mission Stations we found cause for commending our splendid workers, but regret that more financial aid cannot be shared with them. We believe that an effort has been made to give extra help in time of extra need. We are grateful for the report that there were 55 conversions in the Mission Stations, and we trust for a greater harvest in the years ahead.

Our Committee discovered that the supervision of our Home Mission Institutions is no light responsibility. The securing of capable and devoted workers is a difficult problem.

It is our judgment that the Hephzibah Home and the Brainerd Indian Training School are operating under financial handicaps.

The work in Australia was diligently considered. It is a joy to learn of the progress in that great field. We were pleased to meet the Rev. James Ridgway, who will probably be returning to Australia within the next few years.

The cause of Jewish Evangelism was investigated, and our relationship with the American Association for Jewish Evangelism was carefully considered. We approve of the plan for our church to work in co-operation with the American Association for Jewish Evangelism, and believe we are safe-guarded in every respect from anything that would, in the leastwise, compromise our stand on holiness, worldly conformity or doctrinal purity.

We studied the plans for an enlargement of the Card Call Plan, and have embodied our thoughts in the matter in our recommendation which will be presented later.

The Committee was supplied with copies of **The Progress Reporter and Pastors' Monthly Report Blanks**. Our study of the matter of Monthly Reports and The Progress Reporter leads us to believe that there are good potentialities in the development of this type of activity, and we rec-

commend its continuance.

We were extremely gratified with the wonderful financial activities reported, but we are well aware, and desire to emphasize it, that financial gains are futile without a strong, persistent urgency as relates to spirituality and the saving of souls. With our Secretary of Home Missions we cry out for more emphasis on Evangelism and godly living in this "present evil world."

We have studied the beautiful sketch of a proposed official sign for the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, presented by the Rev. Paul Kindschi to the Local Board of Managers of the Brainerd Indian Training School for their consideration. The Brainerd Indian Training School has been distributors of church signs under the business name of The Wilsco Signs.

The Local Board of Managers were so favorably impressed with the proposed sign, that it authorized the Secretary of Home Missions to present the matter to the General Conference.

We believe that the design shown to us is a splendid expression of typical Wesleyan Methodism, and that its adoption as the official sign of the denomination would bring beneficial publicity wherever it would be used. The beautiful likeness of John Wesley would serve to identify us at a glance, and the clear directional signals would guide the public to our places of worship.

In conclusion we would urge our people to equip themselves for the great task which confronts us at this time. If Evangelism and Church Extension had been properly emphasized and effectively pursued by the Christians of the world, as they ought to have been, Communism today would not be the threat that it is. May God help us all to take our stand.

We wish to recommend the following items:

I. We recommend that: The Card Call Plan be included in the Discipline under Section XX—Church Finance, as Paragraph 379A which shall read as follows:

379A (1) The Card Call Plan shall operate under the supervision of the Secretary of Home Missions, subject to the Executive Board.

(2) Membership in the Card Call Plan shall consist of those who have signed the Card Call Pledge (revised) which shall be as follows:

"Until this Pledge is cancelled by me, I shall endeavor to pay the sum of \$..... for each Card Call issued for the purpose of helping to build or buy church or parsonage property in needy fields. This pledge is further limited to Calls annually. This pledge is due and payable upon notice of the Secretary of Home Missions."

(3) The benefits of the Card Call Plan shall be extended to all Conferences of the Church, other than those under the Foreign Missionary Department. It shall be primarily for pioneer projects.

(4) The Receipts of the Card Call Plan shall all go into the regular Card Call channel.

(5) Applications for aid from the Card Call Plan may be made by the local pastor but must have the approval of the Conference President; they shall be submitted to the Secretary of Home Missions who shall record them in the order received.

(6) Ordinarily, applications shall be processed in the order in which they are received, but the Executive Board may advance one application

above another when it deems it best for the general and local interest of the church to do so. Several applications may be grouped in one Call at the discretion of the Secretary of Home Missions, and he is permitted to rearrange the order of applications in order to effect a proper grouping when, and as, he may see fit.

(7) The amount of aid granted for any project shall not exceed \$1000.00 at any one time and may be limited to \$250.00 at the discretion of the Secretary of Home Missions. Either of these limitations may be suspended in any instance by the Executive Board, who shall also have authority to change any decisions of the Secretary of Home Missions as it may see fit.

(8) Each Conference shall elect a Conference Card Call Secretary to promote the interest of the Card Call Plan and Home Missions.

(9) There shall be an additional blank on the Pastor's Annual Statistical Report under "Number of Tithers" which shall be "Number of Card Call Subscribers."

II. We recommend that: A Church Builders' Revolving Aid Fund be established on a voluntary basis, to be operated under the following Rules and Regulations:

Revolving Aid Fund

1. The purpose of this Fund shall be to aid congregations in the building and buying of Church Property.

2. The Goal for this Fund shall be \$100,000.00.

3. The sources from which this Fund shall be secured shall be as follows:

a. Two percent of all undesignated benevolent income received by the Department of Home Missions for Benevolences. Payments into the Fund shall be made semi-annually on May 1st and November 1st.

b. Annuities and Bequests which may be proffered, or for which proper solicitation may be made from time to time.

c. Gifts from interested individuals, churches, or other organizations.

4. The control of this Fund shall be vested in the Board of Administration of the Church.

5. The Secretary of Home Missions shall be the Treasurer of this Fund.

6. The moneys in this Fund shall be available to all churches or conferences of the denomination on a loan basis with interest at four (4%) percent per annum. Loans shall be made only to conferences, and the notes shall bear the signatures of the Conference President and the Conference Trustees. Where there is a local organization, the local church trustees shall also sign the note securing said loan.

7. Particular emphasis shall be on new buildings and a fair distribution shall be attempted throughout the Conferences of the Denomination.

8. The Fund shall be maintained strictly as a Lending Fund. No loan shall ever be cancelled except by a two-thirds vote of the full Board of Administration in its regular annual session.

a. In case a loan is cancelled, one-half of the amount cancelled shall be paid into the Fund by the Department of Home Missions

and one-half shall be paid by the conference within whose boundaries is located the church which requested the said cancellation.

III. We recommend that:

The Secretary of Home Missions shall canvass the present list of Card Call subscribers to ascertain their willingness and desire to co-operate in this revised plan. He shall also take care of any other details required in making the changes from the old plan to the new plan.

IV. We recommend that:

The Church Sign, with the picture of John Wesley, as presented by The Wilsco Signs, of The Brainerd Indian Training School, be made the official sign of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, and that the Wilsco Signs be authorized to be its sole distributors in the interests of The Brainerd Indian Training School. Final details as to color, price, etc., shall be left in the hands of the Executive Board and the Secretary of Home Missions.

V. In accordance with Paragraph 123, Subparagraph 4, we recommend that the following conferences shall be designated Home Mission Conferences: Australia, California, Canada, Florida, Illinois, Middle Atlantic States, Nebraska, North Georgia, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Ohio, South Georgia, Tennessee.

Respectfully,
J. R. Swauger, Chairman;
J. W. Phillips,
W. T. Brinson,
W. P. Marshburn,
Art A. Costello,
Gwendolyn Blanchard,
Earnest Massie,
E. L. Gunby, Secretary.

Report No. 32

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 near."

Your committee has studied the matter of foreign missions from many angles and observes that while there are many problems, there are also many possibilities; while there are closed doors in some areas there are open hearts behind those doors waiting for the Gospel message to get through by prayer and faith. After careful consideration of the work, we have the following recommendations to offer:

1. We recommend that the missionary elect's salary begin on the day he is instructed by the Foreign Missionary Secretary in writing to leave his pastorate or job, rather than on the day he leaves the U.S.A.

2. We recommend that a request of the missionaries made at the Dayton Retreat, April 11, 1955, concerning rent allowance and transportation costs be granted. The request is as follows: that a rent allowance of \$50 per month for families and \$35 per month for single persons be given (to missionaries on furlough), and those receiving the same shall plan their own transportation.

3. In view of the opinion expressed by the missionaries at the Dayton Retreat, we recommend that a vote by the Missionary Council be taken on all missionaries returning to this country, as to whether they be invited to return.

4. WHEREAS the General Conference of 1951 approved the setting up of a reserve fund for a home for retired missionaries, and

WHEREAS during the Quadrennium \$26,809.25 has been received and placed in a fund for this purpose, and

WHEREAS plans are now ready and awaiting the approval of this General Conference, we recommend:

(1) That we establish one central home for retired foreign missionaries who have been under appointment for at least one term of service,

(2) That the retirement fund of 4 percent of current funds be continued for another quadrennium, and

(3) That the Foreign Missionary Secretary, in cooperation with the existing committee, be authorized to purchase land, let contracts, and hire suitable personnel for the establishment and maintenance of the home in accordance with the following specifications:

(a) That the home be located preferably in the South.

(b) That property be purchased and suitable initial buildings be erected to bring the home into existence at once.

(c) That construction on the main unit be authorized according to the plans submitted by Mr. Lawrence Olson at an approximate cost of \$16,000.

(d) That two suitable cottages, consisting of three rooms and bath, be erected at an approximate cost of \$4,000 each.

The above report was amended as follows:

"That the recommendations having to do with missionary employment and retirement be referred to the new Board of Administration with power to act."

Respectfully submitted
F. R. Birch, Chairman
C. I. Armstrong,
Floyd Banker,
Warren Best,
V. O. Agan,
Hollis Stevenson,
Vera Clocksen,
H. L. Dietrich,
Dewey O. Miller, Secretary

Report No. 33

QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TITHING

1. We reaffirm our belief in tithing as being God's plan for supporting His church on earth. Not only does it have clear scriptural sanction, but a multitude of witnesses testify that it works for the individual as well as the church.

2. In addition to tithing, we urge upon our people the necessity of an enlarged giving of offerings. Tithing is a duty; making offerings is a privilege. It is only after our tithe is paid that giving begins.

3. It is our belief that Storehouse Tithing is the most effective means

of church finance, and that it will solve the financial problems in many of our churches.

4. It is noted that a recent reporting agency put the Wesleyan Methodist Church near the top in giving on a per capita basis. We can attribute this particularly to tithing, especially by the Storehouse Plan.

5. The number of titheers is now reported to be 20,226; this represents a loss of 2,539 during the Quadrennium.

6. In view of the above fact, we recommend that our pastors be more faithful to their congregations in presenting the responsibility of tithing not only by example, but also by giving sound, scriptural messages periodically from the pulpit on the subject.

7. It is urged upon our people that special attention be given to paragraph No. 375 of the Discipline, and that its recommendation be carefully followed from the local to the general level of the Church.

8. A liberal supply of sound tithing literature should be in reach of our people continually in the form of tracts, bulletins, etc., obtainable from our publishing house

Committee on Tithing
Rev. B. H. Phaup,
Rev. Reginald Hewitt,
Rev. James Ridgway,
A. J. Patrick,
Harry Gibson,
Mrs. Norma Curtiss,
J. G. Mortimer, Secretary

Report No. 34

SOCIETIES OF THE WORLD

In the ferment of our time there are both hopes and fears. Two ideologies still stand perched upon the brink of war. Forces both sinister and good are at work. Millions of our fellowmen are in revolt against economic deprivation, political bondage and social inequality. Every American over twenty-five has taken part, knowingly or unknowingly, in "one of the greatest social revolutions in history." It is doubtful if there has ever been a generation in history that faced the future with such awesome uncertainty as that which confronts the whole wide world today. Relatively few realize the complexity, the universality of the crisis in which mankind finds himself today. Mr. John Bolton, widely known industrialist and evangelical declares, "There is nothing comparable to it in history, neither in the days of the Renaissance, nor of the Reformation. If we compare it at all with any period of upheaval and change it would be with that of the destruction of the Roman Empire. At that time, a whole world order collapsed—religion, morals, culture, commerce, science and a highly developed world embracing legal and political systems. It was a debacle of such magnitude that we can hardly comprehend it. Nothing remained but ruins!"

That we live in the same imminent danger today no one would deny.

A new paganism is flooding the nation with atheistic materialism which is an utter denial of Bible standards of holiness and utter repudiation of the pure and wholesome ideals of conduct heretofore cherished as the only source of any real and abiding peace for one's soul. There is beside this evidence that the American home is in a precarious state and its decline is directly and closely related to America's crisis of crime. Modern

youth's problem is essentially a problem of youth's elders. These are the unparalleled dangers which confront our Church in its aggressive promotion of moral and spiritual revival by the conversion of sinners through the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Not until we have seen the reality of the existence of this diabolic power and realize its dominant position in this evil world will our minds understand the complexity of these connections and relationships. Capitalism, crime, alcoholism, immorality, juvenile delinquency, dope addiction and warfare are only surface manifestations of the titanic power creating and directing these struggles—Satan, the god of this world. General Douglas MacArthur, in speaking of the causes of the last war, said, "It was incipient in bad theology." In the final analysis, it was not an economic war—not even a political war but a spiritual war of the first magnitude. It was and is modern man's fight against God—the absolute rejection of His Son and all Christian truths, principles and ideals. It has been man's dream since Eden's fall to build his own world, to be master of the world, usurp God's power in a world that God has created, and what a world it is!

Since the whole world social order is becoming increasingly evil and man in this complex world is daily finding more ways of being lost, it is the avowed purpose of the Wesleyan Methodist Church to proclaim the mighty Son of God, the dying Saviour, the risen Redeemer as the only One by whom men may be saved from eternal condemnation. Many of these world societies are in flagrant violation of God's Word and are a menace to the work of the Church. Therefore, we voice a protest against all evil societies and evil in all societies, and more specifically to all herein addressed, whose credo militates against the Church.

ATHEISTIC COMMUNISM

Communism is the most explosive force in the world today. It is originally a doctrine about reality, an ideal and a call to action. It has now translated itself into the domain of concrete reality. Communism as a faith and as a system of thought is a compound of half truth and positive error. As a movement of power, representing a solidly organized group of nations under its influence, it is a threat to essential forms of personal freedom and political freedom and it is the responsibility of Christians to resist its extensions in the world.

Mr. John C. Bennett, in his book entitled, **Christianity and Communism**, states that he believes that "the errors of Communism are in a large part the result of the failure of Christians and the Christian churches to be true to the revolutionary implications of their own faith, that the effectiveness of Communism lies chiefly in the fact that it seems to offer the exploited and neglected peoples of the world what has been denied them in a civilization that has often regarded itself as Christian." The indictment only serves to deepen when we realize that this ideal or faith is a world-wide movement that controls the life of about one-third of the globe, formally and directly, and at least another one-third of the world determines its ultimate policies in terms of Communism, albeit negatively and by way of reaction.

Not only is our Western Civilization threatened by Kremlin power but the specter that haunted Europe a hundred years ago haunts America today. Legislators have learned to fear it; business and industry recoil before its subversive attacks; educators and clergymen are aware of its sinister objectives; while soldiers shed their blood on the field of battle because of its encroachments upon a free world. Whittaker Chambers, the most sensational courtroom witness of this century, states, "In this:

century, within the next decades, will be decided for generations whether, in the struggle, civilization as we know it, is to be completely changed. . ."

"Communists have been indentified as 'that part of mankind which has recovered the power to live or die—to bear witness—for its faith.' Like all powerful faiths, its force derives from a simple vision, 'It is necessary now to change the world.' Other ages have had great visions. The ageless vision of God and man's relationship to God. The Communist vision is the vision of man without God. The vision is a challenge, and it implies a threat. It has posed in practical form the most revolutionary question in history; God or man. Communism then, is what happens when in the name of mind, men free themselves from God. It is therefore obvious that if the world is to be saved, it must be saved religiously.

RELIGIOUS LIBERALISM

Historic Christianity has always been under fire. It always will be; but its enemies have never been more thoroughly organized and more determined in their assault than they are today. Frederick W. Nietzsche boasted that he had "torn the mask from Christian morality," and said of it, "It is the most malignant form of all falsehood that has ever corrupted mankind." Nietzsche has been followed by a whole brood of essayists, self-styled philosophers and university professors, like Samuel Schmalhausen, Bertrand Russel, Sigmund Freud and Alfred Adler and Carl Jung and others of their kind, who are as drastic in their strictures as the notorious Nietzsche himself. Then we have others who may express themselves more mildly but as plainly repudiate the ethical teachings of Christianity as they do the foundations upon which it rests.

Liberalism, having its origin and root in scientific naturalism, "denies the entrance of the creative power of God in the Origin of Christianity, whether it be the Virgin Birth, the miracles of Christ, the resurrection of Christ or the inspiration of the Word of God. . . . Wherever scientific objections may arise from details of the Christian religion, Liberalism abandons to modern culture the inspiration of the Bible, the unique deity of the person of Christ, the atonement for sin and a personal resurrection."

The Church, according to the liberal, is an organization for human betterment. It is no longer the assembly of the called-out people who are redeemed; the body of Christ; the organism of which He is the Head and which enjoys mystical union with Him."

NEO-ORTHODOXY

A significant new movement in theology has appeared on the scene today. It is this movement under the primary leadership of Karl Barth and Emil Brunner, which is challenging Liberalism for the supremacy of modern thinking. In Europe, it is called dialectical theology and in America, Neo-orthodoxy. It is influencing many American theologians. While it is drawing away from radical liberalism toward the orthodox position such men as Edwin Lewis of Drew, Reinhold Niebur and Paul Tillich of Union, by contrast it is also influencing some orthodox men away from their position toward a more liberal position.

There is little question in the minds of Evangelicals and many other far-thinking people that we are now reaping the fruitage of the Dewey-Kilpatrick-Thorndike philosophy of learning which has been almost universally adopted by American schools. This modern, progressive education reflects itself to a great extent in the thought pattern and habits of students attending church schools and colleges. The greater majority have a public school background of training. These are the students who, earlier in the Elementary School and High Schools, imbibed the thought-

pattern that they are creatures of heredity and environment. So by virtue of this early schooling, they are equipped with convenient alibis for any failure to measure up to the laws and customs of society. They were taught that human conduct is the result of natural laws working mechanically, so they obey that impulse. They were taught that freedom is the absence of restraint, so they have little respect for law, human or divine, and they cannot understand the value of discipline. They were taught that there is nothing permanent but change and that mankind is inevitably moving onward and upward toward Utopia, so they tend to discard eternal values. This withering materialistic philosophy leaves scars that remain even after the grace of God rectifies the inner life. Upon graduation, seminary doors open for many. These schools with all too rare exception are either foully liberal in their theology or have become the exponent of Neo-orthodoxy with its more subtle perversion. The men who elect to study under the tutelage of the Neo-orthodox school are now exposed to all the negations and betrayals of the faith, which leave nothing to proclaim in the way of redemptive message.

Thus flow the relentless tides of contemporary thought and habit which chart the course of the liberal and the neo-orthodox. Whereas a hundred years ago the Church stood solidly against slavery; today its theology must be applied against the creeping form of atheistic communism and the malignancy of materialistic liberalism.

SCIENTIFIC MATERIALISM

America has fallen heir to a super-psychosis which bids fair to undermine all the hope of the new world, embodied when our Puritan Forefathers set foot upon these shores. The tremendous impact of the atomic age with its implied threat of mass annihilation serves only to increase this fevered craze to super-build ourselves into security. It is the doctrine of **bigger and better**. This intruder engenders discontent and dissatisfaction with our common lot. It was the snare laid first for Eve in the garden and the temptation that later assailed Christ when "the devil said unto Him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them." This is the preaching which has invaded and seized our whole economy, and all but immobilized the Church of Jesus Christ.

ORIENTAL RELIGION

"Revival in our day" is the theme of evangelists everywhere but so also does revival bring its startling increase in world religions. Shintoism is awakening from its post-war slumber in Japan—Mohammedanism is sweeping in Africa, Asia and other lands. India's religions are showing new virility. Buddhism is on the march in Southeast Asia with the inauguration of classic new schools for the priesthood. Here's a shocker—**The Yearbook of American Churches** for 1955 numbers Buddhists in the United States at 63,000.

CATHOLICISM

The methods of attrition which have always characterized the advance of the Catholic Church in so-called non-Catholic countries continue to hold dominant place in the national picture. The Church-State crisis precipitated by the former President Truman's appointment of an Ambassador to the Vatican is reflected anew in the special act of Congress last year. This resulted from the American Catholic Church demands for bringing foreigners as non-quota immigrants to the United States to fill teacher vacancies. This act, granting permanent residence in the United States to six Italian nuns "constitutes a crisis in the history of the Church

in the United States." The endless parade of special bills before Congress to obtain entrance for foreign nuns should be strongly protested. Let us ever remain vigilant against these and all other encroachments upon our national religious freedom.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST OF AMERICA

Pressures continue to be evidenced in the recent overtures to certain Evangelical Societies. Membership would be rewarded with places of leadership and responsibility therein, but this would mean compromise with modernism, Barthianism, and sacerdotal Christianity. This is too great a price to pay for unity. We can never surrender principles of ethical action for expediency or power.

"The burning core of the Christian preacher's message," declares Herbert Farmer, "is fundamental dogma, in which all other dogmas are implicitly contained; that in Jesus Christ God came into history, took flesh and dwelt among us in a revelation of Himself which is unique, final, completely adequate, wholly indispensable for man's salvation.

The weight of men's total lostness has not yet touched our cold hearts. The sense of urgency, of immediate danger, of a crisis in salvation has largely disappeared. Apropos to this crisis comes the warning from General Douglas MacArthur, "There can be no compromise—no half-way in the preservation of freedom and religion. It must be all or nothing." If the Church of Jesus Christ and Wesleyan Methodism are to meet the challenge of the crisis-hour, they must embrace this "all or nothing" philosophy; they must turn immediately from all inadequate secondary sources of help to the great primary source of all power—"unto Him that loved us, and washed us, from our sins in His own blood." Now is the hour!

C. Wesley Bradley, Chairman
M. L. Arnold,
A. L. Bray,
Eber Messner,
Stanley Banker,
F. A. Merrill,
W. A. Albrecht.

Report No. 35

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 but has been carried out in spite of world difficulties and chaos. As we look upon the things that the Church has accomplished in this department, we have great cause for thanks for the work and direction of the Holy Spirit in inspiring and directing the devotion of the men and women occupied in the different elements of this monumental task.

Headquarters Building

The Publishing House was never designed as a headquarters office building. A serious effort was made to adapt it to the use of the departments for general offices. This has not proved entirely successful as the building is rated as a manufacturing building by the Factory Inspection Department. Our building is a very substantial one and is fully free

from debt. It needs certain improvements and modernization but its cost of maintenance operation insurance is modest as a manufacturing plant. It is our recommendation that it be continued as the publishing plant and that efforts be continued to obtain office facilities for the departments that are adequate and suitable.

Methodism has historically been concerned with the creation and distribution of sound doctrinal and current literature which is found in both periodicals and study materials. There are two ways in which this affects the work and character of the Church. The literature of the Church is promulgating the great doctrines of the Bible that make us a distinctive people. This truth attracts men and women to the organization that declares these great messages and literature becomes an organization builder. We have never alone been able to produce all of the sound material needed but, in co-operation with other peoples of like precious faith, there is a growing field of material that is good and sound.

The last quadrennium has continued and increased the vitality and service of our periodicals. There are more churches now than ever before that are actively circulating our periodicals beyond their own circle of membership. This is sound and is producing a realm of acquaintance that is giving us prestige and influence as a denomination. The quality of the editorial work and the vitality of the message of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST, THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY and THE WESLEYAN YOUTH was never higher than at the present time. Our editorial writings are quoted by holiness journalism and our people are known and rated by the quality of the periodicals issued by The Wesley Press.

Sunday School Quarterlies

During the quadrennium we have added two Teacher's Quarterlies and have added sixteen pages to the material in the Teacher Quarterly for the Adult Classes. This makes 768 pages for the teacher each year. This we believe is a very fine selection for the work of the teachers of our Sunday schools.

Gospel Tracts

No appreciable advance has been made in the production of tracts for the use of our people. This is a field that can be largely increased with very small outlay if the proper material can be prepared and placed in the hands of the Publishing plant. We would recommend that this matter be seriously carried forward and that the Editorial Department be furnished with material that can be processed and produced in such forms and sizes that will be both attractive and usable. This should be short, snappy, attractive material that is readable and of such a nature that truth will be carried with the printed page to the heart and conscience. It need not be expensive, but it should be instructive and attractive in word and truth presented.

Promotion of Periodicals

It is our firm conviction that the distribution of our periodicals is the soundest advertising that any church can engage in. We heartily urge that the Annual Campaign for the circulation of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST be continued and that our pastors and churches be urged to make this the avenue of approach to their communities and make our friends and neighbors fully acquainted with the unique and splendid character of the Great Mission of Bible Holiness and Evangelism. The promotion of the reading of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST by non-member families should be encouraged as much as possible for the spread-

ing of interest in the great themes that we bring to the world.

F. R. Eddy, Chairman;
D. T. Perrine,
R. H. Parker,
L. D. Wilcox,
O. T. Beckman,
James Polits,
E. J. Willett,
Talmage Evatt.

Report No. 36

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Through the kind providence of our Heavenly Father we, the members of the twenty-ninth Quadrennial Session of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, are privileged to gather here under such favorable circumstances to review our achievements and failure and to chart a path, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, that may bring to reality the prayers and hopes of our hearts in a true awakening to righteousness. If the theme of this General Conference, "Christ Preeminent", can be maintained in our lives, and throughout our denomination, we shall see it come to pass.

With dark clouds gathering around us to obscure the plan of vital salvation from the hearts and minds of the nations;

With the constant call for readiness against the possibility of atomic, hydrogen or cobalt warfare, which involves our youth in its military preparedness, often exposing them to unwholesome and unchristian ideals;

With the "don't care" attitude towards the grim picture painted by the scientists in the common walks of life, coupled with a spirit of indifference and submission to the customs and ideas of the present day by many professed Christians, it is no time for us to slacken our pace, or be encumbered with the unnecessary and burdensome weights, but rather for an all-out dedication and devotion to the cause of Christ to which we are espoused.

In this age of great strew, confusion and spiritual dearth, when the outreach of the spirit of man is toward self-interest, self-pleasure, and self-security which tends to deaden his sense to the present danger;

With the great power which the press possesses in its production of unchristian literature which kindles the passions, warps true facts, and thus ensnares its readers in the web of its deception, blinding the people to the realities of the supernatural operation of God and to the simple message of the saving power of Christ; therefore:

Be it resolved, that we affirm our belief in the doctrines of our Church as set forth in the book of Discipline and pledge ourselves to proclaim and defend them.

Also, be it resolved, That we declare ourselves as approving the principles of Christian living as set forth in the general and special rules of the Discipline, and that we urge our people to preserve the positive things for which we stand; to observe the prohibitions we require and the prudentials we advocate.

Whereas, our colleges are so vital to our church life; therefore,

Be it resolved, That we express our thanks to God for the great work

done by our four colleges in America and our Bible College in Australia and that we pledge to them our financial and moral support for the continuation of this great work. Let us pray that they may ever be centers of Christian training and evangelistic fervor.

Whereas, God honors the nations that honor Him and blesses national leaders that recognize Him; therefore,

Be it resolved, That we express our gratitude for the work of President Eisenhower and Congress in placing the words, "Under God", in the pledge of Allegiance, and "In God We Trust" on our postage stamps, also the providing of a place of prayer for the legislators.

Be it further resolved, That we express our appreciation of President Eisenhower for his religious convictions and for his example in church attendance.

Whereas, proper military training is essential for our well being; therefore,

Be it resolved, That we urge our military leaders to keep us strong on the military front. However, we voice our disapproval to Universal Military Training as a continuing policy. It is our opinion that the Selective Service Law and voluntary enlistments is adequate and that the results of military training may weaken the principle of freedom and lead to ambitions for world domination.

Whereas, the well-being of the world is dependent upon our being a peace-loving people; therefore,

Be it resolved, that we commend the leaders of the peace-loving nations of the world for their efforts in endeavoring to establish a lasting peace. Let us also render thanks to God that at present there is no active warfare in progress. However, in the midst of our thanksgiving for peace we urge our leaders not to be lulled to sleep and fail to recognize the intention of the Communists, which is world domination.

Whereas, discrimination against one's fellowmen on grounds of ancestry or race is contrary to the principles of democracy and to the principles of the gospel of Christ.

Be it resolved, that we express our disapproval of such discrimination, and that we encourage every constructive effort to promote interracial understanding and to secure fair treatment of every individual regardless of race or color.

Resolution of Thanks. Be it resolved, That this General Conference hereby record its sincere thankfulness to Almighty God for His merciful providences in prospering all the departments of our church during the past quadrennium.

Also, be it resolved, That we hereby record our deep appreciation of the wonderful entertainment provided the General Conference and its visiting friends by the Indiana Conference, the Fairmount Chamber of Commerce, and the many homes in the adjacent country and towns.

Respectfully submitted,

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V. E. Sell.
Erwin Bailey,
W. W. Kiser,
J. T. Chandler.

Report No. 37

REPORT ON PROHIBITION AND PUBLIC MORALS

The Wesleyan Methodist Church has from its inception been identified with movements for moral reform. We believe with John Wesley: "God's design in raising up the preachers called Methodists in America was to reform the continent and spread Scriptural Holiness over those lands." The moral decay in our society and the tragic indifference within the Church make it imperative that every Wesleyan Methodist pastor and layman concern himself with the following:

I. Liquor

A. We hereby express our sincere commendation to President Eisenhower for his courageous stand in refusing to permit alcoholic beverages to be served in the White House.

B. As the floodtide of liquor is threatening to engulf our nation, we strongly urge our preachers to fight this satanic menace from the pulpit, at the polls, by the pen, and in the public press.

II. Juvenile Delinquency

A. As the route to the electric chair undoubtedly begins in the highchair, we express our appreciation of the home with a family altar and parental discipline, and of the community with an awakened civic conscience that has in many areas arisen to purge pernicious literature from their newsstands and thrust out the liquor traffic.

B. Since the eye-gate is the most accessible avenue to the soul, we urge our people to lift up a standard against the evil influences of the comics craze and other lewd literature, and against programs of a detrimental nature that are finding their way into too many of our homes from the Hollywood world and the prize fight arena through the medium of television.

III. Narcotics

A. We commend Congress and Senator Estes Kefauver for their efforts in pressing the recent investigations of the narcotics traffic and the gambling industry.

B. We urge our people to aggressive action against the subtle efforts of the narcotics and tobacco trusts to enslave our youth.

Our sincere prayer is that the voice of Wesleyan Methodism shall never cease to protest the moral degeneracy of this age while we lift high the Scriptural exhortation: "Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18), and to recognize and emphasize the application of the words of Jesus to the moral and spiritual bondage of our day when He said: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

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Bruce Cox,
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Glenn Root,
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Report No. 38. STATISTICAL REPORT

Conferences	Item I. Pastor's Labors.										Item II. Periodicals									
	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	Organized Churches	Wesleyan Methodist	Wesleyan Missionary	Wesleyan Youth	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Adult Teacher's Quarterly	Intermediate Teacher's Qu.	Jr.-Pri. Teacher's Qu.	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflets	Little Friends of Jesus	Picture Roll
Alabama	1,500	33	33	324	281	137	527	116	153	93	50	60	1,165	437	475	272	46	264	295	8
Allegheny	4,511	106	101	2,289	1,584	634	4,487	3,036	1,776	999	...	...	4,700	1,103	1,456	792	238	1,260	...	45
Australia	240	5	3	21	30	31	16	...	10	50	...	...	1	16	40	44	...	...	...	...
California	618	14	13	182	151	91	386	308	165	91	...	...	387	104	98	22	21	197	...	7
Canada	589	18	15	358	241	295	464	229	178	95	...	...	380	133	182	126	36	...	...	1
Champlain	1,699	38	35	495	413	417	1,179	727	533	407	...	...	964	346	544	296	203	158	...	8
Dakota	2,142	51	42	688	642	300	1,242	503	1,071	368	...	...	1,192	351	469	350	149	354	...	20
Florida	424	13	13	75	59	44	165	75	60	50	...	...	174	66	90	65	9	121	...	21
Illinois	504	13	12	226	175	121	257	44	72	64	...	...	266	81	86	58	20	...	...	39
Indiana	4,678	103	103	2,132	1,542	1,176	5,074	1,999	1,596	1,088	...	...	5,664	1,201	1,440	492	530	845	...	...
Iowa	1,603	36	32	451	467	256	935	357	311	253	...	...	967	259	192	120	111	178	...	35
Kansas	2,516	52	51	975	767	435	1,652	761	751	607	...	...	1,817	447	671	360	168	602	...	17
Kentucky	1,645	37	35	321	315	236	585	273	226	209	279	279	895	279	295	159	4	347	156	11
Lockport	1,448	32	30	706	516	330	1,111	442	282	335	...	...	1,022	245	379	149	83	...	...	3
Michigan	1,753	41	41	1,096	829	449	2,118	679	560	354	...	...	1,876	458	565	153	148	564	...	6
Middle Atlantic States	1,183	25	23	536	351	357	758	216	192	156	...	...	550	261	169	83	40	186	241	3
Nelaska	937	21	19	311	236	88	398	216	169	155	...	...	495	122	187	131	18	136	49	4
North Carolina	4,587	109	108	1,347	1,140	566	3,130	747	696	1,007	...	...	6,099	1,774	1,950	971	314	1,683	...	28
North Georgia	583	13	13	160	140	77	283	142	89	97	...	...	446	184	222	54	11	141	...	...
North Michigan	1,491	33	33	451	454	186	1,097	596	445	319	...	...	984	319	364	207	95	166	190	16
Ohio	2,306	50	47	887	701	288	1,835	880	712	394	...	...	1,878	436	557	170	199	900	264	7
Oklahoma	622	15	14	258	153	120	399	176	92	117	...	...	538	111	98	67	30	203	35	18
Oregon	477	9	8	132	134	60	272	190	196	83	...	...	221	94	118	65	13	87	120	43
Rochester	1,601	41	39	740	607	282	1,178	608	353	309	...	...	1,069	296	469	250	140	259	...	...
South Carolina	3,018	66	65	766	544	421	2,128	659	656	606	...	...	2,937	1,179	1,011	590	97	670	830	26
South Georgia	486	20	19	124	60	58	104	16	15	76	...	...	181	152	167	90	...	74	81	5
South Ohio	444	8	8	41	31	9	28	...	15	52	...	...	160	94	89	58	8	24	30	1
Tennessee	1,115	26	20	222	194	156	524	232	134	189	...	...	708	316	572	157	9	559	341	18
Wisconsin	1,011	22	17	369	252	155	523	253	198	132	...	...	636	119	197	170	47	94	30	17
Totals	45,730	1,050	992	16,683	13,009	7,775	32,855	14,480	11,706	8,748	329	339	38,372	10,983	13,152	6,521	2,778	10,405	2,933	403

Item III. Membership

Conferences	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Total Membership Lost	No. Reported Last General Conference	Present Number	Gain	Loss	No. Under 14 Yrs.	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Local Preachers	No. Family Altars	Membership Tithing	No. Card Call Subscribers
Alal ama	434	...	216	40	224	480	1,218	1,172	...	46	35	25	112	...	23	246	522	164
Allegheny	1,264	...	327	178	411	916	3,170	3,518	348	...	14	316	822	...	106	1,214	2,419	632
Australia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
California	320	...	90	13	113	216	347	37	37	...	18	53	167	...	10	168	262	81
Canada	128	...	32	30	46	108	526	546	20	...	14	8	108	...	4	239	378	127
Champlain	345	5	89	58	151	303	1,043	1,085	42	...	11	116	508	...	36	266	659	143
Dakota	454	...	102	52	230	384	1,137	1,207	70	...	11	44	198	...	24	430	741	230
Florida	176	4	49	10	37	100	98	174	76	...	3	19	22	...	1	66	107	70
Illinois	287	2	33	7	63	105	158	340	182	...	14	51	50	...	1	180	253	152
Indiana	1,683	...	493	273	755	1,521	4,454	4,616	162	...	38	412	1,318	...	126	1,299	2,596	327
Iowa	490	1	104	48	217	370	1,006	1,126	120	...	23	106	322	...	17	409	571	154
Kansas	751	...	149	96	421	666	1,543	1,628	85	...	8	308	463	...	36	539	1,051	199
Kentucky	542	...	131	34	169	334	730	938	208	...	47	76	165	...	30	304	557	65
Lockport	404	...	83	55	257	95	1,100	1,109	9	...	14	133	377	...	17	600	1,140	138
Michigan	732	...	165	99	264	528	1,811	2,015	204	...	78	103	319	...	35	240	553	204
Middle Atlantic States	263	1	113	45	110	269	787	781	...	6	3	139	41	...	14	132	241	136
Nebraska	240	...	62	8	100	170	284	354	70	...	352	442	1,102	...	9	965	2,515	86
North Carolina	2,608	18	896	144	764	1,784	4,394	5,180	786	...	47	55	64	...	1	93	188	84
North Georgia	203	...	129	9	105	221	361	343	...	18	73	67	232	...	8	307	744	113
North Michigan	368	...	129	51	169	349	1,022	1,041	19	...	7	187	450	...	1	552	991	191
Ohio	726	14	213	70	279	576	1,326	1,464	138	...	23	18	70	...	1	158	250	89
Oklahoma	176	2	15	20	98	135	1,617	1,658	41	...	10	10	41	...	2	89	145	65
Oregon	85	1	37	2	71	111	214	188	...	26	...	12	157	...	4	290	591	119
Rochester	377	...	69	63	154	286	1,218	1,309	91	...	48	114	407	...	3	723	1,224	108
South Carolina	1,191	1	384	111	472	968	2,473	2,696	223	...	13	1	63	...	5	92	126	44
South Georgia	231	23	55	18	84	180	361	412	55	...	26	7	89	...	1	45	61	17
South Ohio	111	...	375	51	2	428	844	527	...	317	14	72	200	...	1	225	340	110
Tennessee	392	38	133	23	94	288	467	571	104	...	114	132	231	...	8	147	250	48
Wisconsin	260	7	63	41	122	233	634	661	27	...	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Africa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,445	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Colombia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Haiti	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	846	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
India	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	209	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	15,241	117	4,714	1,649	5,982	12,424	34,343	39,691	3,221	413	1,088	3,227	8,820	107	1847	10,398	20,226	4,110

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Conferences	Item IV. Sunday Schools																
	No. of Sunday Schools	No. of Officers & Teachers	No. Scholars in Main School	Total No. in Main School	No. in Home Department	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. Scholars Converted	No. Scholars Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts.	No. in Teachers' Training	No. Organized Classes	No. Books in Library	Average Attendance V.B.S.	No. W.Y.P. Societies	No. W.Y.P.S. Members
Alabama	33	264	2,184	2,448	26	144	2,618	1,937	456	232	19	...	22	312	660	24	398
Allegheny	107	1,127	9,300	10,427	240	1,770	12,437	7,536	1,745	858	199	...	142	3,369	2,029	60	965
Australia	5	37	529	566	...	52	1,618	333	80	9	4	...	...	...	...	2	24
California	14	195	2,304	2,499	25	164	2,688	1,651	609	174	20	21	32	194	364	10	111
Canada	16	139	990	1,129	41	167	1,337	746	62	28	23	...	...	1,045	386	11	191
Champlain	37	385	2,291	2,676	223	438	3,337	1,951	478	204	87	80	71	1,789	596	31	421
Dakota	48	435	2,993	3,428	328	635	4,391	2,333	141	66	71	37	122	1,936	1,123	29	261
Florida	12	79	407	486	7	55	548	464	80	38	9	...	25	124	42	6	69
Illinois	13	142	1,129	1,271	6	157	1,419	843	177	196	20	23	9	797	523	8	104
Indiana	104	1,441	11,252	12,693	652	2,690	16,035	9,416	3,262	1,150	333	68	241	2,498	3,268	74	1,146
Iowa	32	336	2,303	2,639	113	557	3,309	1,777	493	284	55	48	124	1,244	919	21	418
Kansas	52	572	4,165	4,737	244	724	5,705	3,300	754	524	126	63	209	957	1,476	41	597
Kentucky	38	275	2,494	2,769	35	315	3,119	2,050	622	147	23	...	135	124	143	19	308
Lockport	32	409	2,530	2,939	87	337	3,363	1,986	805	269	68	...	92	2,548	601	19	309
Michigan	40	571	4,512	5,083	187	724	5,994	3,930	1,003	445	119	54	56	2,971	2,228	33	538
Middle Atlantic States	25	262	1,933	2,195	21	179	2,395	1,578	380	127	26	6	21	768	173	13	275
Nebraska	23	207	992	1,199	28	187	1,414	880	328	109	21	6	13	502	452	13	144
North Carolina	106	1,205	12,473	13,678	293	951	14,922	9,603	4,813	1,673	145	178	243	3,195	2,935	72	1,604
North Georgia	12	108	910	1,018	27	42	1,087	734	233	106	12	24	34	436	194	9	145
North Michigan	33	363	2,384	2,747	46	328	3,121	2,069	680	243	84	67	129	1,500	5,696	16	238
Ohio	52	537	4,655	5,192	206	634	6,032	3,752	295	129	72	29	85	1,342	1,871	31	419
Oklahoma	15	141	1,096	1,237	35	139	1,402	882	192	113	20	10	54	456	406	12	140
Oregon	9	79	675	754	21	116	891	584	156	34	16	10	19	252	204	5	49
Rochester	39	498	2,434	2,932	158	446	3,536	2,39	428	221	71	29	108	1,691	839	23	403
South Carolina	64	514	6,210	6,724	136	296	7,156	4,181	1,345	682	38	28	235	1,097	1,596	43	956
South Georgia	16	106	713	819	...	16	835	534	91	50	10	7	41	...	123	3	55
South Ohio	9	45	442	487	28	63	578	301	72	44	9	...	19	133	34	5	64
Tennessee	26	206	1,934	2,140	28	69	2,237	1,670	636	235	16	...	63	890	510	15	204
Wisconsin	24	215	1,357	1,572	81	210	1,863	1,138	337	119	39	8	72	851	548	16	240
Totals	1,036	10,893	87,609	98,484	3,322	12,596	114,387	70,464	20,753	8,509	1,755	796	2,416	33,021	30,005	664	10,794

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Item V. Church Property												
Conferences	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Value of Other Conference Property (Campgrounds, Etc.)	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Other Cash Values on Hand
Alabama	33	\$394,300.00	\$51,280.30	\$104,000	\$23,500		\$12,500	24	\$106,500.00	\$9,503.48	\$46,000	\$27,405.58
Allegheny	98	1,410,362.71	123,446.21	1,008,300	200,000			67	445,750.00	45,337.29	320,350	107,133.21
Australia	2	13,943.00	2,330.00	5,650								2,483.00
California	20	325,200.00	11,321.88	182,200				13	92,494.00	32,594.68	68,100	29,541.62
Canada	17	155,600.00	8,200.00	95,500				13	13,500.00	7,210.00	53,000	8,139.97
Champlain	36	398,668.00	12,592.00	233,350	30,000		15,000	29	170,000.00	12,920.00	106,200	37,984.00
Dakota	52	461,400.00	49,427.00	279,825	150,000	\$8,000.00	51,000	42	254,000.00	13,922.00	174,700	24,015.00
Florida	10	91,500.00	14,902.00	2,500				4	27,500.00	1,384.00	2,500	529.93
Illinois	12	386,000.00	58,478.30	208,750				9	118,000.00	36,706.87	73,000	10,695.96
Indiana	108	1,597,700.00	113,292.00	1,083,275	139,230		57,400	94	646,170.00	55,136.00	456,150	98,483.00
Iowa	34	457,200.00	112,854.00	278,265	60,200		36,000	30	163,900.00	18,491.00	119,750	12,608.81
Kansas	49	551,228.94	113,954.53	288,500	25,000		7,000	49	330,284.43	85,135.30	172,700	39,713.50
Kentucky	37	397,450.00	37,629.14	210,950	35,000	8,400.00	12,500	25	111,888.00	12,699.69	67,750	3,902.65
Lockport	32	502,750.00	44,241.23	356,200				23	159,500.00	7,976.70	117,300	13,281.76
Michigan	42	701,870.00	101,400.39	481,450	70,000		44,500	38	322,500.00	32,479.99	218,700	58,380.23
Middle Atlantic States	25	604,000.00	98,058.00	504,350	51,300	6,776.34	20,800	17	175,900.00	26,909.00	115,900	11,965.93
Nebraska	22	149,852.00	41,937.99	109,000				12	49,500.00	7,608.68	36,500	5,827.79
North Carolina	106	1,919,485.00	121,402.73	899,700	93,000	4,000.00	22,100	75	543,700.00	77,672.96	319,550	100,717.00
North Georgia	14	119,300.00	1,423.00	47,000	35,000	800.00	7,000					6,200.15
North Michigan	33	305,550.00	21,540.00	194,200	50,000		26,000	31	169,400.00	17,027.61	110,500	16,863.86
Ohio	48	728,500.00	86,039.47	492,540	75,000		35,900	29	190,100.00	29,452.54	141,050	
Oklahoma	15	166,500.00	43,246.44	92,900				12	54,600.00	7,706.01	24,600	8,847.68
Oregon	11	129,800.00	20,000.00	74,500	7,500	939.00	9,500	9	38,900.00	5,256.00	20,500	15,233.25
Rochester	39½	473,572.00	64,000.00	299,250	25,000		19,680	28	160,200.00	10,550.00	92,200	25,490.00
South Carolina	64	947,892.00	67,621.92	375,250	50,000	3,500.00	22,290	35	251,800.00	45,647.53	143,800	33,801.83
South Georgia	17	77,100.00	5,800.00	6,000	16,000			7	23,100.00		3,000	777.89
South Ohio	9	64,000.00		32,000				3	10,500.00		4,000	2,489.05
Tennessee	25	180,700.00	8,103.00	86,500				16	70,700.00	2,516.99	35,800	15,977.65
Wisconsin	23	175,019.00	15,500.00	146,650	26,500		21,800	15	65,200.00	11,200.00	58,400	7,252.15
Totals	1,033½	\$13,886,442.65	\$1,450,021.53	\$8,178,555	\$162,230	\$32,415.34	\$420,970.749	49	\$4,829,586.43	\$613,044.32	\$3,096,000	\$725,706.45

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Item VI. Contributed for Pastor

Conferences	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Alabama	\$181,587.78	\$26,987.79	\$453.50	\$20,357.70	\$229,386.77
Allegheny	777,404.12	109,222.65	7,842.95	81,132.74	975,602.46
Australia	8,695.00	807.00	79.00	517.00	10,098.00
California	100,423.73	22,767.00	1,328.00	6,470.29	130,989.02
Canada	90,278.85	11,010.00	677.00	6,963.76	108,929.61
Champlain	220,116.57	42,295.00	4,249.00	40,395.00	307,055.57
Dakota	301,243.00	60,051.00	4,210.00	48,479.00	413,983.00
Florida	27,444.73	2,880.00	103.00	2,963.17	33,390.90
Illinois	70,142.78	21,862.15	836.00	9,373.02	102,213.95
Indiana	804,669.00	148,606.00	14,346.00	104,049.00	1,071,670.00
Iowa	217,888.37	48,411.00	2,899.75	31,961.03	301,160.15
Kansas	336,717.29	68,787.56	5,376.00	60,244.50	471,125.35
Kentucky	182,346.85	33,702.78	2,314.50	30,563.24	248,927.37
Lockport	207,270.04	34,797.00	3,279.50	23,673.16	269,019.70
Michigan	353,327.10	62,704.43	7,605.00	31,823.75	457,460.28
Middle Atlantic States ..	168,490.39	29,692.00	2,734.00	13,006.52	213,922.91
Nebraska	93,012.27	20,054.74	1,569.50	16,475.47	131,111.98
North Carolina	806,684.64	99,045.01	4,474.14	120,050.33	1,030,254.12
North Georgia	78,679.75	15,132.00	246.00	7,966.39	102,024.14
North Michigan	243,099.26	30,241.00	3,310.70	27,351.74	304,002.70
Ohio	350,557.68	59,806.00	3,873.00	31,478.75	445,715.43
Oklahoma	77,608.56	15,090.50	665.00	12,425.65	105,789.71
Oregon	65,147.71	15,358.10	699.50	5,304.20	86,509.51
Rochester	231,185.00	29,608.00	4,433.00	30,288.00	295,514.00
South Carolina	411,497.89	55,234.75	1,523.17	59,865.05	528,120.86
South Georgia	49,815.21	4,677.50	317.00	10,913.73	65,723.44
South Ohio	23,617.44	2,020.00	763.50	1,417.93	27,818.87
Tennessee	99,897.35	19,301.10	1,442.00	11,984.22	132,624.67
Wisconsin	106,865.60	18,075.47	2,273.50	13,183.16	140,397.73
Totals	\$6,687,713.96	\$1,108,227.53	\$83,923.21	\$860,677.50	\$8,740,542.20

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Item VII. Contributed for Church

Conferences	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expense	Total for Church
Alabama	\$22,807.39	\$23,316.51	\$114,033.26	\$10,951.28	\$40,199.54	\$40,626.17	\$251,934.15
Allegheny	135,985.27	139,629.59	418,380.50	139,380.70	116,786.35	253,512.36	1,203,674.77
Australia	165.00	2,553.00	2,452.00	102.00	352.00	2,198.00	7,822.00
California	13,059.25	24,484.51	69,378.97	12,148.20	30,789.59	32,647.16	182,507.68
Canada	15,579.38	13,398.87	7,265.05	16,522.17	21,267.90	46,034.78	120,068.15
Champlain	26,733.00	35,263.37	47,827.62	27,683.60	23,945.00	80,585.99	242,038.58
Dakota	28,572.00	38,807.00	100,544.00	20,994.00	23,398.00	66,968.00	279,283.00
Florida	4,297.53	4,347.58	38,521.04	750.80	4,075.50	6,358.18	58,350.63
Illinois	7,802.62	13,290.08	65,851.58	9,647.08	23,136.29	33,734.13	153,461.78
Indiana	153,662.00	140,546.00	351,272.00	145,222.00	148,082.00	344,895.00	1,283,679.00
Iowa	19,527.73	27,659.09	68,419.35	30,958.11	87,263.95	67,542.88	301,371.11
Kansas	57,506.67	53,010.71	104,064.99	56,646.54	76,847.95	107,941.67	456,018.53
Kentucky	40,432.10	23,743.99	42,827.52	18,468.86	50,766.37	62,294.64	238,533.48
Lockport	21,633.06	39,619.33	83,677.00	43,809.20	47,504.75	102,130.00	338,373.34
Michigan	41,714.48	79,136.61	194,144.69	50,103.92	55,326.39	122,599.04	543,025.13
M. A. S.	23,163.30	38,557.92	103,576.53	24,936.60	45,293.43	107,490.41	343,018.19
Nebraska	11,625.40	13,465.37	55,063.54	5,045.68	15,537.98	19,260.60	119,998.57
N. Carolina ..	128,980.96	139,762.39	384,888.57	142,529.22	260,370.93	286,821.21	1,343,353.28
N. Georgia ..	10,718.91	11,169.57	23,694.05	6,916.78	20,985.13	24,348.62	97,833.06
N. Michigan ..	30,209.63	42,861.71	58,455.39	22,652.88	38,431.18	80,555.50	273,166.29
Ohio	62,463.20	67,693.20	135,422.44	40,305.38	100,689.97	123,153.80	529,727.99
Oklahoma	11,456.08	11,763.24	20,111.66	10,189.94	4,325.62	26,230.65	84,077.19
Oregon	5,688.35	11,190.71	41,912.80	9,324.51	9,679.98	17,903.49	95,699.84
Rochester	25,508.00	44,752.00	83,979.00	35,866.00	27,139.00	84,331.00	301,575.00
S. Carolina ..	79,891.81	66,967.91	226,508.45	51,912.53	87,065.44	113,869.13	626,215.27
S. Georgia	6,928.31	5,118.90	26,874.22	5,910.89	2,047.67	8,197.63	55,077.62
S. Ohio	3,965.17	7,178.36	2,877.43	8,611.64	2,820.14	13,102.12	38,554.86
Tennessee	22,139.60	18,284.55	38,278.53	19,084.05	20,046.18	51,496.86	169,329.77
Wisconsin	10,342.86	15,727.74	25,141.03	6,947.46	7,869.10	27,872.66	93,900.85
Totals	\$1,022,559.06	\$1,153,299.81	\$2,935,443.21	\$973,622.02	\$1,392,043.33	\$2,354,701.68	\$9,831,669.11

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Item VIII. Contributed for Budget

Conferences	Undivided Budget Raised	Foreign Missions Assigned	Foreign Missions Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Home Missions Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised	Superannuate Pension Fund Assigned	Superannuate Pension Fund Raised	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised	
Alabama		\$9,518.00	\$9,065.94	\$5,949.00	\$5,231.01	\$10,109.00	\$6,635.30	\$7,148.50	\$5,314.54	\$1,189.75	\$1,264.04	
Allegheny			130,430.82		148,197.52		20,168.44		13,253.45		4,560.24	
Australia	\$16		525.00		301.00		707.00		204.00			
California		2,846.00	7,093.80	1,692.50	2,371.91	3,384.00	3,037.00	2,134.50	1,977.38	357.00	402.39	
Canada		4,278.00	13,931.58	2,549.25	3,550.26	4,027.00	3,913.32	3,304.25	4,028.24	537.75	568.92	
Champlain		8,434.00	23,678.91	5,024.50	8,930.99	7,937.00	8,319.86	6,328.10	6,322.44	1,058.00	1,242.10	
Dakota	1,558		31,518.00		15,297.00		11,036.00		6,572.00		1,819.00	
Florida		1,104.00	1,981.99	668.00	823.21	1,194.00	954.75	828.00	583.28	138.00	188.48	
Illinois		1,564.00	3,118.85	938.00	1,407.89	1,564.00	1,812.23	1,173.00	1,253.55	195.50	287.16	
Indiana		36,386.00	94,772.32	22,741.25	44,423.86	36,386.00	43,182.59	27,283.50	29,286.53	4,548.25	6,932.75	
Iowa		8,468.00	13,700.89	5,041.00	5,337.73	10,082.00	8,822.91	6,351.00	5,949.81	1,058.50	1,219.00	
Kansas		12,528.00	19,320.49	6,857.50	9,534.75	18,792.00	18,122.23	9,555.30	9,214.83	1,565.75	1,840.00	
Kentucky		5,372.00	8,170.80	3,182.75	3,535.51	5,041.00	4,400.89	4,014.00	3,883.50	672.25	982.94	
Lockport		8,962.00	53,948.08	5,324.25	8,044.02	8,411.00	9,736.73	6,721.50	6,750.45	1,123.00	1,516.82	
Michigan		15,132.00	51,590.33	9,004.75	11,574.58	15,132.00	16,980.97	11,349.00	11,380.77	1,891.50	2,314.91	
Middle Atlantic States		5,616.00	14,325.16	3,192.50	5,333.25	4,981.00	5,310.58	4,706.00	4,548.42	702.00	861.94	
Nebraska		2,574.00	4,140.16	1,539.25	2,753.13	3,078.50	2,962.45	1,930.50	1,837.68	321.75	418.63	
North Carolina		34,874.72	46,186.02	20,778.31	20,827.28	34,820.00	33,324.38			4,353.78	6,276.64	
North Georgia		2,264.00	3,966.01	1,520.50	1,821.07	2,664.00	3,177.89	2,054.00	1,909.96	336.75	514.66	
North Michigan		8,062.00	11,199.78	4,811.50	6,252.55	7,565.50	7,145.50	7,711.65	6,784.93	1,029.75	1,103.03	
Ohio		10,773.00	24,838.92	6,410.33	9,976.80	10,127.38	9,730.02	8,079.26	7,489.27	1,346.41	1,918.23	
Oklahoma		3,270.00	6,164.37	1,938.90	2,532.74	3,878.00	3,702.56	2,452.50	2,150.41	408.75	482.29	
Oregon		1,628.50	3,938.31	963.75	2,514.72	1,928.00	1,883.79	1,221.00	1,218.68	203.50	261.57	
Rochester		10,034.00	33,009.01	5,937.00	10,015.93	9,425.00	10,411.48	7,527.50	7,538.53	1,248.50	1,561.84	
South Carolina			25,064.40		10,851.70		17,325.50		12,835.11		3,091.59	
South Georgia		3,035.00	2,785.28	1,809.25	1,820.22	2,996.00	2,440.54	2,371.50	2,169.14	380.00	383.16	
South Ohio												
Tennessee		4,270.00	5,178.97	2,668.75	2,921.39	4,270.00	3,724.34	3,202.50	2,511.71	533.75	749.36	
Wisconsin		5,080.00	10,443.91	3,021.25	5,672.22	6,037.50	5,632.37	3,813.00	3,324.17	641.28	749.37	
Totals		\$1,574	\$206,073.22	\$654,088.10	\$123,564.04	\$251,994.24	\$213,829.88	\$264,601.80	\$131,260.06	\$160,292.78	\$25,841.47	\$43,511.06

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Item VIII. Contributed for Budget—Continued

Conferences	Administrative Budget Assigned	Administrative Budget Raised	General Conference Expense Assigned	General Conference Expense Raised	General S. S. Work Assigned	General S. S. Work Raised	Australia Assigned	Australia Raised	Total General Budget Assigned	Total General Budget Raised
Alabama	\$1,903.60	\$1,313.50	\$713.85	\$512.63	\$475.90	\$713.85	\$1,189.75	\$684.29	\$38,197.35	\$30,735.10
Allegheny		4,551.32		1,836.03		3,038.72		6,231.45		232,267.99
Australia		34.00		5.00						1,882.00
California	517.55	1,006.37	231.80	223.81	560.93	555.82	269.25	281.34	11,993.55	16,950.00
Canada	781.80	775.51	349.25	334.65	244.45	343.80	406.75	506.82	16,478.50	27,953.00
Champlain	1,536.30	1,484.90	683.71	666.37	1,759.45	1,733.35	776.35	783.57	33,537.41	53,162.45
Dakota		1,768.00		973.00		988.00		722.00		72,251.00
Florida	204.90	153.25	86.80	76.39	136.55	119.66	117.20	108.42	4,477.45	4,980.43
Illinois	289.10	313.16	125.20	132.21	290.00	302.27	156.00	210.05	6,294.80	8,837.37
Indiana	7,277.20	6,636.87	2,728.95	2,963.55	4,694.20	4,319.53	3,434.75	4,307.65	145,480.10	236,825.65
Iowa	1,693.60	1,331.13	635.10	595.57	839.40	793.35	807.00	662.62	34,975.60	38,413.01
Kansas	2,042.10	1,872.37	1,094.10	1,061.07	1,174.30	1,198.08	793.50	813.55	54,402.55	62,977.37
Kentucky	976.20	857.50	435.45	385.00	635.65	512.05	507.50	612.00	20,836.80	23,340.19
Lockport	1,628.60	1,638.00	715.85	711.25	982.40	984.80	844.00	1,066.62	34,712.60	84,396.77
Michigan	2,894.74	2,920.00	1,085.52	1,095.00	1,628.55	1,642.18	1,438.75	2,314.91	59,556.81	101,813.65
Middle Atlantic States	1,026.55	1,011.66	547.10	540.06	1,210.70	1,189.50	384.50	620.13	22,366.35	33,790.70
Nebraska	403.30	390.65	210.20	187.49	309.95	300.95	252.25	259.97	10,619.70	13,251.11
North Carolina	6,352.05	6,119.01	2,817.86	2,712.05	4,562.28	4,477.41	3,313.05	3,395.73	111,872.05	123,318.52
North Georgia	445.70	430.24	228.15	224.15	232.25	231.24	177.00	174.31	9,922.35	12,449.53
North Michigan	1,474.25	1,316.60	686.30	590.15	905.33	887.71	775.00	749.40	33,011.28	36,029.65
Ohio	1,956.93	1,839.48	873.75	865.89	1,551.60	1,460.83	1,023.58	1,460.67	42,142.24	59,580.11
Oklahoma	591.15	529.84	266.20	279.60	292.70	263.36	304.00	276.77	13,402.20	16,381.94
Oregon	293.50	277.61	132.80	129.04	275.30	263.20	143.00	153.42	6,789.35	10,640.34
Rochester	1,824.80	1,743.75	813.70	782.11	917.90	889.85	944.00	1,188.91	38,672.40	67,141.41
South Carolina		3,173.58		1,490.95		1,658.22		1,698.35		77,189.40
South Georgia	537.15	473.70	265.36	258.69	205.30	188.10	267.90	240.29	11,867.46	10,759.12
South Ohio		162.20		126.35		104.48				393.03
Tennessee	854.00	695.65	320.25	294.44	771.40	394.58	533.75	310.73	17,424.40	16,781.17
Wisconsin	924.63	852.65	420.95	395.32	482.50	408.96	472.25	590.39	20,893.36	28,069.36
Totals	\$38,429.70	\$45,672.50	\$16,458.20	\$20,447.82	\$25,139.01	\$29,963.85	\$19,331.08	\$30,424.36	\$799,926.66	\$1,502,570.51

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Item VIII. Contributed for Budget—Continued

Conferences	Conference President's Salary Assigned	Conference President's Salary Raised	Conference Evangelist's Salary Assigned	Conference Evangelist's Salary Raised	Conference Work Assigned	Conference Work Raised	Conference Missions Assigned	Conference Missions Raised	Total Conference Budget Assigned	Total Conference Budget Raised	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Raised
Alabama	\$9,700.00	\$8,718.70			\$4,996.95	\$4,855.81	\$4,759.00	\$3,798.89	\$19,455.95	\$17,373.40	\$57,653.30	\$48,108.50
Allegheny		1,952.69				89,169.29		75,279.80		166,401.78		398,669.77
Australia												1,882.00
California					5,831.80	20,170.78	2,186.00	13,012.22	8,017.80	33,183.00	20,011.35	50,133.00
Canada					8,620.00	8,454.17	5,260.50	6,329.44	13,880.50	14,783.61	30,359.00	42,736.71
Champlain					18,452.74	27,381.03		3,369.62	18,452.74	30,750.65	51,990.15	83,913.14
Dakota		2,198.00		\$2,329.00		37,499.00		6,530.00		48,556.00		120,807.00
Florida	1,519.50	1,334.45			1,510.80	748.19		833.24	3,030.30	2,915.88	7,507.75	7,905.31
Illinois	5,698.84	5,905.05			2,158.50	2,321.53	2,582.00	4,299.00	10,439.34	12,525.58	16,734.14	21,362.95
Indiana	14,386.89	14,368.89	\$12,925.00	12,925.00	50,893.23	55,338.20		39,832.44	78,187.12	122,464.53	223,667.22	359,290.19
Iowa	13,760.50	12,124.78			10,795.65	8,996.23	6,351.00	6,916.17	30,907.15	28,037.18	65,882.75	66,450.19
Kansas					28,317.00	26,805.91	25,673.90	23,616.88	53,990.90	50,422.79	108,393.45	113,400.16
Kentucky	19,031.14	18,313.82	9,832.40	9,105.65	7,997.77	7,772.25		36,861.31	35,191.72	57,698.11	58,531.91	
Lockport	10,824.00	10,684.45			10,087.10	9,970.38		20,911.10	20,654.83	55,623.70	105,051.60	
Michigan	14,320.00	14,320.00			12,967.00	10,561.80	13,597.50	16,762.02	40,884.50	41,643.82	100,441.31	143,457.47
Middle At. States	8,300.00	8,300.00			15,660.90	15,426.52			23,960.90	23,726.52	46,327.25	57,517.22
Nebraska	5,202.56	5,029.11			4,690.45	4,675.87	1,723.25	1,810.69	11,616.26	11,515.67	22,235.96	24,766.78
North Carolina	17,417.00	17,227.08			42,209.37	40,864.30	14,339.25	15,294.53	73,765.62	73,385.91	185,837.67	196,704.43
North Georgia	2,682.00	2,525.03			2,760.20	2,476.17			5,442.20	5,001.20	15,364.55	17,450.73
North Michigan					32,113.22	29,529.60			32,113.22	29,529.60	65,124.50	65,559.25
Ohio	15,390.89	14,835.60			11,967.99	12,238.22	2,676.01	42,845.61	29,924.89	69,919.43	72,067.13	129,499.54
Oklahoma					11,967.39	9,574.58	11,160.80	9,968.79	23,128.19	19,543.37	36,530.39	35,925.31
Oregon					4,242.00	4,281.21	4,070.00	8,312.00	8,312.00	8,451.95	15,101.35	19,092.29
Rochester	10,920.00	10,920.00			14,402.15	14,044.60			25,322.15	24,964.60	63,994.55	92,106.01
South Carolina		16,483.61				9,682.72		23,854.89	50,021.22	135,281.79	127,210.62	
South Georgia	3,235.00	3,240.54			2,074.60	1,769.68	295.50	267.25	5,605.10	5,277.47	17,472.56	16,036.59
South Ohio				1,184.12		1,452.13		93.62		2,729.87		8,122.90
Tennessee	8,540.00	7,680.96			1,831.45	1,593.96	907.80	570.50	11,279.25	9,845.42	28,703.65	26,626.59
Wisconsin	10,790.05	9,664.37			484.90	508.73	2,539.00	2,947.01	13,813.95	13,120.11	34,707.31	41,189.47
Totals	\$171,700.37	\$185,827.13	\$22,757.40	\$25,543.77	\$306,923.16	\$458,162.86	\$98,121.51	\$302,403.35	\$599,502.44	\$971,937.11	\$1,534,710.89	\$2,474,507.62

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Item IX. Contributed for Benevolences

Conferences	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Australia	Conference Work	W.Y.P.S.	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences
Alabama	\$9,065.94	\$5,231.01	\$6,635.30	\$1,264.04	\$684.29	\$8,654.70	\$16,083.44		\$47,618.72
Allegheny	21,811.50	13,430.98	4,285.08	1,439.27		2,993.02		\$122,554.25	166,514.10
Australia	412.00	66.00	20.00				21.00	351.00	870.00
California	5,041.12	352.83	373.37	37.27		20,126.00	2,172.67	14,808.50	42,911.76
Canada	3,938.55	1,466.98	1,413.88	569.12	506.82	465.28	2,431.35	21,511.73	32,303.71
Champlain	10,655.72	2,935.80	2,549.86	281.05		3,297.60	6,708.45	19,615.82	46,044.30
Dakota	7,587.00	7,922.00	6,288.00	465.00		5,386.00	4,257.00	29,638.00	61,543.00
Florida	1,086.30	340.41	481.87	60.74		254.03		1,814.54	4,037.89
Illinois	4,207.95	1,554.30	713.76	63.58		4,198.44	1,324.39	5,310.62	17,373.04
Indiana			33,299.30				4,316.37	151,365.45	188,981.12
Iowa	11,724.87	4,492.42	4,579.97	585.42		8,008.73	3,049.71	11,770.76	44,211.88
Kansas	16,132.51	14,665.96	15,046.09	398.41		15,116.75		41,997.19	103,356.91
Kentucky	4,089.00	1,756.60	1,030.78	698.96		4,044.39	607.44	17,527.15	29,754.81
Lockport	52,378.13	11,079.37	5,178.02	1,068.14	10,809.54	3,140.91	1,106.25	40,147.27	124,907.63
Michigan	14,064.90	16,191.09	7,699.65	600.19		3,253.53		43,884.27	85,693.63
Middle Atlantic States	19,587.02	8,341.07	1,139.83	878.95		3,179.01	848.30	34,385.75	68,359.93
Nebraska	2,657.53	2,210.58	1,272.33	30.33		572.87	1,097.82	5,129.91	12,971.37
North Carolina	26,257.21	8,343.51	10,956.38	4,695.94		6,206.52	14,708.55	93,180.33	164,348.44
North Georgia	5,012.41	2,426.97	1,111.76	341.61	72.53	55.50		8,763.80	17,784.58
North Michigan	24,945.18	3,204.39	3,136.48	305.26		12,075.39	1,387.44	13,263.70	58,317.84
Ohio	19,972.62	10,799.57	2,568.51	989.24		2,703.96		30,887.59	67,921.49
Oklahoma	1,402.51	1,919.95	2,170.89	229.83		3,067.26		21,520.22	30,310.66
Oregon	2,564.54	1,544.22	1,374.20	182.28		2,202.01		4,088.59	11,955.84
Rochester	10,306.00	9,729.00	3,602.00	1,284.00		4,396.00	6,291.00	17,659.00	53,267.00
South Carolina	20,908.42	4,731.68	5,660.58	2,368.94		9,869.78	7,528.52	52,215.83	103,283.75
South Georgia	86.02	659.13	722.23	190.67		205.87	81.19	3,333.91	5,279.02
South Ohio	1,004.77	632.42	797.97	93.01	95.76		799.07	519.60	3,942.60
Tennessee	2,580.81	3,641.36	1,115.30	1,577.58		2,400.13	4,380.60	12,772.14	28,467.92
Wisconsin	2,534.23	2,049.92	1,552.35	282.78		2,138.07	2,299.11	19,296.42	30,152.88
Totals	\$302,015.25	\$141,719.52	\$126,775.74	\$20,981.61	\$12,168.94	\$128,011.75	\$81,499.67	\$839,313.34	\$1,652,485.82

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Item X. Total Contributions					
Conferences	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
Alabama	\$229,386.77	\$251,934.15	\$48,108.50	\$47,618.72	\$577,047.86
Allegheny	975,602.46	1,203,674.77	398,669.77	166,514.10	2,744,461.10
Australia	10,098.00	7,822.00	1,882.00	870.00	20,672.00
California	130,989.02	182,507.68	50,133.00	42,911.76	406,541.46
Canada	108,929.61	120,068.15	42,736.71	32,303.71	304,038.18
Champlain	307,055.57	242,038.58	83,913.14	46,044.30	679,051.59
Dakota	413,983.00	279,283.00	120,807.00	61,543.00	875,616.00
Florida	33,390.90	58,350.63	7,905.31	4,037.89	103,684.73
Illinois	102,213.95	153,461.78	21,362.95	17,373.04	294,411.72
Indiana	1,071,670.00	1,283,679.00	359,390.18	188,981.12	2,903,620.30
Iowa	301,160.15	301,371.11	66,450.19	44,211.88	713,193.33
Kansas	471,125.35	456,018.53	113,400.16	103,356.91	1,143,900.95
Kentucky	248,927.37	238,533.48	58,531.91	29,754.81	575,747.57
Lockport	269,019.70	338,373.34	105,051.60	124,907.63	837,352.27
Michigan	457,460.28	543,025.13	143,457.47	85,693.63	1,229,636.51
Middle At. States ..	213,922.91	343,018.19	57,517.22	68,359.93	682,818.25
Nebraska	131,111.98	119,998.57	24,766.78	12,971.37	288,848.70
North Carolina	1,030,254.12	1,343,353.28	196,704.43	164,348.44	2,732,879.75
North Georgia	102,024.14	97,833.06	17,450.73	17,784.58	235,092.51
North Michigan	304,002.70	273,166.29	65,559.25	58,317.84	701,046.08
Ohio	445,715.43	529,727.99	129,499.54	67,921.49	1,172,864.45
Oklahoma	105,789.71	84,077.19	35,925.31	30,310.66	256,102.87
Oregon	86,509.51	95,699.84	19,092.29	11,955.84	213,257.48
Rochester	295,514.00	301,575.00	92,106.01	53,267.00	742,562.01
South Carolina	528,120.86	626,215.27	127,210.62	103,283.75	1,384,830.50
South Georgia	65,723.44	55,077.62	16,036.59	5,279.02	142,116.67
South Ohio	27,818.87	38,554.86	3,122.90	3,942.60	73,439.23
Tennessee	132,624.67	169,329.77	26,626.59	28,467.92	357,048.95
Wisconsin	140,397.73	93,900.85	41,189.47	30,152.88	305,640.93
Totals	\$8,740,542.20	\$9,831,669.11	\$2,474,507.62	\$1,652,485.82	\$22,699,204.75

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

1. That statistics to the next General Conference include reports of the Annual Conferences held between May 1, 1955 and April 30, 1959.
2. That the Conference quadrennial statistical reports be sent to the chairman of the Statistical Committee upon his request not later than June 1 preceding General Conference.
3. That the chairman of the present Statistical Committee, with help as he may desire, be the Committee to prepare the statistical blanks for the next General Conference.
4. That lines be added to the quadrennial statistical blanks as follows:
 Number of Elders
 Number of Conference Preachers
 Number of Superannuate Elders
5. That the Pastors' Annual Statistical Report blanks be amended as follows:

Item III Membership. Lines be provided as follows in proper place:

Full Membership
 Associate Membership
 Junior Membership (7 to 16 years of age)
 Total Membership
 Number of Infants Dedicated

Omit the line: "Number of Members under 14 years of age".

Add to Item VII of Notes: "Building" should include funds invested in property, other than borrowed monies and items reported as "repairs".

Ernest L. Crocker, Chairman;
 C. D. Crabill,
 K. K. Rothrock,
 R. B. Kenschaft,
 Nathan Poppell,
 Ralph Rummel,
 Kenneth Dunn, Secretary.

Report No. 39**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES**

Your Committee on Boundaries submits the following report:

1. After consideration of a memorial submitted by the Rev. W. D. Shelor to change the name of the California Conference to California-Arizona Conference. We recommend that the name remain the same. A great amount of expense and trouble is involved in changing the name of a Conference.
2. Whereas, the Tennessee Annual Conference has petitioned that the territory of Mississippi be added to the Tennessee Conference. We recommend that paragraph 202 be changed to read, "The Tennessee Conference shall comprise the states of Tennessee and Mississippi."
3. Whereas, the colored Tennessee Conference no longer exists, we

recommend that paragraph 203 be deleted.

T. Y. Miller, Chairman;
 Elmer D. Cheney,
 George W. Fowler,
 J. N. Gilliam,
 T. W. Comadoll,
 Dudley O. Dorr,
 Harold Macy,
 Vestal Van Matre, Secretary.

Report No. 40

COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

1. It is recommended that Paragraph 398, Article III, Section 1, page 237. Substitute "the month of May" for the "month of April".

2. Paragraph 398, Article IV, Section 3, page 244 add: "The district chairmen may be members of the conference W.Y.P.S. executive council".

3. Paragraph 398, Article II, Section 2, page 246 delete the words: "The Conference Convention shall make suitable arrangements for caring for the necessary expenses of their delegates attending the Quadrennial Convention."

4. Paragraph 398, Article II, Section 4, page 246: the word "finance" be substituted for the words "ways and means".

5. Paragraph 398, Article III, Section 1, page 247, subhead 3, shall read "He shall actively promote the organization of the society in each church of his conference.

6. Paragraph 398, Article III, Section 4, top of page 248 insert "at least" before the word "quarterly".

7. Paragraph 398, Article I, Section 2, page 236 be edited to read as follows: "The Area President and the Conference W.Y.P.S. Presidents of each educational district shall constitute an executive committee of that area and shall be presided over by the Area President. The educational districts may further organize and elect officers as may be feasible and necessary for the best interest of the work in the area and the total program of the Wesleyan Young People's Society."

8. Rearrange divisions of the W.Y.P.S. constitution as follows:

Division (1) Local Society Constitution

Division (2) Local Society By-Laws

Division (3) as is

Division (4) as is

Division (5) General Society Constitution

Division (6) General Society By-Laws

9. Paragraph 398, Division (4), Article 1, page 245, Make the second sentence of this paragraph read as follows: "the Annual Convention of the Conference W.Y.P.S. shall convene at a time and place designated by the previous convention or by the conference executive council upon the approval of the Annual Conference of the church in session or the Conference President and his Advisory Board.

Appreciation to the General W.Y.P.S. Secretary Dr. H. K. Sheets: We express our heartfelt thanks to God and our sincere appreciation to Dr. H. K. Sheets for the efficient and successful leadership which through God's grace he has for twelve years given the youth work of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America. His mature judgment, his intimate interest in young people, his evangelistic fervor, and world vision have enabled him to be of great service in God's kingdom work, in interdenominational circles as well as in our own denomination. This is especially true in the National Association of Evangelicals, and the National Holiness Association. We feel that it was in Divine Providence that he was able to minister to our servicemen and others in Japan and Korea. His passion for world vision should inspire all of us to greater action. We feel that God has used him in a way that will bring a great harvest to the church in the future as well as secure a great service from the youth today. For all of this we do praise God and pray that his ministry shall ever be a great power for God and for the Church.

10. Paragraph 398, Division (5), Article II, page 250 make the second sentence to read: "The Society shall ever maintain a missionary emphasis and at least one meeting each month, or twenty-five percent of the total yearly services, shall be in the interest of missions with an offering."

11. We recommend that the following recommendation be presented to the Board of Administration: "The Quadrennial W.Y.P.S. Convention voted to recommend to the Youth Committee of the General Conference or Revisals Committee that the name Wesleyan Young People's Society be changed to read 'Wesleyan Youth'".

12. By motion the following recommendation was referred to the Board of Administration. "The Seventh Quadrennial Session voted to recommend that the General Dues be \$1.50 per member during the coming quadrennium to finance extra office help to edit THE WESLEYAN YOUTH.

13. The Committee on Young People's Work of the General Conference voted to have the Committee on Young People's Work composed of members of their W. Y. P. S. Convention, named by them and that all their amendments be referred directly by the Young People's Work Committee to the Board of Administration.

Russell S. Baldwin, Chairman;
T. O. McCracken,
J. B. Hilson,
Loring Peterson,
Edwin Hoover,
Lawrence Hart,
Harold Jack,
Earl T. Gentry, Secretary.

Report No. 41

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOARD MEETING EXPENSE

We recommend that Board meeting expense be met as follows:

1. That the Administrative Budget be increased to fifty cents (\$.50) per member, that 20% of the amount received on Administrative budget be made available for Board meeting expense, and that whatever of this

percentage is not needed for Board meeting expense be applied on publishing General Conference Minutes.

2. That the auxiliary agencies be assessed as follows:

Publishing Dept.	\$200.00
Foreign Dept.	200.00
Home Dept.	175.00
Administrative Dept.	150.00
Youth Dept.	100.00
Pension Dept.	100.00
W. M. S.	150.00
Houghton College	150.00
Marion College	150.00
Central College	100.00
Miltonvale College	100.00

Total for Auxiliary Depts. \$1,575.00

Respectfully submitted,
F. R. Eddy,
J. R. Swauger,
E. L. Kierstead,
Stephen W. Paine,
R. C. Mullinax.

Report No. 42

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

Your Budget Committee submits its report as follows:

This has been a quadrennium of outstanding financial and material gains. We thank and praise God for these blessings, and we appreciate the fact that many of our people have obeyed God in their giving.

The challenge of the opportunities ahead of us calls for an investment and consecration of all our resources, spiritual and material. Let us therefore be faithful in our stewardship.

Your committee has given careful consideration to the items referred to it relative to the budget. We therefore recommend the following:

- I. That Storehouse tithing be practiced by our churches.
- II. That payment of budget items by our churches be made quarterly.
- III. That the per member budget apportionment for the coming quadrennium be as follows:
 1. Church administrative budget 50¢
 2. Superannuate Pension Plan \$1.50
 3. Educational Budget:
 - Central College Area—\$2.50
 - Houghton College Area—\$2.50
 - Marion College Area—\$3.00
 - Miltonvale College Area—\$3.00
 - (Except California—\$2.50)
 4. General Conference Expense Fund. 15¢ with the pro-

vision that the Board of Administration may raise this if they find it necessary.

5. Home Mission and Church Extension \$1.25
6. Australia 25¢
7. Hephzibah Orphanage 25¢
8. Foreign Missions \$2.00
9. Sunday School 10¢ per enrolled member of the Sunday School. The Conference voted that the Board of Administration may raise this budget item, but not to exceed 25¢ per enrolled member in the main school.

- IV. That one special offering be taken during the quadrennium for the Pension plan, the details of which are to worked out by the Board of Administration.

E. L. Kierstead, Chairman
 J. E. Bence,
 A. L. Deason,
 T. W. Mobley,
 J. W. Shatford,
 E. C. Campbell,
 W. E. Foster, Secretary.

SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

1844 to 1955

No.	Place	Date	President	Secretary
1	Cleveland, O.	October 2-12, 1844	Luther Lee	Lewis Woodson
2	New York City	October 4-13, 1848	Daniel Worth	L. C. Matlack
3	Syracuse, N. Y.	October 6-13, 1852	Cyrus Prindle	John McEldowney
4	Cleveland, O.	October 1-7, 1856	Luther Lee	John McEldowney
5	Fulton, N. Y.	October 3-10, 1860	L. C. Matlack	John McEldowney
6	Adrian, Mich.	June 1-6, 1864	Luther Lee	John McEldowney
7	Cleveland, O.	October 2-8, 1867	Samuel Salisbury	Nathan Wardner
8	Syracuse, N. Y.	October 18-23, 1871	Adam Crooks	L. N. Stratton
9	Sycamore, Ill.	October 20-26, 1875	Nathan Wardner	H. T. Besse
10	Pittsford, Mich.	October 15-22, 1879	Nathan Wardner	H. T. Besse
11	Syracuse, N. Y.	October 17-23, 1883	Nathan Wardner	E. W. Bruce
12	LaOtto, Ind.	October 19-27, 1887	Nathan Wardner	E. W. Bruce
13	Grand Rapids, Mich.	October 21-30, 1891	Nathan Wardner	E. W. Bruce
14	Fairmount, Ind.	October 16-24, 1895	Nathan Wardner	E. W. Bruce
15	Sheridan, Ind.	October 18-23, 1899	Eber Teter	E. W. Bruce
16	Grand Rapids, Mich.	October 21-28, 1903	Eber Teter	E. W. Bruce
17	Fairmount, Ind.	October 16-22, 1907	Eber Teter	J. J. Coleman
18	Fairmount, Ind.	October 18-26, 1911	Eber Teter	J. J. Coleman
19	Houghton, N. Y.	June 23-30, 1915	Eber Teter	E. F. McCarty
20	Fairmount, Ind.	June 25-July 1, 1919	Eber Teter	E. F. McCarty
21	Fairmount, Ind.	June 27-July 3, 1923	Eber Teter	E. F. McCarty
22	Houghton, N. Y.	June 22-28, 1927	T. P. Baker	E. F. McCarty
			E. D. Carpenter	
23	Houghton, N. Y.	June 24-30, 1931	E. D. Carpenter	E. F. McCarty
24	Fairmount, Ind.	June 26-July 1, 1935	E. D. Carpenter	E. F. McCarty
25	Fairmount, Ind.	June 28-July 3, 1939	F. R. Eddy	E. F. McCarty
26	Fairmount, Ind.	June 23-26, 1943	F. R. Eddy	Garl Beaver
27	Houghton, N. Y.	June 25-30, 1947	Roy S. Nicholson	Garl Beaver
28	Fairmount, Ind.	June 27-July 3, 1951	Roy S. Nicholson	Garl Beaver
29	Fairmount, Ind.	June 22-29, 1955	Roy S. Nicholson	Garl Beaver