# **MINUTES**

OF THE

# SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# Indiana Conference

OF THE

Wesleyan Methodist Connection, or Church, of America

HELD AT

FAIRMOUNT, IND., AUGUST 17-23, 1909.

Published by the Secretary, by Order of Conference, as the Official Journal.

WESLEYAN METHODIST PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION SYRACUSE, N. Y.

### OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

President:—Thomas P. Baker, Fairmount, Ind.
Vice-President:—John J. Coleman, Warren, Ind.
Secretary:—Edward H. Kennedy, Mt. Etna, Ind.
Assistant Secretary:—Francis R. Eddy, Bryant, Ind.
Treasurer:—Josiah E. Smiley, Fairmount, Ind.
Statistical Secretaries:—Francis R. Eddy, Bryant, Ind.; Hiram
T. Hawkins, Lewis Creek, Ind.

Registrar:-Charles G. Payne, Greensboro, Ind.

# CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS AND DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES.

Thomas P. Baker, First, Evangelist, and Educational Secretary, Fairmount, Ind.

Aaron Worth, Second, Evangelist, and Church Extension Secretary, Fountain City, Ind.

W. L. Northam, Third, Evangelist, and Missionary Secretary, Sheridan, Ind.

Hiram T. Hawkins, Sunday-school Secretary, Lewis Creek, Ind.

#### EDUCATIONAL FACULTY.

- J. O. Baker, President of Indiana Wesleyan Seminary, Fairmount, Ind.
- E. E. Worth, Teacher in Indiana Wesleyan Seminary, Fairmount, Ind.
- J. E. Smiley, Teacher in Indiana Wesleyan Seminary, Fairmount, Ind.

Committee on Itinerancy and Elders' Orders:—E. H. Kennedy, F. R. Eddy, T. P. Baker.

President of Southern College:—W. L. Thompson, Central, S. C. N. B.—This Conference is legally incorporated, and can receive estates and legacies for any benevolent object, such as Missions, Education, Superannuated Ministers, or Church Extension. Will our pastors please remember, and direct attention to it?

### CONFERENCE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Board of Conference Trustees:—Thomas P. Baker, I year; Aaron Worth, I year; John J. Coleman, 2 years; John L. Rigsbee, 3 years; George W. Felton, 3 years.

Missionary Board:—T. P. Baker, A. Worth, J. J. Coleman, G. W. Felton, J. L. Rigsbee.

Advisory Board:-J. J. Coleman, G. W. Felton.

# STANDING COMMITTEES.

Judicial Committee:—J. J. Coleman, George Reber, C. A. Billheimer, G. W. Zike.

Committee on Vacancies:—L. H. Carter, H. T. Arnold, C. S. Smith, David Wood, James L. Perry.

Itinerancy and Elders' Orders:—E. H. Kennedy, I year; F. R. Eddy, 2 years; T. P. Baker, 3 years.

Camp-Meeting:—J. Hester, W. D. Baker, J. J. Coleman. Auditing Committee:—L. G. Bears, L. H. Carter.

#### OFFICERS OF SOCIETIES.

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

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

Mrs. M. Crilley, State Vice-President, Fairmount, Ind.

Mrs. Emma Fall, State Secretary, Carthage, Ind.

Mrs. T. P. Baker, State Treasurer, Fairmount, Ind.

Miss Nancy Barts, State Superintendent and Organizer, Plymouth, Ind.

# Young Missionary Workers' Band.

Miss Nancy Barts, State Superintendent and Organizer, Plymouth, Ind.

# Indiana Wesleyan Seminary Library Association.

E. E. Worth, President, Fairmount, Ind.

W. D. Baker, Vice-President, Fairmount, Ind.

T. M. Bodenhorn, Secretary, Fairmount, Ind.

S. E. Baker, Treasurer, Fairmount, Ind.

# Members of conference in Connectional Office.

W. J. Seekins, Connectional Agent and Treasurer, Syracuse, N. Y.

Eber Teter, Connectional Missionary Secretary, Sheridan, Ind.

#### CONFERENCE ROLL.

#### Elders on the Stationed List.

H. Akright, Hamlet, Ind.

Josephine Akright, Hamlet, Ind.

H. T. Arnold, Carthage, Ind.

J. O. Baker, Fairmount, Ind.

T. P. Baker, Fairmount, Ind.

W. D. Baker, Fairmount, Ind.

W. M. Bailey, S. 11th St., Newcastle, Ind.

C. A. Billheimer, Wabash, Ind.

L. G. Bears, 412 W. 13th St., Peru, Ind.

A. L. Blake, Northville, S. D.

H. C. Brown, Amboy, Ind.

T. M. Bodenhorn, Laketon, Ind.

L. H. Carter, Lewis Creek, Ind.

J. J. Coleman, Warren, Ind.

F. W. Crowell, Kirklin, Ind.

Setta Caldwell, Cicero, Ind.

B. L. Couch, Fowler, Ind.

F. R. Eddy, Bryant, Ind.

A. P. Fooshee, 3712 Neb. St., Marion, Ind.

H. T. Hawkins, Lewis Creek, Ind.

J. Hester, Arlington, Ind.

W. H. Hopkins, Fairmount, Ind.

Cerena Jay, Westfield, Ind., R. F. D. No. 29.

W. H. Kennedy, 519 College St., East Liverpool, Ohio.

E. H. Kennedy, Mt. Etna, Ind.

Grant Mann, Westfield, Ind.

S. A. Mow, Plymouth, Ind.

M. M. Moore, New Castle, Ind.

A. U. Murphy, Sheridan, Ind., R. F. D. No. 22.

Lydia Murphy, Sheridan, Ind., R. F. D. No. 22.

W. L. Northam, Sheridan, Ind.

T. J. Pierce, R. F. D. No. 4, Payne, Ohio.

C. G. Payne, Greensboro, Ind.

J. F. Pressnall, Plymouth, Ind.

George Reber, Thorntown, Ind.

F. M. Roberts, R. F. D. No. 20, Atlanta, Ind.

- W. J. Seekins, Syracuse, N. Y.
- C. S. Smith, Albion, Ind.
- E. Teter, R. F. D. No. 25, Sheridan, Ind.
- W. L. Thompson, Central, S. C.
- C. B. Whitaker, Syracuse, N. Y.
- A. Worth, Fountain City, Ind.
- S. M. Van Blaricom, Fairmount, Ind.
- D. H. Yountz, Hartford City, Ind.
- G. W. Zike, Montpelier, Ind.

# Supernumerary List.

- R. L. Fisher, Westfield, Ind.
- G. W. Smith, 37 West High St., Kokomo, Ind.
- J. W. Brown, Wabash, Ind.
- M. V. Sears, Marion, R. F. D. No. 8.
- E. L. Dickey, Warsaw, Ind.

# Elders on Unstationed List.

- J. B. Shadle, L. Shatford, W. Talbert, R. A. Carter. Superannuated List.
- M. Moore, D. F. Gordon.

# Licentiates on the Stationed List.

Sewell E. Baker, Fairmount, Ind.

C. A. Fouts, North Liberty, Ind.

Dollie Goble, Fountain City, Ind.

J. H. James, Summitville, Ind.

Eva Cook, Anderson, Ind.

Aurie Bodenhorn, Laketon, Ind.

Nancy Barts, Plymouth, Ind.

Franklin Gunn, Noblesville, Ind.

W. W. Nogle, Hartford City, Ind.

S. C. Kinnison, Larwill, Ind.

E. E. Martindale, Silver Lake, Ind.

W. Z. Horbury, Fairmount, Ind.

E. E. Turner, Fairmount, Ind.

E. E. Worth, Fairmount, Ind.

J. E. Smiley, Fairmount, Ind.

W. L. Payne, Lapel, Ind.

Grace Sloan, Sheridan, Ind. Edgar Zike, Kokomo, Ind. Newton Gilliland, Rugby, Ind.

# Roll of Delegates.

A. L. Allen,	Emma Fall,	J. K. Rodman,
Frank Jeffries,	Nancy Terril,	Mary Spitler,
Alonzo Gilliam,	George Landis,	Jacob Graf,
John Gray,	Leo Armfield,	John Glanders,
Mary M. Roberts,	O. J. Davis,	J. O. Marsh,
John Sears,	Elizabeth Ralahan,	Dollie Goble,
James Miller,	J. R. Gettys,	Ora Scott,
John Cooper,	Clara B. Mow,	Ira Fitzsimmons,
William Crowl,	D. L. Sheidler,	Earl Stewart,
Minerva Dye,	M. A. Beik,	Maggie Dolby,
Leona Teltoe,	George Rager,	Albert Carter,
Mrs. George Patrick,	Martin Crilley,	Grant Curtis,
James L. Perry,	Ernest McMichael,	Amanda Drukermiller,
Allie Raney,	Della Yountz,	S. S. Shaffer,
Lida Worth,	Philip Piatt,	Nancy Sylvester,
Arland Harvey,	Ora Jay,	Asa Fisher,
H. T. Drake,	Mary Zike,	Isaac Whitmer,
Ennis Kitterman,	Irene Unger,	C. P. Sears,
David Wood.	John W. Zike.	Charles Coats.

# ROLL CALL OF THE HONORED DEAD OF THE MINIS-TERS OF THE INDIANA CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA.

Daniel Worth. Emsley Brookshire, W. M. Lacey, Elijah Coate. Isaac Meeks. M. R. Armstrong, Alfred Sweat, William Gladding, C. F. Wiggins, Alexander Heywood, Wade Roberts. George Richey, Luther Wickersham, William Paxton. James Paxton, H. C. West, Enoch Marsh. Zephinia Bell Jotham Wright, Sampson Reeves, James Matheney, William Bennet, J. W. Hiatt, Louis Pettijohn, S. Robinson, Joseph Bennet. Calvin Wilson, E. Mason, Warren Taylor, Elias Masters, J. L. Poff,

John O'Niel. Alfred Hiatt. Jabes Neal. John Robison, G. W. Simmons, J. W. Carle, Josiah Bell, G. B. Rodgers, Eber Teter, Sr., Charles Clemens, Wilson Payne, H. Griggs, Francis Root, John A. Moorman, James Magrew, Hiram Jackson, Adam Hetzler. Isaac Embee. John Harrison. A. L. Fuller. M. D. Anderson, George Reynolds, J. F. Reeves, D. R. Brown, George Eviston, W. Griffith. Samuel Kennedy, Joseph Simpson, J. Burke.

John A. Preston. Sanford Basset, James Lytle, James Maulby, J. W. Elsbury, W. C. Mullenix, W. P. Searing, J. G. Vonderwaker, J. L. Fall. W. L. Fall, J. W. Barnes, W. A. McHalstead. Jonathan Shaw. Elza Lank, A. Paris. Jabes Sibley, William Stewart. John Alsop, Joseph Sextine. Mifflin Harker, J. Williams, Owen Williams. William Scott, Seeley Bloomer, Stella McClure, Robert Jeffrey, Lee McClure. Sarah Kennedy. Emma Swisher.

#### JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

The sixty-first annual session of the Indiana conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America, convened in the auditorium of the camp-ground at Fairmount, Indiana, Tuesday, August 17th, 1909, at 2 o'clock P. M., being called to order by Elder Thomas P. Baker, President of the conference.

The conference was opened by devotional services conducted by Elders W. L. Thompson, F. R. Eddy, G. W. Zike, and C. A. Billheimer. "Jesus paid it all," was sung by the congregation led by Elder S. A. Mow. Brother Eddy offered prayer: giving praise unto God for the victories and blessings of the past; fervently calling upon the Lord that the Holy Ghost might have freedom during this present conference and camp-meeting, to the end that many souls might be converted and wholly sanctified. A stanza of Number 147 from "Old Story in Song," was sung.

Brother Thompson read a Scripture lesson from the 66th Psalm; commenting thereon to the edification of the Lord's people, and offered prayer in the demonstration of the Spirit and power. Fervent, effectual prayer was offered by Brethren Zike and Billheimer that separation from the world might prevail, and that purity, holiness and power might accompany our labors and our lives.

The devotionals were concluded with singing "A Charge to Keep I Have."

The roll of conference ministers was called and corrected, thirty-six elders and eight licentiates on the stationed list, responding to the first roll call. Delegates to the number of thirty-one presented their credentials, and their names were added to the conference roll. (See roll.)

The roll of delegates was called and approved.

The President made an address to the conference. His remarks were full of encouragement, good cheer, and faith. He said, in part, Some charges have been favored with good revivals. We are saving to the Church, in membership, those who are saved at our altars. This to us is a matter of great joy and hopefulness for the future. He referred to our young people, and a means of reaching them. The matter of the pastor's support was given attention. He referred, in a very appropriate way, to the

employment of independent evangelists, advising us as a conference against the patronage of any man or influence that would scatter the flock, or endanger the interests of the pastor; admonishing us to appreciate and properly support our Conference Evangelists. He read from the standing resolutions of the conference, both encouraging and exhorting us to unabated zeal and consecration in the cause of the Lord and the Church.

The President offered his official report, which, by unanimous vote of the conference, was adopted. (See Report No. 1.)

It was moved, and carried, that the President nominate a committee of three elders and two laymen to investigate the Hope Church affair, and report to this conference. The President nominated Elders C. A. Billheimer, F. R. Eddy, and E. Teter; and laymen Martin Crilley and George Rager. His action was endorsed by the vote of conference.

A motion prevailed that a committee be elected, of which Elder H. T. Hawkins is to be the chairman, to take under advisement the recommendation of the President to shorten the time in "Circuit support plan." Elder W. L. Northam, and layman D. L. Sheidler were elected to the committee.

The first four seats surrounding the platform were fixed as the Conference Bar.

Elder W. D. Baker offered a motion, "That at this time we elect a committee composed of five members; three elders and two laymen, whose duty it shall be to investigate the conditions touching the financial status of our Conference Evangelistic work; also the support of the pastors on their different charges, and furthermore, that that committee be instructed to report very early in the session of this conference, and before the election of its officers." The motion was seconded, and carried, and the committee elected as follows: Elders W. D. Baker, L. G. Bears, J. O. Baker; and laymen John Sears and James L. Perry.

The Committee on Religious Services was elected, with Elder W. D. Baker as chairman; Elder S. A. Mow, and layman David Wood completed the committee.

The Pastors' Examining Committee was elected as follows: Elder T. P. Baker, chairman, (ex-officia), L. G. Bears and D. L. Sheidler.

The following resolution was offered by Elder S. A. Mow. "Be it resolved, that a standing committee, to be known as 'The Committee on Publication of Conference Minutes' be elected. Said committee to be composed of the Conference Secretary and his assistant, together with a layman elected by the conference. The resolution was adopted. H. M. Crilley was elected the lay-member of the committee.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Elders' Orders made a partial report. After the offering of an amendment to section three, and some discussion of the report, section three was stricken out, the report was corrected, and adopted. (See Report No. 2.)

Elder Charles G. Payne was elected as Conference Registrar. His duties were defined as to be the collection of the names and addresses of the conference ministers and delegates; and to have charge of the conference mail.

The report of Elder E. H. Kennedy, Conference Secretary, as a committee to arrange for mail service during conference and camp-meeting, made a report in reading a letter from the Fourth Assistant Post-Master General to Hon. George H. Rauch, U. S. Representative from the eleventh Indiana congressional district, in which it was stated that arrangements had been made providing for the receipt and dispatch of mail during the two weeks following August 17th, 1909. The report was accepted. (See Report No. 3.)

A vote of thanks was tendered Hon. George H. Rauch, and the U. S. Postal Authorities for their kindness and consideration in our behalf. The Secretary was also given a vote of thanks for his effort in the matter.

A resolution was offered by Elder E .H. Kennedy on the election of an Educational Board. The resolution was laid on the table.

The Stationing Committee was elected as follows: Elders T. P. Baker, ex-officia, W. L. Northam, J. J. Coleman, and George Reber. Laymen John Sears, Arland Harvey and George Landis.

Elders F. R. Eddy, and H. T. Hawkins were elected the Statistical Secretaries.

Elders L. H. Carter, H. T. Arnold, C. S. Smith, and laymen David Wood and James L. Perry were elected the Committee on Vacancies.

Elders J. J. Coleman, George Reber, C. A. Billheimer, and G. W. Zike were elected the Judicial Committee.

On motion elders J. J. Coleman and S. A. Mow were elected a Committee on Resolutions and Memorials.

Elder T. P. Baker was elected a member of the Committee on Itinerancy and Elders' Orders to fill the vacancy occurring by the expiration of his own term of office upon said committee.

The conference elected a Camp-meeting Committee composed of Elders Jacob Hester, W. D. Baker, and J. J. Coleman.

The work of the Camp-meeting Indebtedness Committee was declared completed, and was eliminated from the list of committees by vote of conference.

Elders L. G. Bears and L. H. Carter were elected the Auditing Committee.

A motion prevailed that the conference open its meetings at eight o'clock A. M. and one-thirty P. M. and adjourn at tenthirty A. M., and upon motion in the afternoon.

It was moved and seconded that the Camp-Meeting Committee be a standing Committee on Religious Services for the annual conference, and that said committee shall be instructed to arrange for the religious services of the conference prior to the convening of the body. The motion was carried.

By vote of the conference, the hearing of the report of Elder W. J. Seekins, our Connectional Agent, immediately upon the opening of conference for business to-morrow (Wednesday) afternoon, was made the Orders of the Day.

It was made the Orders of the Day to elect conference officers, and evangelists Thursday morning upon the opening of the meeting for business.

On motion, conference adjourned.

The benediction was pronounced by Elder J. J. Coleman.

# Wednesday, 8 A. M., August 18th, 1909.

Devotional services consisted in song service led by Rev. Sewell E. Baker. A Scripture lesson, taken from the 27th Psalm, was read by Rev. Ernest E. Turner. Prayer was offered by Elder E. H. Kennedy: singing from "Old Story in Song," No. 38. The outpourings of the Spirit brought us again upon our knees, and Brother Turner led us in prayer; followed by Elder W. J. Seekins.

amidst the ministrations of joy and grace sent by the Holy Ghost.

The roll of elders, and of the licentiates on the stationed list, was called.

A number of delegates presented their credentials, and their names were entered upon the roll; after which the roll of delegates was called, (see Roll).

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

The following named persons were recommended to the conference, as follows: To be received as elders, Cerena Jay, and Frank M. Roberts, from the Boxley charge, and S. S. Holcomb, from the Sheridan charge. To be received to travel under the direction of conference, Alonzo Gilliam, from the Boxley charge. These recommendations were referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Elders' Orders. (See Report No. 2.)

It was moved that the name of Elder W. L. Thompson be inserted in the place of Elder E. Teter, on the Committee of Investigation of the Hope Church Affair. The motion carried.

The regular order of business was taken up, in the examination of character. The names of elders D. H. Yountz, H. T. Hawkins, J. F. Pressnall, R. L. Fisher, J. B. Shadle, W. L. Talbert, L. Shatford, R. A. Carter, M. Moore, D. F. Gordon, were called and their characters passed.

The President called us to prayer at the altar in behalf of our afflicted Brother Gordon. Brother W. J. Seekins offered prayer; petitioning God, with great fervency and effect, that our brother might be healed of his affliction, and be restored to the service of the Lord and the Church. Sister Gordon was remembered in the prayer. The Holy Spirit breathed upon us the blessed assurance that our petitions were heard. An offering of \$30.46 was taken for Sister Gordon, and Elder A. Worth was appointed a committee to tender the same.

A motion was made by Elder W. J. Seekins, that a committee be appointed to formulate plans for the establishing of a Home for disabled ministers and their wives; said committee to report to this conference. The motion carried.

A motion prevailed, that a committee of five, three elders and two laymen, be elected; of which Elder W. J. Seekins shall be the chairman; said committee to have in hand the proposition

involved in the motion of W. J. Seekins relative to a home for disabled preachers and their wives.

On motion elders J. J. Coleman and S. A. Mow were elected to the committee, and George Rager and J. K. Rodeman were added as laymen.

The examination of character was resumed, and the names of Elders C. S. Smith, J. O. Baker, and licentiate S. C. Kinnison, were called and their characters passed.

The meeting adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by Elder W. L. Thompson.

# Wednesday, 1:30 P. M., August 18th, 1909.

Devotional services conducted by the Rev. S. C. Kinnison, consisted in song, reading of the Word from the 53rd chapter of Isaiah, and offering of prayer; concluding with singing, "Jesus has lifted my load."

The roll was called. Minutes of the morning meeting were read, corrected and approved.

John Sears resigned from the Committee on Evangelists' and Pastors' Salary, Ennis Kitterman was elected in his stead. The Committee on Evangelists' and Pastors' Salary was increased in the persons of Elder W. H. Hopkins, and layman D. L. Sheidler.

The recommendation of Edgar Zike, from the Peru charge, as a suitable person to pursue the course of study preparatory to taking work under the direction of the conference, was presented. The recommendation was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Elders' Orders. (See Report No. 2.)

The Orders of the Day were called for, and Elder W. J. Seekins, Connectional Agent and Treasurer, made his report, greeting us with the glad fact that there was a general revival of holiness in progress, especially among the eastern conferences; but extending over the Connection with small exceptions. He reported that the double entry system of book-keeping has been installed, which places the business upon a clear basis, where it is possible to ascertain the actual conditions of the finance. He explained the financial condition of the various societies of the Connection, and declared that if we would only bring all the affairs of the church financially, and otherwise into harmony with God's will, we will surely be blessed and prospered. His remarks were

concluded with an appeal for co-operation: expressing faith in the consecration and loyalty to God, of the people of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

A motion, in the form of a resolution, was made by T. M. Bodenhorn that a Committee on Sunday-school Plans and Work, be elected. The motion prevailed. T. M. Bodenhorn, H. T. Hawkins, and J. G. Kennedy were elected the committee.

A motion prevailed, that the Orders of the Day to-morrow at the opening of the afternoon meeting, be to consider the interests of the Library Association.

The Committee to investigate the Hope Church Affair made its report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

Elder J. W. Brown made his pastoral report, and his character was passed.

It was moved that the findings of the Committee on Hope Church Affair be referred to the Judicial Committee, that they may take charge of the matter, and carry it forward according to the provisions of the discipline.

The names of Elder A. L. Blake, and licentiate J. B. Smith were called, and their characters passed.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

The benediction was pronounced by Elder G. W. Zike.

# Thursday, 8 A. M., August 19th, 1909.

The devotional services consisted in song, Scripture reading from ninety-first Psalm, and offering of prayer by Rev. W. Z. Horbury. The roll was called.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A very touching communication from Brother D. F. Gordon was read to us by the President.

The recommendation of Nettie Fickle was presented to the conference, and referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Elders' Orders. (See Report No. 2.)

A motion prevailed to hear the report of the S. S. Committee this afternoon immediately after the Library Association meeting; and that the hearing of the report be limited to thirty minutes.

On motion the Special Orders of the Day were set aside until the Committee on Pastors' and Evangelists' Support is ready to report.

In the meantime, the name of licentiate J. G. Kennedy was called, and his character passed.

The Committee on Pastors' and Evangelists' Support, made a partial report. (See Report No. 5.)

A motion to refer the report back to the committee prevailed. A motion to reconsider the motion to re-commit the foregoing report prevailed.

It was moved that the partial report be adopted, with the exception of the part referring to the apportionment of salary, and that that item be referred back to the committee. (See Report No. 5.)

The Orders of the Day were taken up, and conference proceded to the election of officers. The President appointed W. L. Thompson, W. H. Hopkins, F. M. Roberts, and J. G. Kennedy, as tellers.

On motion, the Special Orders were set aside, until the Regular Orders be carried out, viz., the making of their reports by the conference officials and evangelists, prior to the election of officers.

The Regular Orders were taken up: Elder T. P. Baker, Conference Evangelist, and Educational Secretary, made his report, and his character was passed. (See Report No. 6.)

Elder W. L. Northam, second Evangelist and Missionary Secretary, made his report, and his character passed. (See Report No. 7.)

Elder A. Worth, third Evangelist and Church Extension Secretary, made his report, and his character passed. (See Report No. 8.)

The Special Orders were taken up in the election of Conference Officers and Evangelists.

Elder Thos. P. Baker was nominated for the office of Conference President. On motion, the Conference Secretary cast the ballot of the conference for T. P. Baker as President. Elder T. . P. Baker was declared elected.

Elder John J. Coleman was nominated as Vice-President. On motion the Secretary cast the ballot of the conference for J. J. Coleman as Vice-President. J. J. Coleman was declared elected.

Elder Edward H. Kennedy was nominated for the office of Conference Secretary. On motion the Assistant Secretary cast the

conference ballot for E.H. Kennedy as Conference Secretary. The President declared E. H. Kennedy elected.

Elder Francis R. Eddy was nominated as Assistant Secretary. On motion the Secretary cast the ballot of the conference for F. R. Eddy as Assistant Secretary. He was declared elected.

J. E. Smiley was nominated as Treasurer. On motion the Assistant Secretary cast the ballot of conference for J. E. Smiley as Treasurer. He was declared elected.

John L. Rigsbee was nominated to succeed himself as Lay Conference Trustee for the term of three years. On motion the ballot of conference was cast by the secretary for J. L. Rigsbee as lay trustee.

George W. Felton was nominated to succeed himself on Board of Conference Trustees as a lay member for the term of three years. On motion the conference ballot was cast by the Secretary, for G. W. Felton as lay trustee.

The conference proceeded to the nomination of Conference Evangelists. It was moved that we waive the standing order of conference, and place the division of the work of the Evangelists in the hands of the Stationing Committee to be arranged. The motion prevailed.

The nominations, and elections occurred as follows: Elder T. P. Baker, first Evangelist; Elder A. Worth, second Evangelist; Elder W. L. Northam, third Evangelist. On motion conference adjourned. Benediction by Elder G. Reber.

# Thursday, 1:30 P. M., August 19th, 1909.

Devotions were conducted by Elder D. H. Yountz. A number of songs were sung under the unction of the blessed Spirit. Prayer was offered by Elder H. T. Arnold. Brother Yountz read the 34th Psalm, and offered prayer.

The roll was called. The minutes of the morning meeting were read and approved.

The Special Orders of the Day were called, viz., the interests and business of the Library Association. The meeting was called to order by F. R. Eddy, after which we proceeded to the election of Library Association officers.

Everett E. Worth was nominated, and by vote was elected President of the Association.

- W. D. Baker was nominated for Vice-President, and by vote was elected to that office.
- T. M. Bodenhorn was nominated, and elected to the office of Library Association Secretary.

Sewell E. Baker was nominated, and by vote was made Treasurer of the Association. The meeting was then given into the hands of the Vice-President, W. D. Baker. Brother Baker presented the financial needs of the Association, and made an appeal for membership. Forty-two persons responded. An appeal was made for pledges for the coming year. \$19.75 was pledged. A free-will offering was given, amounting to \$5.13.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

The Special Orders of conference business was taken up in hearing the report of the Committee on Sunday-school Work and Plans. A motion prevailed to extend the time for hearing the report, thirty minutes.

The work of the Sunday-school in general was spoken of by T. M. Bodenhorn. J. G. Kennedy spoke of the relation of the Superintendent to the school. H. T. Hawkins treated the subject of Sunday-school Teachers and Literature. Mrs. Irene Unger spoke of Sunday-school Thieves. J. K. Rodeman emphasized the remarks of the foregoing speakers, in a very fitting and impressive way.

A motion was made that this conference take steps toward a proper organization of the Sunday-school Department of the church work. The motion prevailed. On motion, a committee of five was appointed to take the Sunday-school work under advisement, and report to the conference. T. M. Bodenhorn, H. T. Hawkins, A. Worth, J. K. Rodeman, and John G. Kennedy were elected as that committee.

The examination of character was resumed. The names of Ernest E. Turner, J. J. Coleman, W. W. Noggle, S. A. Mow, Sewell E. Baker, C. A. Billheimer, H. T. Arnold, L. H. Carter, F. R. Eddy, B. L. Couch, H. C. Brown were called, and their characters passed.

A motion prevailed that the Committee on Apportionment of

Evangelists' Salary, also be the committee to apportion the Minute Fund.

Motion prevailed to adjourn. Benediction by Elder T. J. Pierce.

# Friday, 8:00 A. M., August 20th, 1909.

The devotional was opened with song service; prayer was offered by J. G. Kennedy; singing; reading from the Scriptures from the 25th chapter of Matthew by Rev. K. C. McCullom, after which he led us in another season of helpful prayer.

The roll was called. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Rev. K. C. McCullom of Geneva, Ind., was introduced to the conference. He expressed himself as much pleased to recognize us as his kindred. The congregation sung "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

The Committee on Pastors' and Evangelists' Support completed its report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

A motion prevailed that it be made the Orders of the Day at 9:30 o'clock this morning, to hear the report of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. It was made the Orders of the Day, at the opening of the afternoon meeting, to consider the interests of the Bible School. The time of such consideration to be limited to one hour.

The motion prevailed, that the hearing of Elder Eber Teter, our Connectional Missionary Secretary, be made the Orders of the Day to-morrow morning upon the opening of conference for business.

A resolution upon the keeping of a record of the presence and absence of members of conference was presented by W. J. Seekins. The resolution was adopted. (See Resolution No. 1.)

The names of T. J. Pierce, E. E. Martindale, Esther L. Dickey were called, and their characters were passed.

The Committee on Sunday-school Work and Plans made its report. A motion carried to consider the report item by item. The report consisted of five items which were considered in their order, amended, and adopted as amended. (See Report No. 9.)

Conference adjourned by limitation. Benediction by Elder C. A. Billheimer.

Directly upon adjournment, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society held its public meeting at 10:30 o'clock.

The services were opened in the use of No. 150, in "Old Story in Song." The devotional was conducted by Miss Grace Sloan. The 13th chapter of I. Corinthians was read, and very impressively and eloquently commented upon by our sister, after which she fervently petitioned the Throne of Grace in prayer.

A very fitting and entertaining program was rendered by the children and young people. Very appropriate and impressive remarks were interspersed by the President, Mrs. Auvie Northam.

A letter of greeting from Mrs. Mary P. Manwell, the General Conference Home and Foreign Missionary Society President, was read by the President, Mrs. Northam. A committee was elected to send a letter of greeting to Mrs. Mary P. Manwell, from the W. H. and F. M. S. of Indiana conference. Mrs. J. O. Davis, and Mrs. Minerva Dye, were the committee elected.

Mrs. Nora Nading, a returned missionary from India, gave us a very interesting, and profitable talk relative to her personal experiences, and the needs of the work in general.

The Secretary of the Society made her report. (See Report

No. 10.)

The meeting was concluded with singing No. 112, in "Old Story in Song."

The benediction was pronounced by Mrs. M. V. Sears.

# Friday, 1:30 P. M., August 20th, 1909.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. W. Nogle, in reading the 6th chapter of Romans, prayer and song.

The roll was called. The minutes of the previous meeting were

read and approved.

On motion, the minutes of the meeting of the W. H. and F. M. S. were ordered spread upon the conference minutes. (See minutes of previous meeting.)

Elder A. T. Jennings, Editor of the Wesleyan Methodist, was introduced, and by vote accorded an honorary seat within the conference bar.

The recommendations of Newton Gilliland, from Hamlet charge, and Eva Cook, from Anderson charge, were presented to

the conference, and referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Elders' Orders. (See Report No. 2.)

L. G. Bears gave his statistical report, and his character passed.

The Special Orders of the Day were called, and the interests of the Bible School were presented by E. Teter, A. Worth, J. O. Baker, E. E. Worth, and W. L. Northam. These brethren presented the interests of the school from different points of view; each one pressing upon our minds the need of, and demand for an educated, refined, cultured, truth-filled, Spirit-filled ministry, and our only hope in these days of worldliness, and infidelity, is to educate our own men, in our own schools; and that the future success and permanency of the Wesleyan Methodist Church depended upon the education of our children in our own schools, as well as carefully training them in our own homes.

W. L. Northam presented especially, the financial interests of the school. Pledges were given to the amount of \$2,200.

Rev. C. L. Bradley, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was introduced, and accorded an honorary seat within the bar.

On motion, conference adjourned. The benediction was in the form of a free-will offering laid upon the table in the midst of great victory, and the manifest presence of the Lord. The amount of offering was \$2.89.

# Saturday, 8:00 A. M., August 21st, 1909.

Devotionals were conducted by Elder A. P. Fooshee; singing from "Old Story in Song," Nos. 119 and 107. The overflowing "Joy of the Lord" resulted in a number of voluntary testimonies, and glorious outbursts of the Divine Presence. Thank offerings, not only of praise, but of money were given, to the amount of \$107 for the Bible School. Brother Fooshee then read the First Psalm, and offered prayer, concluding with No. 149, "Old Story in Song."

The roll was called. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion, Sewell E. Baker was elected Conference and Camp-meeting Reporter, with instructions to publish his notes in the Wesleyan Methodist, Indianapolis and Muncie Stars, the Patriot Phalanx, and the local papers.

On motion, the Special Orders were postponed to the hour of 10:30, and to take the place of the religious services.

Mrs. Jennie Ayers, Assistant General Conference Organizer of the W. H. and F. M. S., from the Michigan Conference, was introduced to the Conference, and accorded an honorary seat within the body. Mrs. Ayers was also placed upon the program in association with E. Teter, in the presentation of the missionary interests.

Unfinished business was taken up, and conference resumed the consideration of the report of Committee on Sunday-school Plans and Work.

Motion prevailed to limit the discussion upon each item to five minutes.

Item No. 5 was reconsidered. By consent of conference, the previous motion to strike Item No. 5 was withdrawn.

An amendment to Item No. 5, by substitution was made, that we elect a Conference Sunday-school Secretary. The amendment was carried. Items No. 6 and 7 were considered and passed. A re-reading of Item No. 3 was called for; and the article was read. Motion was made to adopt the report. The Previous question was called. Carried. The report was adopted as amended. (See Report No. 9.)

The names of George Reber, G. W. Zike, S. M. VanBlaricom, H. Akright, Josephine Akright, Mattie Worth Moore, T. M. Bodenhorn, Aurie Bodenhorn, W. J. Seekins, W. D. Baker, W. H. Kennedy, C. G. Payne, R. L. Fisher, E. Teter, G. W. Smith, Grant Mann, Belle Shelley, F. W. Crowell, were called and their characters passed.

Rev. J. S.M'Geary, (Free Methodist) of Sharon, Pa., one of our camp-meeting evangelists, was introduced, and accorded a seat within the conference bar.

The names of A. U. Murphy, Lydia Murphy, Setta Caldwell, J. F. Mygrant, were called and their characters passed. Adjourned by limitation. Benediction by E. Teter.

At 10:30 Rev. Eber Teter, Connectional Missionary Secretary, took charge of the meeting, in the interests of Home and Foreign Missions, and the Connectional Educational Work. He said in part: The work of missions grows out of the fact that the world

needs salvation, and that there is no salvation outside of Jesus Christ; and if they would have salvation through Jesus Christ, they must have it here and now. There are two reasons why we should be missionaries. I. We cannot keep the commandments of the Word of God without it. 2. The benefit which the world will receive which we can give, and should not withhold. Jesus came to this world because he could help the world by coming; and if we have the Spirit of Christ, we will help men as faithfully in our sphere, as Jesus Christ did in his sphere. One of the strongest proofs of our Christianity is the missionary spirit. The demands of both the Home and Foreign work were presented in a very forceful and convincing manner.

Mrs. Jennie Ayers presented the Foreign work and its developments in a very encouraging way, showing how God is defending, protecting and blessing the work by putting his seal upon it. The ministry of native workers, was declared by our sister, to be doing much in carrying the work to success. She expressed gladness in being with us, and enjoying the feeling of kinship. Solicitations for funds were made, to the amount of \$31.20 for the Limba work.

The benediction was pronounced by Mrs. Ayers.

# Saturday, 1:30 P. M., August 21st, 1909.

The devotionals were conducted by Elder H. C. Brown. Singing No. 26, "Old Story in Song"; Scripture lesson, 5th chapter of II. Corinthians; prayer by Brother Brown; and singing No. 6, "Old Story in Song."

The roll was called. Minutes of the morning meeting were read and approved. The names of E. H. Kennedy, W. H. Hopkins, M. V. Sears, J. Hester, and W. L. Thompson were called, and their characters passed.

It was moved and carried that a committee be elected to investigate the probability of procuring the Webster Lake Campground. S. C. Kinnison, G. Reber, and H. Akright were elected the committee.

The name of Cerena Jay was called and her character was passed.

The name of F. M. Roberts was called, his character passed,

and in connection with his report, Rev. E. Teter, and Mrs. Jennie Ayers took charge of the incompleted Missionary Service of the forenoon. Brother Roberts made some very interesting remarks concerning his work in the South. Sister Ayers presented the financial interests of the missionary work, and increased the offerings to the amount of \$103.50.

A motion was made and supported, that the matter of purchasing shares in the Webster Lake Campground be referred to the Trustees. A motion prevailed that this motion be laid on the table until the Committee on Superannuated Ministers' Home should report. (See Report No. 16.)

The names of W. M. Bailey, W. Z. Horbury, and A. P. Foushee were called, and their characters passed.

Elder E. Teter spoke very highly of the efficiency of the work of W. L. Thompson, President of Central, South Carolina, School.

Elder J. J. Coleman took charge of the Memorial Services of Sister Emma Phares Swisher, Elder A. Worth assisting.

Mattie Worth Moore, M. V. Sears and G. W. Zike, spoke briefly of the life and work of Sister Swisher, each one mentioning her devotion.

A motion prevailed, that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet Monday morning at 8:00 o'clock.

. J. J. Coleman offered a report on the matter of a Home for Disabled Ministers and their Wives. On motion the report was adopted. (See Report No. 16.)

It was moved and supported to elect a Conference Sundayschool Secretary, whose duty it shall be to investigate the conditions, and systems of our own, and other churches, and report to the next annual conference.

On motion, Elder H. T. Hawkins was elected Conference Missionary Secretary.

On motion, \$100 was given to Brother and Sister D. F. Gordon, from the Superannuated Ministers' Fund; said amount to be paid quarterly.

The Conference Treasurer, J. E. Smiley, made his report. His report was adopted. (See Report No. 11.)

The Auditing Committee reported. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 12.)

Motion prevailed that the surplus cash in the Treasurer's hand go into the school fund provided its source cannot be found.

A motion prevailed to place the Conference Funds where they will bear interest.

Motion prevailed that the conference invite the next General Conference within the bounds of the Indiana Conference.

A motion carried that the Conference Trustees be instructed to pay from the Church Funds, to the Plymouth Circuit the amount received from the sale of the Burr Oak church, when such money can be obtained by the Trustees.

It was moved, that the Trustees be authorized to raise and pay an additional \$20.00 for the use of money, seats and pulpit of the Maple Grove church. The motion carried.

A motion carried that \$25.00 be given Mrs. Emma Fall, and Mrs. Abigail Jeffrey, each, from the Superannuated Ministers Fund.

The President nominated Elder J. J. Coleman, and layman G. W. Felton, as his Advisory Board. They were elected by conference vote.

The motion prevailed that if the Minute Fund be not large enough to pay the Secretaries, and publish the Conference Minutes, the Treasurer be instructed to pay from the conference funds, sufficient to pay the Secretaries the sum of \$15 each.

Motion prevailed that the Treasurer pay from the conference funds, sufficient to pay the traveling expenses of the Judicial Committee.

Motion prevailed that \$25.00 from the conference funds be paid to the President for incidental expenses.

A. Worth reported as a Committee to secure, and arrange, The Roll of Honored Dead. (See Roll of Honored Dead.)

It was moved and carried, that this roll, and those that may be added thereto, shall be printed in the minutes; this to be a standing order of conference.

Motion prevailed that the Treasurer be instructed to buy a set of new books in which to record the accounts of the conference, and charge the same to the various funds; and that a system of book-keeping be established and continued from year to year.

Moved and carried to adjourn. Benediction by Elder W. L. Thompson.

# Monday, 8:00 A. M., August 23rd, 1909.

The devotional services were conducted by Elder George Reber. Several songs from "Old Story in Song." Brother Reber read a Scripture lesson taken from the 34th Psalm; after which he offered prayer; one stanza of No. 41 was sung.

The roll was called; the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

W. J. Seekins offered a resolution pertaining to the employment of Independent Evangelists, and subscription to Independent Periodicals. (See Resolution No. 2.)

It was moved that all approving of the Wesleyan Methodist and its management; and the foregoing resolution, vote by rising. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee on Resolutions and Memorials made further report. The report was amended and adopted. (See Report No. 13.)

J. J. Coleman presented a resolution on Church Benevolences. The resolution was adopted. (See Resolution No. 3.)

The Stationing Committee made its report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 14.)

A motion prevailed that the next Annual Conference be held at Fairmount, and that the time be left with the Conference President, and the Connectional officers.

It was moved that Elder E. H. Kennedy be elected to preach the opening sermon of the conference next year. The motion prevailed.

A motion prevailed that the President appoint the Chairmen of all committees during the interim of conference, the committees to be filled at the opening meeting of conference.

The Committee on Time Limit made its report. Report adopted. (See Report No. 15.)

The Committee on Itinerancy and Elders' Orders made its completed report. (See Report No. 2.)

A motion was made to record the names of the five Conference Trustees with the Clerk of Bartholemew County, preparatory to taking possession of the Hope church property. Motion carried.

Elder T. P. Baker, Conference President, was elected to care

for the matter of recording the names of the Conference Trustees in Bartholemew County.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. S. A. Hocket, the Fairmount photographer for the presentation of a picture of the first year's graduating class from the Bible School, said picture to be hung upon the walls of the school building.

The Statistical Secretaries made their report. Report adopted. (See Report No. 17.)

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

On motion Conference adjourned, sine die.

Conference closed with singing the Doxology.

The benediction was pronounced by Elder Aaron Worth.

T. P. Baker, President; E. H. Kennedy, Secretary; F. R. Eddy, Assistant Secretary.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

No. I.—Conference Attendance:—Whereas, the various interests of our conference are growing, under the good of God and His leadership, and Whereas, the growing interests demand the closest care, thought, and prayer of both the ministry, and the laity, and Whereas, punctuality and devotion to these interests are necessary to the highest good and development of the same, and Whereas, there should be as nearly as possible, uniformity in the Minutes of the various annual conferences in the Year Book: be it

Resolved, That the Secretary shall keep a daily record of the presence and absence of the members of the conference, and the same to be incorporated in the minutes.

Wm. J. Seekins.

No. 2.—Independent Evangelists and Periodicals:—Whereas, through the work of Independent Evangelists in our conference, the Wesleyan Methodist is being supplanted by independent religious periodicals; and, Whereas, the Wesleyan Methodist is the medium of communication, and the bond of union between the various Connectional, and conference interests, and our people; and, Whereas, the Wesleyan Methodist is ringing out with no uncertain sound the biblical doctrines of separation from the world, and the blessed doctrine of entire sanctification, and the various reforms we love as a people:

Resolved, First, that where our pastors and people employ independent evangelists to help them in revival work, they shall demand of them that they shall not canvass our people for their independent periodicals; and furthermore, they shall be required to co-operate with our pastors in getting the Wesleyan Methodist into the homes of our people, and into the hands of those that may be converted.

Second, that the President and his Advisory Board shall apportion to the various charges and churches, the number of Wesleyan Methodists each charge is to secure to bring the number up to 1100 in the entire conference.

Third, the pastors shall be expected to work diligently to secure the number of subscribers apportioned to his or her charge.

Wm. J. Seekins.

No. 3.—Church Benevolences:—Whereas, our Church interests are inseparably united, and whereas, we should have unity of operation in caring for the general interests of our conference, and connection, and, Whereas, our Educational Secretary, in co-operation with the pastors, is instructed to look after the financial interests of our Bible School; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Church Extension Secretary and Missionary Secretary be urged to aid the pastors in every way possible to secure means for General Benevolences, and that the apportionment of the amount be raised as follows: Conference Missions, 40 per cent.; Church Extension, 20 per cent.; Foreign Missions, 15 per cent.; Home Missions, 15 per cent.; Education, 10 per cent.

John J. Coleman.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

# REPORT No. 1.—OFFICIAL REPORT OF PRESIDENT.

- 1. Granted a letter of standing to Elder Belle McClure.
- 2. Received the transfer of Elder Grant Mann from the Kansas conference.
  - 3. Appointed Elder Grant Mann pastor of the Santa Fe charge.
- 4. Accepted the resignation of Rev. E. E. Worth as pastor of the Plymouth charge.

- 5. Appointed Elder S. A. Mow pastor of Plymouth charge in connection with his missionary work.
- 6. Received the transfer of Elder M. V. Sears from the North Carolina conference.
  - 7. Granted a letter of standing to Elder G. W. Smith.
- 8. Received a class organized at Summit, near Akron, Indiana, by Elder S. A. Mow.
  - 9. Appointed Rev. John G. Kennedy pastor at Summit.
- 10. Accepted a class organized at Akron, Indiana, and attached it to the Summit work.
- 11. Accepted the resignation of Elder W. H. Kennedy, as pastor of Sheridan charge.
- 12. Accepted a class organized at Alexandria, by Elder T. M. Bodenhorn, this class to be known as the Alexandria Mission, and run upon the Mission plan.
- 13. Appointed Elder W. H. Hopkins pastor of Alexandria Mission.
- 14. In November, 1908, charges were placed in my hands, against Elder G. H. Babcock of Kokomo, Indiana, for insubordination, misrepresenting the work in Kokomo to the Indiana Conference, and going to law with the brethren. The charges were placed in the hands of the chairman of the Judicial Committee, Elder J. J. Coleman, who proceeded to arrange for the hearing of the case, before that committee. The committee met in the Wesleyan Methodist church in Kokomo, Indiana, Dec. 15, 1908, for trial. The defendant was found guilty of the charges and suspended until the next annual conference. He later joined another Church.
- 15. Appointed the Rev. Cerena Jay assistant pastor of Strawtown charge, to preach at Cicero.
- 16. On March 26, 1909, I was called by the pastor of the Lewis Creek charge to the Hope appointment. That church, except a very few of its members, being in open rebellion against the pastor, the Conference, the Discipline, and the Conference Resolutions. This, the outgrowth of the pastor's effort to drive out and suppress erroneous doctrines, that were dividing the church and destroying its influence. At a meeting called by the pastor on the night named above, an effort was made to pledge the Church to loyalty to the Wesleyan Church, its doctrines, its pastors and

its ministers, but the effort proved fruitless, all but three members declaring they would not be governed by any such resolutions, and adjourned the meeting in confusion. I am in possession of testimony from reliable sources that the spirit of insubordination is still very prominent, and its work in the church at Hope, is continuing. I am also informed that this church has declared its intention not to receive the pastor that has been chosen by the Lewis Creek charge, for the coming year. It is the duty of this conference to take this matter in hand and deal with this case.

- 17. Accepted the resignation of Elder C. B. Whitaker, as a member of the Camp-meeting Committee and Appointed Elder W. D. Baker in his stead.
- 18. Appointed Aurie Bodenhorn assistant pastor of Roseburg charge.

# REPORT No. 2.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ELDERS' ORDERS.

We the Committee on Elders' Orders beg leave to submit the following report:

- I. We recommend that F. M. Roberts of the Boxley charge be elected to Elders' Orders, having complied with the disciplinary requirements as to pastoral labor and also in view of the prestige that his work in the Southern mission field demands, with the following provision that he pursue the course of study to its completion.
- 2. We further recommend that Cerena Jay of the Boxley charge be elected to Elders' Orders having completed the course of study as outlined in the Discipline, and having had years of experience as a minister of the gospel also rendering satisfactory service as a licentiate in the Indiana conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.
- 3. The following named persons have completed the course but have not fulfilled the disciplinary requirements as to labor. We recommend that they be given work until such requirements be fulfilled to be ordained: Grace Sloan, Dollie Goble, Sewell E. Baker, Wm. Payne and Aurie Bodenhorn.
- 4. We recommend that the following named persons be received to travel under your direction: E. E. Martindale, Lucinda

Smith, Anna Linville, C. P. Dilts, Sarah Dilts, Ethel Graham, G. W. Brown, John Gray, J. C. Caldwell, J. G. Kennedy, J. B. Smith, W. W. Noggle, A. B. Diepert, S. C. Kinnison, Franklin Gunn, Belle Shelley, J. F. Mygrant, Nancy Barts, Wesley McMichael, Fred Jessup, Nathan Pierce, E. E. Worth, Eva McMichael, John R. Woods, W. Z. Horbury, J. H. James, J. E. Smiley, Noah Smith, Newton Gilliland, Nettie Fickle, Eva Cook, Alonzo Gilliam, Edgar Zike, C. A. Fouts, E. E. Turner.

- 5. We recommend the following named persons to pursue the Course of Study preparatory to travel: Thomas Goble, W. O. Eudaly, J. M. Wood, Miriam Slack, Edna Baker, Charles Baker, Maud Taylor, Henry Hamma, Charles Hobson, Joseph DeFord, Edward Aldrid, George Whitaker, W. M. Rigsbee, Gertrude Wood, L. O. Vickery, Emory J. Pitts, H. W. Allen, J. A. Frederick, James Fancher, Puella Fancher, Carrie Hutchens.
- 6. The following named persons have not attended the Institute for two years or reported to the committee: J. T. Loughridge, J. P. Baker, J. A. Zellar, James Hoover, Estella Lane.
- 7. We recommend that the Institute work be continued as last year.
- 8. We have received the name of S. S. Halcomb to be ordained but he has not presented himself for examination. We recommend that action be deferred until he shall present himself for examination.
  - T. P. Baker, Chairman; E. H. Kennedy, F. R. Eddy, Secretary.

# REPORT No. 3.—CONFERENCE AND CAMP-MEETING MAIL SERVICE.

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of arrangement for mail service during the Annual Conference and Campmeeting, beg leave to submit as its report, a letter growing out of our effort in this direction.

The following is a copy of a letter written to Hon. George W. Rauch, U. S. Congressman from the 11th District, State of Indiana, from the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

Washington, July 31, 1909.

Honorable George W. Rauch,

House of Representatives.

Sir:—Referring to your letter of July 12, 1909, which was referred to this office by the First Assistant Post-Master General, in which you request that arrangements be made to provide adequate facilities at the Camp of the Indiana Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Church which is to be held for a period of two weeks from August 17, 1909, you are advised that rural carrier No. 22 from Fairmount, Indiana, will be instructed to go directly from the post office to the point at which the camp will be located, arriving there are about 10:00 A. M. with the principal mails of the day, and both rural carriers 19 and 22 will pass this point between 3:00 P. M. and 3:15 P. M. and take up mails for dispatch.

The arrangement of the rural service described above, appears to be the best which can be provided in the circumstances. If the people who will be in attendance at this conference will designate some person to receive their mail and transact their postal business with the rural carriers, it is believed that the service provided by these carriers will be adequate to the needs of the people concerned and will prove entirely satisfactory to them.

Very respectfully,

P. V. DeGraw, Fourth Assistant Post-master General.
Respectfully submitted,

Edward H. Kennedy, Committee.

# REPORT No. 4.

We, your Committee to investigate the Hope Church affair, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find that the Hope church with the exception of three members are guilty of insubordination in refusing to hear or support the conference officials and the pastor and in refusing to comply with the resolutions and laws of the Indiana Annual Conference.

And also guilty of advocating and maintaining erroneous doctrine. We recommend that the conference declare those who have held their allegiance to the conference and pastor and have shown the same by their actions to be the Church at Hope and those

who are guilty of the charges herein specified be dropped from the church membership of said Church. If said number who have held their allegiance to the conference and pastor are found to be unable to maintain an organization, said persons may be transferred to some other church and the property be disposed of at the order of the Conference or its Trustees.

C. A. Billheimer, Chairman; H. M. Crilley, Geo. W. Rager, W. L. Thompson, F. R. Eddy, Secretary.

# REPORT No. 5.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTS AND PASTORS AND MINUTES.

Whereas the labors of the Evangelists are hard and the salaries inadequate a support, by reason of the increased prices in production, and the extension of our fields of labor, requiring the entire time of our Evangelists, in order to the betterment of the work on the various circuits, in the increasing of the interests of the different phases of the work, Therefore, be it

Resolved, that we increase the salaries of the evangelists to \$650.00 each. And that the following apportionments to the various charges be made.

Albion \$56, Amboy \$50, Anderson \$40, Atlanta Mission \$40, Boxley \$80, Bryant \$64, Blue River \$64, Elwood and Mt. Zion \$40, Fairmount \$80, Fowler \$40, Fountain City \$36, Greensboro \$54, Hartford City \$28, Hamlet \$50, Huntington \$36, Kirklin \$54, Kokomo \$40, Larwill \$64, Laketon \$64, Lewis Creek \$66, Liberty \$40, Mt. Etna \$80, Marion \$60, Payne \$64, Pleasant Grove \$60, Peru \$54, Plymouth \$60, Roseburg \$40, Strawtown \$78, Santa Fe \$48, Sheridan \$54, Seybert Mission \$28, Union \$44, Wabash \$54, Westfield \$64, Warren \$80.

We recommend that whereas the President of the conference shall be called to attend the work of the conference aside from the quarterly meetings he shall be reimbursed for his actual expenses for same from the conference mission fund.

We also recommend the continuation of the financial plan adopted by this body in the year 1908 pertaining to the labors of the Evangelist.

And we also beg leave to read the financial plan as recorded in the resolutions and laws of the Indiana conference.

We further recommend that the evangelists shall give assistance in counsel and labor as the pastors and charges may have need.

We unhesitatingly condemn the practice of evangelists elected to hold quarterly meetings by this conference in giving their time to secular labors, speech making and so forth, which hinders them from attending the quarterly meetings appointed to them by this conference.

In raising the evangelists' salary we recommend that the circuits elect a steward from the various churches on the different charges whose duty it shall be to raise the evangelists' apportionment.

# Apportionment of Pastor's Salary.

We desire to call attention of this conference to the meager salaries upon which our pastors have been asked to live; many of them have been compelled to resort to manual labor in order that their families might be fed and clothed. What man is there among the laity of the Church who would agree to contract with this conference for one year's labor arduous as the pastors' work is, for the petty sum of two or three hundred dollars The price of living has increased within the last four or five years at least fifty per cent. Five hundred dollars now is not more to the pastor than two hundred and fifty dollars was six or eight years ago. Brethren this is not right. In view of this lamentable condition we appeal to the circuits of this conference to put an end to this sad condition of affairs by giving the pastors a handsome raise in their salaries.

Furthermore as a means to this end, we recommend the following suggestive apportionments, to the different circuits.

Amboy \$260, Albion \$485, Anderson \$200, Bryant \$425, Cicero \$200, Boxley \$500, Blue River \$420, Elwood \$150, Fowler \$300, Fountain City \$150, Fairmount \$600, Greensboro \$325, Hamlet \$340, Hartford City \$100, Huntington \$200, Kirklin \$350, Kokomo \$250, Laketon \$300, Larwill \$440, Marion—\$450, Mt. Etna \$500, Mt. Zion \$150, Payne \$480, Peru \$350, Pleasant Grove \$360, Seybert \$100, Strawtown \$450, Plymouth \$500, Roseberg \$275, Santa Fe \$250, Sheridan \$360, Thorntown \$15, Lewis Creek \$325, Union \$360, Wabash \$350, Warren \$550, Westfield \$450, Liberty \$200.

# Apportionment for the Minutes.

Anderson \$1, Amboy \$2, Albion \$2.40, Atlanta \$1.50, Blue River \$2, Boxley \$3, Bryant \$2.40, Elwood \$1.50, Fairmount \$3, Fowler \$1.40, Fountain City \$1, Greensboro \$1.80, Hamlet \$2, Hartford City \$1, Huntington \$1.40, Kokomo .80, Kirklin \$2, Laketon \$2, Lewis Creek \$2.40, Liberty \$1.20, Larwill \$1.50, Marion \$2.40, Mt. Etna \$3, Mt. Zion .50, Payne \$2.40, Peru \$1.80, Pleasant Grove \$2, Plymouth \$2, Roseburg \$1.50, Santa Fe \$2, Sheridan \$1.50, Strawtown \$1.50, Seybert Mission .40, Union \$1.20, Wabash \$2, Warren \$2.50, Westfield \$2.50.

We further recommend that the Quarterly Conference Evangelist be instructed to carry out so far as possible, in their first round of Quarterly Meetings the foregoing suggestive apportionments, and to see that an agreement be entered into between pastor and circuit.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. Baker, L. G. Bears, J. O. Baker, D. L. Sheidler, Ennis Kitterman, W. H. Hopkins, J. L. Perry.

# REPORT No. 6.-REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY.

The work assigned me by this conference, in connection with the work of the presidency, was that of attending quarterly meetings and securing funds for the Bible Institute and Training School, and students for the same. During the year I have attended fortyeight quarterly meetings, missing but two; one for the Board Meeting at Syracuse, the other on account of the weather, making it impossible to reach the place of the meeting. In my travel over the conference I have secured every student for the school that it was possible for me to secure. I have spoken of advantages of obtaining theological training in the institution, and have sought to create sentiment in favor of the school that would result in fruit financially and an increase in the school numerically. is one thing noticeable and that is that the school is having an influence for the good over the young people in the families of the church and many outside of the church, as nothing has had in the history of the Indiana Conference.

The students going out from this school to the different parts of the country, and coming in contact with our young people, is now having a telling effect upon them and will continue to have as the years come and go if we take advantage of the opportunities set before us as a conference and people and direct the school along lines that will meet the approval of God assuring us of the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Every member of the church of the Indiana Conference, should get behind the school with prayer and purse, and push the interests of the same to success. Every pastor in the conference should consider himself a committee to secure for the school every student possible. We have found that as much of the present theological course is academic work and corresponds to much of the High School course prescribed by the State Board of Education the addition of one more teacher to what we already have making four in number.

We can teach the full four years high school course and theological course now being taught. We had at the beginning of the year three hundred and fifty dollars in the treasury. The tuition and enrollment fee which was very small amounted to about four hundred dollars. I have raised in cash and pledges on the circuits more than twelve hundred dollars making a total of about two thousand dollars for the support of the school during the year. Some of these pledges will not be paid until later on. At the beginning of the year we were in debt on the school building six hundred dollars. We are pleased to announce that that amount has been paid, we are now out of debt with money in the treasury and our people have met this emergency willingly and gladly.

During the year I have pushed the work of securing notes and bequests for the school that has increased the fund for the future support of the school, largely. Let our motto for the coming year be an average per cent. of one dollar a member for the Bible Institute and Training School. Some may not feel able to pay the dollar but there are the multitudes who are able to pay many times that amount that will enable us if all interest themselves to raise the necessary means to support the school and carry the work to success.

T. P. Baker, Educational Secretary.

# REPORT No. 7 .- REPORT OF MISSIONARY SECRETARY.

As is generally known a Conference Missionary Evangelist was elected at our last session of the annual conference who had just fairly entered upon the work when he was called from that held by the President and his Advisory Board to the pastorate of the Plymouth charge. However he was not asked to resign the work as Missionary Evangelist but accepted the pastorate in connection with that work. This very materially affected the work of the missionary fields as we were planning for work in new fields nevertheless we feel that much good has been done in mission work during the year. Two new churches have been added to the conferences also a good nine room parsonage has been bought.

Number of services held by those receiving help from the missionary treasury, 1,036.

Number converted or sanctified, 292.

New subscribers to the Wesleyan Methodist, 15.

United with the church, 89.

Building and repairs, \$1,192.43.

Missionary money raised by parties receiving help, \$140.72.

Amount paid to workers \$440.

W. L. Northam, Missionary Secretary.

# REPORT No. 8.—REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION SECRETARY.

During the year past we have gone forward in our work of holding quarterly meetings which has been the main branch of the work committed to our care. While looking after this work we have added to the roll of those who have pledged yearly from five dollars to one dollar, until now the roll numbers...... names. No new churches have been built this year but betterments have been made to the amount of \$4,468.65 on the houses we already have. \$47.64 has been contributed to the Pledge Roll. The Church Extension Secretary has held about 256 services during the year. We are looking for the erection of several new churches the coming year where new classes have been organized. The financial depression which has existed for the last two years

has prevented our people from building but we hope this year to increase the roll of pledged contributors until it will be safe to commence building in at least two places where houses are badly needed. With a sense of profound thankfulness to God for his help in the past we move forward in the work assigned us determined to use to the utmost limit all our powers in his service.

Aaron Worth.

# REPORT No. 9.-REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sabbath-schools beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend

First:—That at least ten minutes be devoted each Sabbath to interesting the children and young people in the work of the Sabbath-school and Church and that as far as possible the pastor shall do this.

Second:—That each Sunday-school hold a teachers' meeting once a week, said meeting to be in charge of the pastor whenever possible.

Third:—That a complete written report of the Sunday-school work be made to the Quarterly Conference by the Superintendent and that said report become a part of the Quarterly Conference Record.

Fourth:—That the Sunday-school work be given time and place in our conference sessions.

Fifth:—That there shall be a Conference Sabbath-school Secretary whose duty it shall be to have the general oversight of the work and to investigate successful methods in other Churches and report to this body at its next annual session.

Sixth:—That the Conference instruct the pastors to set aside one Sabbath during the year to be devoted to the interest of Sunday-school work.

Seventh:—That we endorse the normal work carried on by the State Sunday-school Association and that where practicable classes be instituted on our charges.

T. M. Bodenhorn, A. Worth, H. T. Hawkins, J. K. Rodeman, John G. Kennedy, Committee.

# REPORT No. 10.—TREASURER'S REPORT OF WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Total receipts since Sept., 1908. On hand from last year, \$157.56; From Nancy Barts, \$106.98; Cuts for Sunday-school papers, \$14.75; L. O. Vickery and wife, \$5; Mrs. J. H. Pickett, \$5; For Foreign Work, \$181.06; For Home work, \$133.18; From Y. M. W. B., \$206.37; For Conference Missions, \$17.06; For Bible School, \$12.30; For Medical Missionary, \$2; Total, \$841.26.

Disbursements:-Paid Nancy Barts for service and expenses, \$48.32: Expense of Conference missionary meeting during commencement, \$6; Paid W. J. Seekins, \$14.75; Paid to Clara Wilson, General Treasurer of W. H. and F. M. S. for help in Southern work, \$15; Paid for students' support in Bible School, \$70; Paid for cement steps to missionary rooms, \$13.84; Incidental expenses for missionary rooms, \$0.53; Conference Treasurer's expense account, \$1.47; Paid to E. Teter for Foreign work, \$181.06; Paid to Fairmount Bible School, \$12.30; Paid to J. E. Smiley for Conference missions, \$17.06; To Nancy Barts, Superintendent of Y. M. W. B., to be sent to Mrs. Hartson, \$206.37; Home missions, \$2; Paid to E. Teter for Southern work, \$50; Paid to E. Teter for F. M. Roberts for help in Southern work, \$25; Paid to Jennie Ayers for the Dora Wiebens work, \$25; Paid to Jennie Ayers for Medical Missionary, \$25; Paid to Jennie Ayers for Alabama work, \$28.80; Paid to W. H. Hopkins for Conference mission work, \$25; Total. \$776.50; Balance on hand, \$64.76.

Bessie Baker, Treasurer.

# Work done by Local Societies not found in Cash Report:-

For benevolent or charitable purposes, \$317.90; Value of work for needy, \$71.53; Bedding for Conference missionary buildings, \$40.34; For local church work, \$141.13; Total, \$570.90. Cash receipts, \$841.26; Total year's work, \$1,412.16.

### REPORT No. 11.-TREASURER'S REPORT.

Superannuated Fund:—Amounts on hand in notes and cash. \$1,827.77.

Disbursements:—C. S. Smith, loan, \$50; S. M. Van Blaricom, loan, \$100; Indiana Conference, loan, \$350; W. D. Baker, loan, \$25; W. J. Seekins, loan, \$100; Camp-meeting Association, loan, \$450;

Church Extension, loan, \$150; A. U. Murphy, loan, \$75; F. R. Eddy, loan, \$90; W. F. Shelly, loan, \$100; E. H. Kennedy, loan, \$25; E. E. Talbert, loan, \$100; Total, \$1,615; Balance on hand, \$212.77.

Bible Training School:—Balance on hand from last year, \$547.67; Received from all sources, \$1,876.58; Total, \$2,424.25.

Disbursements:—J. O. Baker, salary as teacher, \$500; C. B. Whitaker, salary as teacher, \$450; Paid the J. L. Rigsbee note, \$300; Transferred to Conference missions, \$200; Repairs, seats and incidentals, \$243.60; Total, \$1,692.60; Balance on hand, \$730.65.

Assets:—Permanent endowment notes, \$3,450; Ten year payment notes, \$2,181.20; Total, \$5,631.20.

Conference Missions:—Balance on hand from last year, \$325.04; Receipts from all sources, \$940.79; Total receipts, \$1,265.83; Total disbursements, \$843.54; Balance on hand, \$422.29.

Foreign Missions:—On hand from last year, \$237.22; Received from all sources, \$460.85; Total, \$698.07.

Disbursements:—Paid E. Teter, \$13.50; Paid W. J. Seekins, \$237.22; Total, \$250.72; Balance on hand, \$447.35.

Home Missions:—Balance on hand from last year, \$262.08; Received from all sources, \$448.40; Total, \$710.48.

Disbursements:—Paid to E. Teter, \$14; Paid to W. J. Seekins, \$262.08; Total, \$276.08; Balance on hand, \$434.40.

Church Extension:—Balance on hand from last year, \$56.86; Sale of Lagro church, \$150; From other sources, \$56.64; Total, \$263.50.

Disbursements:—Cash and notes, \$54.45; Balance on hand. \$209.05.

Education:—Balance on hand from last year, \$23.72; Received from all sources, \$16.12; Total, \$39.84.

Disbursements:—Paid to W. J. Seekins, \$23.72; Balance on hand, \$16.12.

General Conference Expense Fund:—On hand, \$6.35.

Institute Fund:-Balance on hand from last year, \$84.09.

Disbursements:-Paid, \$35.40; Balance on hand, \$48.69.

Minute Fund:—Balance on hand from last year, \$50.98; Received from circuits, \$49.20.

Disbursements:—Paid to F. R. Eddy, Assistant Secretary, \$50.98; Balance on hand, \$49.20.

Publishing Association Fund:—Received from circuits, \$2.75. No Disbursements.

Albion Church Fund:—Cash endowment from Emma C. Black estate, \$700; Interest for this year, \$42; Total, \$742.

Disbursements:—Wm. Talbert note, secured loan, \$38.88; Fred Talbert note, Mortgage loan, \$400; John F. Gatwood, Mortgage loan, \$250.66; Interest paid to C. S. Smith, \$42; Total, \$731.54; Balance on hand, \$10.46.

Albion Church Fund Assets:—Wm. Talbert note, secured loan, \$38.88; Fred Talbert note, Mortgage loan, \$400; John F. Gatwood note, Mortgage loan, \$250.66; Balance cash on hand, \$10.46; Total assets, \$700.

Emma C. Black Estate, W. J. Seekins, Administrator:—April 21, 1909, To cash, \$580.04; May 5, To Wm. Talbert note, secured loan, \$38.88; May 5, To Fred Talbert note, \$100; May 5, To John F. Gatwood note, Mortgage loan, \$250.66; May 5, To Fred Talbert note, Mortgage loan, \$400; Total received, \$1,369.58.

May 7, By Albion Church Fund, \$700; May 7, By interest on Church Fund, \$42; May 7, By transfer to Bible School Fund, \$209.20; May 7, By transfer to Superannuated Fund, \$209.19; May 7, By transfer to Conference Missions, \$209.19; By total, \$1,369.58.

Students' Benefit Fund:-Receipts from individuals, \$10.

Disbursements:-Paid to students, \$10.

J. E. Smiley, Conference Treasurer.

# REPORT No. 12.-REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, the Auditing Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Receipts, \$5,855.31; Disbursements, \$3,437.06; Balance on cash book, \$2,419.16; Balance in Bank, \$2,423.30; Balance in funds, \$2,419.16; Balance in Bank to credit of Treasury, \$4.14.

We find the Books to be correctly kept and the funds faithfully reported.

We recommend that a new set of books be procured to con-

sist of day or cash book, journal and ledger, and that the system adopted be continued.

L. G. Bears, L. H. Carter, Committee.

# REPORT No. 13.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Memorials and Resolutions beg leave to submit the following report: Memorial: Elder Emma Phares Swisher, a member of the Indiana Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church was promoted from earthly toil and suffering to her reward in glory during the interim of our last conference year. Her triumph in death was in victory and great peace, and occurred April 24, 1909, in the forty-eighth year of her life.

Sister Swisher was a strong Christian character. She was converted in youth, was subsequently wholly sanctified and was given license to preach by the Church of the United Brethren in Christ with whom she had her membership. Her first Quarterly Conference license was granted in January, 1890. In September, 1893, she was received into the White River annual conference from whence she transferred her membership to the Indiana Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist in December, 1895. Her acceptance by the President at this date was ratified by the Annual Conference session of 1896, and she continued in this relation faithfully until her life closed. She was ordained to the office and work of an elder in 1904. She served as pastor on the Kirklin and Blue River Charges but labored mostly as an evangelist, a good helper in revival work.

The clear, radical utterances of the Wesleyan Church upon doctrine and reform appealed strongly to Sister Swisher and she was an ardent and faithful advocate of the Church's standard of Christian life and experience. Any apparent departure from these was to her a cause of great grief. In our effort to perpetuate her memory we can do no better than to remain true in life and testimony to the "old paths wherein is the good way." She leaves a little daughter, a husband, a father, with other relatives and friends. But she has bequeathed to these the heritage of a pure and emphatic Christian life and though she has gone to her reward her works do follow her.

### RESOLUTIONS.

### White Slave Traffic in Girls.

It has recently come to the surface that in all our large cities there is a regularly organized traffic in girls for immoral purposes in houses of prostitution. They are decoyed from country homes and under promise of employment are sold in a bondage worse than the darkest piracy of the African slave trade. This infamous traffic is carried on with the connivance of city officials and corrupt police that share in the spoils for which these innocent girls are sold. The blood of these white souled girls like Ella Gingles cries to heaven for redress.

We place ourselves on record as a Church by demanding that derelict government officials should be indicted and deposed from office who fail to hunt down these infamous criminals and send them to the work house or state's prison where they justly belong We would encourage the establishment of homes of rescue where these fallen girls can be cared for and restored to their homes.

## Liquor Traffic.

In regard to the liquor traffic we recognize the fact that there can be no security in government until this anti-Christ of all the centuries is shot to pieces by the votes of a Christian people. President Garfield said once that unsettled questions have little respect for the peace of nations and there can be no peace in the state as long as the liquor traffic endures. Nothing but the absolute annihilation of this traffic will answer the demands of the church and the state. We rejoice in the tremendous sweep of the prohibition movement in the Southern states and its outlawry by statewide law. We hope to see the North swing into line with equal momentum, and by statewide enactment clear the whole nation of this curse which Gladstone declared was worse than war, pestilence and famine combined.

### Secrecy.

We believe the rapid multiplication of secret societies is a menace to the Church of Christ, especially those that are combining insurance with their secrecy in order to catch a multitude of people who feel anxious to secure something for their families

if they should be suddenly called away by death. This moral contagion has spread to the children who are organized in secret societies as well as their mothers, and the whole trend of organized secrecy is in antagonism to the Church of Christ. We re-affirm the position taken in our Discipline that we will not extend membership in our churches to any of these organizations, and we ask our pastors to guard the door of the church faithfully, that none of them be admitted among us, by asking the candidates, who present themselves for membership, if they belong to any secret order. We condemn the practice of ministers in associating with secret orders in conducting funerals.

### SABBATH.

Believing as we do that God has laid a special claim to one-seventh of our time, we again declare our most solemn conviction that the first day of the week is the Christian Sabbath and should be kept holy. We deplore the fact that many children of so-called Christian homes are reared with but slight restraints placed upon them relative to their deportment on the Sabbath. We record our most emphatic protest against the custom of Sabbath visiting, idling away the sacred hours in careless ease, reading of literature not calculated to lead into deeper spirituality and the neglect of the means of grace together with the grosser forms of desecration, such as, ball playing, pleasure seeking, and kindred practices which rob God of His glory and men of their most precious opportunities for "the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath."

I. I. Coleman, S. A. Mow, Committee.

# REPORT No. 14.—REPORT OF STATIONING COMMITTEE.

We the Stationing Committee beg leave to submit the follow-lowing report:

- I. We recommend that the Hope class be detached from the Lewis Creek circuit and left in the hands of the President.
  - 2. That Mt. Olive be attached to the Kirklin charge.
- 3. That Wesleyan Chapel be joined with Hartford City to be known as the Hartford City charge.

4. That Noblesville, Cicero, and Atlanta constitute a mission to be known as Cicero Mission.

5. That the work be supplied as follows:

Albion, C. S. Smith.

Amboy, H. C. Brown.

Anderson, S. M. Van Blaricom, Eva Cook, Assistant.

Alexandria Mission, Supplied from Bible School.

Blue River, H. T. Arnold.

Boxley, A. U. and Lydia Murphy.

Bryant, F. R. Eddy.

Cicero Mission, Cerena Jay, Franklin Gunn, Assistant.

Elwood, Sewell E. Baker.

Fairmount, W. D. Baker.

Fowler, B. L. Couch.

Fountain City, Dollie Goble.

Greensboro, C. G. Payne.

Huntington, C. A. Billheimer.

Hartford City, W. W. Noggle.

Hamlet, H. and Josephine Akright.

Kirklin, F. W. Crowell.

Kokomo, Edgar Zike.

Larwill, S. C. Kinnison.

Laketon, T. M. Bodenhorn and Wife.

Lewis Creek, L. H. Carter.

Liberty, C. A. Fouts.

Marion, A. P. Fooshee.

Mt. Etna, E. H. Kennedy.

Mt. Zion, W. H. Hopkins.

Payne, T. J. Pierce.

Pleasant Grove, J. H. James.

Peru, L. G. Bears.

Plymouth, S. A. Mow.

Roseburg, W. H. Hopkins and Noah Smith.

Strawtown, Wm. L. Payne.

Sevbert Mission, D. H. Younts.

Santa Fe, E. E. Turner.

Sheridan, Grace Sloan.

Thorntown, George Reber.

Union, Newton Gilliland.

Westfield, Grant Mann.

Warren, J. J. Coleman.

Wabash, C. A. Billheimer.

General Evangelists:—A. L. Blake, G. Reber, George Zike, J. Hester, W. H. Kennedy, Setta Caldwell, W. Z. Horbury, M. M. More, W. M. Bailey, J. F. Pressnall, E. E. Martindale, F. M. Roberts.

Organizer of Y M. W. B. and W. H. and F. M. S., Nancy Barts.

Connectional Missionary Secretary, E. Teter.

Connectional Agent and Treasurer, W. J. Seekins.

President and Educational Secretary, T. P. Baker.

Missionary Secretary, W. L. Northam.

Church Extension Secretary, A. Worth.

Conference Sabbath-school Secretary, H. T. Hawkins.

Superintendent of Theological Institute and Bible Training School, J. O. Baker.

Teachers in Bible Training School:—E. E. Worth, J. E. Smiley. President of Central, S. C., Bible Training School, W. L. Thompson.

Work in Publishing House, C. B. Whitaker.

Supernumerary List:—R. L. Fisher, G. W. Smith, J. W. Brown. M. V. Sears, E. L. Dickey.

Unstationed List:-J. B. Shadle, L. Shatford, W. Talbert, R. A. Carter.

Superannuated List:-M. Moore, D. F. Gordan.

# REPORT No. 15.—COMMITTEE ON SHORTENING THE LIMIT IN FINANCIAL PLAN.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend that section four in the Financial Plan which reads, "Where persons refusing for two years," etc., be changed so that it shall read, "Where persons refusing for one year," etc.

W. L. Northam, D. L. Sheidler, H. T. Hawkins.

# REPORT No. 16.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME FOR DISABLED MINISTERS AND WIVES.

We, the Committee on Home for Disabled Ministers, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, The Lord Jesus declares that a cup of water given shall not lose its reward, and inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me, and whereas the remuneration of our pastors and preachers is so meager, and inadequate to the laying by of resources for the supplying of the needs and comforts of old age and whereas, we feel that there have never been any more faithful or deserving servants in the work of the Lord, and whereas, we feel that we ought to show our appreciation of their labors of love, our approval of their lives and our gratitude to God, and their devotion to Him, be it

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred the work of taking the matter of the proposed project of establishing a home for disabled ministers and their wives be continued until the next annual session of conference and in the meantime they work in conjunction with the committee elected to investigate the addition of prospective property to the annual conference, and that we hereby authorize the Board of Trustees to consider the advisability of investing money from the Conference Superannuated Fund for this proposed work.

W. J. Seekins, J. J. Coleman, S. A. Mow, George Rager, J. K. Rodeman.

REPORT No. 17. (See Statistical Table.)

# QUARTERLY MEETING LIST, 1909-1910.

## First Quarter.

Meetings held at places as given in order by T. P. Baker, W. L. Northam, and A. Worth.

Sept. 11 and 12, Huntington, Pleasant Grove, Larwill.

Sept. 18 and 19, Mt. Etna, Sheridan, Albion.

Sept. 25 and 26, Greensboro, Wabash, Kokomo.

Oct. 2 and 3, Santa Fe, Blue River, Anderson.

Oct. 9 and 10, Laketon, Boxley, Westfield.

Oct. 16 and 17, Peru, Liberty, Warren.

Oct. 23 and 24, Marion, Lewis Creek, Amboy.

Oct. 30 and 31, Plymouth, Union, Elwood-Mt. Zion.

Nov. 6 and 7, Roseburg, Kirklin, Fountain City.

Nov. 13 and 14, Bryant, Strawtown, Fowler.

Nov. 20 and 21, Payne, Hamlet, Hartford City.

Nov. 27 and 28, Seybert, Cicero, Fairmount.

# Second Quarter.

Dec. 4 and 5, Pleasant Grove, Larwill, Mt. Etna.

Dec. 11 and 12, Kokomo, Albion, Huntington.

Dec. 18 and 19, Wabash, Anderson, Greensboro.

Dec. 25 and 26, Westfield, Sheridan, Santa Fe.

Jan. 1 and 2, Boxley, Blue River, Laketon.

Jan. 8 and 9, Liberty, Warren, Peru.

Jan. 15 and 16, Elwood-Mt. Zion, Amboy, Marion.

Jan. 22 and 23, Lewis Creek, Fountain City, Roseburg.

Jan. 29 and 30, Fowler, Plymouth, Cicero.

Feb. 5 and 6, Hamlet, Union, Hartford City.

Feb. 12 and 13, Strawtown, Bryant, Kirklin.

Feb. 19 and 20, Fairmount, Seybert, Payne.

# Third Quarter.

Feb. 26 and 27, Albion, Kokomo, Pleasant Grove. March 5 and 6, Larwill, Mt. Etna, Wabash.

March 12 and 13, Sheridan, Huntington, Santa Fe.

March 19 and 20, Anderson, Greensboro, Blue River.

March 26 and 27, Boxley, Westfield, Peru.

April 2 and 3, Amboy, Fountain City, Liberty.

April 9 and 10, Elwood-Mt. Zion, Marion, Laketon.

April 16 and 17, Warren, Fowler, Lewis Creek.

April 23 and 24, Bryant, Hamlet, Plymouth.

April 30 and May 1, Union, Payne, Roseburg.

April 7 and 8, Kirklin, Fairmount, Cicero.

April 14 and 15, Hartford City, Seybert, Strawtown.

### Fourth Ouarter.

May 21 and 22, Huntington, Larwill, Pleasant Grove. May 28 and 29, Santa Fe, Greensboro, Mt. Etna. June 4 and 5, Westfield, Kokomo, Sheridan. June 11 and 12, Blue River, Wabash, Anderson. June 18 and 19, Warren, Laketon, Albion. June 25 and 26, Amboy, Elwood-Mt. Zion, Boxley. July 2 and 3, Fountain City, Liberty, Bryant. July 9 and 10, Lewis Creek, Peru, Hamlet. July 16 and 17, Payne, Plymouth, Union. July 23 and 24, Fowler, Roseburg, Marion. July 30 and 31, Cicero, Hartford City, Strawtown. Aug. 6 and 7, Kirklin, Fairmount, Seybert.

### DISCIPLINARY COURSE OF STUDY.

All persons not students of the Bible School studying for ordination at the hands of the Church, are required to take the following Course of Study, and pass examinations at the close of each term of school upon the same, under the direction of the Committee on Elders' Orders.

First Year:—Binney's Compend; Wesley's Plain Account of Christian Perfection; Wesleyan Methodist Discipline; Theology of Holiness; Lectures on Preaching, Simpson; Roberts Rules of Order; Baptism of the Holy Ghost, by Mahan. Course of Reading:—Life of St. Paul, Stalker; The Revival and the Pastor, Peck; History of Wesleyan Methodism, Jennings; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. I., first twenty-five sermons.

Second Year:—Lee's Theology; Fisher's Church History (first half); Kidder's Homiletics; Natural Theology, Lee; McIlvanes' Christian Evidences; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation, (first half); Philosophy of Christian Experience. Course of Reading:—Life of Christ, Stalker; Nelson on Infidelity; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. II., twenty-five sermons.

Third Year:—Lee's Theology; Elements of Intellectual Science, Porter; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation, continued; Fisher's Church History (second half); Wayland's Moral Science; Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker. Course of Reading:—Life of Hester Ann Rogers; Love Enthroned, Steele.



Indiana Bible School.

## ADDENDA AND ANNOUNCEMENT.

The sixty-first session of the Indiana Conference is now a matter of history. No more gratifying history has been written by us, in the same length of time, for a number of years. This, in our opinion, has been the best Conference we have had for at least ten The devotionals were deeply spiritual; great liberty and victory were manifest. The business transacted, was greater in volume, and more complex in nature than ever before; but was done in quietness, and perfect accord. The gifts and offerings were larger, and given in a spirit of cheerfulness and joy that surpassed, by far, the record of the past. The elections had in them not the least\_element of strife or disturbance. Brotherly love prevailed; and every indication is that it will continue. The presence of our Connectional officers, Brethren Jennings, Seekins, and Teter, and of our Camp-meeting Evangelists, Brethren M'Geary, and Bradley, were full of helpfulness and inspiration. The arrangemment of the work affords an outlook full of promise, and gracious victory. Nothing could be more fitting, than to conclude, as we did, with singing, "Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow."

Programme of Religious Services for the Annual Conference, 1910.

Tuesday evening, Aug. 16th, Opening sermon, Rev. E. H. Kennedy.

Wednesday morning, devotional, "Pastor, and His Finances," Rev. C. A. Billheimer.

Wednesday afternoon, "Pastor and the Sunday-school," Rev. H. T. Hawkins.

Wednesday evening, sermon by Rev. W. L. Northam.

Thursday morning, "Pastor and His Pulpit Work," Rev. J. Hester.

Thursday afternoon, "The Pastor in Social Life," Rev. W. D. Baker.

Thursday evening, sermon by Rev. J. O. Baker.

Friday morning, "Bible Study," Rev. J. J. Coleman.

Friday afternoon, "Church Discipline," Rev. L. G. Bears.

Friday evening, sermon by Rev. S. A. Mow.

Saturday morning, "Tithing," Rev. T. P. Baker.

Saturday afternoon, "Jubilee Praise Service," Rev. C. G. Payne.

Saturday evening service, First night of camp-meeting, in charge of evangelist. Committee, J. Hester, W. D. Baker, J. J. Coleman.

Total	Albion. Alexandria Mission Amboy. Anderson Atlanta Mission Bryant Bryant Boxley Blue kiver Elwood. Fowler Fountain City Fournount Fourer Fourner Hamlet Ligren Hamlet Huntington Hamlet Huntington Huntington Kokomo Laketom Larwill Hartin Marion Mt. Eina Mt. Cilve Peru Mt. Zion Payne Mt. Zion Payne Mt. Zion Payne Mt. Zion Payne Mt. Zion Feru Fleasant Grove Plymouth Fourner Mt. Stawtown Strawtown Strawtown Strawtown Strawtown Warren Westfreid Westfreid Westfreid Westfreid Westfreid	Circuits .
	C. S. Smith W. H. Hopkins H. C. Brown Setta Caldwell and Josephine Akright A. U and Lydia Murphy E. H. Kennedy Sewell E. Baker Mattle Worth Moore W. M. Bailey W. D. Baker Jacob Hester B. L. Couch H. W. Woggle Chas. G. Payne F. W. Crowell G. Payne F. W. Crowell A. L. Blake J. F. Mygnako J. H. Carter J. B. Smith A. P. Boshee F. R. Edohe A. P. Foshee F. R. Edohe J. H. T. Arnold Emest Turner T. J. Pierce G. W. Stan G. Mann W. H. Kennedy W. Z. Horbury J. G. Kennedy J. G. Kennedy George Reber E. L. Dickey J. W. Brown J. W. Brown J. W. Brown J. J. Coleman H. T. Arnold H. T. Arnold H. T. Arnold H. T. Arnold J. Coleman H. T. Arnold	Pastors
191 89 94 333	00000000000000000000000000000000000000	Time Employed (Mon.) Appointments Number of Churches
33	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Members Received Expelled
25	11 3 66 65 65 65 65 65 65 65 65 65 65 65 65	Discontinued
40 83	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Died Granted Letters
3 3587	5 50 2 2 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	Present Number
7 255	1029 8 8 1 1 150536525566114 15652 24 4 252 115 1012 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	Probationers
5 137		Baptized
	642 5 5 1 7 3 146 5191 23	Unstationed Elders
88	11 3 5 11 1 33 23322 123 1336 22517 53 1	Licentiates
2	828574121448868282685886818887126687	Wesleyan Meth. taken
4  86  884   1373  467  2549  554  715  314  83  83  369  3554	8 82 6 8588532 88 6788 858 6588338 6 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88	Sunday School Banners
467	988885 58 136 1598883571458015888881 177537815211 12	Teachers Quarterlies
25	8 525225824386884588688588888888888888888888888888	Scholars Quarterlies
55	2 15 150 4 455 25 45 15 15 26555 45 45 45 15 15 26555 45 45 45 45 45 45 45 45 45 45 45 45	Intermediate Quar'lies
141	13	Primary Class Paper
181	88008 8 51 6 64 7 7 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	Our Litttle Folks
8	3-00-0340-1-00000-1-00-000-000001-04-0-0	No. of Sabbath Schools
8	######################################	Superintendents
8		Teachers
354	<u> </u>	Scholars
151	t	Books in Library
77	<u>0 001-0007-1-00001-01-01-01-01-01-01-01-01-01-01-0</u>	No. of Meeting Houses
151 77 \$90675 00	\$ 000 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	Value of
19		Parsonages
19 315900		Walna of
8	980 00 980 00 990 00 900 00	Value of

R. EDDY, H. T. HAWKINS, Statistical Secretaries

Ħ