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✓ E. F. LeRoy	Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.
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ITINERACY AND ORDERS—Rev. H. Kielty (4 yrs) Rev. M. E. Summers (3 yrs.) Rev. J. S. A. Spearman (2 yrs.); Rev. R. L. LeRoy (1 yr).

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## STANDING COMMITTEES

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE—R. L. LeRoy; J. S. A. Spearman; J. H. Weaver; W. R. SCHAMEHORN.

COMMITTEE ON VACANCY—W. D. Mack; J. H. Weaver; J. H. Walker; Clifford Robinson; Aura Watts.

COMMITTEE ON AUDIT—F. K. Gordon; F. S. Irish; F. Nienkerchen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD—F. K. Gordon (Sec.) M. E. Summers (2 yrs.) F. S. Irish (1 yr.)

RECORD CLERK—President of Canada Conference

COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION PENSION FUND—H. Kielty (chairman and treasurer); R. L. LeRoy; A. Clifford Robinson; Comm. for 3 yrs.

MEMBER OF HOUGHTON COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY—For Conference—J. S. A. Spearman, (2 yrs.); M. E. Summers (reserve); Lay Member—Walter Jewell, (4 yrs.) Athol Dale (Reserve).

WESLEYAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SECRETARY:—Hibbard Vipond.  
 COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE RECEPTACLE FOR CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS—Conf. Pres. with Advisory Board.  
 DELEGATES TO CANADIAN HOLINESS FEDERATION—R. L. LeRoy; F. K. Gordon.  
 FRATERNAL DELEGATE TO EAST ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF FREE METHODIST CHURCH—M. E. Summers; Alternate—W. D. Mack  
 FRATERNAL DELEGATE TO HOLINESS MOVEMENT CONFERENCE—J. H. Walker, Alternate—F. S. Irish  
 TITHING SECRETARY—W. D. Mack  
 CARD CALL SECRETARY—F. S. Irish  
 CHILD EVANGELISM—Marion Fletcher.  
 MINISTERIAL INSTITUTE—M. E. Summers (3 yrs); J. S. A. Spearman (2 yrs.)  
 H. Kielty (1 yr.)  
 COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—W. D. Mack; M. E. Summers; F. Nienkerchen

#### STANDING RULES

First:—The Committee on Audit shall be a Standing Committee.

Second:—The Conference Treasurer shall have full right to refuse any pastor's financial report that is not completely filled out.

Third:—The offering taken on the first three nights of the Annual Conference shall be applied to the expenses and entertaining of Conference, and that the balance, if any, shall be applied to the printing of the Minutes. The offering taken on Conference Sunday morning shall be given to the pastor on whose charge the Conference is held. The Sunday evening offering shall be applied to meet the remuneration set by Conference for the Conference Treasurer's services.

Fourth:—The Conference President and the pastor on whose charge the Conference is held shall be a Committee on Religious Services.

Fifth:—That all Conference Books shall be closed 30 days before the rise of the next Conference.

Sixth:—That each pastor shall present both copies of his statistical report with receipts and all items carefully recorded, with exception of the budget, not later than fifteen days before commencement of Conference. The Conference Treasurer shall fill in budget items and one copy be returned to the pastor with the other sent to the chairman of statistics.

Seventh:—That this Canada Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, having become part of the Superannuation Pension Plan of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, will not feel any obligation to any of the Conference Ministers or their families, when such ministers retire because of physical inability, or in case of death to support their widows or children, if said ministers have neglected to become members of the Superannuation Plan, whose laity make provision for such periods of need. All members of the Superannuation Pension Plan are to make their payments on assessed incomes and file reports according to regulations.

Eighth:—That the Conference President be Record Clerk.

Ninth:—That the member of the Board of Managers for Houghton College also be Conference Educational Secretary.

Tenth:—That the Pastoral Vote be taken prior to February 15th.

Eleventh:—That the Churches grant each pastor two weeks vacation with pay at a time agreeable to the pastor and congregation.

Twelfth:—That only the following items of the Minister's Statistical Report be read on Conference floor:—Item 1. Appointments; Item 2. Wesleyan Methodists, Wesleyan Missionaries, Wesleyan Youth; Item 3. Present Number, loss or gain, number of family altars; Item 4. Total Number in Main School, average attendance, Wesleyan Young People's Societies—both parts; Item 5 & 6—to be read in full; Item 7. Total for Church; Item 8 To be read in full; Item 9. Total for Benevolences; Item 10. To be read in full.

Thirteenth:—Those who travel on Conference Assignments or to Conference gatherings where travelling expenses are remunerated:—The following will be observed:—

1. Where possible and convenient, clergy rates will be paid.
2. The expenses of meals and room, when necessary and travel to and from trains.
3. When it is judged best to travel by train, where one has come by car, clergy rates by train will be paid.
4. When travelling by car, a basis of five cents per mile will be paid.

Fourteenth:—That the Committee on Itinerary and Orders decide on those who shall receive the benefit of payment or over-payment of our Conference Educational Budget.

Fifteenth:—The Secretary of the Canada Conference be the Committee on Credentials, and all Lay Delegates' parchments to the Conference be mailed to him one week previous to the opening session of the Conference.

Sixteenth:—The ex-officio members of the Board of Directors and Conference Trustees shall be the Conference President, the Vice-President, the Conference Treasurer, and two Elders, namely, the Conference Secretary, and the Wesleyan Youth President, if an Elder.

#### DAILY PROCEEDINGS

The Canada Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America in Canada convened for its Fifty-Ninth Annual Conference in the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Belleville, Ontario on Wednesday, April 25, 1956 at 9.00 a.m.

Conference was called to order by the President, the Rev. H. Kielty who conducted devotional exercises.

Roll called.

Committee on Credentials for Lay Delegates read report, which was adopted on motion.

The following delegates' names were called:—Carl Green, W. Lloyd Robinson, Miss Myrtle Anderson, Hibbard Vipond, Frank Nienkerchen, Arthur Horner, Miss Nellie Dunbar, Howard Price, Aura Watts, Milton McKibbon, John Taylor, Mrs. Wilbert Spearman, Mrs. Ruby Moutoux, Mrs. Elizabeth Major, Mrs. M. Peever.

On motion the first seven seats of the church constitute the Conference Bar.

The Committee on Temporary Organization read its report and it was adopted on motion. (See Report No. 8).

On motion all who are introduced to Conference be invited to sit within the Conference Bar with privilege to speak on all questions.

On motion the hours of Conference were set as follows:—9.00 a.m. to noon and 1.30 p.m. adjourning by motion.

Carried on motion that we hear the President's Annual Report, which was read by the President, the Rev. H. Kiely.

On motion the report was adopted up to the President's expenses and recommendations.

Carried on motion that the recommendations be considered item by item. (See Report No. 1).

Recommendations No's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8 were adopted on motion.

The Record Clerk read the statement of the parchments held at the home of the President at 501 Athlone Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, which was adopted on motion. (See Report No. 10).

Carried on motion that as soon as our Denominational Representative Dr. H. K. Sheets is introduced to Conference that he be invited to preside over Conference.

Conference adjourned on motion.

#### AFTERNOON MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Conference was called to order by the President.

Rev. F. S. Irish conducted devotional exercises.

Roll Called.

Carried on motion that the election of Conference Officers and Standing Committees be held immediately after the calling of the roll and the reading of the minutes on Thursday morning, April 26.

A partial report of the Committee on Audit was read and adopted on motion.

The Conference Treasurer's report was read and adopted on motion. (See Report No. 14).

Carried on motion that we proceed to call the names of those whose ministerial character has been passed and hear their reports.

The following names were called:—F. S. Irish; W. R. Schamehorn; H. A. Smith; F. K. Gordon; J. H. Weaver.

Conference adjourned on motion.

#### MORNING MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Conference was called to order by the President.

F. K. Gordon conducted devotional exercises.

Dr. H. K. Sheets our Denominational Representative gave the first of his morning messages to the Conference entitled, "Apostolic Evangelism," which was Informative, Instructive and Challenging.

Roll called.

Minutes of preceeding sittings were read, corrected and approved.

Dr. H. K. Sheets our Denominational Representative was introduced to Conference and was invited to preside over Conference.

Committee on Courtesy introduced to Conference the Rev. J. W. Tysinger, President of Houghton Academy who brought words of greeting.

The time having arrived for the Orders of the Day and the election of Officers and Standing Committees, it was carried on motion that Carl Green be appointed Distributing Teller and W. D. Mack and M. L. Atkinson be Canvassing Tellers.

On motion the first ballot for the President be a nominating ballot.

The Orders of the Day resulted in the following Officers and Standing Committees being elected.

President—H. Kiely.

Vice-President—J. S. A. Spearman.

Secretary—W. R. Schamehorn.

Treasurer—J. H. Weaver.

On motion the first ballot for Conference Trustee was a nominating ballot.

Conference Trustee—Hibbard Vipond (5 yrs.)

On motion nominations were to be received and voting by acclamation for the remaining Officers and Standing Committees.

S. S. Board—F. K. Gordon (Sec.); M. E. Summers (2 yrs); F. S. Irish (1 yr).

Child Evangelism—Marion Fletcher.

Committee on Vacancy—W. D. Mack; J. H. Weaver; J. H. Walker; Clifford Robinson; Aura Watts.

Committee on Audit—F. K. Gordon; F. S. Irish; F. Nienkerchen.

Missionary Board—H. Kiely (Chairman ex-officio) J. H. Weaver; J. S. A. Spearman; H. Vipond; Walter Jewell. President of W. M. S.; President of W. Y.

Committee on Itinerary and Orders—H. Kiely (4 yrs.)

Secretary of Men's Fellowship—H. Vipond.

Judiciary Committee—R. L. LeRoy; J. S. A. Spearman; J. H. Weaver; W. R. Schamehorn.

Fraternal Delegate to East Ontario Conference of the Free Methodist Church:—M. E. Summers; Alternate—W. D. Mack.

Fraternal Delegate to Holiness Movement Conference—J. H. Walker; Alternate—F. S. Irish.

Delegates to Canadian Holiness Federation—R. L. LeRoy; F. K. Gordon.  
Card Call Secretary—F. S. Irish.

Ministerial Institute:—M. E. Summers (3 yrs.)

Tithing Secretary—W. D. Mack.

Member of Houghton College Board of Trustees and Conference Educational Secretary—Ministerial—J. S. A. Spearman, (2 yrs); Reserve—M. E. Summers, Lay Member—Walter Jewell, (4 yrs.) Reserve—Athol Dale.

Committee on Statistics—W. D. Mack; M. E. Summers; F. Nienkerchen.

Committee to purchase a receptacle for Conference Documents—Con-

ference President and Advisory Board.

Advisory Board—J. S. A. Spearman; Walter Jewell.

Carried on motion that Rev. J. W. Tysinger be asked to speak to Conference relative to Houghton Academy in place of Devotional exercises this afternoon.

Conference adjourned by limitation of time.

#### AFTERNOON MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Conference was called to order by the President.

Rev. J. W. Tysinger, President of Houghton Academy presented to Conference the work and need of Houghton Academy.

Roll called.

Committee on Courtesy introduced to Conference Dr. Willard Smith Business Manager of Houghton College; Rev. Harry Davis pastor of Bridge St. United Church who represented the Belleville Ministerial Association and Rev. P. O. Miller, pastor of the Free Methodist Church in Marmora, Ont. Each one brought words of greeting.

Committee on Ministerial Character read a complete report to Conference which was adopted on motion. (See Report No. 9).

On motion all names of elders or Conference Preachers who are not included in the report of Committee on Ministerial Character be referred to the Committee on Pastoral Relations.

Report of Wesleyan Men's Fellowship was read and adopted on motion. (See Report No. 22)

Report of Ministerial Institute was read and adopted on motion. (See Report No. 20).

Report of Educational Secretary was read and adopted on motion. (See Report No. 12).

Report of Committee on Religious Services was read and adopted on motion. (See Report No. 13).

Treasurer's Report of Wesleyan Youth was read to Conference.

A further Report of Committee on Audit was read to Conference and adopted on motion.

Conference adjourned by limitation of time.

#### MORNING MEETING, FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Conference called to order by the President.

J. H. Walker conducted devotional exercises.

Dr. Sheets brought a very inspiring message,—speaking on the subject of "Faithful Stewardship and Church Extension." Our hearts were strangely warmed and inspired to go forth and lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes.

Roll called.

Minutes of previous sittings read, corrected and approved.

Committee on Courtesy introduced to Conference Rev. H. Loghness, Free Methodist Pastor from Cordova Mines, who brought words of greeting.

Complete report of Audit Committee read and adopted on motion. (See Report No. 6).

Report of Card Call Secretary was read and adopted on motion. (See Report No. 18).

Report of the Treasurer of Superannuation Pension Fund was read and approved on motion. (See Report No. 15).

Report of Missionary Board was read and approved on motion. (See Report No. 4).

Report of Committee on President's Duties was read and adopted on motion. (See Report No. 17).

Report of Statistical Committee was read and approved on motion. (See Report No. 25).

Report of the Sunday School Secretary was read and approved. (See Report No. 5). On motion with a rising vote of thanks for his (Rev. H. A. Smith) interest and labours in making our Conference S. S. work so successful.

Budget Report was read and approved on motion. (See Report No. 26).

Report of Committee on Resolutions was read. On motion the report was accepted with the recommendations being dealt with item by item.

Items—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6, were adopted on motion. (See Report No. 7).

Report of Child Evangelism Director was read and approved on motion. (See Report No. 21).

Report of Committee on Pastoral Relations was read and approved on motion. (See Report No. 3).

Report of Committee on Vacancy was read and approved on motion. (See Report No. 23).

General Evangelist W. E. Moutoux read his Financial Report which was adopted on motion. (See Report No. 24).

Report of Tithing Secretary was read and approved on motion. (See Report No. 19).

Conference adjourned by limitation of time.

#### **AFTERNOON MEETING, FRIDAY, APRIL 27**

Conference called to order by the Secretary who conducted devotional exercises.

First order of business was the reading of correspondence from absent members of Conference.

Committee on Courtesy introduced to Conference Rev. C. W. Reynolds, Fraternal Delegate from the East Ontario Conference of the Free Methodist Church.

Rev. J. Woodland, Fraternal Delegate from the Holiness Movement Church and Miss Gracia Fero, Editor of the Wesleyan Missionary. Each brought words of greeting.

Report of Board of Directors and Conference Trustees was read and approved on motion. (See Report No. 16).

Report of Committee on Thanks was read and approved on motion. (See Report No. 11).

The following names of pastors were called who read their Statistical Reports:—R. L. LeRoy; J. S. A. Spearman; J. H. Walker; M. L. Atkinson; M. E. Summers; H. Kielty.

Report of Committee on Pastoral Relations was read and approved on motion. (See Report No. 3).

Report of Committee on Itinerary and Orders was read and on motion Item 1 was adopted.

On motion the balance of this report was adopted. (See Report No. 2).

On motion the date of the next Annual Conference was left to the Board of Administration.

On motion the place for the next Annual Conference was left in the hands of the President and his Advisory Board.

On motion the printing of the minutes was left in the hands of the President and his Advisory Board.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to answer all communications from absent members of Conference.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Carried on motion that we do now adjourn.

#### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The opening service of Conference was held on Tuesday night, April 24, at 8.00 p.m.

The Rev. H. A. Smith brought the message from passages of Scripture found in St. John 16:7 and Acts 1:4. "The Commission, 'Go Ye' and "The Command, 'Tarry Ye.'" His fear was that we have stressed the Command above the Commission and that we are too hesitant to go out and seek the lost in the byways and hedges and compel men to come in.

#### WEDNESDAY, 8.00 P.M.

Dr. H. K. Sheets brought the message of the evening using as his theme "The Concept of Discipleship; The Cost of Discipleship; and the Conditions of Discipleship." Such a life being one of, Integrity; Honesty; Honor; Moral Purity. The Comfort of Discipleship was The Hope of Eternal Life. "If we follow Here we shall dwell There."

#### THURSDAY, 8.00 P.M.

Dr. Willard Smith, Business Manager of Houghton College brought a stirring message on the "Necessity of training the Youth." He warned against—Knowledge without Character; Skill without Direction; and Experience without Morality. He said the World's answer to the Youth problem is very discouraging.

#### FRIDAY, 8.00 P.M.

Miss Gracia Fero, Editor of the Wesleyan Missionary spoke in interest of the Women's Missionary Society. Her theme, "Revivals" basing her message from the Scripture found in the 139th Psalm.

#### SATURDAY, 8.00 P.M.

Dr. H. K. Sheets brought his message to the Wesleyan Youth from

the theme, "The Amazement of God."

**SUNDAY, 10.30 A.M.**

The Ordination Sermon was preached by Dr. H. K. Sheets. He stressed the question—"Where and what are the Talents? Talents are more than Aptitude and Abilities, although they work in conjunction with the Talents. "The Gospel is our Merchandise, Prayer is our Burden."

Walter Allen Smith was Ordained an Elder of the Canada Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

**SUNDAY, 2.00 P.M.**

This service was in charge of the Women's Missionary Society. Rev. E. L. Eddy used for his Text, Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." He spoke of the condition of the heathen Mentally, Physically and Spiritually—all because of lack of knowledge.

**SUNDAY, 8.00 P.M.**

Dr. H. K. Sheets brought the closing message of Conference from the text, 1 Cor. 15:58. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

**REPORT NO. 1**

**CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT**

To the members of the Canada Conference now in session:

Greetings in the name of our all conquering Lord!

May it be our purpose to do His will in every phase of our deliberations, Who has so graciously permitted us to come together to review our past endeavours and plan our future action. His constant remembrance of our every need, and His gracious condescensions to aid and help us in our every avenue of service to promote His kingdom should cause our hearts to sound aloud the praise due to His Name.

In reviewing the past year, it has been one of many privileges, and occasions of rich blessing, while it has also been one of many pressures and sore tests, yet the God of our life was right there when we needed His uplifting and comforting presence.

We have been your representative at the recent General Conference of our Beloved Church, and have seen the church in action grappling with the manifold problems that face God's people in these closing days of time. It was a season of real spiritual refreshing, which we shall always cherish. We feel that if we, as a part of the Wesleyan Methodist denomination, can make "Christ Pre-eminent," and keep doing this, there is no power that is formed against us that can succeed. While we felt somewhat disappointed on the vote of union, yet we realized that the church had spoken, and to her decision we humbly bowed in submission. We are glad that efforts are still being made to bring about its realization.

It was also our privilege to attend the National Holiness Association gathering in Cleveland, Ohio. We were greatly encouraged by the definite

emphasis on the doctrine and experience of heart holiness with its ethical content. Here was truly demonstrated the fact that holiness people can live and work together for the glory of God.

We have just returned from our Leaders' Conference at Central, South Carolina. Our church leaders brought us face to face with intricate, perplexing situations in our church today. If we honor the Holy Spirit, He will enable us to accomplish His purposes: for this is the hour of greatest opportunity for us as Wesleyan Methodists. What shall we do with it?

Coming to our own Conference, we are really disturbed as we look at our own statistics. It does not tend to much encouragement. The Conference will show a gain of one. Six churches show gains of one to nine; two remain as they were last year; and five show losses from one to seven. Looking over a five year period, we have the following results:—seven churches have gained from one to twenty-three; one church remains as it was, and five show losses of one to seven. Now, this is a rather disturbing situation. It does not give a true measurement of the sacrificial service of our people, yet it calls for a fresh appraisal of our motives and our objectives to bring about definite changes for the enlargement of our numerical strength in the already established churches. Here lies a weakness that no amount of church extension can overcome.

While our people have given liberally of their means to support the work of God at home and abroad, yet the spiritual trends of the charges calls for a humbling of our hearts; a seeking to discover the remedy of our failure to succeed in reaching the lost, and bring the unsanctified into the fulness of the blessing. It is only as we permit the Holy Spirit to take us out of the common mode of merely having a church service, and we hear and see the happy soul witnessing to present victory over their sins, or the heart made pure in Christ. It will cost us everything we possess; but the heavenly thrill in seeing people redeemed far exceeds any cost.

With our entire denomination, we keenly felt the unexpected home-going of our Home Mission Secretary, Dr. J .R. Swauger. His loyalty and devotion to His Saviour and our church will long be remembered by many. He gave many tokens to this Conference of his interest and prayers for her progress.

We have endeavoured to the best of our ability to faithfully, sincerely and in the fear of God to carry out our responsibility, as you have placed it upon us. God has helped us, and in all that we have sought to do, we have truly felt His help and guidance. Whatever blessing we may have been, we give Him all the praise.

#### OFFICIAL ACTS

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JUNE 1ST—Held Induction Service at Winchester, Ontario.

JUNE 4TH—Held Induction Service at Powassan, Ontario.

JUNE 5TH—17TH—Conducted Revival Meeting at Powassan, Ontario.

JUNE 21st—29th—Attended General Conference at Fairmount, Indiana.

JULY 1ST—3RD—Assisted in the Shawville Camp.

- JULY 7TH—Gave the Rev. R. L. LeRoy permission to use the services of the Rev. R. B. Warren, of the Free Methodist Church.
- JULY 14TH—Removed Conference parchments from the Royal Bank of Canada, at Winchester, Ontario.
- JULY 21ST—Completed a brief historical sketch of the Canada Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church for the Golier Society of Canada Ltd.
- JULY 28TH—Conducted Quarterly Conference at the Newington Church.
- AUGUST 3RD—Conducted Quarterly Conference at the Ottawa Church.
- AUGUST 19TH—21ST—Attended Wesleyan Youth Convention at Winchester, Ontario.
- AUGUST 16TH—Appointed Mr. W. Jewel as lay member for this Conference Year to the Board of Trustees of Houghton College as nominated by the Committee on Vacancy.
- AUGUST 19TH—21ST—Attended Wesleyan Youth Convention at Winchester,
- AUGUST 28TH—Completed Group Insurance policy for the ministers of the Conference.
- SEPT. 3RD—Made application for church site in Riverview Park Extension to the National Housing Administration.
- SEPT. 7TH—Went with the Rev. J. H. Weaver to complete the deed for the Cornwall parsonage at the office of Lawyer Thomas.
- SEPT. 25TH—Conducted Anniversary Services at Inkerman, Ontario.
- SEPT. 28TH—Went with a group of ministers to Syracuse, N. Y., to attend the funeral of the late Dr. J. R. Swauger, Home Missions Secretary.
- SEPT. 30TH—Met with the society at Campbell's Bay, Que., to talk over matters concerning the church.
- Conducted Quarterly Conference at the Shawville Church.
- OCT. 4TH—Met with the Advisory Board at Belleville, Ontario.
- Advised the Conference Treasurer to send a token of our esteem as a Conference to Mrs. J. R. Swauger, and to grant the Houghton Area Ministerial Committee the financial aid they requested.
- OCT. 5—6TH—Attended the Canadian Holiness Federation Convention at Toronto, Ontario.
- OCT. 8—9TH—Held week-end services at the North Bay Church.
- OCT. 11TH—Conducted Quarterly Conference at Cornwall, Ontario.
- OCT. 12TH—Conducted Quarterly Conference at Winchester, Ontario. Gave the Rev. F. K. Gordon permission to use the services of Mr. Wm. Sphinx of Cuba.
- OCT. 14TH—Went with the Rev. J. H. Weaver to Avonmore, Ont., to transfer the mortgage of the Cornwall parsonage from his name into the name of the incorporation.
- OCT. 15—Went to Hudson Heights, Que., to make arrangements for the opening of a Sunday School.
- OCT. 18—30—Conducted revival meeting at Waltham, Quebec.
- NOV. 2—13TH—Conducted revival meeting at Brandon, Vermont.
- NOV. 20TH—Had charge of the dedication service of the renovated Belleville church at Belleville, Ontario.

- NOV. 22ND—Conducted Quarterly Conference at the Newington church.  
 NOV. 28TH—Met the Rev. J. H. Weaver at Kemptville, Ont., and investigated possible sites for a conference camp ground.  
 DEC. 6—8TH—Took part, with other ministers of this Conference, in the Lockport Conference Ministerial Institute.

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- JAN. 3RD—Conducted Quarterly Conference at Toronto, Ontario.  
 JAN. 10TH—Conducted Quarterly Conference at Powassan, Ontario.  
 JAN. 11TH—Conducted Quarterly Conference at North Bay, Ontario.  
 JAN. 12TH—Conducted Quarterly Conference at Belleville, Ontario.  
 JAN. 17—19TH—Attended the Canada Conference Ministerial Institute at Brockville, Ontario.  
 JAN. 22—29TH—Held Youth Week services at North Bay, Ontario.  
 JAN. 29TH—Conducted Mortgage Burning Service at Powassan, Ontario.  
 JAN. 31ST—Conducted Quarterly Conference at Newington, Ontario.  
 FEB. 1ST—5TH—Held Youth Week services at Newington, Ontario.  
 FEB. 3RD—Requested Owen R. Davis and Co. of Brockville, Ontario, to appraise the "Fairknowe" property.  
 FEB. 8TH—Received "Fairknowe" appraisal from Owen R. Davis and Co., also investigated regulations respecting the building of churches in the township, and met with the Board of Trustees of the Brockville church regarding possible developments.  
 FEB. 13TH—Met with the Board of Directors and Conference Trustees of the Corporate Body at "Fairknowe", Brockville, Ontario.  
 FEB. 21ST—Went to Brockville, and met with the committee appointed by Board of Directors and Conference Trustees, to consult with Mr. Fairbairn concerning our plan and selling price of the "Fairknowe" property.  
 MARCH 4TH—Conducted Mortgage Burning Service at Shawville, Quebec.  
 MARCH 20TH—21ST—Met with the Houghton Area Conference Presidents at Houghton College.  
 MARCH 9TH—Granted the Pulpit Supply Committee of the Ottawa Church permission to contact ministers outside of our Conference.  
 MARCH 28TH—Went with Mr. E. Wilson to Owen R. Davis and Co., Brockville, Ontario, to place the "Fairknowe" property in their hands, following through the suggestion of the Board of Directors and Conference Trustees, when Mr. Fairbairn left off negotiations for the present.  
 APRIL 3—6TH—Went as a delegate for the Canadian Holiness Federation to the National Holiness Association convention in Cleveland, Ohio.  
 APRIL 10TH—Conducted Quarterly Conference at Inkerman, Ontario.  
 APRIL 11TH—Conducted Quarterly Conference at Brockville, Ontario.  
 APRIL 12TH—Conducted Quarterly Conference at Newington, Ontario.  
 APRIL 13TH—Appointed the Revs. J. H. Weaver, and W. R. Schamehorn, with Mr. Walter Jewell to be the Committee on Temporary Organization.  
 APRIL 17—19TH—Attended the Leaders' Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Central, South Carolina.

APRIL 24TH—Met with the Board of Directors and Conference Trustees of the Corporate Body of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America in Canada in their Annual Meeting at Belleville, Ontario.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S EXPENSES

Postage .....	\$	33.60	
Travel .....		156.06	
Telephone .....		23.65	
Telegram .....		.95	
Express .....		.65	
Annual Return .....		1.00	
			\$215.91
Received from Quarterly Conferences .....	\$	78.56	
Received from Conference Treasurer .....		137.35	
			\$215.91
Aid from Home Mission Department .....		650.00	
For Services to this Conference .....		500.00	
			\$1,150.00

H. KIELTY, Conf. Pres.

RECOMMENDATIONS :

(1) We recommend that each pastor endeavour to establish one day each week, when his people will gladly set aside a period of time to form a chain of prayer for a real revival on his charge.

(2) That our periods of special services be so planned, and our people so organized, that by means of house to house visitation, and special seasons of prayer, a more intensive effort be made to reach the lost for Christ.

(3) As the financial demands of the enlarging work of our denomination is constantly calling for greater support, we would recommend that we endeavour to centralize our giving to support our total church program.

(4) That Sunday, June 3rd, be designated "Church Extension Sunday," and special offerings be taken for future extension.

(5) We recommend that the term of office of church leaders, as stated in Par. 165 (4), of the Discipline shall begin and expire at dates corresponding to the dates of the Annual Conference fiscal year, namely, to begin on April 1st and expire on March 31st.

(6) Seeing that the Conference Statistical Committee's report has to be reviewed and audited by the Committee on Audit before it is presented to Conference for adoption (Par. 176 (1) of the Discipline, we recommend that this Conference appoint a statistician or statistical committee to be a Standing Committee to prepare this report as much as possible before our annual Conference.

(7) As we have for two years at our Ministerial Institute drawn attention to the need of a proper receptical, without any action, for the church records of this Conference, we recommend that this Conference appoint a committee to study this need with power to act.

(8) We recommend that we continue the quarterly reports from the pastors of this Conference.

Humbly submitted,  
H. KIELTY.

### REPORT NO. 2

#### COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS

1. We recommend that Walter Allen Smith, having passed on "How To Prepare An Expository Sermon", by Knott—93% and "Binney's Compend of Christian Theology"—100% and having read Wesley's Sermons, Vol. 1 & 2, "Jesus Is Coming" by Blackstone, "Revival Lectures" by Finney and the Wesleyan Methodist, "Revival and Pastor" by Peck, and having completed the Course of Study as outlined by the Discipline for Elders Orders, be ordained at this Annual Conference.

2. We recommend that George Friesen be returned to his Quarterly Conference.

3. We recommend that Eldon LeRoy, continue to travel under the direction of the Canada Conference, with the permission to supply a Methodist Church, in order to complete his work at Asbury Seminary.

4. We recommend that Douglas C. Kingdon be given the privilege of receiving the 50% tuition for the College year, 1955—56.

5. We recommend that this Conference heartily endorse the Disciplinary Course as given for Conference Preachers at Houghton College and that our men avail themselves of this opportunity.

6. We recommend that John Weaver, be received to study and travel under the direction of the Canada Conference.

7. We urge that all those who are studying under the direction of the Conference, write the examinations in the Conference Fiscal Year.

8. We recommend that the examiners on the Course of Study be as follows:—First Year—Rev. M. E. Summers; Second Year—Rev. H. Kielty; Third Year—Rev. J. S. A. Spearman, Fourth Year—Rev. R. L. LeRoy.

Committee:—H. Kielty, R. L. LeRoy, J. S. A. Spearman, M. E. Summers, J. Taylor, F. Neinkirchen.

### REPORT NO. 3

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS

The Committee on Pastoral Relations beg leave to submit the following report:—

Number of Elders on the Conference Roll .....	23
Number of Conference Preachers .....	1
Number of Deaconesses .....	4

#### Who Are the Elders on the Stationed List?

R. L. LeRoy, J. H. Weaver, L. M. McCorriston, J. S. A. Spearman, H. Kielty, W. R. Schamehorn, W. J. Davis, W. E. Moutoux, F. K. Gordon, M. L. Atkinson, W. D. Mack, J. H. Walker, M. E. Summers, F. S. Irish, W. A. Smith.

#### Who are the Conference Preachers?

E. F. LeRoy.

**Who are the Deaconesses?**

Miss Florence Carey, Mrs. Ruby Moutoux, Mrs. Myra McIntyre, Miss Agnes Dorman.

**How is the Work Supplied?**

Belleville ..... J. S. A. Spearman  
 Brockville ..... W. D. Mack  
 Campbell's Bay & Thorne— Under the supervision of the Shawville Pastor  
 Cornwall & Cornwall Island ..... M. L. Atkinson  
 Inkerman ..... J. H. Weaver  
 Newington ..... In the hands of the President and his Advisory Board  
 North Bay ..... R. L. LeRoy  
 Ottawa ..... Carl Brentlinger, if accepting call, to be appointed by the  
 Conference President and Advisory Board.  
 Powassan, Sharp's Corners & Himsworth South ..... F. S. Irish  
 Shawville ..... W. R. Schamehorn  
 Toronto ..... M. E. Summers  
 Waltham ..... J. H. Walker  
 Winchester & Hallville ..... F. K. Gordon  
 General Evangelists ..... W. E. Moutoux, H. Kielty  
 Supplying Church for the Standard Church of America at Forrester's Falls,  
 Ontario ..... L. M. McCarriston  
 Missionary to South America ..... W. J. Davis  
 Unstationed List—J. A. Lynch, E. A. Stephens, I. C. McIntyre, H. V. Hig-  
 ginson, F. W. Higginson, E. Hughes.  
 COMMITTEE:—H. Kielty, Chairman; R. L. LeRoy; J. S. A. Spearman; W. R.  
 Schamehorn; Lloyd Robinson; Jack Taylor; Aura Watts.

**REPORT NO. 4**

**REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD**

1. We recommend that the Conference Treasurer receive \$100.00 per annum for the remuneration of his services.
2. We recommend that the Conference Secretary receive \$50.00 per annum for the remuneration of his services.
3. We recommend that the Powassan pastor receive \$20.00 per month from the Conference this year.
4. We recommend that the North Bay Pastor receive \$20.00 per month from the Conference this year.
5. We recommend that the Brockville charge receive \$15.00 per month from the Conference this year.
6. We recommend that we pay the interest on the mortgage of the Cornwall parsonage from the Conference this year.
7. We recommend that the items, Conference Missions and Conference Work, be combined and be called Conference Work.
8. We recommend that the Conference President be paid the sum of \$1000.00, for his services for the coming year.

COMMITTEE:—H. Kielty, J. H. Weaver, J. S. A. Spearman, F. K. Gordon,

M. E. Summers, Mrs. B. Wilson, W. Jewell, H. Vipond.

**REPORT NO. 5.**

**REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY**

There are evidences of increasing Sunday School enthusiasm in our Conference. We praise the Lord for this. It is our conviction that the Sunday School is the greatest evangelistic arm of the church. With the enthusiasm for greater numbers we are encouraged to note that there seems to be a greater concern to win our scholars to Christ.

During the year five district conventions were held. These were well attended and consisted of an inspirational hour and two work-shops for practical ideas. Rev. Miss Mary Bennett was the principal speaker, and Rev. Paul F. Markell the song leader. Both conducted work-shops. The result of these conventions have already been manifest in an increase in attendance.

Several schools have shown a healthy growth. The average attendance at Waltham has increased 25% over last year. Belleville has gained 20% and Toronto 18% over that of last year. We wish to congratulate these schools for this splendid increase. Two of our schools held their first Vacation Bible School this year. Both were successful and contributed to an increase in attendance for the year.

We tried an experiment this year in changing the time of the Thanksgiving offering to correspond with the Canadian Thanksgiving. Since this proved a success, in a 11% gain in the amount received, we recommend that this be a standing practice in our Conference.

By decision of the General Board both the Thanksgiving and Easter offering for the coming year will be channeled to the new International Headquarters Building. We will be asked to double the Thanksgiving offering for this worthy cause. Let every pastor and superintendent strive to have their school on the honor roll.

**CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Balance on Hand, beginning of year .....	\$	127.43	
<b>Receipts:—</b>			
Bank Interest .....	\$	1.91	
Offerings in Conventions .....		124.51	
Conference Budgets .....		55.32	
			<b>\$181.74</b>
Total Receipts plus balance—\$309.16.			
<b>Disbursements:—</b>			
Postage & Paper .....	\$	13.72	
Telephone Tolls .....		6.20	
Bank Service Charge .....		.50	
District Sunday School Conventions .....		207.05	
Total Disbursed .....			<b>\$227.47</b>
Balance on Hand—\$81.69.			

H. A. SMITH, Secretary.

## REPORT NO. 6

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

We have audited the books of the Conference Treasurer, the Sunday School Secretary, the Treasurer of the Pension Plan and have checked the President's Financial Statement and the Statistical Report and find them to be correct.

COMMITTEE:—F. K. Gordon, C. W. Green, F. S. Irish.

## REPORT NO. 7

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

1. We recommend that Standing Rule No. 6 be changed to read as follows:

That each pastor shall present both copies of his statistical report with receipts and all items carefully recorded, with exception of the budget, not later than fifteen days before commencement of Conference. The Conference Treasurer shall fill in budget items and one copy be returned to the pastor with the other sent to the chairman of statistics.

2. We recommend that Item 9 be changed to read:

The ministerial member of the Board of Trustees of Houghton College be also Conference Educational Secretary.

3. We recommend that those designated in the Conference Minutes as members ex-officio on the Board of Directors and Conference Trustees, be the Conference President, the Vice-President, Conference Treasurer, and two Elders, namely, the Conference Secretary, and the W. Y. President if an Elder, this to become a standing rule No. 16.

4. We recommend that when prospects of a nucleus of a work appears on the horizon, that it be immediately investigated by the Missionary Board and the funds now in the hands of the Conference Treasurer, namely, church extension, be made available for its development.

5. We recommend that pastors of the Canada Conference be encouraged to make an all out effort to reach the lost and add new members to our church rolls.

6. We recommend that churches receiving remuneration from the Missionary Board become self-supporting as soon as possible so that the Board might have additional funds for financing new work within the Conference bounds.

Humbly submitted—Your Committee—Willis D. Mack, Helen Vipond, M. E. Summers.

## REPORT NO. 8

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION

Courtesy:—M. E. Summers, Nellie Dunbar.

Ministerial Character—H. Kielty, W. D. Mack, A. Horner, Floyd Robinson.

Thanks:—F. K. Gordon.

Budget:—H. A. Smith, M. L. Atkinson, J. H. Walker, Mrs. E. Major, Mrs. W. Spearman, Mrs. H. Price.

Resolutions:—W. D. Mack, M. E. Summers, H. Vipond.

Pastoral Relations:—R. L. LeRoy, J. Spearman, W. R. Schamehorn, J. Weaver, Ora Watts, John Taylor, L. Robinson.

Statistics:—H. Smith, M. E. Summers, M. L. Atkinson, M. McKibbon, Carl Green.

President's Duties:—J. Spearman, J. Weaver, Ora Watts.

Lay Delegates on Comm. of Itinerary and Orders:—Ora Watts, N. Nienkerchen, John Taylor.

Conference Reporter:—F. K. Gordon.

Additional member of the audit committee due to the absence of A. Miller: Carl Green.

Humbly submitted,  
W. R. Schamehorn, W. Jewel, J. Weaver.

#### REPORT NO. 9

The Committee on Ministerial Character have examined and passed the Characters of the following:—J. H. Walker; M. E. Summers; M. L. Atkinson; W. D. Mack; J. S. A. Spearman; R. L. LeRoy; H. K. Kielty; J. H. Weaver; Miss E. Stephens; Mrs. Helen Smith; F. S. Irish; F. W. Higginson; H. V. Higginson; L. M. McCorrison; W. R. Schamehorn; H. A. Smith; F. K. Gordon; COMMITTEE:—H. Kielty, W. D. Mack, L. Robinson, A. Horner.

#### REPORT NO. 10

##### REPORT OF THE RECORD CLERK

The following documents are at the home of the Conference President, 501 Athlone Avenue, Apt. 5, Ottawa, Ontario:—

- 1—Copy of the Dominion Incorporate Act.
- 2—Statement of the Dominion Incorporation Bill.
- 3—License in Mortmain.
- 4—Report of the Committee of the Executive Council.
- 5—Statement of the Provincial Incorporation Bill of Quebec.
- 6—Agreement of the Cornwall Island Church.
- 7—Returns to the Provincial Secretary for 1945, 1946, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955.
- 8—Financial Statement of fees from Smith, Rae, Greer, and Cartwright for License in Mortmain.
- 9—Conference notes returned.
- 10—Bill of Sale of the Waltham Presbyterian Church.
- 11—Castleton Church deed.
- 12—Deed of the Belleville Church property and release of mortgage.
- 13—Deed of the Brockville property and two (2) copies of deed.
- 14—Campbell's Bay church deed.
- 15—Campbell's Bay parsonage deed.
- 16—Thorne church deed.
- 17—Cornwall church deed.
- 18—Cornwall parsonage deed and copy of mortgage.

- 19—Inkerman church deed.
- 20—Inkerman parsonage deed (not licensed).
- 21—Newington church deed.
- 22—Newington parsonage deed.
- 23—North Bay church deed and Abstract of Title.
- 24—North Bay parsonage deed and clearing of mortgage.
- 25—Deed of the Ottawa church and parsonage properties.
- 26—Deed of the Powassan church and parsonage properties, with receipts on church building.
- 27—Sharps' Corners church deed.
- 28—Shawville church deed, and copy of mortgage discharged.
- 29—Shawville parsonage deed.
- 30—Toronto church deed.
- 31—Toronto parsonage deed.
- 32—Copy of the deed of the Waltham Wesleyan Methodist (Connectional) church.
- 33—Copy of the deed of the Waltham Wesleyan Methodist (Connectional) parsonage, also a release from mortgage.
- 34—Deed of the Winchester and Hallville properties.
- 35—Copy of the script "Moving Northward".
- 36—Group Life Policy No. NG—2233 of the Canada Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America in Canada.
- 37—Five (5) Volumes of the Conference Minutes from February 14th, 1898 to April 21st, 1954.
- 38—The records of the Kemptville Wesleyan Methodist Church.
- 39—One (1) Volume of the Records of the Berwick Wesleyan Methodist Church.
- 40—Records of the "Glad Tidings."
- 41—One (1) Volume of records of the Conference Preachers on the "Course of Study," the property of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders.
- 42—Seal of the Corporation.

H. KIELTY, Record Clerk

#### REPORT NO. 11

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THANKS

To Almighty God we lift our voices in united praise for His providential guidance to us of the Canada Conference as we are gathered together in our 59th Annual Session.

To the pastor and people of the Belleville church we would express our keen appreciation for the most gracious provisions made for our physical needs. We praise God for this church which is a credit to our denomination and a monument to the unselfish "labour of love" of Brother and Sister Spearman and their people.

We are grateful to Dr. H. K. Sheets, our Denominational Representative, for his spiritual leadership and anointed messages and we pray God's blessing in his new responsibilities.

To Dr. Willard Smith, business manager of Houghton College and Reverend Walden Tysinger, president of Houghton Academy, we express thanks for the able way in which they presented the work of the College and the Academy.

The message and inspiration of Miss Gracio Fere, editor of the Missionary Magazine was greatly appreciated and it is with anticipation that we look forward to the missionary address of Rev. E. L. Eddy, returned missionary to Africa.

To our Conference President and Conference Officers we say a sincere thank you for their consecrated labour and the burden which they carry to see the work of the Conference advance.

Sincerely submitted,  
F. K. GORDON.

#### REPORT NO. 12

##### REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY

We beg leave to submit the following report:

We are again grateful for the privilege of working as Conference Educational Secretary and member of Houghton College Board of Trustees. We were privileged to make 3 trips to Houghton, and to enjoy fellowship with those who are labouring there as members of the faculty and administration. This privilege in itself has made the work beneficial to us. We would again commend to you the work of Houghton College, and covet your prayers for Dr. Paine and his co-workers.

In July the "Youth in One Accord" group under the leadership of Coach George Wells visited some of the churches of the Canada Conference. We regret that they could not have included all the churches of the Canada Conference in their itinerary, as they brought us a real spiritual feast.

The overpaid budget for the past year was used to help a Canadian student at Houghton College, Douglas Kingdon of North Bay. We are happy to report that the budget has been overpaid again for this year.

The Chapel Auditorium fund drive is still in progress at Houghton. We are all aware of the great need for a new chapel, that all the students may worship the Lord each morning before the beginning of the day's work. In this regard Dr. Paine requests that each of us "face the hurdle at our side in terms of what you are now able to do and feel God would have you do." We sincerely trust that those of the Canada Conference will not be remiss in doing the Lord's will in this project.

JAMES S. A. SPEARMAN, Educational Secretary.

#### REPORT NO. 13

##### COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS SERVICES

We your Committee on Religious Services wish to submit the following recommendations:—

1. That Dr. H. K. Sheets, Secretary of Home Missions of the denomination, be the speaker on Wednesday evening at 8.00 p.m., Sunday morning at 10.45 and Sunday evening at 7.30 p.m.

2. That Dr. W. G. Smith, Business Manager of Houghton College bring an educational address Thursday evening at 8.00 p.m.

COMMITTEE:—H. Kielty, James S. A. Spearman.

REPORT NO. 14  
CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS:—

Denominational Home Missions .....	732.45
Foreign Missions .....	1199.95
Education .....	1052.92
Administration Work .....	273.15
General Conference Travel and Expense .....	109.28
Orphanage .....	111.59
Australia .....	130.20
Denominational Sunday School Work .....	132.90
Superannuation .....	159.23
Conference Missions .....	1580.58
Conference Work .....	2295.57
Conference Debt .....	413.00
Conference Sunday School Work .....	55.32
Conference Extension .....	1353.60
Ministerial Institute .....	187.89
Conference Entertainment .....	338.65
Blue Cross Hospitalization .....	729.51
Group Insurance .....	416.28
Miscellaneous .....	1140.40
Incidental .....	1.95
	<b>\$12,414.42</b>

DISBURSEMENTS:—

To Den. Home Missions .....	732.50
Foreign Missions .....	967.76
Education .....	775.18
Administration Work .....	273.15
Gen. Conf. Travel and Expense .....	97.25
Orphanage .....	111.59
Australia .....	130.20
Den. S. S. Work .....	132.20
Superannuation .....	159.23
Powassan Pastor .....	240.00
North Bay Pastor .....	240.00
Brockville Church .....	180.00
Conf. President's Salary .....	500.00
Conference President's expense .....	137.35
Conf. Board Meeting .....	92.20
Conf. Minutes .....	264.00
Mortgage release .....	4.25

To Mrs. J. R. Swauger .....	25.00	
Den. Ministerial Institute .....	25.00	
Interest on Cornwall Parsonage .....	292.50	
Canadian Holiness Federation fee .....	10.00	
Lawyer's Fees .....	19.90	
Leaders' Conference .....	16.68	
Appraising Brockville Property .....	101.80	
To Cornwall Parsonage from Card Call .....	1,000.00	
To Mrs. Rose Flood, Conf. Loan .....	50.00	
Conf. S. S. Work .....	55.32	
Blue Cross Hosp. ....	849.00	
Ministerial Institute .....	191.15	
Conf. Entertainment .....	334.45	
Miscellaneous .....	555.41	
Group Insurance .....	485.07	
Incidental .....	32.20	
		\$12,414.42

## REPORT NO. 15

## CONFERENCE TREASURER OF THE SUPERANNUATION PENSION PLAN

April 12, 1955 — April 13, 1956

## RECEIPTS:—

Balance—April 12, 1955 .....		210.07
On Budget .....	835.38	
Ministers' 1% .....	235.58	
Registration Fee .....	25.00	
Refund .....	2.13	
Exchange on checks .....	1.50	
Interest .....	.42	1,100.01
		1,310.08

## DISBURSEMENTS:—

To General Treasurer:—		
On Conference Budget .....	828.00	
Registration Fee .....	25.00	
Ministers' 1% .....	280.41	1,133.41
Conf. Treasurer's Expense:—		
Exchange on cheques .....	3.15	
Operating Charge .....	.10	
Stamps .....	1.93	
Cheques and devaluation .....	3.31	8.49
		1,141.90
Balance as follows:—		
In Bank of Montreal, Richmond Road .....	149.57	
Cash on hand .....	18.61	168.18
Paid to Beneficiaries by General Treasurer		
Mrs. Delia Bain .....	588.00	
Mrs. Lorena Blanchard .....	252.00	

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Mrs. Elizabeth Major .....	224.00	
Mrs. Leila Summers .....	100.00	
		1,164.00
		H. KIELTY, Treasurer.

**REPORT NO. 17**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S DUTIES**

We recommend that the following be included in the President's duties.

1. That our Conference President hold one quarterly meeting and a week-end meeting on each charge during the Conference Year.

That the date of the meetings be arranged between the pastor and president, and that a liberal offering be given him.

2. That any church that desires or requires the services of the Conference President, that he give the matter consideration.

COMMITTEE:—Jas. A. Spearman, Aura Watts, J. H. Weaver.

**REPORT NO. 18**

**REPORT OF CARD CALL SECRETARY**

The Card Call Plan continued to function throughout the past Conference year, with the Conference receiving substantial aid.

A total of 251 active participants have been reported by the pastors.

Respectively submitted,  
FREDERICK S. IRISH.

**REPORT NO. 19**

**TITHING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

April 27, 1956  
Belleville, Ont.

To the members and friends of the Canada Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America now assembled at Belleville.

Greetings:

Your tithing Secretary begs leave to submit the following report.

Charge	Number of Members	Tithers
Campbell's Bay .....	12	—
Winchester .....	85	68
Ottawa .....	84	55
North Bay .....	22	18
Newington .....	31	14
Cornwall .....	37	12
Inkerman .....	25	22
Brockville .....	19	16
Belleville .....	80	52
Waltham .....	19	18
Toronto .....	78	42
Shawville .....	45	27

Powassan .....	20	15
Totals .....	557	359

Submitted by your Tithing Secretary, WILFRID MOUTOUX.

#### REPORT No. 20

##### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL INSTITUTE

Your committee on Ministerial Institute held its annual minister's retreat from January 17-19, 1956, at "Fairknowe", Brockville, Ontario. All the pastors were present, except one. The theme of the institute was "Proclaiming the Holiness Message." Dr. Claude Reis, of Houghton College was our guest speaker, and all pastors present took part in the program. The consensus of opinion among the ministry was that this was the richest in practical teaching of God's word, and the fellowship of one another was blessed of the Lord. Our appreciation goes to the pastor and people of the Brockville church for their kind acts and thoughtful care for all our needs. We trust our gathering among them made some worthwhile contribution to the work there. Our financial obligations were fully met.

##### Recommendations:—

(1) We recommend that we have another Ministerial Institute in January 1957.

(2) We recommend that all ministers of this Conference endeavour to be present for the Ministerial Institute, and remain for the entire period.

COMMITTEE:—James S. A. Spearman, F. K. Gordon, H. Kielty.

#### REPORT NO. 21

##### REPORT OF CHILD EVANGELISM DIRECTOR

By correspondence we have endeavoured to encourage the holding of Bible Crusader clubs, religious instruction classes, and children's church.

Reports received are as follows:—The Toronto church holds two weekly religious instruction classes. In Ottawa a weekly Children's Happy Hour was held with many evidences of spiritual gains. Belleville has organized a Girls Club this year and already have seen some finding the Lord as their Saviour. Brockville reports a Christian Crusader's Club with good interest.

It has been distressing to be obliged to report so little to our head office of the Wesleyan Child Evangelism. Surely we can do more.

The things that interest our leaders in Child Evangelism are:— (1) The type of service we choose to hold, (2) The Attendance, (3) The Number Saved, (4) Verses Memorized, (5) Tracts Distributed, (6) House Calls Made In These Interests.

Child Evangelism pays big dividends. Let's work this field.

HELEN R. SMITH

#### REPORT NO. 22

##### REPORT TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

by

Secretary of Wesleyan Men's Fellowship Association

On October 22nd, 1955 we had a Dinner Meeting with 50 persons

present. Eight churches were represented in the gathering. There were 8 Wesleyan Methodist Pastors in attendance for which we were very thankful.

Our guest speaker was Dr. Hollis Stevenson from Plattsburg, New York who brought us a challenging message of the possibilities of the Men's Fellowship Organization.

He instructed us on ways and means of organizing this Fellowship.

In November 1955 we organized a Men's Fellowship in the Ottawa Church with 17 members and collected \$14.50 in dues. This Association was divided into four committees, namely:

House to House Visitation Committee

Follow Up Committee

Hospital Visitation Group

Special Work Group

The House to House Committee made 135 calls in the district adjacent to the Church.

A number of contacts were also made by the Hospital Group.

Our activities were climaxed by a turkey dinner held on April 21st., 1956, when the ladies and men in attendance numbered 56. This dinner meeting was a real success. The speaker was the Rev. Carl Brentlinger who brought us a challenging message on the family as a unit.

We are looking forward to greater activities for the year 1956-57 and ask your co-operation and your prayers.

HIBBERT VIPOND

#### **REPORT NO. 23**

#### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VACANCY**

Foresters Falls, Ont.

April 2, 1956

On August 5, 1955 we nominated to the Board of Trustees of Houghton College, Mr. Walter Jewell, of Belleville, Ont.

Three votes were cast—all for the above name.

LLOYD M. McCORRISTON, Chairman.

#### **REPORT NO. 24**

#### **GENERAL EVANGELIST'S REPORT**

To the members and friends of the Canada Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church now assembled for its Fifty-Ninth Annual Session:

Greetings:

We beg your indulgence as we submit the following report of our year's work.

Number of Campaigns—20

Number of Sermons preached—270

Children's messages—80

Other meetings held—8

Offerings received —\$2990.73.

WILFRID MOUTOUX

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**Evangelist's Report:—**

Assisted in six revival meetings:—

(1) Five in Conference; (2) 1 outside Conference.

**Receipts:—**

Evangelism .....	\$ 434.00	
Supply work .....	379.00	
Gifts .....	35.00	848.00
Expenses .....	130.50	717.50

## Item 1—Pastor's Labours

## Item 2—Periodicals

	Item 1—Pastor's Labours			Item 2—Periodicals																
	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	Organized Church Appointments	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Wesleyan Missionarys Taken	Wesleyan Youths taken	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Scholar's Quarterly	Intermed. Scholars' Quarterly	Junior Scholars' Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lessons Leaflet	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart	Pupil's Lesson Stories With Hand Work	
Belleville .....	12	1	1	79	32	46	55	40	—	11	55	20	36	20	—	—	—	—	—	9
Brockville .....	12	1	1	16	13	9	25	6	13	4	25	6	6	10	—	6	10	6	—	9
Campbell's Bay																				
Cornwall .....	12	2	2	12	7	10	25	15	12	7	22	3	13	6	—	—	10	1	—	—
Inkerman .....	12	1	1	13	15	10	20	16	14	9	30	9	14	18	—	—	14	1	—	—
Newington .....	—	—	1	22	16	11	25	15	14	3	30	8	14	12	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Bay .....	12	1	1	22	14	12	40	12	12	11	35	10	14	10	4	8	—	—	—	—
Ottawa .....	12	1	1	65	43	58	50	16	—	18	60	17	16	14	9	20	30	—	—	16
Powassan .....	12	3	1	16	16	14	16	11	12	1	13	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shawville .....	12	1	1	18	12	16	38	12	20	3	38	12	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Toronto .....	12	1	1	44	20	70	60	18	20	23	40	20	20	26	7	12	—	—	—	—
Waltham .....	12	1	1	11	10	12	15	22	15	3	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Winchester .....	12	2	1	58	39	16	96	20	20	22	96	13	22	30	10	—	—	—	—	2
Totals .....	122	15	13	376	237	284	465	203	152	115	456	130	162	146	30	46	64	11	—	22

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	Item 3—Membership														
	Card Call Subscribers	Membership Tithing	Number of Family Altars			Number Members under 14 yrs			Present Number	Number Reported Last Year	Total Membership Lost	Granted Letters	Deaths	Discontinued	Received
			Local Preachers	Unstationed Elders	Baptized	Associate Members	Gain	Loss							
Belleville .....	34	52	53	—	13	3	12	11	68	80	4	1	2	16	
Brockville .....	10	17	11	2	4	—	2	—	19	21	—	—	—	2	
Campbell's Bay .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	12	2	2	—	—	
Cornwall .....	11	12	13	1	5	—	7	—	30	37	2	2	—	9	
Inkerman .....	12	22	18	—	—	—	—	—	25	25	—	—	—	—	
Newington .....	27	14	12	—	—	—	—	1	32	31	1	—	1	—	
North Bay .....	12	18	3	1	—	—	1	—	21	22	—	—	—	1	
Ottawa .....	38	55	33	—	—	6	1	1	83	84	2	1	—	3	
Powassan .....	19	15	6	—	—	—	—	—	21	20	3	—	—	2	
Shawville .....	18	27	16	—	2	—	—	—	46	45	1	—	—	—	
Toronto .....	30	39	32	1	1	—	—	—	81	78	4	—	3	1	
Waltham .....	5	18	7	—	—	—	—	1	19	18	1	—	—	—	
Winchester .....	35	68	36	—	6	2	—	7	92	85	2	4	5	4	
Totals .....	251	357	240	3	4	11	23	13	551	558	31	14	7	38	



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	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or other Values on Hand
Belleville .....	1	95,000	24,320	35,000	1	12,000	—	7,000.00	1,060.00
Brockville .....	1	23,000	—	16,000	1	—	4,456	—	7.13
Campbell's Bay ..	2	3,000	—	1,000	1	3,000	—	2,000.00	—
Cornwall .....	1	10,000	—	4,000	1	3,500	6,350	5,000.00	1,070.37
Inkerman .....	1	9,000	—	8,000	1	6,000	—	2,000.00	120.13
Newington .....	1	5,500	—	2,000	1	4,500	—	1,600.00	474.73
North Bay .....	1	15,000	500	10,000	1	10,500	142	10,000.00	208.00
Ottawa .....	1	15,000	—	12,000	1	15,000	—	12,300.00	9,466.46
Powassan .....	2	8,600	—	5,000	1	5,000	—	4,000.00	45.42
Shawville .....	1	10,000	—	6,000	1	5,000	—	4,000.00	—
Toronto .....	1	25,000	—	12,000	1	3,000	—	6,000.00	7,738.78
Waltham .....	1	4,500	—	3,000	1	3,000	—	2,100.00	761.69
Winchester .....	3	25,000	385	21,500	1	6,500	—	5,000.00	979.77
Totals .....	17	248,600	25,205	135,500	13	87,000	10,948	60,780.00	21,933.03

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Item 6—Disbursed for Pastors

	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage & Funeral Fees	Clt's	Total Pastor's Receipts
Belleville .....	3,016.00	300.00	25.00	97.00	3,438.00
Brockville .....	1,770.00	600.00	25.00	23.00	2,418.00
Campbell's Bay					
Cornwall .....	1,820.00	530.00	25.00	185.00	2,560.00
Inkerman .....	1,560.00	150.00	5.00	130.00	1,845.00
Newington .....	1,061.50	—	—	—	1,061.50
North Bay .....	2,236.00	600.00	40.00	160.00	3,036.00
Ottawa .....	2,522.00	1200.00	16.00	702.88	4,440.88
Powassan .....	1,316.50	150.00	45.00	100.00	1,611.50
Shawville .....	2,080.00	420.00	10.00	200.00	2,710.00
Toronto .....	2,840.00	600.00	40.00	65.00	3,545.00
Waltham .....	1,690.00	180.00	—	330.00	2,200.00
Winchester .....	2,600.00	600.00	20.00	48.00	3,268.00
Totals .....	24,512.00	5,330.00	251.00	2,040.88	32,133.88

## CONFERENCE STATISTICAL REPORT

## Item 7—Disbursed for Church

	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expenses	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expense	Total for Church
Belleville .....	460.00	555.50	12,438.00	—	1,500.00	2,465.50	17,419.00
Brockville .....	42.40	275.36	458.27	248.80	—	2,426.72	3,451.55
Campbell's Bay .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cornwall .....	—	190.60	—	427.80	300.00	552.11	1,470.51
Inkerman .....	165.00	197.19	—	64.95	100.00	423.24	950.38
Newington .....	—	250.02	—	—	—	251.67	501.69
North Bay .....	270.00	303.21	—	208.90	583.00	369.00	1,734.11
Ottawa .....	684.00	440.17	—	70.00	—	1,541.95	2,736.12
Powassan .....	278.50	252.35	—	1,007.01	150.00	434.13	2,121.99
Shawville .....	618.69	304.33	—	233.49	800.00	1,560.04	3,516.55
Toronto .....	657.00	722.13	430.41	48.00	—	2,307.32	4,164.86
Waltham .....	175.00	215.07	—	—	207.00	100.39	697.46
Winchester .....	555.00	942.68	—	850.07	—	2,282.26	4,630.01
Totals .....	3,905.59	4,648.61	13,326.68	3,159.02	3,640.00	14,714.33	43,394.23

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## Item 8—Disbursed for General Budget

	Foreign Missions Assigned	Foreign Mission Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Home Mission Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised
Belleville .....	136.00	168.10	85.00	85.00	136.00	136.00
Brockville .....	38.00	141.00	23.75	30.00	38.00	43.00
Campbell's Bay ..	28.00	3.20	17.50	1.50	28.00	—
Cornwall .....	60.00	120.30	37.50	40.50	60.00	60.00
Inkerman .....	50.00	63.40	31.25	33.00	50.00	50.00
Newington .....	64.00	137.25	40.00	42.75	64.00	67.00
North Bay .....	42.00	150.00	26.25	28.75	42.00	70.38
Ottawa .....	166.00	1,577.79	103.75	146.85	166.00	222.05
Powassan .....	42.00	236.00	26.25	46.51	42.00	52.00
Shawville .....	88.00	270.35	55.00	55.00	88.00	88.65
Toronto .....	162.00	573.39	101.25	131.39	162.00	166.17
Waltham .....	38.00	142.25	23.75	27.12	38.00	41.37
Winchester .....	184.00	1,004.01	115.00	143.99	184.00	188.70
Totals .....	1,098.00	4,587.04	686.25	812.31	1,098.00	1,185.52

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	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Assigned	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Raised	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised	Administrative Budget Assigned	Administrative Budget Raised	General Conference Travel & Entertainment Assigned	General Conference Travel & Entertainment Raised
Belleville .....	102.00	148.62	17.00	17.00	34.00	34.00	13.60	13.60
Brockville .....	28.50	28.50	4.75	4.75	9.50	7.60	3.85	2.85
Campbell's Bay .....	21.00	—	3.50	—	7.00	—	2.80	—
Cornwall .....	45.00	75.00	7.50	12.50	15.00	15.00	6.00	6.00
Inkerman .....	37.50	55.95	6.95	6.25	12.50	12.50	5.00	5.00
Newington .....	48.00	48.00	8.00	8.00	16.00	16.00	6.40	6.40
North Bay .....	31.50	70.86	5.25	5.29	10.50	10.50	4.20	4.20
Ottawa .....	124.50	124.60	20.75	20.80	33.20	37.35	16.60	20.78
Powassan .....	31.50	71.50	5.25	5.25	10.50	10.50	4.20	4.20
Shawville .....	66.00	92.60	11.00	11.00	22.00	22.00	8.80	8.80
Toronto .....	121.50	156.95	20.25	20.25	40.50	40.50	16.20	16.20
Waltham .....	28.50	46.13	4.75	5.00	9.50	10.10	3.80	2.85
Winchester .....	138.00	155.68	23.00	28.00	46.00	46.00	18.40	18.40
Totals .....	823.50	1,074.39	137.25	144.09	266.20	262.05	109.85	109.28

## Item 8—Disbursed for General Budget (Continued)

Item 8—Disbursed for General Budget (Continued)

	General Sunday School Work Assigned	General Sunday School Work Raised	Australia	Australia	Can. W. Y. Dues Assigned	Can. W. Y. Dues Raised	Total General Budget Assigned	Total General Budget Raised
Beileville .....	13.50	13.50	17.00	17.00	27.00	581.10	659.82	
Brockville .....	6.20	6.00	4.75	4.75	6.00	10.00	163.30	278.45
Campbell's Bay ..	2.30	—	3.30	—	—	—	113.60	4.70
Cornwall .....	7.00	9.00	7.50	7.50	10.00	11.83	255.50	357.63
Inkerman .....	7.00	7.00	6.25	6.25	15.00	15.00	220.75	254.35
Newington .....	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	271.40	350.40
North Bay .....	7.00	7.00	5.25	5.29	7.00	7.00	180.95	359.27
Ottawa .....	14.20	14.20	20.75	23.80	28.00	28.00	693.75	2,216.22
Powassan .....	5.70	5.70	5.25	5.25	6.00	6.00	178.65	442.91
Shawville .....	10.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	15.00	18.00	374.80	587.40
Toronto .....	11.60	17.40	20.25	20.25	28.00	28.00	683.55	1,170.50
Waltham .....	3.40	4.00	4.75	5.00	10.00	12.50	164.45	296.52
Winchester .....	15.90	15.90	23.00	32.22	25.00	25.00	772.30	1,657.85
Totals .....	112.80	113.70	137.25	146.31	185.00	196.33	4,654.10	8,636.02

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	Conference Work Assigned	Conference Work Raised	Conference Missions Assigned	Conference Missions Raised
Belleville .....	136.00	136.00	170.00	212.50
Brockville .....	38.00	38.00	47.50	47.50
Campbell's Bay .....	28.00	28.00	35.00	18.00
Cornwall .....	60.00	60.00	75.00	85.50
Inkerman .....	50.00	50.00	62.50	62.50
Newington .....	64.00	64.00	80.00	83.00
North Bay .....	42.00	42.00	52.50	65.50
Ottawa .....	166.00	166.00	207.50	322.24
Powassan .....	42.00	45.00	52.50	61.21
Shawville .....	88.00	88.00	110.00	110.25
Toronto .....	162.00	162.00	202.50	231.84
Waltham .....	38.00	46.00	47.50	52.50
Winchester .....	184.00	180.20	230.00	230.04
Totals .....	1,098.00	1,105.20	1,372.50	1,582.58

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**Item 8—Disbursed for General Budget (Continued)**

	Conference S. S. Work Raised		Conf. W.Y.P.S. Dues Assigned		Conf. W.Y.P.S. Dues Raised	Church Extension Assigned	Church Extension Raised	Total Conf. Budget Assigned	Total Conference Budget Raised	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Raised
Belleville .....	6.75	6.75	13.50	13.50	148.50	256.50	474.75	625.25	1,055.85	1,285.07	
Brockville .....	3.10	3.15	3.00	5.00	33.00	63.41	124.66	157.00	287.90	435.51	
Campbell's Bay ..	1.15	—	—	—	—	—	64.15	46.80	177.75	50.70	
Cornwall .....	3.50	3.50	5.00	6.17	55.00	65.04	198.50	220.21	454.00	577.84	
Inkerman .....	3.50	3.50	7.50	7.50	82.50	91.55	206.00	215.05	426.75	469.40	
Newington .....	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00	44.00	44.00	196.50	199.50	467.90	549.90	
North Bay .....	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	38.50	69.50	140.00	184.00	320.95	543.27	
Ottawa .....	7.10	7.12	14.00	14.00	154.00	330.25	548.60	839.61	1,242.35	3,055.83	
Powassan .....	2.85	2.85	3.00	6.00	33.00	44.86	133.35	159.92	312.00	602.83	
Shawville .....	5.00	5.00	7.50	7.50	82.50	82.50	293.00	293.25	667.80	880.65	
Toronto .....	5.80	5.80	14.00	14.00	154.00	251.65	538.30	665.29	1,221.85	1,835.79	
Waltham .....	1.70	1.70	5.00	5.00	55.00	65.00	147.20	170.20	311.65	466.72	
Winchester .....	7.95	7.95	12.50	12.50	132.50	238.82	571.95	669.51	1,344.25	2,327.36	
Totals .....	56.40	55.30	92.50	98.67	1,012.50	1,603.08	3,636.90	4,444.85	8,291.00	1,3080.87	

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Item 9—Disbursed for Benevolences

	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Conference Work	W.Y.P.S.	Other Objects	Total for Benevolence
Belleville .....	537.50	166.00	155.00	27.00	293.00	36.00	1267.50
Brockville .....	—	—	—	—	—	155.40	155.40
Campbell's Bay .....	—	—	—	100.00	—	3.00	103.00
Cornwall .....	—	—	—	—	79.12	41.12	120.24
Inkerman .....	10.00	12.00	—	22.00	13.10	21.50	78.60
Newington .....	33.00	94.36	—	12.00	—	—	139.36
North Bay .....	—	—	25.71	—	59.11	46.10	130.92
Ottawa .....	1881.50	205.00	58.20	—	144.41	358.36	2647.47
Powassan .....	22.39	—	28.65	—	—	203.83	254.87
Shawville .....	330.35	—	—	—	—	142.36	472.71
Toronto .....	388.40	35.75	27.90	—	162.70	352.48	967.23
Waitham .....	5.00	5.00	3.55	63.00	86.05	41.00	203.60
Winchester .....	400.00	10.00	94.00	250.00	—	276.22	1030.22
Totals .....	3608.14	528.11	393.01	474.00	840.49	1727.37	7571.12

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## Item 10. Disbursed Totals

	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
Belleville .....	3,438.00	17,419.00	1,285.02	1,267.50	23,409.57
Brockville .....	2,418.00	3,451.55	435.51	155.40	6,460.46
Campbell's Bay ....	—	—	50.70	103.00	153.70
Cornwall .....	2,560.00	1,470.51	577.84	120.24	4,728.59
Inkerman .....	1,845.00	950.38	469.40	78.60	3,343.38
Newington .....	1,061.50	501.69	549.90	139.36	2,252.45
North Bay .....	3,036.00	1,734.11	543.27	130.92	5,444.30
Ottawa .....	4,440.88	2,736.12	3,055.83	2,647.47	12,880.30
Powassan .....	1,611.50	2,121.99	602.83	254.87	4,591.19
Shawville .....	2,710.00	3,516.55	880.65	472.71	7,579.91
Toronto .....	3,545.00	4,164.86	1,835.79	967.23	10,512.88
Waltham .....	2,200.00	697.46	466.72	203.60	3,567.78
Winchester .....	3,268.00	4,630.01	2,327.36	1,030.22	11,255.59
Totals .....	32,133.88	43,394.23	13,080.87	7,571.12	96,180.10

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	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Foreign Missions	Dcn. Home Missions	Education	Superannuation	Administrative Fund	Gen. Con., Travel & Expense	Den. Sunday School	Orphanage	Australia	Conference Work	Conference Sunday School	TOTALS
Belleville .....	69	165	138.00	86.25	172.50	103.50	34.50	13.80	24.75	17.25	17.25	310.50	8.25	926.55
Brockville .....	20	58	40.00	25.00	52.00	30.00	10.00	4.00	10.35	5.00	5.00	90.00	2.90	272.25
Campbell's Bay ..	12	—	24.00	15.00	30.00	18.00	6.00	2.40	—	3.00	3.00	54.00	—	155.40
Cornwall .....	37	74	74.00	46.25	92.50	55.50	18.50	7.40	11.10	9.25	9.25	166.50	3.70	493.95
Inkerman .....	25	71	50.00	31.25	62.50	37.50	12.50	5.00	10.65	6.25	6.25	112.50	3.55	337.95
Newington .....	31	64	62.00	38.75	77.50	46.50	15.50	6.20	9.60	7.75	7.75	139.50	3.20	414.25
North Bay .....	22	69	44.00	27.50	55.00	33.00	11.00	4.40	10.35	5.50	5.50	99.00	3.45	298.70
Ottawa .....	84	146	168.00	105.00	210.00	126.00	42.00	16.80	21.90	21.00	21.00	378.00	7.30	1117.00
Powassan .....	20	69	40.00	25.00	50.00	30.00	10.00	4.00	10.35	5.00	5.00	90.00	3.45	272.25
Shawville .....	45	89	90.00	56.25	112.50	67.50	22.50	9.00	13.35	11.25	11.25	202.50	4.45	600.55
Toronto .....	78	151	156.00	97.50	195.00	117.00	39.00	15.60	22.65	19.50	19.50	351.00	7.55	1040.30
Waltham .....	18	35	36.00	22.50	45.00	27.00	9.00	3.60	5.25	4.50	4.50	81.00	1.75	248.10
Winchester .....	85	140	170.00	106.25	212.50	127.50	42.50	17.00	21.00	21.25	21.25	382.00	7.00	1128.75
Totals .....	546	1131	1092.00	682.50	1367.50	819.00	273.00	109.20	171.30	171.50	171.50	2457.00	56.55	7306.00

# MINUTES

## of the Women's Missionary Society

### CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President .....	Mrs. Bertha Wilson, Box 210, Brockville, Ont.
Vice-President .....	Mrs. Eleanor Spearman, 76 Everett St., Belleville
Secretary .....	Mrs. Cora Mack, Box 210, Brockville, Ont.
Treasurer .....	Miss Leita Prindle, 50 Florin St., Belleville, Ont.

### PRESIDENT'S NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Belleville .....	Mrs. Verna Hall, 118 Bridge St. W., Belleville,
Brockville .....	Mrs. Cora Mack, Box 210, Brockville, Ont.
Campbell's Bay .....	Mrs. George M. Smith, Campbell's Bay, Que.
Cornwall .....	Mrs. Gladys Peever, 901 2nd St. W., Cornwall, Ont
Himsworth South .....	Mrs. Ruth Irish, Box 172, Powassan, Ont.
Inkerman .....	Mrs. Phyllis Weaver, Inkerman, Ont.
Newington .....	Mrs. Gladys McLean, Finch, Ont.
North Bay .....	Mrs. Florence LeRoy, 215 First Ave. W., North Bay, Ont.
Ottawa .....	Minister's Wife, 58 Grosvenor Ave., Ottawa, Ont.
Powassan .....	Mrs. Ernie Acres, R. R. 3, Powassan, Ont.
Shawville .....	Mrs. B. F. Smith, Shawville, Que.
Toronto .....	Mrs. Shirley Summers, 54 Oak Park Ave., Toronto, Ont.
Waltham .....	Mrs. Ruby Walker, Waltham, Que.
Winchester .....	Mrs. Bernice Gordon, Winchester, Ont.

### DELEGATES

Belleville .....	Mrs. Eleanor Spearman
Brockville .....	Mrs. Helen Wilson
Cornwall .....	Mrs. Isobel Thomas
Himsworth South .....	Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher
Inkerman .....	Mrs. Ethel Holmes
Newington .....	Miss Nellie Dunbar
North Bay .....	Mrs. Elizabeth Major
Ottawa .....	Miss Marjorie Chapman
Powassan .....	Miss Myrtle Anderson
Shawville .....	Mrs. Loraine Garrison
Toronto .....	Mrs. Marion Taylor
Waltham .....	Mrs. Tillie Robinson
Winchester .....	Mrs. Ida Coons

**STANDING RULES**

1. The Conference President of the Women's Missionary Society and the President of the Society where Conference is held shall be the Committee on Religious Services.

2. That the local Treasurer's Books close March 31st, and all funds be sent to the Conference W. M. S. Treasurer within ten days.

3. That the dues be sent to the Conference Treasurer as a whole and she will divide it as follows: Fifty cents for General Fund, Twenty-five cents for Home Missions and Twenty-five cents for Foreign Missions.

4. That one Statistical Report form be sent to the Conference Secretary on or before April 15th and the other one brought to Conference.

**DAILY PROCEEDINGS**

**April 25th, 1956—**

The Women's Missionary Society of the Canada Conference convened for its Thirty-Sixth Session at Belleville, Ont. on April 25th, 1956. The Session was opened by our President, Mrs. Bertha Wilson, with the singing of the hymn "Grace, greater than our Sin". Mrs. Ruby Walker and Miss Inda Watts led in prayer and Mrs. Cora Mack gave a few gleanings from one of the worship periods given by Miss Anna McGhie at General Conference last year, the topic being "Leaky Wells", based on the Scripture John 4:14.

The Committee on Temporary Organization gave their report and it was adopted.

The Committee on Credentials gave their report.

Carried on motion that Miss Myrtle Anderson and Mrs. Elsie Coghill be seated in the Conference bar to represent Powassan and Toronto Societies respectively.

Carried on motion that the first four seats on both sides of the church constitute the Conference bar.

Mrs. Bertha Wilson, our President, read a letter of thanks from Mrs. Melva (LeRoy) Ridgeway for the gift sent to them from our Conference and Mrs. Cora Mack gave a verbal account of the linen shower given Mr. and Mrs. Ridgeway at General Conference.

The Prayer Partner Secretary gave a good report and it was adopted.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Jewel, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Abrams, Mrs. Frankish and Miss Day, all of Belleville, and Miss Chapman of Ottawa were introduced to Conference.

The Magazine Solicitor gave a very fine report and it was adopted.

The Auditor's report was read and adopted.

The Treasurer gave a very fine report and also read a letter from Mrs. Phaup thanking us for our White Gift Offering also the Missionary Equipment offering.

Our President read a letter from Rev. Liddick in which he gave a detailed explanation of a missionary's field support and it is to Rev. Davis' field support that our Penny-a-meal money is sent to. Mrs. Wilson also

mentioned the mile-of-dimes project and it will be explained more fully before Conference is over.

Carried on motion that the election of officers be held on Thursday immediately following devotions and the reading of the minutes and roll call.

Motion to adjourn. Prayer by Mrs. Taylor. Offering \$4.50.

#### April 26th, 1956—

Our session was opened by our President, Mrs. Wilson, with the singing of the hymn, "Saviour I Follow On", and Mrs. Sinclair and Mrs. Coghill led in prayer. Miss Inda Watts spoke on her trip to General Conference, thanking the Conference for sending her and ending her remarks with a few thoughts taken from some of Miss McGhie's messages given at General Conference.

The Courtesy Committee introduced Rev. Tysinger of Houghton Academy and he brought greetings and explained the needs of the Home Making Department in the Academy, also asking the Canada Conference to help share the expenses of their needs.

Roll Call was given and minutes read and approved.

Carried on motion that in future the word Mrs. or Miss be used in our Minutes replacing the use of Sister.

The Nominating Committee read their report and it was accepted.

The following Officers were duly elected:

President—Mrs. Bertha Wilson.

Vice-President—Mrs. Eleanor Spearman.

Secretary—Mrs. Cora Mack.

Treasurer—Miss Leita Prindle.

Y.M.W.B.—Mrs. Rae Helmer

Prayer Partner Secretary—Miss Inda Watts.

Magazine Solicitor—Mrs. Ruby Walker.

Mission Study Secretary—Mrs. Gladys Peever.

Auditing Committee—Mrs. Cora Mack and Mrs. Verna Hall.

Committee on Courtesy introduced Dr. Smith of Houghton College who brought greetings from the College and their thanks for the part women play to help support the College, especially in the Honour Roll and Harvest Day Program.

The Mission Study Secretary read her report and it was adopted.

The Treasurer's Questionnaire sent from a General Conference Committee was discussed and three Societies, namely, Powassan, Winchester and Ottawa were asked to fill in the questionnaire.

Mrs. Cora Mack spoke briefly of her trip to General Conference and thanked the Conference for sending her as their delegate.

Motion to adjourn. Prayer by Miss Chapman. Offering \$3.50.

#### April 27th, 1956

Our session was opened by our President, Mrs. Wilson, who introduced Miss Gracia Fero our Missionary Magazine Editor. Copies of the chorus,

"Faith Came Singing" were distributed and she led in the singing of this chorus. Scripture taken from Psalm 148:1-14, and Psalm 149: 1, 2, was read all together. Miss Prindle and Mrs. Robinson led in prayer.

Roll Call was given and minutes read and approved.

The Statistical Report was read and adopted.

The Committee on Religious Services read their report and it was adopted.

The Y.M.W.B. Superintendent's report was read by Mrs. Sinclair and it was adopted along with a vote of thanks to Mrs. Hamilton for her long and faithful service as Y.M.W.B. Superintendent.

Miss Fero brought us some information from Miss Bennett regarding the work of the Y.M.W.B. and she also stressed the importance of the work in the Y.M.W.B. Children should be taught to give their money, to pray and to memorize Scripture. The W. M. S. were urged to pray and do all they can to encourage the children of the Y.M.W.B. The desk fund was discussed and every band was asked to send an offering of five cents per member for desk fund during the year, to the Y.M.W.B. Superintendent, Miss Fero presented Honour Roll Awards to Ottawa and Shawville Y.M.W.B.

The Mile-of-Dimes Project was given permission by the Official Board of the Women's Missionary Society at Syracuse, to be used for Church Extension in the Canada Conference.

Report Mile-of-Dimes and Penny-a-Meal offerings on your yearly statistical report blank.

It was suggested that the Election of Officers in the local Societies be held in March and all Officers take Office the first of April.

The Committee on Resolutions read their report and it was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Thanks was read and was adopted with a recommendation that it be read in the Sunday afternoon service.

Motion to adjourn. Prayer by Miss Fero. Offering \$4.10.

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The Friday Evening service of the Annual Conference was opened with a song service led by Mr. Carl Green of Belleville. After the opening hymn, "My Hope Is Built", Dr. Sheets led in prayer. We were favoured with a number "Follow Me" by the Belleville choir and after the offering they sang again, "And Can It Be".

Miss Gracia Fero, Editor of the Wesleyan Missionary Magazine, was our speaker for the service, taking as her theme "The Way to Revival." Reading her Scripture lesson from Psalm 139, she gave us many thought-provoking comments. Said Miss Fero, it is one thing to know that God knows our hearts and another thing to ask God to search our hearts. We need revival because the world is in a terrific mess and revival is the only answer. We need personal revival. There is a revival in all religions but there is a difference between a spiritual revival and revival of religion. We need revival in our national conditions. There are more people attending church than ever before but morality is the lowest it has ever been. Scripture is being fulfilled. There is a growing reluctance to take a stand against

sin. We are worldly in our thinking, in our activities, and our appearance. There is something wrong with the argument that we must preach a positive doctrine. We need a negative doctrine as well as a positive doctrine. There isn't a single thing about our everyday life that our Lord Jesus isn't concerned about. The church in general has lost the Sabbath. In the Old Testament, God was jealous for His Sabbath. Many places we have lost family worship, our passion for souls, lost how to pray. Somehow God wants us to get a fresh grip. The church in Haiti is the fastest growing of any of our Mission Churches—yet to be a member of the church there, the people have to be very spiritual, and go through many hard tests. We cannot please God if we do not hate sin and love righteousness. We need a new realization of our position in God. Too many of us since making a commital to the Lord have made some withdrawals. We need to seek God's face and say with the Psalmist, Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. We need to live by the Word of God. We need to have a compassion for the sinner and to keep filled with a measure of fulness that we need. Miss Fero then asked us to meet around the altar and ask the Lord to help us to make this year a tremendous blessing to each one of us.

Dr. Sheets closed with prayer. Offering amounted to \$17.82.

The Sunday afternoon service was opened with the hymns, "We have Heard the Joyful Sound", "There's a Call Comes Ringing" and "The Call for Reapers" led by Mr. Carl Green.

The Conference President, Rev. H. Kielty led in prayer. After the hymn, "Tell Me the Old Old Story" the report on Thanks was read by Mrs. Freeman.

Mrs. Bertha Wilson gave a few remarks of the past work of the afternoon speaker, the Rev. L. Eddy, and exhorted the congregation to give generously as the offering would go to the Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Eddy.

Miss Gracia Fero gave the offertory prayer, and after the announcements Miss Fero gave a few gleanings. She told us of how while eating in a restaurant in conversation with a Jewish Lawyer, he acknowledged how he had never found the inner satisfaction. Then she said only as we are in the very centre of the will of God is that real satisfaction found. Told us of how she was called to be the Editor of our Wesleyan Missionary. She then sang for us the hymn that the young men and their wives had sang just before they left for their first and last trip to Ecuador, "We Rest on Thee our Shield and Defender".

The Rev. Eddy began his address by telling us of his pleasant privileges, has been getting acquainted with the Wesleyan family, having visited fourteen Conferences since his furlough. Then he stressed the giving towards the millions for lost millions stating that any amount given to missions could be applied on the pledge if taken.

Referring to Romans Chapter 1, I am a Debtor, also to Hosea, Chapter 4:6, My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, he gave a short account

of his call to Africa. Said Rev. Eddy, the people in Africa are being destroyed because of the lack of knowledge. We will not be held responsible for future generations but are responsible for this generation. Let us be busy for the cause of missions. Africa is known as dark Africa because of the failure of the church in the past and unless we keep the vision we too will fail the church of today. Because of lack of knowledge the Africans fail mentally, physically and spiritually. He spoke of the work of Rev. Warren Woolsey at Sierra Leone, W. Africa. Through education he is able to get the word across. At each clinic they must hear the Word of God before their physical needs are taken care of. Each church has at least one evangelistic service a year. Now through the advice of Rev. Birch they are having mass evangelistic services which is giving good results. At one twelve day evangelistic campaign with a small equipment they seen over five hundred converts. Now with the Rev. M. Birch and his larger P. A. system they were able to reach over two thousand. Yet no matter how good the program, if carried on in the human, it will get nowhere. Rev. Eddy challenged the Young people, also older folk to be all out for Christ. He told of his trip home on furlough and the storm at sea, yet with Christ on board they made it through the storm. Young people in the world might have a thrill which might last over night but the thrills which come through following Christ are everlasting.

The service was closed with the hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be", as a re-dedication of our lives to God.

Prayer by Rev. W. R. Schamehorn. Offering amounted to \$74.10.

MRS. CORA E. MACK, Secretary.

#### (1) REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

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

1. We heartily endorse the complete method outlined on page 6 in Program Calendar namely, "Faith Project", especially "the claim", the Scripture text", "the date" "the project" and "date of answer", and urge its practice.

2. We recommend that prayer be given a prominent place in our regular monthly meetings.

3. We recommend that each local societies' officers who have reports to send to Conference officers, kindly comply with the rule to have all reports sent in at least ten days before Conference convenes.

4. We recommend the faithful reading of the Reading Course subscribed, and that each Society have a Mission Study Secretary who shall send report to the Conference Mission Study Secretary in due time as previously mentioned.

5. We recommend that each Society appoint a membership committee who shall be instructed to canvass every woman of the church and Sunday School and endeavour to make the membership of the W.M.S. exceed if possible the church membership.

6. We recommend the continuance of the Penny-a-Meal method for the field support of Bro. W. J. Davis in South America.

7. We recommend that we carefully adhere to the rules of the Efficiency Standard and that we pray for and co-operate with our Conference Executive in all the work of the W. M. S.

Respectfully submitted:—Miss Inda Watts and Mrs. Isobel Thomas.

**(2) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

We the Committee on Religious Services beg leave to submit the following report:—

We have arranged for Miss Fero to speak at our Public meeting on Friday night and Rev. Edward Eddy to speak on Sunday afternoon.

Respectfully submitted:—Mrs. Bertha Wilson and Mrs. Verna Hall.

**(3) REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUDITING**

We, the Committee on Audit beg leave to submit the following report:—

We have audited the books of the Conference W. M. S. Treasurer and the Y. M. W. B. Superintendent and found them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted:—Mrs. Nora Elliott and Miss Nellie Dunbar.

**(4) REPORT OF PRAYER PARTNER SECRETARY**

Number of prayer partner circles .....	12
Number of prayer partners .....	180
Number of Home Missionaries chosen .....	116
Number of Foreign Missionaries chosen .....	205
Number of Y. M. W. B. Prayer Partners .....	57

Respectfully submitted:—Miss Inda Watts.

**(5) TREASURER'S REPORT, 1955—56**

Balance on hand April 1st, 1955, plus receipts 1955-56 .....	\$ 4512.33
Disbursements .....	4141.30
Balance on hand April 1st, 1956 .....	371.03

Respectfully submitted:—Miss Leita Prindle.

**(6) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION**

1. Credentials ..... Miss Myrtle Anderson
2. Courtesy ..... Mrs. Elizabeth Major
3. Resolutions ..... Miss Inda Watts, Mrs. Isobel Thomas
4. Religious Services ..... Standing Rule No. 1.
5. Thanks ..... Miss Nellie Dunbar
6. Reporter ..... Mrs. Marion Taylor
7. Nominations ..... Mrs. Eleanor Spearman, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Sinclair
8. Statistical Committee ..... Mrs. Cora Mack, Miss Leita Pringle

Respectfully submitted:—Mrs. B. Wilson, Mrs. C. Mack, Mrs. P. Weaver.

## (7) REPORT OF MISSION STUDY SECRETARY

Books Read	Maximum	Minimum
Belleville .....	16	—
Brockville .....	2	—
Cornwall .....	3	—
Himsworth South .....	1	2
Inkerman .....	10	1
Newington .....	1	3
Ottawa .....	12	—
Powassan .....	2	2
Shawville .....	7	1
Toronto .....	6	—
Waltham .....	6	—
Winchester .....	17	3
Totals .....	83	12

Respectfully submitted:—Mrs. Gladys Peever.

## (8) REPORT OF THE MAGAZINE SOLICITOR

The Magazine Solicitor begs leave to submit the following report:—

We wish to thank God for His great faithfulness, His presence with us and for the privilege of service. We appreciate too the co-operation of the local Solicitors, and trust that we may all work together this Conference year to the end that our service may please God, and bring glory to His Name.

To local Solicitors may we emphasize the need to obtain all renewals, and as many new subscriptions as possible. We wish to draw your attention to the number given to each Society to be used with each subscription sent to the Wesley Press.

Please send quarterly report card to the Conference Solicitor as promptly as possible.

## Magazines reported:—

Belleville (Can. 1) .....	33
Brockville (Can. 2.) .....	13
Campbell's Bay (Can. 3) .....	No report
Cornwall (Can. 4.) .....	7
Himsworth South (Can. 5) .....	9
Inkerman (Can. 6) .....	15
Newington (Can. 7) .....	16
North Bay (Can. 8) .....	14
Ottawa (Can. 9) .....	43
Powassan (Can. 10) .....	9
Shawville (Can. 11) .....	12
Toronto (Can. 12) .....	20
Waltham (Can. 13) .....	10
Winchester (Can. 14) .....	39
Total .....	240

Respectfully submitted:—Mrs. Ruby Walker.

## (9) Y. M. W. B. REPORT FOR 1955—56

**For Foreign Missions:—**

Belleville .....	\$ 21.00	
Brockville .....	12.50	
Cornwall .....	48.00	
Inkerman .....	16.40	
Newington .....	21.50	
Ottawa .....	20.00	
Powassan .....	17.50	
Shawville .....	13.35	
Toronto .....	15.00	
Winchester .....	143.95	
Total .....		\$329.20

**For Home Missions:—**

Belleville .....	\$ 20.00	
Brockville .....	1.00	
Cornwall .....	5.00	
Inkerman .....	5.00	
Newington .....	—	
Ottawa .....	15.00	
Powassan .....	3.50	
Shawville .....	2.00	
Toronto .....	5.00	
Winchester .....	20.00	
Total .....		\$76.50

**For Education:—**

Belleville .....	5.00	
Brockville .....	1.00	
Cornwall .....	3.00	
Inkerman .....	4.00	
Newington .....	2.00	
Ottawa .....	10.00	
Powassan .....	3.50	
Shawville .....	2.00	
Toronto .....	—	
Winchester .....	3.50	
Total .....		\$34.00

**For Special Projects:—**

Belleville .....	5.60	
Newington .....	16.00	
Powassan .....	38.50	
Shawville .....	30.00	
Total .....		\$90.10

**For Non-Credit:—**

Belleville .....	3.00	
Brockville .....	.50	

Cornwall .....	5.03	
Inkerman .....	3.05	
Newington .....	1.59	
Ottawa .....	.50	
Powassan .....	1.50	
Shawville .....	7.35	
Toronto .....	1.00	
Winchester .....	3.20	
Total .....		\$26.72
Grand Total—\$556.52		

Honour Roll Bands:—Ottawa and Shawville.

#### (10) REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS

The Committee on Thanks wish to submit the following report:—

Our hearts are filled with love and gratitude to our Heavenly Father who has permitted us to meet in the Thirty-Sixth Annual Conference of the Women's Missionary Society.

We express sincere thanks to our host and hostess the Rev. and Mrs. J. S. A. Spearman and the Belleville people who so graciously cared for our temporal needs.

To our President, Mrs. Bertha Wilson, and her Executive for their faithful labours of love.

To Miss Gracia Fero, Editor of the Wesleyan Missionary, Rev. E. L. Eddy, Missionary to Africa, Dr. H. K. Sheets, Home Missionary Secretary, Rev. Willard Smith, representative of Houghton College and Rev. Tysinger President of Houghton Academy for their inspiring messages and words of encouragement.

We love Him who first loved us and give Him praise and adoration.

Humbly submitted:—Miss Nellie Dunbar.

MRS. CORA E. MACK, Secretary.

**ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE W. M. S. FOR 1955-56  
RECEIPTS**

	MEMBERSHIP				Total No. Meetings held	No. of Wesleyan Missionary Taken	Rank under Efficiency Standard %	Membership Dues	Offerings	Church Extension	
	Active	Honorary	Gain	Loss						From Labour	Extension
Belleville .....	32	4	5	—	12	33	95	36.00	590.11	—	5.00
Brockville .....	11	6	4	—	12	13	90	17.00	20.99	—	—
Campbell's Bay .....	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00	1.70	—	—
Cornwall .....	13	2	—	—	11	7	60	15.00	20.12	—	—
Himsworth South .....	11	—	4	—	11	9	85	11.00	29.76	—	—
Inkerman .....	16	—	—	1	12	15	80	16.00	60.25	14.00	—
Newington .....	11	—	—	2	10	16	55	11.00	79.12	—	—
North Bay .....	9	1	—	1	13	14	85	10.00	56.35	—	—
Ottawa .....	33	11	—	1	19	43	89	44.00	1259.38	—	—
Powassan .....	8	1	—	2	11	9	60	9.00	41.76	—	—
Shawville .....	18	8	4	—	12	12	70	26.00	42.61	—	—
Toronto .....	28	—	—	—	1	11	20	55	28.00	163.40	—
Waltham .....	10	3	—	—	13	10	80	13.00	59.72	—	—
Winchester .....	29	1	—	4	14	39	75	30.00	119.64	—	—
Totals .....	235	37	17	11	161	240	75	272.00	2544.91	14.00	5.00

**ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE W.M.S. FOR 1955-56  
RECEIPTS**

	"Memorials"	Voucher Receipts	Other Sources	Penny-A-Meal	Administrative Fund	Total Receipts for Year	Old balance from Last Year	GRAND TOTAL
Belleville .....	—	—	—	24.82	8.00	658.93	62.99	721.92
Brockville .....	—	—	137.00	75.00	2.75	257.74	21.92	279.66
Campbell's Bay .....	—	—	—	—	—	7.70	2.32	10.02
Cornwall .....	—	—	25.50	24.75	—	85.39	17.77	103.14
Himsworth South .....	—	—	27.50	48.51	2.75	119.52	—	119.52
Inkerman .....	—	11.00	10.00	37.00	4.00	152.26	.08	152.34
Newington .....	—	33.00	77.00	37.00	—	237.12	9.45	246.57
North Bay .....	—	—	13.60	82.00	—	161.95	8.91	170.86
Ottawa .....	—	295.00	10.20	96.89	2.00	1707.47	30.75	1738.22
Powassan .....	5.00	—	—	49.26	2.00	107.02	—	107.02
Shawville .....	—	—	36.65	58.00	—	163.26	8.42	171.68
Toronto .....	—	—	175.00	168.50	—	534.75	19.99	554.74
Waltham .....	—	—	—	60.95	2.50	167.85	14.70	182.55
Winchester .....	—	—	—	141.74	1.25	577.99	8.80	586.79
Totals .....	5.00	339.00	819.09	904.42	25.25	4938.93	206.10	5145.03

**ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE W.M. S. FOR 1955-56  
DISBURSEMENTS**

**MISSIONS**

	Home	Foreign	Medical Student	HEPHZIBAH	Administrative Fund	Education	Australia	Local Church Work
Belleville .....	50.00	109.20	—	17.00	8.00	37.00	17.00	150.30
Brockville .....	4.25	79.25	—	—	2.75	—	—	65.00
Campbell's Bay .....	1.50	3.20	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cornwall .....	3.75	50.30	—	5.00	6.25	—	—	—
Himsworth South .....	2.75	78.76	—	—	2.75	—	—	—
Inkerman .....	10.00	57.00	—	—	4.00	17.00	—	23.50
Newington .....	6.75	74.75	—	—	2.75	—	—	—
North Bay .....	2.50	112.50	3.00	5.00	2.50	—	—	—
Ottawa .....	107.85	370.79	—	10.00	8.50	36.00	—	—
Powassan .....	8.76	72.28	—	—	2.00	3.50	—	5.07
Shawville .....	9.50	77.50	—	5.00	4.50	6.65	—	—
Toronto .....	37.00	205.35	—	10.14	7.00	31.00	10.41	40.62
Waltham .....	3.25	64.20	—	—	2.50	7.00	—	31.00
Winchester .....	7.50	188.48	5.00	5.00	7.50	5.00	—	1.60
Totals .....	255.36	1543.56	8.00	57.14	61.00	143.15	27.41	317.09

**ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE W. M. S. FOR 1955-56  
DISBURSEMENTS**

	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Conference Missions	Card Call		Total Disbursements	New Balance on Hand	GRAND TOTAL
Belleville .....	18.00	207.05	25.00	5.00	41.00	—	684.55	37.37 721.92
Brockville .....	8.50	23.32	—	—	—	5.00	188.07	91.59 279.66
Campbell's Bay .....	3.00	—	—	—	—	—	7.70	2.32 10.02
Cornwall .....	7.50	12.60	—	12.00	—	—	97.40	5.74 103.14
Himsworth South .....	5.50	24.61	—	3.00	—	—	117.37	2.15 119.52
Inkerman .....	8.00	2.25	19.00	11.00	—	—	151.75	.59 152.34
Newington .....	5.50	63.99	—	82.00	—	—	235.74	10.83 246.57
North Bay .....	5.00	14.00	10.00	5.00	—	—	157.00	13.86 170.86
Ottawa .....	22.00	851.82	—	205.00	—	—	1710.96	27.26 1738.22
Powassan .....	4.50	6.90	—	4.00	—	—	107.01	.01 107.02
Shawville .....	13.00	45.88	—	4.00	—	—	166.03	5.65 171.68
Toronto .....	14.00	177.15	—	—	—	—	530.40	24.34 554.74
Waltham .....	6.50	61.05	—	—	—	—	175.50	7.05 182.55
Winchester .....	15.00	315.63	—	20.00	—	—	574.50	12.29 586.79
Totals .....	136.00	1806.25	54.00	351.00	41.00	5.00	4876.98	241.05 5145.03

# **Minutes of the W.Y.P.S. Conference**

## **CONFERENCE OFFICERS FOR 1956-1957**

HONORARY PRESIDENT—Rev. H. Kielty, 66 Glendale Ave., Ottawa, Ont.  
 PRESIDENT—Rev. Mervyn Summers, 54 Oak Park Ave., Toronto, Ont.  
 VICE-PRESIDENT—Mr. Athol Dale, Shawville, Que.  
 SECRETARY—Miss Dorothy Hobbs, 20 Thornton Ave., Ottawa, Ont.  
 TREASURER—Mr. Courtney Robinson, Waltham, Que.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

WESLEYAN YOUTH SOLICITOR—Mrs. Athol Dale, Shawville, Que.  
 CONFERENCE REPORTER—Miss Norma Smart, Shawville, Que.  
 COMMITTEE ON AUDIT—Donald Watts, Walter Jewell.  
 DELEGATE TO THE FREE METHODIST YOUTH—Donald Hamilton  
 ALTERNATE DELEGATE—Lynda Shier.

## **LOCAL YOUTH PRESIDENTS FOR 1956-1957**

Belleville—Mr. Lorne C. Elliott, 275 Ann St., Belleville, Ont.  
 Brockville—Mr. Douglas Henry, 245 King St. E., Brockville, Ont.  
 Cornwall—Mr. Charles Pond, 423 Amelia St., Cornwall, Ont.  
 Inkerman—Mrs. Lenora Barkley, Inkerman, Ont.  
 Newington—Miss Nellie Dunbar, Newington, Ont.  
 North Bay—Miss Beryl Major,  
 Ottawa—Mr. Allan Carswell, 20 Thornton Ave., Ottawa, Ont.  
 Powassan—Mr. William Anderson, R. R. 3, Powassan, Ont.  
 Shawville—Miss Jean Smith, Box 35, Shawville, Que.  
 Toronto—Miss Marie Hobbs, 54 Oak Park Ave., Toronto, Ont.  
 Waltham—Mr. Courtney Robinson, Waltham, Que.  
 Winchester—Miss Edna Coons, Winchester, Ontario.

## **PRESIDENTS & DELEGATES AT CONFERENCE**

Belleville—Lorne Elliott, Doris Cummings, Lamoine Post.  
 Brockville—Douglas Henry, Norma Mack, Paul Wilson.  
 Cornwall—Catherine Weaver, Joan Weaver, Billy Moore.  
 Inkerman—Vivian Jackson, Mrs. Irwin Prunner.  
 Newington—Nellie Dunbar, Lois Dunbar, Jean McLean.  
 North Bay—Stella Anderson, Cathy White.  
 Ottawa—Grace Presley, Allan Carswell, Diane Findlay, Mary Lou Young.  
 Powassan—William Anderson, Mrs. William Anderson, Silvana Rose.  
 Shawville—Jean Smith, Iva Dale, Norma Smart.  
 Toronto—Marie Hobbs, Martha Sterritt, Ruth Hemphill, Donald Hamilton.  
 Waltham—  
 Winchester—Edna Coons, Donald Watts, Stanley Holmes.

**STANDING RULES**

1. That an offering be taken in the afternoon session and also in the evening service, and that part of these offerings be used to help with the expenses of Conference Entertainment.

2. That the Conference President and the Conference Youth President and Secretary be the Committee on Religious Services.

3. That the finances be reported in actual dollar and cents, and that all monies raised by the Youth be paid through the Conference Youth Treasurer except money used in local Youth work.

4. That all local reports be in the hands of the Conference Youth Secretary ten days before Conference.

5. That the Secretary prepare a complete Statistical Report each year for Conference, and that this report be read in the main body of Conference when called for.

6. That at least two sessions be held each year in order to more thoroughly cover our Conference activities.

7. That the local Youth President inform the entertaining pastor of the Annual Conference TWO weeks in advance, of the names of the delegates to the Youth Conference.

8. That the Conference Youth President annually visit each local Society if possible.

9. That the Credentials of delegates to the Annual Youth Conference be mailed to the Secretary, one week before Conference begins.

10. That the Standing Rule of the Canada Conference, covering the traveling of Officials and others in official capacity, be followed.

11. That the Youth bear their share of the expense in publishing the Minutes of Annual Conference with those of the Senior Conference.

12. That the term of the officers of the Local Society begin April first and expire March thirty-first.

**DAILY PROCEEDINGS**

The Wesleyan Youth of the Canada Conference convened for its Twentieth Annual Session at Belleville, Ontario, April 28, 1956, at 10.30 a.m.

Conference was called to order by the President, Rev. M. Summers, who also conducted devotional exercises.

Roll Call.

The Committee on Credentials read its report.

The reading of names.

Carried on motion that Mr. Walter Jewell, vice-president of the Belleville Society be given the privilege to take the place of the president of the Belleville Society in the morning session.

Carried on motion that the first six seats on each side of the main aisle constitute the Conference Bar.

Carried on motion that the morning session close at 12.00 noon and that the afternoon session begin at 2.00 p.m. to continue until the completion of business.

The report on Temporary Organization was read and adopted. The President, Rev. M. E. Summers, read his report which was adopted. The Minutes of the Executive Meetings held on August 21, 1955, January 20, 1956 and April 28, 1956, were read and it was carried on motion that the Minutes be accepted down to the recommendations.

Carried on motion that recommendation No. 1 be accepted.

Carried on motion that recommendation No. 2 be accepted.

Carried on motion that recommendation No. 3 be accepted.

Carried on motion that recommendation No. 4 be accepted.

Carried on motion that recommendation No. 5 be accepted.

Carried on motion that recommendation No. 6 be accepted.

Carried on motion that recommendation No. 7 be accepted.

Carried on motion that recommendation No. 8 be accepted.

Carried on motion that recommendation No. 9 be accepted.

Carried on motion that recommendation No. 10 be accepted.

Carried on motion that the Election of Officers and Standing Committees be held immediately following the reading of the Minutes in the afternoon session.

The Committee on Courtesy introduced to Conference Dr. H. K. Sheets, Home Missions Secretary and Rev. H. Kiely, Conference President, who brought words of greeting.

Carried on motion that those introduced to Conference be given an honorary seat within the Bar of Conference, with the privilege of speaking on all questions.

Carried on motion that Dr. Sheets be asked to preside over the Elections of Officers and Standing Committees.

Conference adjourned on motion.

#### AFTERNOON MEETING

Conference was called to order by the President, Rev. M. E. Summers. Devotions conducted by Billy Moore.

Roll Call.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The time having arrived for the Orders of the Day, Dr. H. K. Sheets was invited for the Election of Officers.

Don Watts and Stan Holmes were appointed as passing tellers and Lorne Elliott and Athol Dale as reading tellers.

The following Officers and Committees were elected.

PRESIDENT—Rev. Mervyn Summers.

VICE-PRESIDENT—Athol Dale.

SECRETARY—Dorothy Hobbs.

TREASURER—Courtney Robinson.

CONFERENCE REPORTER—Norma Smart.

WESLEYAN YOUTH SOLICITOR—Iva Dale.

COMMITTEE ON AUDIT—Donald Watts, Walter Jewell.

DELEGATE TO THE FREE METHODIST F.M.Y. CONFERENCE—  
Donald Hamilton, ALTERNATE DELEGATE—Lynda Shier.

A standing vote of thanks was given to Dr. Sheets for presiding over the Election of Officers.

The Committee on Audit read its report which was adopted.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

The Committee on Courtesy introduced to Conference Mrs. E. E. Wilson, W.M.S. President, who brought greetings from the W.M.S.

The Statistical Report was read by the Secretary and adopted.

The Committee on Budget read its report which was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions read its report which was adopted.

The Wesleyan Youth Solicitor's report was read and adopted.

Rev. Fred Irish gave his report as delegate to the General Conference which was adopted.

The Committee for Awarding the Banner read its report which was adopted.

Carried on motion that we hear the reading of the Local Reports and a word of personal testimony from the first delegate elect.

The Committee on Thanks read its report which was adopted.

An offering was taken amounting to \$16.88.

The Minutes of this session were read and approved.

The motion to adjourn was carried.

Rev. M. E. Summers closed the Conference with prayer.

#### THE SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

The Saturday evening service of the Conference was in charge of the Youth with our President, Rev. M. E. Summers presiding.

Mr. Carl Green of Belleville, conducted the song service.

Rev. E. L. Eddy, missionary to Africa, lead in prayer.

The Belleville choir rendered a special selection.

Athol Dale read the report of the Banner Awarding Committee. Toronto having attained the highest number of points was awarded the Banner for the coming year.

The Committee on Thanks read its report.

The offering taken amounted to \$40.72.

A Girl's Trio, the Misses Joy Scharfe, Grace Presley and Catherine Weaver sang, "My Wonderful Lord."

Dr. H. K. Sheets, Home Missions Secretary, was the guest speaker. His text was taken from Isaiah 56-16, using the words, "God Wondered" as his theme.

We are thankful for God's blessing and help in the past year.

As the Youth of the Canada Conference may we obey God's command to "Tarry Ye" Luke 24:49 and the "Go Ye" Matthew 28:19. The fields are already white unto harvest in our Dominion.

DOROTHY HOBBS, Secretary.

#### REPORT ON TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION

Committee on Courtesy—Douglas Henry, Doris Cummings.

Committee on Resolutions—Grace Presley, Lorne Elliott.

Committee on Thanks—Edna Coons.

Committee on Budget—Allan Carswell, Martha Sterritt, Stella Anderson.

Committee for Awarding the Banner—Rev. F. Irish, Rev. LeRoy, Athol

Dale.

#### REPORT OF THE BANNER AWARDING COMMITTEE

Toronto .....	257 Points	"A" Society
Belleville .....	245 Points	"A" Society
Ottawa .....	243 Points	"A" Society
Cornwall .....	230 Points	"A" Society
Brockville .....	220 Points	"A" Society
Powassan .....	212 Points	"A" Society
Waltham .....	194 Points	"B" Society
Shawville .....	188 Points	"B" Society
Winchester .....	187 Points	"B" Society
Inkerman .....	184 Points	"B" Society
North Bay .....	182 Points	"B" Society
Newington .....	173 Points	"B" Society

The Toronto Society having obtained the greatest number of points is awarded the banner.

Committee:—Fred Irish, R. L. LeRoy, Athol Dale.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, wish to submit the following resolutions:

1. We recommend that the term of the officers of the Local Society begin April 1st and expire March 31st., also, that this be made a Standing Rule.

2. We recommend that all our Youth join in prayer with the Senior Conference for the leadership of the Lord into new fields of church extension.

3. We recommend that each member of each society support his President with his prayers and faithfulness.

Committee:—Grace Presley, Lorne Elliott.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

We, the Committee on Audit, wish to report that we have audited the Youth Treasurer's Report and the Youth Conference President's Expense Report and found them correct.

Committee:—Carl Green, Walter Jewell.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THANKS

We, your Committee on Thanks, wish to submit the following report:—

We wish to thank first, our God for His guiding hand and His tender mercies in permitting us to meet for this our Twentieth Conference Session of the Wesleyan Youth. Our host and hostess, Rev. and Mrs. J. S. A. Spearman and the Belleville Society for the splendid way in which we have

been entertained and the gracious hospitality shown us. Dr. H. K. Sheets, our Home Missionary Secretary, for the inspiration of his presence, and his assistance in the election of the Wesleyan Youth Officers.

Our Conference President, Rev. H. Kielty, for his leadership throughout the year.

Mrs. E. Wilson, Women's Missionary President who brought greetings to Conference.

Our Conference Wesleyan Youth President, Rev. Mervyn Summers, for his efficient and spirit-filled leadership, and his executive for their faithful efforts during the past year.

Committee:—Edna Coons.

### CONFERENCE YOUTH SOLICITORS REPORT

Wesleyan Youth Subscriptions reported at Conference in 1955 - 336.

Wesleyan Youth Subscriptions reported at Conference in 1956 - 295  
Decrease in subscriptions—41.

In a letter received from our General Secretary, Rev. Robert McIntyre, he spoke of the splendid number of subscriptions to the Wesleyan Youth as compared with our membership and said it was appreciated.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Local Youth Solicitors who co-operated so favourably.

DOROTHY HOBBS, Solicitor.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following recommendations were made at meetings on January 20, 1956 and April 28, 1956:

1. We recommend that each local society set a goal for Missions and that it be equally divided between Foreign Missions and Conference Missions.

2. In view of the possibility of new openings in our Conference we recommend that the W. Y. Executive, in the interim of Conference, be given authority to dispense the Church Extension Fund as they deem it justifiable, in regard to the proposition presented by the Senior Conference. And that we continue the Church Extension Budget and that this money be placed in the bank for future developments.

3. The President, Rev. M. E. Summers, having corresponded and obtained the services of the Rev. F. J. Gearhart, Houghton Area President, as Youth Evangelist for the Youth Convention at Shawville, Que., August 17-19, 1956, be accepted.

4. We recommend that the Registration Fee of one dollar (\$1.00) per person be set and the Host Society where the convention is held be exempt from this registration fee.

5. We recommend that Item 6 of the Efficiency Standard be brought in line with General Conference Recommendations.

6. We recommend that for Item No. 8 of the Efficiency Standard we study the Book of James.

7. We recommend that for Item No. 9 of the Efficiency Standard the Bible memorization be Matthew 5:1-20.

Reading: Complete reading of each issue of the Wesleyan Youth.

8. We recommend that this Conference communicate with Rev. Robert McIntyre, General Secretary of the Wesleyan Youth, pledging our support and prayers in the leadership of the Wesleyan Youth.

9. We recommend that the Conference Youth Treasurer pay thirty dollars (30.00) to the Rev. J. H. Weaver for Conference entertainment.

10. We recommend that the purchasing of a new Banner Award be left in the hands of the Executive.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

Society	Membership	Conf. Dues	Denominational Dues	Church Extension
Belleville	20	10.00	30.00	115.00
Brockville	7	3.50	10.50	40.25
Inkerman	15	7.50	22.50	86.25
Cornwall	13	6.50	19.50	74.75
Newington	7	3.50	10.50	40.25
North Bay	5	2.50	7.50	28.75
Ottawa	29	14.50	43.50	176.75
Powassan	8	4.00	12.00	46.00
Shawville	15	7.50	22.50	86.25
Toronto	29	14.50	43.50	176.75
Waltham	10	5.00	15.00	57.50
Winchester	16	8.00	24.00	92.00
Totals	174	87.00	261.00	1020.50

Committee:—Allan Carswell, Martha Sterritt, Stella Anderson.

#### W. Y. PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO CONFERENCE

BELLEVILLE, APRIL 28, 1956

To The Wesleyan Youth of The Canada Conference Now In Session:

The Wesleyan Youth of Canada have met today for the Twentieth Annual Conference. Twenty years of service have been invested for the Lord and the church, and many who made up the membership of the Societies in 1936, are carrying the main burden of the church today. Through the years the young people have stood shoulder to shoulder, with the senior members of the church in carrying out the various projects of the work. We are thankful for their faith, which faith I am confident is in you and so, facing the challenge of today and tomorrow, I urge with Paul, "stir up the gift of God that is in thee . . . for God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

It was our privilege to attend the Seventh Quadrennial Convention and General Conference held at Fairmont Indiana, June 22-28, 1955. It is not necessary for me to give a detailed report as that was provided at the Annual Convention, but suffice me to say, that I was able to absorb some of the burden, the aspiration, and fervency of our fellow youth, as they prayed, planned and sought ways to promote the Kingdom of God. September 1-4, 1955, I attended the Houghton Area Youth Convention and also

deliberated in the business of the Area Council. Although Canada was awarded the Area Plaque for the third consecutive year, information recently received from the Area President, points out a discrepancy in the report of the Area Statistical Committee and we may have lost by three points.

The Annual Convention will be held this year at Shawville, Quebec, August 17, 18, 19. The Rev. Forrest Gearhart, of Michigan, our Houghton Area President, will be the speaker, and the music will be under the direction of a couple with whom Canadian Youth are well acquainted, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Wilson, instructors at Oklahoma State Teacher's College. It is urgently requested that all local W. Y. groups make the convention a matter of prayer, and do all in your power to bring some unsaved young person to the convention.

The plans did not materialize for district meetings due to the fact, that various shifts in the General Youth Department made the schedule for the desired speakers too demanding. I have not been able to visit the local societies this year, due for the most part, to pastoral responsibilities. I have, however, kept in touch with each local W. Y. group through correspondence.

I wish to thank the executive officers, Pastors, Youth Presidents and all our young people for their fine co-operation during the year.

I am confident that we will not look at the tasks before us with passive complacency, but in the power of the Spirit of the indwelling Christ, we will become flaming crusaders, taking the Gospel of Christ to unsaved young people, and that many will experience this Gospel as, "The power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

#### OFFICIAL ACTS

JUNE 7, 1955—

On approval of executive appointed Rev. F. S. Irish delegate to General Conference. The duly elected delegate and alternate were unable to go.

JUNE 22-28—

Attended the Seventh Quadrennial Convention and General Conference of Wesleyan Youth at Fairmont, Ind.

JULY 5—

Outlined and ordered advertising for 1955 Youth Convention.

AUG. 19-21—

Attended and conducted the Youth Convention at Winchester.

AUG. 20—

Met with the Pastors and Youth Presidents to discuss the matter of District Youth Rallies.

AUG. 21—

Met with the Conference Youth Executive to conduct business relative to the convention and other Conference work.

SEPT. 1-4—

Attended Houghton Area Youth Convention at Houghton, N. Y.

SEPT. 3—

Attended Houghton Area Council meeting to deliberate in business of the Area Youth Work.

DEC. 15—

Sent out letters to Youth Presidents and Pastors concerning the district meetings and Youth Week.

JAN. 20, 1956—

Met with Conference Youth Executive at Ottawa Wesleyan Church, to plan for annual conference and convention.

FEB. 13—

Attended a Meeting of the Conference Board of Directors and Conference Trustees at Brockville.

MARCH 15—

Sent letters to Youth Presidents with information concerning Conference preparation and news.

APRIL 24—

Attended a meeting of the Conference Board of Directors and Conference Trustees at Belleville.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Balance owing from last year .....	\$	1.16	
Travelling expenses for year .....		32.00	
Postage and stencils .....		5.73	
Phone Calls .....		6.00	
Express on Minutes .....		.80	
Customs on Cut for convention .....		.62	
Sign for convention .....		1.50	
Total Expense .....			\$47.81
Received from Conference Treasurer—\$46.17.			
Balance Owing—\$1.64.			

Respectfully submitted, Mervyn E. Summers.

**WESLEYAN YOUTH TREASURER'S REPORT 1955-1956**

Receipts:—

Pioneer .....	\$	1011.00
Foreign Missions .....		132.26
Conference Missions .....		137.23
General Dues .....		196.33
Conference Dues .....		95.67
Education .....		31.39
Conference Offerings .....		51.13
Convention—		
Offerings .....		435.33
Registration Fees .....		87.00
Money from Meals .....		59.13
Bible School in India .....		50.00
Japanese Mission Fund under Rev. Tsutada ....		30.00

## THE CANADA CONFERENCE

"Extra for us, extra for you" offering .....	7.00	
Wesleyan Youth Headquarters Building .....	7.00	
Bank Interest .....	17.53	
Total Receipts .....		\$2348.00
Cash Balance from Previous Year .....		1170.59
Total Receipts plus Cash Balance .....		3518.59

**Disbursements:—**

<b>To Rev. Sheets and Rev. McIntyre—</b>		
Foreign Missions .....	132.26	
General Dues .....	196.33	
Education .....	31.39	
Japanese Mission Fund under Rev. Tsutada .....	30.00	
"Extra for us, extra for you" offering .....	7.00	
Wesleyan Youth Headquarters Building .....	7.00	
Total in American Funds .....	403.98	
Total in Canadian Funds .....	407.16	407.16
<b>To Rev. Weaver:—</b>		
Conference Missions .....		137.23
Printing of 1954-1955 Minutes (W. Y. Part) .....		80.22
<b>To Rev. F. R. Birch:—</b>		
Bible School in India .....	50.00	
In Canadian Funds .....		49.75
<b>To Rev. Thomas Boghosian:—</b>		
Area Dues .....		9.25
<b>Convention Expenses—</b>		
Rev. H. K. Sheets—Speaker—(in American 175.00)		
In Canadian Funds .....	174.10	
Christianaires Trio—(in American 150.00)		
In Canadian Funds .....	149.10	
Cooks .....	50.00	
Food .....	79.14	
Defray use of campgrounds .....	35.00	
Oil Cloth .....	7.84	
Fly Bomb .....	1.80	
<b>To the Gage Printing Co. Toronto</b>		
75 Window Cards (2 colors) .....	16.00	
400 6 page folders (2 colors) .....	24.00	
10% Sales Tax on above .....	4.00	
<b>To Rev. Summers—President</b>		
Owing from last Conference year .....	1.16	
Expenses incurred during year .....	45.01	
To Rev. Kielty—Honorary President (Travel) .....	3.00	
To Mr. Athol Dale—Vice-President (Travel) .....	8.00	
To Miss Verda LeRoy—Former Secretary (Travel) .....	5.00	
Plaque for Belleville Society .....	15.14	
Conference Entertainment .....	30.00	

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Supper for Executive .....	8.30	
Stamps .....	1.00	
Miscellaneous .....	.65	
Total Disbursed .....		\$1341.85
Total Receipts plus '54 - '55 Cash Balance .....		3518.59
Cash Balance 1955-'56 .....		\$2176.74

COURTNEY ROBINSON, Treasurer.

ANNUAL W. Y. P. S. STATISTICAL REPORT OF CANADA CONFERENCE

	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youth	"A" Rating	"B" Rating	"C" Rating	Conference Dues	General Dues	Church Extension	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Local Work	Other Items	Total Receipts plus Balance	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
Belleville .....	20	—	46	A	—	—	13.50	27.00	148.50	5.00	92.50	47.50	514.49	130.39	1085.82	978.88	106.94
Brockville .....	7	—	9	A	—	—	5.00	10.00	33.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	7.84	10.73	92.96	80.57	12.39
Cornwall .....	13	5	10	A	—	—	6.17	11.83	49.50	1.00	17.50	17.50	79.17	—	191.67	182.67	9.00
Inkerman .....	15	—	10	—	B	—	7.50	15.00	85.50	—	—	—	67.55	1.61	177.16	177.16	—
Newington .....	7	3	11	—	B	—	4.00	8.00	44.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	—	20.00	85.49	85.00	.49
North Bay .....	5	4	12	—	B	—	3.50	7.00	38.50	2.67	3.00	3.00	73.07	—	147.72	130.74	16.98
Ottawa .....	29	—	59	A	—	—	14.00	28.00	154.00	5.00	18.50	18.48	168.86	50.55	469.68	457.39	12.29
Powassan .....	8	3	15	A	—	—	3.00	6.00	34.00	3.00	8.72	8.71	169.08	56.04	296.18	288.55	7.63
Shawville .....	15	—	21	—	B	—	7.50	18.00	82.50	30.00	—	—	61.00	61.26	276.90	260.26	16.64
Toronto .....	29	—	70	A	—	—	14.00	28.00	152.00	4.17	44.54	44.54	283.70	—	596.48	570.95	25.53
Waltham .....	10	3	10	—	B	—	5.00	12.50	55.00	3.55	5.00	5.00	15.47	75.00	262.41	176.52	85.89
Winchester .....	16	11	22	A	—	—	12.50	25.00	137.50	—	78.53	—	—	122.95	473.14	376.48	96.66
Totals .....	174	29	295				95.67	196.33	1014.00	61.39	276.29	152.73	1440.23	528.53	4155.61	3765.17	390.44