

MINUTES  
OF THE  
SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
IOWA CONFERENCE  
OF THE  
Wesleyan Methodist Connection,  
or Church, of America

HELD AT  
CHARLES CITY, IOWA,  
AUGUST 14-19, 1917

W. R. EMERSON, President  
R. WESLEY MACK, Sec'y

# The Iowa Conference

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## CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President.....W. R. Emerson, Charles City, Iowa.  
Vice-President.....F. Betzer, LaPorte City, Iowa.  
Secretary.....R. Wesley Mack, Miltonvale, Kansas.  
(Broughton, Kansas, after March 1, 1918)  
Treasurer.....Ulis Hekel, Charles City, Iowa.  
Sabbath School Secretary...G. E. Ellis, University Park, Ia.  
Statistical Secretary.....D. F. Smith, Bristow, Iowa.  
Tithing Secretary...Miss Ida Gorman, Zumbro Falls, Minn.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Frank Ballou, University Park, Ia.....Term expires 1918.  
William M. Gipe, LaPorte City, Ia.....Term expires 1919.  
A. W. Curry .....Term expires 1920.  
A. B. Gould.....Term expires 1921.  
C. S. Weigel, Marengo, Ia.....Term expires 1922.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

Advisory Board—R. W. Mack and W. M. Gipe.  
Missionary Board—W. R. Emerson, C. S. Weigel and F. J. Wilson.  
Judiciary Committee—J. F. Hiner, R. W. Mack, W. R. Emerson and F. Betzer.  
Committee on Presidency—F. J. Wilson, U. Hekel, C. S. Weigel, G. W. Winterink and W. N. Walton.  
Sunday School Board—G. E. Ellis, Mrs. Jennie Emerson and Miss Mabel Young.  
Student Committee—I. E. Bradley, F. J. Wilson and W. R. Emerson.  
Camp Meeting Committee—C. S. Weigel, Ulis Hekel and H. D. Williams.



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### DAILY PROCEEDINGS

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As previously arranged, the Iowa Conference met for its sixty-fourth annual session immediately following the Annual Conference Camp Meeting on the Campus of the former German Methodist College, at Charles City, Ia., Tuesday, August 14, 1917, at half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Conference was called to order by the President, Rev. W. R. Emerson. After a song the President conducted devotionals, reading from Hebrews 7:23 to 28, and fervently prayed God's blessing upon our deliberations.

In the absence of the Conference Secretary, Sister Gould, the Rev. Ulis Hekel was elected Secretary pro tem for this forenoon meeting.

The Chair appointed Brethren Hiner and Bradley as a Committee on Credentials.

The above Committee presented the credentials of John Yancey as delegate from Charles City.

The Chair designated the first three rows of seats in the front of the Tabernacle as the Bar of Conference.

As a Nominating Committee J. F. Hiner, John Yancey, Frank Betzer and W. N. Walton were named by the Chair.

The Rev. R. W. Pryor, of Minnesota, was introduced to the Conference and invited to an honorary seat in the Conference.

Motion to adjourn. Dismissed by the Rev. Ira E. Bradley.

#### First Day. Afternoon Meeting.

Scripture reading from Colossians third chapter and prayer by the Rev. J. F. Hiner.

R. Wesley Mack was elected Secretary pro tem.

Roll was called and the minutes of the forenoon meeting read.

The Committee on Credentials named Mrs. Jeanette Johnson as delegate from West Union.

On motion, the Revs. J. F. Hiner and G. E. Ellis were elected to fill vacancies on the Committee of Itinerancy and Orders until the regular election of officers.

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The President read a communication from the Rev. A. W. Curry in which he made request for a letter of standing. Request granted.

The Committee on Credentials named Miss Mabel Young as delegate from Charles City and Howardville charge.

A communication from the Little Pine (Minn.) charge was read by the President and referred to the Committee of Itinerancy and Orders.

On motion of F. Betzer, Conference adjourned at 2:30 P. M. for committee work.

Benediction by Prof. H. W. McDowell, of Miltonvale College.

### Second Day. Forenoon Meeting.

Opening song service led by the Rev. G. E. Ellis.

Scripture lesson from Isaiah 12, and prayer by the Rev. C. P. Carkuff.

Roll called and minutes read and approved.

The Credentials Committee read the credentials of delegates-elect as follows: Miss Delia Howlett, Marengo; D. L. Stone, Dundee; W. N. Walton, Hoover; W. G. Winterink, St. Charles; and Miss Golda McCann, Guthrie Center Circuit.

The Committee on Nominations made report. On motion of D. F. Smith the report was adopted item by item. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 were adopted. Report referred back to the Committee for further items.

On motion, the Rev. F. Betzer was elected Treasurer for this session of Conference to act in the absence of the Conference Treasurer.

The Rev. C. S. Weigel was elected Vice-President to fill the vacancy.

On motion, election of Conference officers was made the order of the day on Thursday afternoon following devotionals.

On motion the President was authorized to name a Committee on Special Orders.

The passage of character was taken up and the following names were called and disposed of as follows: Rev. C. M. Howe. Not having work assigned him for the past two years, the President stated that his name was passed to the Unstationed List. Rev. B. F. Logsdon having died during the past year, his name was ordered passed to the Roll of Honored Dead.



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The Chair was authorized to name a committee to have charge of memorial services in honor of the late Rev. Logsdon.

The name of Rev. R. C. Moulton was called. A communication from him was read, in which he requested that his name be dropped from the roll. Request granted.

The name of the Rev. A. W. Curry was called and his statistical report read by the Secretary. His character was passed.

Rev. G. J. Cameron's name was called. No communication. Character passed.

Rev. L. W. Easton's name was called. A splendid communication from him was read, and on motion the Secretary was instructed to write a letter to him expressing appreciation of his fidelity to the cause of Christ and our branch of His Church.

The name of Rev. J. T. Platt was called. No communication. His character was passed. Also Revs. W. H. Riley, Bertha Ellis and J. W. Leedy.

The Committee on Credentials reported the names of Miss Lottie Buttermore and Miss Mary Gorman as delegates from South Troy charge.

The Chair appointed Miss Lottie Buttermore and Miss Mabel Young as lay members of the Itinerancy and Orders Committee.

Conference adjourned by motion. Benediction by the Rev. W. E. Reeve.

### Second Day. Afternoon.

Devotionals were led by the Rev. I. E. Bradley, who read from the 16th chapter of Matthew and offered prayer.

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

The Committee on Credentials reported duly elected delegates as follows: William Williams, Pleasant Hill charge; H. D. Williams, Fair View; W. M. Gipe, Emmanuel.

The chair appointed R. Wesley Mack as a Committee on Courtesies.

The above named committee presented "Grandma" M. J. Smith, widow of the late Rev. G. W. Smith, of the Dakota Conference; also President H. W. McDowell, of the Miltonvale College. Each of the above named made appropriate remarks.

The Chair appointed to the Committee of Special Orders the following: Rev. J. F. Hiner, Rev. George Doty and John Yancey.

The Committee of Itinerancy and Orders made partial report

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relative to the case of the Rev. R. W. Pryor. Report adopted. See report.

The Committee on Nominations made further report. Items 11 and 12 were read and adopted. On motion the report as a whole was adopted.

The Committee to search for and report on Standing Rules and Resolutions made report which was adopted. See report.

The Chair read a communication from the Conference Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Gould, who is unable to be present at this session of Conference.

At 2 o'clock the Rev. R. W. Pryor preached from a text found in John 12:24.

At 3:30 o'clock Conference was called by the Chair.

In the absence of the Connectional Agent with books for sale, the Rev. E. R. Dodd was requested to place on sale books from our Publishing House.

The Conference expressed itself by vote as being favorable to holding religious services each afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Committee on Special Orders made partial report as follows: 1st, That President McDowell's address on Connectional interests be heard at 10:30 Thursday forenoon; 2nd, That the hour of 3:30 Friday afternoon be given to President McDowell to address the Conference on our Educational interests. The above partial report was adopted.

Conference adjourned by vote at 4:45 P. M. Benediction by the Rev. A. Johnson.

### Third Day. Thursday Forenoon.

Devotionals were led by the Rev. A. Johnson, who read Mark 4:1-20 and prayed.

The Roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved.

Announcements were made by the President.

The Vice-President being called to the chair, Rev. Emerson made report for the Missionary Board. Moved and supported that the report be adopted.

The Rev. W. E. Reeve being called, gave an interesting report of the new work at Little Pine and other points in Minnesota.

The above report was adopted. See report.



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Rev. Emerson then made his official report as Conference President.

It was moved and supported that the report be adopted.

An amendment prevailed referring the financial part of the President's Report to the Auditing Committee.

Pending the adoption of the President's report the Rev. Mrs. Anna K. Folger, General Conference W. H. & F. M. Society Organizer, was presented by the Committee on Courtesies, and introduced to the Conference. She briefly addressed the Conference.

The Credentials Committee made partial report, naming Mrs. Maud Sauer and Mrs. Maggie Schuman as delegates-elect from Hoover charge. The time for the orders of the day having arrived, Professor McDowell delivered an interesting and instructive address on Connectional interests, after which Conference stood adjourned by limitation. Benediction by the Rev. A. Cameron.

### Third Day. Afternoon.

The afternoon meeting was opened by Scripture reading from First John and prayer by the Rev. W. E. Reeve.

The roll was called and minutes read and approved.

The Auditing Committee made partial report relative to the financial part of the President's report. A motion to adopt prevailed. A motion to adopt the President's report likewise prevailed.

Conference proceeded to the election of Conference officers. The Chair appointed Rev. Ulis Hekel and John Yancey as tellers.

Upon the first ballot Rev. W. R. Emerson was elected President.

For Vice-President—Rev. F. Betzer.

For Secretary—Rev. R. Wesley Mack.

For Treasurer—Rev. Ulis Hekel.

For Conference Trustee for a term of five years—Rev. C. S. Weigel.

The following were elected to the Committee of Itinerancy and Orders: Rev. F. Betzer, for two years, to fill vacancy occasioned by the removal of Rev. Gould from the Conference; Rev. J. F. Hiner, for three years, and Rev. A. Johnson for four years.

A motion prevailed to elect the remainder of the officers by acclamation, and the following were elected to the respective offices:

Sunday School Secretary—Rev. G. E. Ellis.

Statistical Secretary—Rev. D. F. Smith.

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Tithing Secretary—Miss Ida Gorman.

Advisory Board—Rev. R. Wesley Mack and W. M. Gipe.

Missionary Board—The Conference President, Rev. C. S. Weigel and Rev. F. J. Wilson.

Judiciary Committee—Revs. J. F. Hiner, R. W. Mack, W. R. Emerson and F. Betzer.

Committee on Presidency—Rev. F. J. Wilson, Rev. U. Hekel, Rev. C. S. Weigel, G. W. Winterink and W. N. Walton.

Sunday School Board—Rev. G. E. Ellis, Mrs. Jennie Emerson and Miss Mabel Young.

Student Committee—Revs. I. E. Bradley, F. J. Wilson and W. R. Emerson.

A motion prevailed that there be but three members on the Camp Meeting Committee—two elders and one layman.

Camp Meeting Committee—Rev. C. S. Weigel, Rev. U. Hekel and H. D. Williams.

At the conclusion of the above election a motion to adjourn prevailed. The Rev. D. F. Smith pronounced the benediction.

### Fourth Day. Forenoon.

Roll called and minutes read and approved.

The Rev. George Doty lead in the devotionals by reading the 18th Psalm and offering prayer.

The Credentials Committee made partial report, naming Mrs. Carrie Ernst as delegate from Albaton charge.

The Rev. E. S. Davidson, a converted Jew of West Falls, N. Y., was introduced to the Conference and stated that he would be pleased to address the Conference in the interest of his people, the Jews, at a later date.

The Special Orders Committee announced Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock as the time for Memorial services.

Moved and supported that the Rev. F. Betzer act as Conference Reporter. Moved and supported to amend the motion by substituting the name of Miss Mabel Young. Amendment prevailed. A motion to adopt the motion prevailed.

The Committee on Moral Reforms tendered its report, which was unanimously adopted. See report.

Communications and recommendations were read by the Con-



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ference Secretary and referred to the proper committees as per previous arrangement.

A motion prevailed that the Statistical Committee report on the completeness of statistical reports and report to the Conference body to take the place of public reading of said reports.

The Rev. Emerson made a very interesting verbal report as delegate to the Iowa State Christian Association meeting held at Sheldon, Iowa, October 16, 17 and 18, 1916.

In the passage of character the following named were called and characters declared passed. Revs. G. S. Fry, F. A. Butterfield, W. H. Riley, G. E. Ellis, G. C. Houck, George Doty, Ina Doty, and Missionaries, Miss May Lord, Miss Miriam Day, Miss Delia Howlett, Dr. Alice Thomas and Dr. Ruby Paine.

The Statistical Committee made partial report relative to pastors' reports. The partial report was adopted.

The name of the Rev. George Smith was called in the passage of character, and on motion his character was passed. Also the following named: Rev. W. E. Reeve, Rev. A. M. Stevens and Rev. D. W. Scott.

Conference adjourned by limitation. Benediction by the Rev. E. S. Davidson.

### Fourth Day. Afternoon.

Devotionals were conducted by Rev. Davidson, a Christian Jew, who read and commented upon Romans 11 and offered prayer.

Roll call and minutes read, corrected and approved.

Recommendations of Revs. Aaron Cameron and Henry Weigel were read and passed to the Itinerancy and Orders Committee.

A motion prevailed that the Itinerancy and Orders Committee be authorized and instructed to prepare a list of questions for the use of pastors and churches requesting them for use in the preliminary examination of licentiates in harmony with paragraph 259 of the Discipline.

The time having arrived for the order of the day, Prof. H. W. McDowell delivered a very interesting and instructive address, after reading from 2nd Timothy 4th chapter. Text, "Make full proof of thy ministry." Remarks by the Conference President and prayer by the Rev. E. R. Dodd, President of the Wisconsin Conference.

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President McDowell then addressed the Conference in the interest of our denominational schools.

Regular Conference business was then taken up.

On motion of F. Betzer, under suspension of the rule relating to the seating of officers, the Treasurer-elect was instructed to assume at once the responsibilities of his office.

On motion the books of the Treasurer, Rev. F. J. Wilson, were referred to the Auditing Committee.

Motion to adjourn prevailed. Benediction by Rev. R. W. Pryor.

### Fifth Day. Forenoon.

The Rev. G. C. Houck read the 37th Psalm and offered prayer. Roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The Committee of Itinerancy and Orders made partial report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Disbursement of Superannuated Ministers' Funds tendered its report. Report adopted. See report.

The Committee on Sunday Schools likewise made report, which report was adopted.

The passage of character was again taken up and the following names were called and characters declared passed: Revs. W. R. Emerson, R. Wesley Mack, F. Betzer, A. Johnson, G. C. Houck, I. E. Bradley, J. F. Hiner, D. F. Smith and C. S. Weigel.

Upon request the chair made the following ruling regarding receipts presented to the Treasurer: "That the Treasurer is responsible for recording only receipts sent to him."

The name of the Rev. B. J. Hoover was called and his character passed by vote, he being absent.

The name of the Rev. W. E. Reeve was also called and passed.

On motion the matter of locating the place of meeting of the next Conference and Camp Meeting was left with the Camp Meeting Committee and the Conference President.

It was also voted to hold the Camp Meeting and Conference next year in the same order as held this year, viz., the Camp Meeting first.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to have the Minutes published by our Publishing House at Syracuse, N. Y., and to draw upon the Conference Treasurer to cover necessary expense.

The following motion prevailed: Moved that the Camp Meeting



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Committee be instructed to provide a banner of a permanent character, to be used annually, at the Conference and Camp Meeting, and also such other advertising matter as they deem advisable, the expense of same to be paid from the Camp Meeting Fund.

Conference adjourned by motion. Benediction by R. W. Mack.

### Fifth Day. Afternoon.

Memorial services were conducted in memory of the late Rev. B. F. Logsdon, an elder of this Conference. Appropriate music was rendered and Scriptures read and prayer offered. Remarks relative to his life and labors were made by Revs. Johnson, Emerson and Mack.

The Conference President was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to the bereaved family and to express to them our appreciation of his services rendered in our Conference.

Following the above memorial services, the roll was called and the minutes read, corrected and approved.

On motion Conference adjourned to the call of the Chair.

At 6:15 o'clock Conference was called to order by the Chair.

A part of the Treasurer's report, kept at this session by the Rev. F. Betzer, in the absence of the regular Treasurer, the Rev. F. J. Wilson, was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The portion kept by the Rev. Ulis Hekel was likewise read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Treasurer's report by Rev. F. J. Wilson was read by Rev. F. Betzer.

A summary of all the above named partial Treasurers' reports was read by Treasurer Hekel. See report.

The Auditing Committee made report, which was adopted. See report.

On motion the Treasurer's report was adopted.

In the passage of character the names of the Revs. F. J. Wilson and Ulis Hekel were called and their characters declared passed.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made completed report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Apportionment of the Budget made report, which was adopted.

Committee on Building Funds made report, which was adopted.

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The Committee on Thanks also reported and said report was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions made report, which was adopted and by vote ordered published in the Wesleyan Methodist, and Revs. Betzer and Ellis were appointed a committee to send a telegram to the United States President in harmony with the provisions of the above named resolutions.

The Committee on Statistics also reported. Report adopted.

A motion prevailed rescinding the Standing Rule adopted in 1911 relating to the authorization of the Conference Treasurer to loan funds.

On motion it was ordered to pay to the ex-Treasurer, Rev. F. J. Wilson, and the present Conference Secretary each \$10 from the Conference Fund.

The Committee on Pastoral Relations made report, which report was adopted.

The Committee on Postoffice Addresses made report.

On motion the Chairman of the Camp Meeting Committee was instructed to prepare for publication an account of the Camp Meeting and forward to the Secretary to be embodied in the published Minutes.

On motion the Conference President was authorized to take subscriptions at the Sabbath morning services for the Church Extension Fund.

The Conference Treasurer was instructed to pay to the Secretary and the Statistical Committee a sum sufficient to cover expense of necessary stationery, etc.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion Conference adjourned sine die at 7:30 P. M.

The President led in prayer and all joined in singing the Doxology, and the benediction was pronounced by the Conference Secretary.

All of the Sabbath services were signally owned of the Lord, and His presence was very manifest. A goodly number received definite help during the series of meetings of the Camp Meeting and Conference.

R. Wesley Mack, Conference Secretary.



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### STANDING RULES AND RESOLUTIONS

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By an act of Conference, the Conference Secretary was instructed to include in the published Minutes all Standing Rules and Resolutions of this Conference.

On page 3 of Vol. 3 of the Conference Records the following is found:

"On motion of Rev. S. A. Gilley, all resolutions of this Conference in annual session so far as adopted at previous meetings are hereby repealed."

Page 138, Vol. 3: "Ordered that, until further notice, Annual Conference shall convene on Tuesday, not Wednesday as heretofore."

Page 272, Vol. 3: "Resolved, (1) That the President of the Conference be constituted permanent chairman of the Committee of Religious Services; (2) That the pastor and first delegate from the charge at which the next Conference is to be held be constituted the remaining members of the committee for the session."

Page 274, Vol. 3: "Resolved, That all Sunday Schools under the pastoral oversight of Wesleyan Methodist pastors may be included in the statistical report of the pastor having said school in charge."

Adopted 1906: "Resolved, (1) That the fixing of the time of the sessions of the Conference be hereafter left with the Conference President and Connectional officers; and that they be requested to fix the time before the first of September if possible; (2) That the time of opening and closing the meetings of the sessions be fixed as follows: Forenoon meetings open at 9:30 and close at 11:30; afternoon meetings at 1:00 and close at the discretion of the body; (3) That the bar of the Conference be fixed and announced by the Conference President; (4) That all visiting brethren and sisters in harmony with our doctrines and principles are invited to honorary seats."

Adopted 1906: "Resolved, That the Conference tents be in charge of the Conference President, who shall see that they have proper care and storage. He may rent the same when not in use to outside parties as opportunity affords, and his judgment directs, or on such terms as he and the desiring parties may agree upon."

Adopted 1911: "Resolved, That all papers and documents be referred to their respective committees."

Adopted 1911: "The Missionary Board is hereby authorized to pay out all moneys to be paid from the Conference Fund."



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Adopted 1912: "Resolved, That all reports of committees be made in writing, complete and ready for the printer and handed to the Secretary at the earliest possible date after such report is made."

Adopted 1912: "Resolved, (1) That the Conference President be required, authorized and appointed to travel the Conference as President, having general supervision of the spiritual interests and benevolences thereof, holding at least one service at each of the churches during the year under such dates as he may announce in advance; (2) he shall raise funds to meet the demands of the Conference work, and receive contributions for missions, education, superannuated ministers where there are no pastors and assist the pastors in raising the same where desired; (3) he shall have general supervision of the church property within the bounds of the Conference, and shall inquire into the titles of the same to see that no property is loosely held, and shall look after the rental of Conference property, and see that the rent is placed in the Conference Treasury; and shall investigate the possibility and the feasibility of the sale of Conference property not in use, and report his findings at the next session of the Conference; (4) he shall devote as much time as possible and as occasion may afford in quarterly and other meetings; (5) he shall be paid from the Conference Fund the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) and traveling expenses per year for his services, the same to be paid quarterly."

Adopted 1913: "Resolved, That the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders be ordered to furnish a list of the Conference preachers and licentiates entitled to vote at each Annual Conference, as provided by the Discipline."

Adopted 1913: "Resolved, That an elder on the stationed list holding church and Conference membership in this Conference and residing without its bounds, the local church to which he belongs is entitled to a delegate for said elder."

Adopted 1912: "Resolved, That Conference officers be not seated until the close of the Conference session at which they are elected."

Adopted 1913: "Resolved, That the Committee of Itinerancy and Orders be ordered to furnish a list of Conference Preachers and Licentiates entitled to vote at each Annual Conference, as provided by the Discipline."

Adopted 1914: "Resolved, That the President be authorized to grant letters to members of disbanded classes."



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### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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#### REPORT OF THE CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE.

The camp meeting of the Iowa Conference is now a matter of history, having been held on the College Campus in Charles City, Iowa, August 19 to 26, 1917.

We thank our Heavenly Father for His presence in saving and sanctifying power. A goodly number sought and received the forgiveness of their sins, while others pressed forward into the blessed experience of entire sanctification, and their clear-cut testimonies were proof that the blood has never lost its power.

Rev. W. L. Thompson, of New Castle, Indiana, was the Evangelist in charge. He brought the messages with no uncertain sound. Brother Thompson is a man approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, and the truth was brought home to hearts in a searching manner, yet in a loving and tender spirit.

Rev. G. Edwin Ellis, our singing evangelist of University Park, Iowa, had charge of the singing. Brother Ellis is well and favorably known among us, and many were the blessings showered upon us as he sang the glorious old Gospel in song.

We would not forget the aid rendered us by the German Methodists and their District Superintendent, Rev. John H. Klaus, who preached for us a message full of salvation which greatly cheered and encouraged our hearts.

The location and conveniences of the camp were delightful. Ample room for the tents was found beneath the evergreen trees. The white tents underneath the beautiful green of the trees, together with the spiritual atmosphere pervading the place, caused one to think of the "Pearly White City, that's soon coming down."

On calling for financial help for the expenses of the meeting, the people responded with the generous subscription of about two hundred and fifty dollars, which covered all expenses.

Now let us bow our heads and ask God's blessing upon the people of St. Charles and Charles City and Howardville, that the

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seed sown among them in this campaign may continue to spring forth and bear fruit until Jesus comes, and that many of their number may with us be gathered unto the Lord at His glorious appearing.

(Signed)

C. S. Weigel,  
W. R. Emerson,  
J. F. Hiner,  
B. J. Hoover,  
Wm. Gipe,  
F. Ballou,

Camp Meeting Committee.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES.

Report of Committee appointed to search Minutes for standing Rules and Resolutions that fail to appear in the printed Minutes.

1912. "Resolved, That Conference officers be not seated until the close of the Conference session at which they are elected.

1913: "On motion that it be a Standing Rule of the Conference, the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was ordered to furnish a list of Conference preachers and licentiates entitled to vote at each Annual Conference as provided by Discipline."

1914. "The President was authorized to grant letters to members of disbanded classes."

Signed,

G. S. Fry,  
Frank Betzer,

## BUILDING FUNDS COMMITTEE.

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

We recommend that the \$100.00 loaned the Hoover charge be continued another year without interest.

Signed,

C. S. Weigel,  
Ulis Hekel,  
H. D. Williams.



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### COMMITTEE ON DISBURSEMENTS OF SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND.

We recommend disbursements as follows:

To Mrs. A. B. Cameron .....	\$25.00
To Mrs. S. A. Gilley .....	25.00
To Mrs. Thomas Hartley .....	25.00

Signed,

C. S. Weigel,  
W. E. Reeve,  
R. Wesley Mack.

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### REPORT OF MISSIONARY BOARD.

The prophet foretells the great mission of Jesus Christ in the words: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; . . . and they shall build the old wastes; they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations."

The acceptable year of the Lord must still be proclaimed. There are waste places to be builded, there is yet much land to be possessed. The fields are white to the harvest in the homelands, and need reapers.

We have been seeking to build up the fields which are not self-supporting and to push out into the new. The Church Extension Fund is still young and not of large proportions, but it has been growing during the year. Aside from the regular contributions received, a special plea for this fund was made through the Wesleyan Methodist and about one hundred dollars was received through this plea. Rev. W. E. Reeve has been actively engaged in the new field opened in Minnesota, and his labors have been blessed of the Lord. We trust to see the Church Extension Fund grow and the work of extension spreading until many new fields are opened and the work greatly enlarged in the salvation of souls and the permanent building of spiritual churches.

We have given help from the Church Extension Fund during the year as follows:

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Nov. 11—To Rev. W. E. Reeve, Minnesota .....	\$50.00
Jan. 29—To Rev. George Smith, Bethel .....	20.00
Feb. 15—To Rev. W. E. Reeve, Minnesota .....	50.00
May 9—To Rev. Ira E. Bradley, West Union .....	25.00
May 19—To Rev. A. P. Cameron, Diagonal .....	30.00
July 11—To Rev. W. E. Reeve, Minnesota .....	25.00
Total .....	\$200.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Emerson,  
A. B. Gould,  
F. J. Wilson,  
Missionary Board.

## SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Impressions are most deeply made upon the mind of a child while young. Youth is the time to teach the Word of God. In view of this fact we cannot emphasize too strongly the work of the Sabbath School.

In our Sabbath Schools we need trained Christian teachers; therefore we recommend that each pastor urge his people to organize the Teacher's Training Class that we may have more efficient workers in this important branch of the Lord's work.

Let us pray much that the Sabbath Schools throughout our Connection may be built up and our ranks may be filled with earnest, consecrated workers in the cause of Christ.

Delia Howlett,  
Mary Gorman.

## COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM.

The past year has been one fraught with some of the most tremendous problems that have ever confronted us as a nation. The great war in Europe, which has become world-wide, has wrought many changes both in the political and moral world; and while we deplore the conditions incident to war and are appalled that mankind can deliberately plan by every conceivable invention to mow down and crush out the lives of their fellowmen, yet we cannot but believe that it is a divine harbinger of the new day, which will be ushered in by the coming of the Great King.



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At such a time as this the nations of the world, on either side, seem to be of the same mind, that if they are to be victorious they must not only look well to the material preparation, but to the moral condition of the nation as well.

Therefore most of the nations have prohibited the manufacture and sale of intoxicants throughout their dominions; and while many compromises have been offered, our own beloved nation has awakened to the situation and the Senate has just passed a bill, which if ratified by the States, will become a law that shall banish from these United States the abominable rum traffic.

When this is accomplished, and we believe it is sure to come in the very near future, the next great evil that must have our attention—and which we believe will be even harder to exterminate—is the tobacco evil. Many do not look upon it as an evil, but when we see how many are affected by its use and are made unfit physically, mentally and morally for the common vocations of life, so much so that employers who make no pretensions of a religious life have dismissed from their employ those who are addicted to its use, it is time for the Church of God, of whatever denomination, to cry out against this curse until it shall be abolished.

May we as a Church not cease to preach and practice a Gospel that can break the fetters that bind humanity, and may we as individuals register against evil both by our life and by our vote.

G. Edwin Ellis,  
R. Wesley Pryor,  
Ina Doty.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. Whereas, The Giver of all good gifts hath been pleased to permit the members of the Iowa Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America to assemble in regular session, and further hath granted unto us ideal weather conditions; therefore be it

Resolved, That we acknowledge our gratitude to God for the manifestation of His omnipotence, mercy and loving-kindness, and that we supplicate the throne of grace for a continuation of His manifestation that the effectiveness of the Conference may be increased, its borders enlarged, and Scriptural holiness spread throughout its bounds.

2. Whereas, It seems that we have fallen upon a time when

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carnality's power seems to be exerted in an unprecedented manner, when the inventive genius of man is exhausted in the effort to formulate plans and construct machinery to destroy the life and property of his fellow being, be it

Resolved, That we, as individual members of this body, beseech God for an especial manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of men that the selfish aims and ambitions of lust-hungry rulers may be abated; that swords may be beaten into ploughshares, spears into pruninghooks; and nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither learn war any more.

Whereas, Our Government has placed in the hands of our President absolute power to control the liquor traffic; and,

Whereas, He seems disposed to be lenient toward the manufacturers of beer and wines; and,

Whereas, We as a Connection believe the principles for which Christ and the Bible stand prohibit the use of intoxicating liquors; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Conference telegraph the President our sentiments on this matter. We recommend that a committee of two be appointed by the President to draft said telegram.

Whereas, We are living in a time when the enemies of righteousness are many, denying the divinity of Jesus Christ our Saviour, and endeavoring to reason away the benefits of the atonement, be it

Resolved, That we as a Conference and Church redouble our diligence in practicing and setting forth the principles that Christ taught and for which He died.

Frank Betzer,  
Ira E. Bradley,  
Geo. H. Doty.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL ORDERS.

1. That Professor McDowell be given the hour of 10:30 A. M. to present the Connectional interests, also that he be given the hour of 3 P. M. Friday to present the Educational interests.

2. That the memorial services be held at 1 o'clock P. M. Saturday.

3. That the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society be given the hour of 8 P. M. Saturday evening.

4th. That Rev. E. S. Davidson be given the hour of 2:30 P. M.



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Sunday to give his address on the subject, "How a Hebrew Found Christ."

J. F. Hiner,  
John W. Yancey.

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### REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Auditing Committee, submit the following report:

Item 1. That we have examined the books and accounts of the Conference President and find them correct and properly balanced.

Item 2. That we have examined the books and accounts of the Conference Treasurers, Revs. Wilson, Betzer and Hekel, and find them correct and properly balanced.

J. F. Hiner,  
Mabel Young,  
R. Wesley Pryor.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT OF BUDGET.

Bennezette .....	\$58.25
Bethel .....	42.50
Diagonal .....	6.75
Emmanuel .....	139.50
Guthrie Center .....	78.75
South Troy .....	101.25
West Union .....	36.00
Little Pine .....	22.50
Pleasant Hill .....	36.00
Fairview .....	157.50
Hoover .....	99.00
Albaton .....	92.25
Dundee .....	76.75
St. Charles .....	103.50
Dayton .....	166.50
Charles City and Howardville .....	101.25
Wayne .....	9.00
Pilot Rock .....	18.00

Frank Betzer,  
G. Winterink,  
Maud Sauer.

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### VOTE OF THANKS.

Under the providential care of God we have been able to assemble once more in our Annual Conference to enjoy the blessings that come to us on such occasions. We have not been unmindful of the untiring efforts put forth by those who have made our stay so pleasant. We, therefore, wish to offer our sincere thanks to the pastors and people of the Charles City and Howardville and St. Charles charges for their thoughtfulness and untiring effort to make our stay here so pleasant.

We wish to especially thank the ladies at the dining tent; also the Camp Meeting Committee for the provision made for our many needs while on the grounds.

W. M. Gipe,

D. F. Smith,

Committee.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Committee on Pastoral Relations—W. R. Emerson, R. W. Mack, D. F. Smith, J. W. Yancey, W. N. Walton.

Committee on Examination of Character—W. R. Emerson, C. S. Weigel, Jeanette Johnson.

Auditing Committee—J. F. Hiner, Mabel Young, R. W. Pryor.

Committee on Sunday Schools—Delia Howlett, Mary Gorman, George Barnett.

Committee on Moral Reform—G. E. Ellis, R. W. Pryor, Ina Doty.

Committee on Resolutions—Frank Betzer, Ira Bradley, Geo. Doty.

Committee on Post Offices—Mabel Young, Lottie Buttermore.

Committee on Building Fund—C. S. Weigel, Ulis Hekel, Horace Williams.

Committee on Vote of Thanks—D. F. Smith, William Gipe.

Committee on Apportionment of Budget—Frank Betzer, G. W. Winterink, Maud Sauer.

Committee on Statistics—Mary Gorman, G. E. Ellis, J. W. Yancey.

Committee on Disbursement of Superannuated Ministers' Fund—C. S. Weigel, R. W. Mack, W. E. Reeve.

J. F. Hiner,

Frank Betzer,

John Yancey,

W. N. Walton.



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### COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY AND ORDERS.

1. Committee on Itinerancy and Orders make partial report as follows:

We recommend that R. Wesley Pryor be received as a licentiate in the Conference on his recommendation from the Little Pine Church.  
Signed, Committee.

2. Rev. W. E. Reeve, having passed Discipline and Pentateuch, we recommend that he be continued in the Conference course of study.

3. Rev. Alfred Stephens having passed Roberts' Rules of Order, Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, and Homiletics, we recommend that he be continued in the course of study.

4. Rev. Amy M. Breneman has credits in Plan of Salvation, Evidences of Christianity, Essay, Set. and Devel. of Is., Sermon, Christ and the Gospels, Biblical Geography, Epistles, Sermons II, and having united with another denomination, her name has been dropped from the Conference roll.

5. We recommend that B. J. Hoover be continued in the course of study.

6. Rev. George Smith, having passed Roberts' Rules of Order, and continuing in his pastoral labors, we recommend that he be continued in the course of study.

7. Rev. George Doty, having passed the equivalent of Baptism of the Holy Ghost, Theology of Holiness, Lectures on Preaching, last half of Lee's Theology, we recommend that he be continued in the course of study.

8. Rev. Ina Doty having finished Moral Science, Intellectual Science, we recommend that she be continued in the course of study.

9. Rev. D. W. Scott passed the Pentateuch voluntarily.

10. Having examined the record of R. Wesley Pryor while at Central Holiness University, Oskaloosa, Iowa, we find that he has finished a course equivalent to the course required by the Discipline, with the exception of Roberts' Rules of Order and the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline, we recommend that he pursue these studies.

11. Rev. Walter D. Eastham has finished the course of study at Miltonvale, Kansas, and we recommend him as a suitable person to travel under the direction of the Conference.

12. We recommend that Rev. Henry Weigel be received as a licentiate upon his recommendation from the Fairview Church,

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Marengo, Iowa, and that he be placed in the first year of the course of study.

13. That Rev. Aaron Cameron be received upon his recommendation from the Pleasant Hill charge, and that he be placed in the first year of the course of study.

14. That B. J. Hoover and Rev. George Smith be continued in their present relations to the Conference, provided they pass in the studies in which they are delinquent during the first half of the present year.

### Final Report of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

1. Conference Licentiates serving as Missionaries—Dr. Alice Thomas, May Lord, Miriam Day. On furlough—Dr. Ruby Paine, Delia Howlett.

2. In the first year of the course with studies designated—George Smith, Roberts' Rules of Order; Alfred Stephens, Roberts' Rules of Order, Philosophy of Plan of Salvation, Homiletics; W. E. Reeve, Discipline and Pentateuch; Henry Weigel and Aaron Cameron.

3. In the second year—George Doty, Baptism of the Holy Ghost, Theology of Holiness, Lectures on Preaching, last half of Lee's Theology; Ina Doty, Moral Science, Intellectual Science.

4. In the fourth year—R. Wesley Pryor, Walter Eastham.

5. Licentiates not in the course of study—G. C. Houck, D. W. Scott.

6. Taking course voluntarily with the following credits—May Lord, Pentateuch, Roberts' Rules of Order, English, Discipline, Teacher Training 1 and 2, Binney, Set. and Devel. of Is., Biblical Geography, Teacher Training finished, Perfect Love, Bible finished.

7. Annual Conference Preachers—B. J. Hoover, George Smith, A. M. Stephens, W. E. Reeve, George Doty, Ina Doty, R. Wesley Pryor, P. A. Cameron, Henry Weigel, Walter Eastham.

Signed,

R. Wesley Mack,  
G. Edwin Ellis,  
John F. Hiner,  
Mabel Young,  
Lottie Buttermore,

Committee.



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## TREASURER'S REPORT, 1917.

### Building Fund.

On hand at beginning of Conference year..	\$136.31
Receipts .....	26.94
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Total .....	\$163.25
Disbursements .....	50.46
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On hand August 14, 1917, .....	\$112.79

### Conference Fund.

On hand .....	\$170.21
Receipts .....	307.65
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Total .....	477.86
Disbursements .....	304.75
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On hand .....	\$173.11

### Conference Fund in Minnesota.

On hand .....	\$37.06
Receipts none.	
Disbursements none.	
On hand .....	\$37.06

### Student Fund.

On hand .....	\$58.38
Receipts .....	65.00
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Total .....	\$123.38
Disbursements .....	75.00
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On hand .....	\$48.38

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### Camp Meeting Fund.

On hand .....	\$236.07
Receipts .....	136.50
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Total .....	\$372.57
Disbursements .....	153.70
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On hand .....	\$218.87

### Education.

On hand .....	\$90.13
Receipts .....	221.22
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Total .....	\$311.35
Disbursements .....	217.43
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On hand .....	\$93.92

### Superannuated Ministers.

On hand .....	\$247.29
Receipts .....	81.25
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Total .....	\$328.54
Disbursements .....	75.00
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On hand .....	\$253.54

### Mission Budget.

On hand .....	\$268.97
Receipts .....	304.03
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Total .....	\$573.10
Disbursements .....	339.97
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On hand .....	\$233.13



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### Church Extension.

On hand .....	\$121.11
Receipts .....	193.31
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Total .....	\$314.42
Disbursements .....	200.00
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On hand .....	\$114.42

### Summary.

Total on hand and received during year....	\$2701.53
Total disbursements .....	1416.31
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Total on hand according to Treasurer's book	\$1285.22
Surplus cash .....	4.24
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Cash on hand .....	\$1289.46

## REPORT OF TREASURER PRO TEM.

### Conference Fund.

Receipts .....	\$730.43
Disbursements .....	676.11
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Cash .....	\$54.32

### Missions.

Receipts .....	\$54.39
Disbursements .....	5.00
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Cash .....	\$49.39

### Superannuated Minister's Fund.

Receipts .....	\$38.04
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### • Education.

Receipts .....	\$79.45
Disbursements .....	42.63
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Cash .....	\$36.82

### Church Extension.

Receipts .....	\$12.00
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### Missions, for Africa.

Receipts .....	\$15.00
Disbursements .....	10.00
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Cash .....	\$5.00

### Missions, Foreign Only.

Receipts .....	\$2.10
Disbursements .....	2.10

### Undivided Budget.

Receipts .....	\$41.26
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### Students' Fund.

Receipts .....	\$3.00
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### Camp Meeting Fund.

Receipts .....	\$28.25
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Total Receipts ..... \$1013.92

Total Disbursements ..... 735.84

Total Cash ..... \$278.08

Signed,

Frank Betzer,  
Treasurer Pro Tem.



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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Another year has passed into the score of time and is welded into the records of the past. History is repeating itself in war and bloodshed and strife. Brawn is pitted against brawn, and brain against brain in a desperate struggle for the dominion of the earth. It is as if night had fallen upon the civilization of the world in a reign of gloom and terror and darkness. The architecture of centuries is swept into oblivion in a moment of madness, while the baser passions sway the minds and morals of men. Morality and civilization, Christ and Christianity are all but obscured in the world melee. Now is the test of Christian manhood! Now is the time for Christian warfare! Raise aloft the banner of King Immanuel, inscribed with "Peace on earth, good will to men," and proclaim the Gospel of His kingdom to earth's remotest bounds. The battle is not alone of earth, but of heaven, and right must win. War must cease and the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign.

With gratitude to God for His favor and blessing; with love and good will toward our brethren for their forbearance and co-operation in the work of the past year, we submit our fifth annual report.

1. Sept. 28—Issued church letter of standing to Mrs. Anna Wood, from the lapsed society of Union Ridge.
2. Granted letter of standing to Rev. E. R. Dodd.
3. Oct. 10—Accepted the resignation of Rev. A. B. Gould as Conference Sunday School Secretary, and later appointed Rev. A. P. Breneman and Amy Breneman to fill this vacancy.
4. Oct. 12—Issued church letter to Mrs. Minnie Spangler McConohoy, of Wayne Church (lapsed).
5. Oct. 13—Received word from Rev. R. C. Moulton that he had united with a home church and requested his name dropped from our books.
6. Oct. 21—Renewed the Conference license and the authority to administer the Sacraments, of Rev. B. J. Hoover.
7. Jan. 10—Received Rev. Albert Johnson into the Conference.
8. Feb. 15—Issued Conference license and authority to administer the Sacraments to Rev. A. M. Stephens upon his moving on the work assigned him, as per order of Conference.

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9. April 23—Granted letters of standing to Rev. A. P. Breneman and Amy Breneman.

10. May 2—Appointed Rev. Ulis Hekel as Statistical Secretary to fill the vacancy left by Brother A. P. Breneman.

Appointed Rev. Frank Betzer as Conference Sunday School Secretary to fill the vacancy left by Brother and Sister Breneman.

11. June 1—Shingled the south side of the roof of the Guthrie Center Church at an expense of \$66.30. Raised \$28.00 at Guthrie Center and paid the balance from the Building Fund.

12. July 25—Wrote a letter of standing for Rev. A. B. Gould.

### Rents Received During the Year.

Sept. 4—Guthrie Center Parsonage .....	\$15.00
Dec. 29—Wayne Parsonage .....	48.00
April 8—Guthrie Center Parsonage Barn .....	4.50
May 23—Wayne Parsonage .....	18.00
Total .....	<u>\$85.50</u>

### Disbursements.

Dec. 29—Paid out for repairs on well at the Wayne Parsonage .....	\$13.75
May 23, 1917—Paid for Insurance for five years on Wayne Parsonage .....	4.00
For paper for Wayne Parsonage .....	5.42
Total .....	<u>\$23.17</u>
The balance—\$62.33—was turned into the Treasury.	

### Orders Issued on Treasury.

No. 1. August 28, 1916—Building Fund, Insurance on West Union Church .....	\$4.50
No. 2. June 5—Building Fund, Shingling Guthrie Center Church .....	45.96



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### Finances.

Received by general collections .....	\$649.43
Salary .....	700.00
Traveling expenses .....	146.11

### Recommendations.

We recommend that the church at Masonville be disposed of, either by sale, or moving it to another site, or by wrecking and rebuilding it upon some site within the bounds of the Conference, where a church building is needed; and that such disposal be made under the supervision of and at the discretion of the Missionary Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Emerson,  
President.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

### Elders.

W. R. Emerson .....	Charles City, Iowa.
F. J. Wilson .....	Clarence, Iowa.
George S. Fry .....	Marengo, Iowa.
R. W. Mack .....	Miltonvale, Kansas.
C. M. Howe .....	West Union, Iowa.
J. F. Hiner .....	Quasqueton, Iowa.
D. F. Smith .....	Bristow, Iowa.
F. A. Butterfield .....	330 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, N. Y.
George J. Cameron .....	Daysland, Alberta, Canada.
C. S. Weigel .....	Marengo, Iowa.
L. W. Easton .....	188 Olivewood Ave., Riverside, Cal.
J. F. Platt .....	Lakeside, Neb.
W. H. Riley .....	Upland, Cal.
Ulis Hekel .....	R. F. D., Charles City, Iowa.
Frank Betzer .....	R. F. D., La Porte City, Iowa.
G. Edwin Ellis .....	University Park, Iowa.
Bertha Ellis .....	University Park, Iowa.
Albert Johnson .....	Guthrie Center, Iowa.
Ira E. Bradley .....	Weblake, Wis.

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### Licentiates.

J. W. Leedy .....	Rochester, Minn.
G. C. Houck .....	Independence, Iowa.
B. J. Hoover .....	Hammond, Minn.
George Smith .....	Ira, Iowa.
W. E. Reeve .....	Emily, Minn.
A. M. Stephens .....	La Porte City, Iowa.
D. W. Scott .....	La Porte City, Iowa.
May Lord .....	Kunso, Sierra Leone, West Africa.
Miriam Day .....	Kunso, Sierra Leone, West Africa.
Delia Howlett .....	Marengo, Iowa.
Alice Thomas .....	Mabai, Sierra Leone, West Africa.
George Doty .....	La Porte City, Iowa.
Ina Doty .....	La Porte City, Iowa.
Ruby Paine .....	Medical Missionary to Africa on furlough.
R. Wesley Pryor .....	Walker, Iowa.
Walter D. Eastham .....	Dundee, Iowa.
Aaron Cameron .....	Sloan, Iowa.
Henry Weigel .....	Coon Rapids, Iowa.

### Delegates.

John Yancey .....	Charles City, Iowa.
Mrs. Jeanette Johnson .....	West Union, Iowa.
Miss Mabel Young .....	Charles City, Iowa.
Miss Delia Howlett .....	Marengo, Iowa.
D. L. Stone .....	Dundee, Iowa.
W. M. Williams .....	La Porte City, Iowa.
H. D. Williams .....	Marengo, Iowa.
Miss Goldie McCann .....	Guthrie Center, Iowa.
Miss Mary Gorman .....	Zumbro Falls, Minn.
Miss Lottie Buttermore .....	Hammond, Minn.
W. N. Walton .....	Walker, Iowa.
W. M. Gipe .....	La Porte City, Iowa.
Mrs. Maud Sauer .....	Keen, Iowa.
Mrs. Maggie Schuman .....	Winthrop, Iowa.
G. W. Winterink .....	Charles City, Iowa.
Mrs. Carrie Ernst .....	Sloan, Iowa.



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	Time Employed	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	No. Wesleyans Taken	S. S. Banners Taken	Teacher's Quarterlies	Scholar's Quarterlies	Junior Quarterlies	Primary Class Papers	Little Folks Cards
Benezette .....	12	1	1	9		5	35	15	12	20
Bethel .....	12	1	1	5			20	10		8
Diagonal .....	4	1	1	1						
Emmanuel .....	12	1	1	10	15	4	48	20	10	10
Guthrie Center .....	8	4		5	60	11	65		20	45
South Troy .....	12	1	1	18	35	6	85	12	9	9
West Union .....	12	1	1	5	15	7	15	15	12	15
Little Pine .....	12	3	1	4	6	2	3	3		
Pleasant Hill .....	12	1	1	6	10	5	12	10	10	10
Fairview .....	12	1	1	15	20	6	45	15	10	10
Hoover .....	12	1	1	13	25	4	40	10	10	10
Albaton .....	8	1	1	3	25	4	48	18		12
Dundee .....	12	1	1	14	38	6	58	10		20
St. Charles .....	12	2	1	7	20	4	20	10	10	6
Dayton .....	12	1	1	22	15	6	65	10	10	10
Coon Rapids .....										
Charles City and Howardville....	12	2	2	14	15	10		10	15	15
Wayne .....										
Pilot Rock .....			1	6						
Totals .....	176	23	17	157	299	80	559	168	128	200

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	Members Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	No. Reported Last Year	No. at Beginning of Year	Present Number	Loss	Gain	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Licentiates	Membership Tithing
Bennezzette .....	3			1	3	27	27	26	1					1	
Bethel .....	1			1	4	24	24	19	4			1			3
Diagonal .....								3							
Emmanuel .....				1		62	62	62			10			3	
Guthrie Center .....	15					20	35			15		9	9	9	
South Troy .....				1	1	47	46	45	2			1		1	18
West Union .....	3			1		14	14	16		3				3	10
Little Pine .....	5					5	5	10		5				1	
Pleasant Hill .....						16	16	16			2	1		1	
Fairview .....	3					67	67	70						4	15
Hoover .....	4				1	41	41	44		3				1	10
Albaton .....	2					39	39	41		2				2	2
Dundee .....	4				6	36	36	34	2			9		1	15
St. Charles .....				1		47	47	46	1					1	4
Dayton .....	3			2		73	73	74		1	1	1			2
Coon Rapids .....															
Charles City & Howardville	10			1		36	36	45		9		8			17
Wayne .....					1	5	5	4							
Pilot Rock .....						9	8	8	1						1
Totals .....	53			9	16	543	566	598		30	12	30	9	27	97



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	No. of Sabbath Schools	Officers not Teach. or Schol.	No. of Teachers	No. Scholars in Home Dept.	No. Schol. in Cradle Roll	No. of Schol. in Main School	Total No. in Sabbath School	Average Attendance	No. of Scholars Converted	No. Scholars Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts.	No. in Teach. Train. Course	Schol. in Adult Bible Class	No. of Books in Library
Benezette .....	1		4		4	60		35			1	2		20
Bethel .....	1		4		12	35	47	30	1	1			20	40
Diagonal .....														
Emmanuel .....	1		4		16		66	30+	2		1	3	13	
Guthrie Center .....	3	2	10				75	60						
South Troy .....	1	1	6	10	10		60	32			4		15	
West Union .....	1	8	5			40	53	30	4			2	10	
Little Pine .....	1	2	1		2	7	18							
Pleasant Hill .....	1	4				24		17½						
Fairview .....	1		6			57	63	40				12	20	
Hoover .....	1		4			30	50	30	12	3			15	
Albaton .....	1		4			76	80	55	2	2			12	
Dundee .....	1		6		41	60	66	41+	2	1	1		16	
St. Charles .....	1		5		12	50	67	40					14	47
Dayton .....	1		5		14		65	31		1			12	
Coon Rapids .....														
Charles City & Howardville...	2	5	7		3	85	97	65	4	4	1	9		
Wayne .....														
Pilot Rock .....														
Totals .....	18	22	71	10	114	524	807	536½	27	13	9	26	147	107

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	No. Church Buildings	Value of	Amt. of Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of	Amount of Indebtedness	Cash or Other Values On Hand
Bennezette .....	1	\$1500.00	1	\$1500.00			
Bethel .....	1	700.00	1	350.00			
Diagonal .....	1	1000.00					
Emmanuel .....	1	2000.00	1	1000.00			
Guthrie Center .....	1	1500.00	1	1500.00			
South Troy .....	1	1600.00	1	1500.00			\$7.23
West Union .....	1	1500.00	1	1000.00			
Little Pine .....						\$475.00	550.00
Pleasant Hill .....	1	1600.00					
Fairview .....	1	1000.00	1	1500.00			
Hoover .....	1	1400.00	1	1800.00			10.00
Albaton .....	1	700.00	1	1600.00			9.72
Dundee .....	2	2000.00	1	1200.00			
St. Charles .....	1	1500.00	1	1800.00			8.32
Dayton .....	1	1800.00	1	1200.00			
Coon Rapids .....							
Charles City and Howardville .....	1	1600.00					
Wayne .....	1	300.00	1	1000.00			
Pilot Rock .....	1	900.00	1	800.00			
Totals .....	18	\$22600.00	14	\$17750.00	\$475.00	\$585.27	



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	Pastor's Salary	Parsonage Rent	Fees, Marriage and Funerals	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts	Conf. President's Salary	Evangelistic Help
Bennezzette .....	\$379.13	\$100.00		\$28.90	\$508.03		\$48.70
Bethel .....	123.76		\$10.00	70.80	204.56		15.00
Diagonal .....	1.50			.75	2.25		
Emmanuel .....	380.74	96.00		134.06	610.80		80.00
Guthrie Center .....	170.00	120.00			290.00		
South Troy .....	399.84	100.00	37.50	249.13	648.97		127.00
West Union .....	171.60	84.00	5.00		260.60		6.00
Little Pine .....	257.97		2.00	23.57	283.54		22.00
Pleasant Hill .....	166.50		9.00	11.40	186.90		12.41
Fairview .....	573.75	100.00	15.00	91.13	779.88		28.03
Hoover .....	346.50	100.00		90.00	536.50		100.00
Albaton .....	246.00	100.00		61.10	407.10		20.50
Dundee .....	350.00	96.00	31.50	50.00	527.50		53.54
St. Charles .....	401.17	100.00	11.25	40.15	552.57		57.28
Dayton .....	401.00	75.00	5.00	60.05	541.05		53.00
Coon Rapids .....	51.22			53.34	104.56		
Charles City & Howardville	492.80	120.00	7.00	45.17	664.97		74.39
Wayne .....							
Pilot Rock .....							
Totals .....	\$4913.48	\$1191.00	\$133.25	\$1009.55	\$7110.78		\$697.85

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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

	Sabbath School Expense	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Total for Church	Undivided Budget	Missions
Bennezette .....	\$30.00	\$73.75	\$29.40	\$181.85		\$87.48
Bethel .....	10.00	1.20	2.00	28.20		30.50
Diagonal .....			3.00	5.15		
Emmanuel .....	25.00		50.00	155.00		71.63
Guthrie Center .....	30.00	15.45	5.00	50.45		
South Troy .....	47.84	58.75	46.83	280.42		202.31
West Union .....	15.00		14.25	35.25		21.62
Little Pine .....				22.00	5.00	5.00
Pleasant Hill .....	14.31		19.46	46.18	5.00	5.00
Fairview .....	28.35	95.67	79.79	281.84		129.00
Hoover .....	23.00	10.00	28.00	161.00	30.00	44.38
Albaton .....	22.42		16.25	59.16		30.00
Dundee .....	39.60	88.50	25.00	206.64		50.15
St. Charles .....	25.00	14.08	57.10	153.46		39.26
Dayton .....	43.38		140.79	237.17		181.97
Coon Rapids .....	9.34		7.71			
Charles City and Howardville			26.10	100.49	46.95	53.21
Wayne .....		13.00				
Pilot Rock .....						
Totals .....	\$363.24	\$370.40	\$550.68	\$2004.26	\$86.95	\$961.51



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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

	Education	Conference Work	Superannuated Ministers' Fund	Other Benevolent Objects	Total for Benevolence	Totals for All Purposes
Bennezzette .....	\$37.63	\$30.66	\$10.00	\$65.63	\$231.40	\$856.65
Bethel .....	10.00			20.50	61.00	293.76
Diagonal .....		2.15				
Emmanuel .....	31.82	26.91	7.04		137.40	903.20
Guthrie Center .....	9.99	52.94		52.93	67.89	407.89
South Troy .....	156.00	73.00	11.00	24.00	466.31	1395.70
West Union .....	35.00		4.25	25.00	85.87	381.72
Little Pine .....	3.00	9.90			22.90	328.44
Pleasant Hill .....	5.00	47.00			62.00	295.08
Fairview .....	111.00	145.60	19.00	86.55	491.15	1552.87
Hoover .....	30.00	80.67	3.75	5.00	163.75	891.25
Albaton .....		21.61			30.00	496.26
Dundee .....	27.00	33.07	20.00	31.48	161.70	887.44
St. Charles .....	22.30	28.80	4.65	2.56	97.57	803.60
Dayton .....	143.10	277.31	22.00	80.31	704.69	1482.91
Coon Rapids .....						112.27
Charles City and Howardville	6.00	34.59	9.45	62.21	212.41	1012.38
Wayne .....		48.00				
Pilot Rock .....						
Totals .....	\$627.84	\$912.21	\$111.14	\$456.17	\$2996.04	\$12101.42

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	Budget Assigned	Budget Raised	Missions Assigned	Missions Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised
Bennezette .....				\$87.48		\$37.63
Bethel .....						
Diagonal .....						
Emmanuel .....				71.63		31.82
Guthrie Center .....						
South Troy .....			\$46.00	202.31	\$45.00	156.00
West Union .....						
Little Pine .....						
Pleasant Hill .....						
Fairview .....			83.75	129.00	67.00	111.00
Hoover .....			40.00	44.33	60.00	30.00
Albaton .....						
Dundee .....				50.15		27.00
St. Charles .....		\$61.56		39.26		22.30
Dayton .....				181.97		143.10
Coon Rapids .....						
Charles City and Howardville.....	\$69.75	46.95		53.21	6.00	
Wayne .....						
Pilot Rock .....						
Totals .....	\$69.75	\$108.51	\$169.75	\$859.34	\$178.00	\$558.85



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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

	Conference Assigned	Conference Raised	Total Assigned	Total Raised	Y. M. W. E.	W. H. and F. M. S.	Total Budget
Bennezette .....		\$30.66		\$155.77	\$32.78	\$24.70	
Bethel .....							
Diagonal .....		26.91		130.36			
Emmanuel .....							
Guthrie Center .....							
South Troy .....	\$73.00	73.00	\$91.00	431.31	56.00	35.00	
West Union .....							
Little Pine .....					21.00		
Pleasant Hill .....					11.00		
Fairview .....		145.60	150.75	385.60			
Hoover .....		80.67	100.00	155.00			
Albaton .....							
Dundee .....		33.07		110.22	38.78	12.97	
St. Charles .....			105.75		25.76	13.50	
Dayton .....		237.31		562.38	9.71	112.26	
Coon Rapids .....							
Charles City and Howardville..	34.95		69.75	141.11			
Wayne .....							
Pilot Rock .....							
Totals .....	\$107.95	\$627.22	\$517.25	\$2071.75	\$195.03	\$198.43	

NOTE: No report of Superannuated Ministers' fund received from Little Pine, Diagonal, Bethel, Albaton, Pleasant Hill and Guthrie Center. Reports from Bethel, Albaton, Pleasant Hill, and Guthrie Center otherwise incomplete.

Mary M. Gorman,  
G. Edwin Ellis,  
John W. Yancey.

**MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL  
SESSION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME,  
FOREIGN AND CONFERENCE  
MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
FOR 1917**

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**OFFICERS.**

President .....	Mrs. Clara Wilson
Vice-President.....	Mrs. Jennie Emerson
Secretary .....	Miss Lottie Buttermore
Treasurer .....	Mrs. Lucy Kirkpatrick
Organizer .....	Miss Delia Howlett
Y. M. W. B. Superintendent....	Mrs. Ollie Haymond

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**DAILY PROCEEDINGS**

**First Meeting, August 15, 1917.**

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Iowa Conference was called to order by the Vice-President, Sister Jennie Emerson.

Meetings were held in Conference tabernacle.

Opening song, "Jesus Paid It All."

Devotionals were conducted by Sister Delia Howlett, who read as a Scripture lesson the 2nd Psalm. She made some remarks on prayer for our mission work and offered prayer.

Remarks were then made by the Vice-President in the absence of our President, Sister Clara Wilson.

Six presidents and delegates of local societies were reported present.

Sister Folger made remarks concerning who should compose the voting body of the Conference Missionary Society.

A Committee on Credentials was appointed by the chair, consisting of Sisters Delia Howlett and Weigel.

The Committee on Credentials gave a partial report as follows:



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Sister Delia Howlett, Fairview charge; Sister Lizzie Betzer, Charles City; Sister Ollie Haymond, Immanuel; Jeanette Johnson, West Union.

Moved and supported that this partial report of the Committee on Credentials be adopted.

A motion was made and carried that the alternate delegate of the South Troy Society, Sister Lizzie Lortscher, be seated in Conference society body.

Moved and seconded that the ladies present of all local societies be given honorary seats and be given all rights and privileges, with the exception of voting.

The chair appointed Sister Delia Howlett as Treasurer pro tem.

Moved and supported that we have our public program Saturday at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

The Acting President appointed Sisters Lottie Buttermore and Lizzie Betzer as a Program Committee to arrange for the public meeting.

The time for election of officers was set, being Friday afternoon immediately after our religious services.

The chair appointed Sisters Haymond and Weigel as a Statistical Committee, also Sisters Lizzie Lortscher and Jeanette Johnson as Auditing Committee.

Rev. Anna K. Folger, General Conference Organizer, was introduced and made some remarks.

It was moved and seconded that Sister Folger speak to the Society Thursday afternoon following the religious exercises.

A motion to adjourn prevailed.

### Second Meeting, August 16, 1917.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Emerson.

Opening song, "His Grace is Enough for Me."

The devotionals were led by Sister Mabel Mack, who read as a Scripture lesson the 34th Psalm and offered prayer.

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

Sister Delia Howlett, returned missionary from Africa, was introduced and made some remarks.

Orders of the day were called for, and Sister Anna K. Folger, General Conference Organizer, then addressed the Society. Her

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address was very instructive, as she touched on different points of interest.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the name of Sister Mabel Mack of Dundee Society. This partial report was adopted.

It was moved and supported that we hear Sister Howlett at this time.

It was agreed by common consent that we listen to the report of Emmanuel Society. Report was adopted and referred to the Statistical Committee.

Sister Howlett spoke mostly along the line of making wearing apparel for the mission girls in Africa. She urged the societies to get busy and have some dresses ready to send by the next outgoing missionaries.

The chair appointed Sister Mabel Mack as second member of the Statistical Committee in the place made vacant by Sister Haymond's absence.

Reports from the following local societies were read: Dundee, West Union, Charles City, Fairview, Pleasant Hill, South Troy, and Bennezzette. All reports were referred to the Statistical Committee.

A motion to adjourn was carried.

### Third Meeting, August 17, 1917.

Meeting opened with the song, "Sweetly Resting."

Devotionals were conducted by Sister Folger, who read the Scripture found in the 10th chapter of Romans and offered prayer.

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

Sister Martha Bummer became a member of the Conference Society by paying her dues of 50 cents.

The Committee on Credentials made a partial report, presenting the names of Sister Clara Day and Sister Ida Hunn.

The report was adopted.

Orders of the day were taken up.

The chair appointed Sisters Jeanette Johnson and Mabel Mack as tellers.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Clara Wilson, first ballot.

Vice-President—Mrs. Jennie Emerson, first ballot.

Secretary—Miss Lottie Buttermore, first ballot.



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Treasurer—Mrs. Lucy Kirkpatrick, first ballot.

Organizer—Miss Delia Howlett, first ballot.

Y. M. W. B. Superintendent—Mrs. Ollie Haymond, first ballot.

Communications were read from our President, Sister Clara Wilson, Sister Bertha Williams, and Mrs. A. E. Belk, President of the W. H. & F. M. Society of the North Carolina Conference.

Reports were read from the Albaton and St. Charles Societies. These reports were referred to the Statistical Committee.

A motion was carried that the Secretary be instructed to send a communication to our worthy President, Sister Clara Wilson, conveying our regrets of her absence at this session of Conference; also our appreciation of her faithful labors in the past.

Meeting adjourned to meet again at the call of the chair.

Benediction by Sister Weigel.

### Fourth Meeting, August 18, 1917.

Meeting was opened by repeating Psalm 23 in concert.

Sister Ernst led in prayer.

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

The Treasurer's report was given and referred to the Auditing Committee.

It was moved and supported that Sister Lizzie Betzer be made Conference Society Reporter.

The Committee on Statistics made a partial report.

Moved and seconded that this partial report be adopted, and the Committee be instructed to add footings and the Secretary correspond with the Societies not having sent reports.

It was moved and supported that we pay for space occupied in the Annual Conference Minutes, the amount to be paid from the Conference Treasury.

A motion prevailed that we adjourn to the call of the chair.

Closing prayer by Sister Dodd.

### Fifth Meeting, August 18, 1917.

The meeting was opened by prayer by Sister Mack.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Auditing Committee made report. The report was adopted.

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A motion was made and seconded that we adopt the Treasurer's report.

It was moved and supported that we retain the amount of \$10.00 in the Conference Treasury, and that the remaining sum in the Treasury be equally divided, giving one-third for the Kunso building in Africa, one-third for work in India, and one-third for our mountain work.

It was moved and supported that we appropriate one-half the money sent for foreign work for the Kunso house, the other half for India.

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to send letters of greeting from our Conference Society to Sisters Miriam Day, May Lord and Dr. Alice Thomas, in Africa.

The minutes of the present meeting were read and approved.

Encouraging remarks were made by the Vice-President.

The Conference Society adjourned sine die.

Closing prayer by Sister Folger.

## PUBLIC MEETING.

Saturday, 8:00 P. M.

Opening song, "We're Marching to Zion."

Special song by Ladies' Quartette, "Where Are the Reapers?"

Scripture found in Psalm 96 was read by Mrs. Ina Doty, followed by prayer by Rev. J. F. Hiner.

Special song by Ladies' Quartette, "Where Hast Thou Gleaned Today?"

Miss Delia Howlett then gave an interesting talk on our missionary work in Africa.

Solo by Rev. Edwin Ellis, "He was Not Willing That Any Should Perish."

We were honored by having Rev. Anna K. Folger, General Conference Organizer, with us, who at this time made an excellent address, after which she made an appeal, which was responded to with an offering of \$414.52 in cash and pledges. Two of our good brethren and wives pledged \$100.00 each for the Kunso building in Africa.

Song by the congregation, "That Grand Word Whosoever."

Benediction by Rev. C. P. Carkuff.



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### REPORT OF TREASURER.

From September, 1916, to August 18, 1917.

Amount disbursed after Conference, 1916.... \$260.38  
Cash on hand at the beginning of year .... 10.00

#### Receipts During the Year.

Rev. D. F. Smith for Africa.....	\$2.00
Mr. G. W. Ebling for Africa .....	5.00
Dayton Valley .....	36.66
Pleasant Hill .....	9.06
Emmanuel .....	11.48
Bennezette.....	15.70
D. F. Smith for Africa .....	3.00
Fairview .....	12.06
Charles City .....	12.46
Dundee .....	12.97
South Troy for Foreign Missions .....	22.00
Hoover .....	9.00
S. N. Walton on pledge of 1916 .....	10.00
Albaton for Home Missions .....	12.65
St. Charles .....	13.50
Dues .....	50
Total .....	<hr/> \$198.04

#### Disbursements.

To General Treasurer for Africa .....	\$7.00
To General Treasurer for school building at Kunso .....	40.00
To General Treasurer for India .....	40.00
To General Treasurer for mountain work ..	23.51
Total .....	<hr/> \$110.51
Balance .....	87.53

Delia Howlett, Treasurer Pro Tem.

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## W. H. & F. M. SOCIETY STATISTICAL REPORT.

Name of Society	No. of Members	No. of Meetings	Amount Raised	Amount Disbursed	Amount Sent to Conference Society	Balance in Treasury
Albaton .....	19	10	\$30.00	\$17.35	\$12.65	
Bethel .....	19	22	44.83	40.50	20.00	
Baxter .....						
Bennezette .....	13	9	49.70	31.00	18.70	
Charles City .....	14	11	14.97	2.49	12.46	1.71
Dundee .....	19	18	32.97		12.97	10.00
Emmanuel .....	26	7		26.00	11.48	5.10
East St. Charles .....	15	12	25.00		13.50	11.50
Fairview .....	17	4	38.00	25.94	12.06	
Hoover .....	9	5	9.00		9.00	
Pilot Rock .....	24	14	36.52	4.19	21.54	
Pleasant Hill .....	10	10	15.79	24.70	9.06	
South Troy .....	25	12	42.36	26.81	22.00	
West Union .....	9	10	26.24	18.50	6.26	
Dayton Valley .....	25	11	36.66		36.66	
	244	155	\$402.04	\$217.48	\$255.00	\$28.31