

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Iowa Conference

OF THE

Wesleyan Methodist Connection,  
or Church, of America

HELD AT

DUNDEE, IOWA

AUGUST 22-26, 1916.

# The Iowa Conference

## CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President—W. R. Emerson, Charles City, Iowa.  
Vice-President—A. P. Breneman, University Park, Iowa.  
Secretary—Elvira Gould, Jarretts, Minn.  
Treasurer—F. J. Wilson, Clarence, Iowa.  
Sunday School Secretary—A. B. Gould, Jarretts, Minn.  
Statistical Secretary—A. P. Breneman, University Park, Iowa.  
Tithing Secretary—Ida Gorman, Zumbro Falls, Minn.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

George S. Fry, Marengo, Iowa, term expires 1917.  
Frank Ballou, University Park, Iowa, term expires 1918.  
William M. Gipe, LaPorte City, Iowa, term expires 1919.  
A. W. Curry, LaPorte City, Iowa, term expires 1920.  
A. B. Gould, Jarretts, Minn., term expires 1921.

## CONFERENCE STANDING COMMITTEES.

Advisory Board—R. W. Mack, William Gipe.  
Missionary Board—W. R. Emerson, ex-officio; F. J. Wilson,  
A. B. Gould.  
Judiciary Committee—A. B. Gould, R. W. Mack, F. Betzer,  
J. T. Hiner.  
Committee on Presidency—George S. Fry, A. B. Gould, D. F.  
Smith, W. N. Walton, Frank Ballou.  
Itineracy and Orders—R. W. Mack, A. W. Curry, A. B. Gould.  
Sunday School Board—A. W. Curry, Bertha Ellis, Jennie  
Emerson.  
Student Committee—F. J. Wilson, A. B. Gould, W. R. Emerson.  
Camp Meeting—A. P. Breneman, J. F. Hiner, C. S. Weigel,  
W. R. Emerson, Frank Ballou, B. J. Hoover, Wm. Gipe, with  
F. J. Wilson as treasurer.  
State of the Work—A. P. Breneman, Geo. S. Fry, J. F. Hiner.

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### REPORT OF CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE.

The Iowa Conference Camp Meeting was held on the Nelson Gilbert estate, adjoining the city of Dundee, Iowa, on the Chicago Great Western R. R., from August 14th to August 22d, 1916. Fifteen small tents were erected on the grounds and were filled almost to their capacity. The conveniences and accommodations of the Camp were ideal; and we do heartily extend our thanks and gratitude to Mr. Gilbert for the use of the grounds, and also to Brother Mack, the pastor of the Dundee Wesleyan Methodist church, and to his people who gave us such a welcome among them, and for their godly generosity and hospitality. We sincerely pray that God will continue to bless them in His service and give them many precious souls in reward for their sacrifice and labor.

The attendance was good each evening, and in almost every service there were souls seeking and receiving help from God. Some very extraordinary case of deliverance from sin by God's power were witnessed and enjoyed by the people of God.

Rev. W. H. Marvin, of Akron, Ohio, was the evangelist, who spoke in an able manner, and with a tender spirit. His preaching was honored by God. We do heartily recommend our brother to any who desire the services of an efficient evangelist.

The singing evangelist, Rev. Edwin Ellis, of University Park, Iowa, was the means in God's hands of inspiring our hearts while we sang together the songs of the kingdom. Brother Ellis is well equipped both as a singer and Gospel worker.

The finances were met by a generous response from the people. After the love feast service Sunday morning there was more than \$225.00 raised by subscription and cash.

We say in closing, God bless the people of Dundee, Iowa, and community, and we pray that the many among them who heard the pure Gospel in these meetings who are yet unsaved may seek the Lord while He may be found and call upon Him while he is near, and be saved. Looking into the new year of labor and suffering for Jesus' sake, we ask God's sustaining and comforting grace. Amen.

A. P. Breneman,  
J. F. Hiner,  
C. S. Weigel,  
W. R. Emerson,  
B. J. Hoover,  
William Gipe,  
Frank Ballou,  
T. J. Wilson, Treasurer.

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Tuesday Forenoon.

At 10:30 the sixty-third session of the Iowa Conference was called to order by President W. R. Emerson. After song service, led by Edwin Ellis, the President conducted devotionals, reading from Revelation 1 and leading in prayer.

Roll called, showing 11 elders and 3 licentiates present.

D. F. Smith and Ulis Hekel were appointed Credentials Committee.

The Bar of Conference was designated by the President as the first four seats of the tabernacle.

George S. Fry was appointed a Committee on Courtesy for the session, and presented to the Conference F. A. Butterfield, Connectional Editor, who spoke a few words of greeting and cheer to the fellow members of his home Conference.

W. H. Marvin, our evangelist for this meeting, was also introduced.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee showed the following lay delegates present: Jeanette Johnson, West Union; C. A. Beeson, Guthrie Center; Jennie Emerson, Charles City and Howardville; May Warner, Bethel; Ida Gorman, South Troy.

The President was directed by vote to name a Nominating Committee.

Edwin Ellis was elected postmaster, and R. W. Mack and F. A. Butterfield Conference Reporters.

Credentials Committee added the name of W. N. Walton as delegate from Hoover. Partial report of the Committee accepted.

F. J. Wilson, Conference Treasurer, being unable to be present until late in the week, Frank Betzer was elected Assistant Treasurer for this session.

Voted that Professor McDowell be given the time after the opening sermon this afternoon to present the educational interests of the Connection.

C. P. Carkuff requested a transfer to the Wisconsin Conference, which was granted by vote.

Voted that the program for order of business printed in the Minutes of 1915 be adopted for this session.

Adjourned by limitation, W. H. Marvin pronouncing the benediction.



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### TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

After singing, F. A. Butterfield conducted devotionals, reading, with exposition, Ephesians 2.

Minutes of forenoon read and approved.

Professor McDowell was introduced and made brief remarks.

The Credentials Committee reported two additional names: Myra Day, St. Charles; George Ebeling, Bennezzette. Report accepted.

C. P. Carkuff was called for examination and his character passed.

Two lay members of the Itineracy and Orders Committee were appointed by the President: J. D. Williams and George Ebeling; also members of the Nominating Committee: R. W. Mack, J. F. Hiner, W. N. Walton, D. L. Stone.

A letter was read from James Iliff to the President concerning insurance on West Union Church.

Voted that the last rule in the present list of Standing Rules be referred to a committee of two to be appointed by the chair, who shall consider the questions involved and report with recommendations. F. A. Butterfield and George Fry were appointed as this committee.

Voted that a Committee on Orders of the Day be appointed. J. F. Hiner, A. P. Breneman and Myra Day were appointed such committee.

By vote the order of the day was called at 2:30, i. e., the conference sermon, and accordingly this service was proceeded with, A. W. Curry preaching a moving sermon from John 10:10.

The next order of the day was then voted, which was the presentation of the educational interests of the Connection by Professor McDowell, who was on his way to Miltonvale to assume his new duties as President of the College.

On motion, Conference adjourned at 4:40. Benediction by Professor McDowell.

### WEDNESDAY FORENOON.

Conference opened at 9:30 with song service led by W. R. Emerson. Ullis Hekel conducted the devotionals, reading the 34th Psalm.

Roll call found 9 elders, 3 licentiates, and 6 delegates present. Minutes of the previous session were read and corrected.

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The Committee on Credentials presented the names of John D. Williams, Fairview; D. L. Stone, Dundee. This partial report was accepted.

The Nominating Committee submitted a report, which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Orders of the Day was read and referred back to the committee.

In the matter of the Wayne church property, a committee composed of Geo. S. Fry, A. B. Gould and John D. Williams was appointed.

Communications were read from Alice Thomas and Rev. R. C. Moulton, and characters passed.

Communications were read from Mrs. Cameron and Albert Johnson. Announcements were made.

Charles Everson was appointed bailiff to ring the bell five minutes before time.

It was voted to hold a religious service at 2:30 this afternoon. Motion prevailed to adjourn. A. B. Gould pronounced the benediction.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

At 1 o'clock devotional service was led by George Fry. Nine elders, 2 licentiates and 5 delegates were present at roll call.

Minutes were read and approved.

Camp Meeting Committee presented a partial report, which was adopted.

Special Orders Committee reported:

F. A. Butterfield, Connectional address 10:30 Thursday morning. Election of officers, 1 P. M. Thursday. Woman's Missionary service, 2:30 P. M. Friday. Ordination service, 2:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Adopted.

A motion prevailed that the Secretary be instructed to provide all necessary blanks and call upon the Treasurer for payment from the Conference Fund.

Letters from E. R. Dodd, Geo. J. Cameron and W. H. Riley were read and characters passed.

Brother F. A. Butterfield led the Conference in prayer in behalf of the sick and absent ones of the Conference.

A certificate of standing of W. E. Reeve from the Illinois Conference was read and referred to the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.



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After reading a request from the Board concerning the date of the 1917 Annual Conference, it was voted to leave the matter as it now stands in the Standing Rules.

The motion prevailed to send the President to the Anti-Secret Convention at Sheldon, Ia., October 17-18.

Professor McDowell came before the Conference in the interest of the monument for Brother Jennings at Houghton. He received an offering.

Orders of the day being called, Conference was given over to a song service preceding the service by Evangelist Marvin.

A motion that all matters of church property be referred to the committee appointed to inquire into the Wayne business prevailed.

The matter of the Diagonal sidewalk was referred to this committee.

The matter of the Hoover Loan was referred to the Building Fund Committee.

Announcements were made.

Upon motion Conference adjourned. Ira E. Bradley pronounced the benediction.

## THURSDAY FORENOON.

Conference opened at 9:30 with devotions led by George Smith reading a few verses from John 15, commenting thereon, and offering prayer.

Ten elders, 8 licentiates and 8 delegates were present.

Minutes were read and corrected.

W. E. Reeve, from Northern Minnesota, was introduced and spoke a few words.

A motion prevailed to place the name of B. J. Hoover on the Committee on Sunday Schools in the place of Cora Howlett absent.

By motion J. F. Hiner and A. P. Breneman were made a Committee on Boundaries.

The motion prevailed to replace the name of William Gipe by John D. Williams on the Committee on Pastoral Relations.

The motion prevailed to postpone the election of officers until the first item of business after 1 o'clock on Friday.

The committee on the last item in the Standing Rules reported. Adopted.

Special Orders being called, F. A. Butterfield, Connectional Editor, gave his address. He explained fully the acquiring of the new work that has come to the Wesleyan Connection over in India.

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He answered freely the questions of the brethren concerning the financial conditions, as well as the plans of work at headquarters, which was responded to by a rising vote of thanks from the Conference.

Conference adjourned by limitation. A. M. Stephens pronounced the benediction.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

At 1 o'clock Conference opened with song service. George Doty conducted the devotionals.

Eleven elders, 7 licentiates and 7 delegates answered at the roll call.

Minutes were read and corrected.

Michael Lortscher's name, of South Troy, was presented by the Credentials Committee. This partial report was adopted.

The Sunday School Secretary's report was read and adopted.

The request that the Woman's Missionary meeting be changed from Friday to Saturday, at 2:30 P. M., was granted.

The names of the following were called and their characters passed: C. M. Howe, B. F. Logsdon, L. W. Easton, J. T. Platt, Bertha Ellis, J. W. Leedy, Delia Howlett.

The Special Committee consisting of Geo. Fry, A. B. Gould and John D. Williams were excused by Conference to do committee work.

The name of D. F. Smith was called.

A motion prevailed to have a committee appointed to pass upon all statistical reports from all charges.

By vote the Statistical Secretary, A. P. Breneman, R. W. Mack, and Ullis Hekel were made the committee.

The Courtesy Committee presented Garrett Winterink, of St. Charles, who spoke a few words; also Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weigel, of Marengo, Mr. Shunterman, of Marengo, and Lottie Buttermore, of South Troy.

It was voted that the Secretary incorporate in the Minutes the vote of the local charges on the tobacco amendment.

The motion that the 1917 Camp Meeting follow the Conference session was made. The motion was carried.

Fairview charge extended, through their pastor an invitation for the sixty-fourth Annual Conference.

Mr. Frank Betzer gave an invitation to come to Charles City.

A motion prevailed to have the matter of locating Conference



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left in the hands of the President, Advisory Board and the Camp Meeting Committee.

A motion to adjourn to do committee work, to meet at the call of the chair, prevailed.

Conference arose.

### FRIDAY FORENOON.

Conference convened at the call of the chair at 9:30.

Ira E. Bradley had charge of the devotionals, reading the fourth Psalm.

Nine elders, 8 licentiates and 10 delegates answered at roll call.

Brother Mack reported Brethren Wilson, Breneman and Weigel out on committee business for Conference.

Minutes were read and corrected.

Credentials Committee presented as partial report the name of Lucy Kirkpatrick.

The report was adopted.

The Special Committee on Church Property reported. Said report was adopted.

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders presented a report, which was referred back to the Committee.

The Vice-President was called to the chair.

The President, W. R. Emerson, made a few remarks previous to making his report, in the which he called to mind the troublous times in which we live, and urged that all be true to the church militant and not follow the false christs; be discerners between the good and true and the false and evil. The report was read and was unanimously adopted.

The name of W. R. Emerson was called and his character passed.

The report of the Missionary Board was read and adopted.

W. E. Reeve was given an opportunity to tell of his call to and work at Little Pine, Minn.

Rev. C. F. Kelley was introduced and spoke; also John Hekel. Adjourned by limitation.

Rev. G. F. Kelly pronounced the benediction.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference convened at 1 o'clock. Devotionals were conducted by May Lord, reading Exodus 14:14, with exposition and prayer.

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At roll call 10 elders, 8 licentiates and 11 delegates were present. Minutes were read and corrected.

Orders of the Day being called, Brethren Ulis Hekel and Geo. Ebeling were appointed tellers by the chair.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—W. R. Emerson.

Vice-President—A. P. Breneman.

Secretary—Elvira C. Gould.

Treasurer—F. J. Wilson.

Advisory Board—R. W. Mack, William Gipe.

Judiciary Committee—A. B. Gould, R. W. Mack, F. Betzer, J. F. Hiner.

Missionary Board—W. R. Emerson, ex-officio. The tellers were instructed to cast the ballot of Conference for the following: F. J. Wilson, A. B. Gould.

Committee on Presidency—George S. Fry, A. B. Gould, D. F. Smith, W. N. Walton, Frank Ballou.

Conference voted by ballot for Trustee, A. B. Gould being elected.

The following were elected by acclamation:

Tithing Secretary—Ida Gorman.

Statistical Secretary—A. P. Breneman.

Sunday School Secretary—A. B. Gould.

Student Committee—F. J. Wilson, A. B. Gould, W. R. Emerson.

Sunday School Board—A. W. Curry, Bertha Ellis, Jennie Emerson.

State of the Work—A. P. Breneman, George S. Fry, J. F. Hiner.

Itineracy and Orders—R. W. Mack, A. W. Curry, A. B. Gould.

Camp Meeting—A. P. Breneman, J. F. Hiner, C. S. Weigel, W. R. Emerson, Frank Ballou, B. J. Hoover, William Gipe, with F. J. Wilson as treasurer.

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders resubmitted its partial report. Motion prevailed that this report be voted upon item by item. Each item was adopted. The report as a whole was adopted.

The Camp Meeting Committee made report, which was adopted.

A motion that the Board of Trustees be instructed to investigate the loans of this Conference, and report to this Conference, prevailed.

The Committee on Missions made report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Examination of Statistical Reports made report, which was adopted.

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The name of Rev. F. A. Butterfield was called and his character passed; also the following: Geo. S. Fry, R. W. Mack, Ira E. Bradley, J. F. Hiner, A. W. Curry, D. F. Smith, A. B. Gould, C. S. Weigel, A. P. Breneman, Amy Breneman, G. C. Houck, May Lord, Miriam Day, Geo. and Ina Doty, Geo. Smith, A. M. Stephens, D. W. Scott, Frank Betzer, Ullis Hekel, B. J. Hoover.

A communication from Sister Amy Breneman was read when her name was called. "God will Take Care of You" was sung. C. S. Weigel offered prayer in her behalf.

D. W. Scott sent a letter, which was read.

A communication from Albert Johnson and wife was read.

A. W. Curry presented the name of Hazel Carr as a prospective student.

The report of the Committee on Moral Reform was read and adopted.

Miss Hazel Carr was called before the Conference to make a statement of her call to the missionary field.

The motion that the matter of granting help to Miss Carr be placed in the hands of the Student Committee prevailed.

Motion that the matter of repairs on the Bethel Church be placed in the hands of the Building Fund Committee prevailed.

The matter of the church presented by W. E. Reeve was placed in the hands of the Committee on Boundaries.

Upon motion Conference adjourned. Sister Ina Doty pronounced the benediction.

## SATURDAY FORENOON.

The chair called Conference to order at 9:30 o'clock. Brother Frank Betzer conducted the devotionals.

At roll call 8 elders, 5 licentiates and 7 delegates were present. Minutes were read and corrected.

The Committee on Credentials presented the names of Elwood Kirkpatrick and Earl C. Frink, from Dayton Valley, as partial report, which was adopted.

Brethren R. W. Mack and F. A. Butterfield were excused to work on Pastoral Relations Committee report.

The Committee on Distribution of Building Fund made its report, which was adopted.

The Treasurer's Report was read. Said report was referred back to the Treasurer for completion.



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The Treasurer read the completed report. By vote, the report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

By request of the ones elected to elder's orders, the President was unanimously elected to preach the ordination sermon.

It was moved and seconded that the relation of W. E. Reeve to this Conference is conditioned on the action of the church to which he belongs regarding the granting of license and the recommendation to this Conference.

The above motion was postponed until after such time as action shall be taken on the report of Committee on Boundaries.

The Committee on Resolutions made report, which was adopted and ordered published in the Wesleyan Methodist.

The Statistical Report was read and adopted as read.

The motion that R. W. Mack be appointed a committee to define the duties of the Statistical Secretary prevailed.

By vote Brother F. A. Butterfield was added to this committee.

Adjourned by limitation. Brother F. J. Wilson pronounced the benediction.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The chair called Conference at 1 o'clock. W. E. Reeve conducted the devotionals.

Nine elders, 4 licentiates, and 6 delegates responded at roll call.

The minutes were read and approved.

Committee on Distribution of Budget reported. Motion prevailed that report be adopted and that the report cover Little Pine if the church is accepted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted a report, which was adopted.

The report of Committee on Superannuated Ministers' Fund was read and adopted.

The Auditing Committee made report, which was adopted.

The report of the Treasurer was adopted.

The name of F. J. Wilson was called and character passed.

The motion prevailed to instruct the Treasurer to pay from the Conference Fund the item of expense of \$1.47 of the Secretary; to pay the Secretary and Treasurer each \$10.00 from the Conference Fund; also to pay the carfare of the Secretary to and from Conference from Jarrett.

The Committee on Boundaries submitted their report, which was adopted.

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The motion relating to the relation of Brother W. E. Reeve to this Conference was adopted.

The motion prevailed to pay the Treasurer a sum equal to the railway fare to and from Conference from Clarence from the Conference Fund.

The report of the Committee on Vote of Thanks was read and adopted.

The motion prevailed that the Camp Meeting Committee's report be read just previous to the Sunday morning sermon.

Motion prevailed to adjourn to meet at the call of the chair.

At 2:30 the chair called Conference to order for special orders, i. e., the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society program.

Motion prevailed that the Secretary be instructed to have the Minutes printed by the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association, and call upon the Treasurer to pay for same from the Conference Fund.

Itineracy and Orders Committee presented a partial report, which was adopted.

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

Conference reconvened at 7:45 o'clock.

The Credentials Committee presented the name of William Gipe as delegate from Emmanuel. This partial report was adopted.

Motion by F. J. Wilson (1) that Miss Hazel Carr be received as Conference student, provided the necessary funds can be secured for her schooling; (2) that the President of the Conference is hereby authorized to take a subscription before the Conference closes, and start in his rounds of the Conference in a private and public way to secure additional subscriptions; (3) that the Missionary Society throughout the Conference be requested to help in securing the fund.

The motion prevailed.

The motion that the Committee on Student be governed by rules laid down several years ago prevailed.

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

The report of Committee on Post Offices was read and adopted.

The motion that the Standing Rules and Resolutions of this conference body be tabulated by a standing committee of two to report at the next Conference session prevailed.



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George S. Fry was elected first member of this committee, and Frank Betzer the second.

Moved and carried that the Secretary place any papers or material that she may have in the hands of this committee.

The Committee on Itinerary and Orders presented an item in report, which was adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted.

The name of Dr. Ruby Payne was called and her character passed.

A motion that the part of the Pastoral Relations Committee report that pertains to the stationing of the pastors be read at the Sunday morning service was carried.

Minutes were read and corrected.

Conference adjourned sine die.

## STANDING RULES AND RESOLUTIONS.

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;



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(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."

Adopted 1911: "The Conference Treasurer is authorized to loan any loanable funds for such time, rate of interest, and security as shall be approved by the Conference Trustees; said approval may be obtained in writing."

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 Itineracy and Orders be ordered to furnish a list of the Conference preachers and

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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."

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## Reports of Committees

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### No. 1. EXAMINATION OF STATISTICAL REPORTS.

Your Committee on Examination of Statistical Reports begs leave to submit the following report:

That the statistical reports of the pastors here named have been examined and passed: D. F. Smith, A. P. and Amy M. Breneman, Frank Betzer, George and Ina Doty, C. S. Weigel, George Smith, J. F. Hiner, B. J. Hoover, Ira E. Bradley, A. W. Curry, Ulis Hekel, May Lord, George Fry, D. W. Scott, W. E. Reeve, F. J. Wilson, R. W. Mack.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. P. Breneman,  
R. W. Mack,  
Ulis Hekel.

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### No. 2. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYNE PROPERTY, ETC.

Recommendations:

That the insurance payment of \$4.50 on West Union church be made by the President from the Conference Fund, with the understanding that the remaining installments be met locally.

That the property at Wayne be sold by the President at his discretion. Provided, if any of our other charges desire the material in the church there, it may be so disposed of.

That the church at Masonville be left as it is at present.

That the matter concerning Diagonal sidewalk be left as it is, awaiting developments. If the sidewalk is ordered, then the President is authorized to draw on the Building Fund to meet expense.

Geo. S. Fry,  
A. B. Gould,  
J. D. Williams, Jr.

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### No. 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

With gratitude to God for His forbearance, and favor and love shown to us throughout another conference year, we present our fourth annual report.

1. January 3rd—Appointed Rev. Albert Johnson and wife, Mina, supplies for Guthrie Center charge.

2. February 11th—Granted letter of standing to Rev. C. M. Howe, upon his request for the same.

3. March 1st—Granted church letter to C. E. Wright, formerly a member of Benton Center church. Request for said letter made through Rev. Geo. S. Fry.

4. March 1st—Stationed Rev. George S. Fry at Diagonal to care for our church interests in that place.

5. May 25th—Received Rev. W. E. Reeve on his letter of standing from the Illinois Conference, and appointed him Missionary-at-large in Northern Minnesota.

6. July 12th—Issued a letter of transfer to Rev. F. E. Fitch from the Iowa Conference to the Kansas Conference.

7. Orders drawn on the Treasury:

October 7th—To Rev. Ira E. Bradley, for sidewalk in front of church and parsonage at West Union ..... \$32.51

July 24th—To Rev. Ira E. Bradley, for repairs on West Union Parsonage ..... 7.00

8. Received rent from parsonages not occupied by pastors:

Wayne ..... \$60.00

Guthrie Center ..... 79.00

West Union (back rent) ..... 7.00

Total ..... \$146.00

Paid out in repairs at Wayne ..... \$13.40

Paid out in repairs at Guthrie Center 64.04

Total ..... \$77.44

Cash balance turned into Treasury. \$68.56

9. Cash from General Collections during year ..... \$471.57

Salary received ..... 700.00

Traveling expenses ..... 129.13

10. Aside from the regular quarterly meetings and other meetings held, we have engaged in special revival efforts on nine different fields, during a total of one hundred and six (106) days. God's manifest presence was in each place. Some professed to receive definite experiences during these efforts. We regret that



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more have not been reached and brought out into the fullness of the Gospel.

11. Confident of our own unworthiness, we appreciate the hearty co-operation of pastors and churches throughout the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Emerson.

### No. 4. REPORT OF MISSIONARY BOARD.

The Conference Missionary work presents a large field. There are localities where preaching points might be established, some nearby present charges, others more remote. How to supply preaching for these localities and build up the work is the problem confronting the Missionary Board. The lack of means to support such work until there is a self-supporting point established is the great handicap. Five fields have received aid from the Conference through the Missionary Board this year, viz.: Coon Rapids, West Union, Diagonal, Pilot Rock and Little Pine, Minnesota. The amounts given are small in proportion to the need, yet some fruitage has been seen during the year. With the hope and prayers that this arm of the Conference work may be greatly blessed and multiplied, we submit this our annual report.

Orders drawn on the Conference Fund:

April 17—For Church Insurance..... \$2.55

June 12—From Conference Fund for use in Minnesota to Rev. W. E. Reeve ..... 25.00

Orders drawn on Church Extension Fund:

January 15—To Rev. George Smith ..... \$15.00

March 8—To Rev. George Smith ..... 15.00

March 8—To Rev. D. F. Smith ..... 15.00

May 25—To Rev. Geo. S. Fry (Diagonal) ..... 15.00

July 24—To Rev. Ira E. Bradley ..... 20.00

July 24—To Rev. George S. Fry ..... 10.00

To Rev. D. F. Smith, pledged by personal subscriptions and paid ..... 25.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Emerson,

F. J. Wilson,

A. B. Gould,

Missionary Board.

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### No. 5. SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We are convinced that there is no greater work outside of the ministry than the Sabbath School work. And we believe it is to the best interest of our Sabbath Schools to employ only Christian teachers, and we also recommend the use of Wesleyan Methodist literature. We have been encouraged the past year by the results of our home department work. Let us consecrate ourselves to this work. God's Word says: "Be ye therefore steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Signed by the Committee:

Byron Hoover,

Ida Gorman,

May Warner.

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### No. 6. SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I have been able to make only one trip among the schools in the interests of this work. This was in December, when I held institutes with the schools at Bennezette, Emmanuel and St. Charles. Each of these institutes was well attended, and a very gratifying interest was shown. I, at least, enjoyed these meetings much, and hope some permanent benefit may have resulted. The rest of the work has been necessarily done by correspondence, and has consisted mostly of supervision and examinations of classes in teacher training. There is not the interest in this matter of teacher training that the subject deserves. May Lord has completed Hurlbut's first course by herself as a part of the Conference course of study, besides numerous other subjects, the past year. A number of others at different places are taking the Hurlbut course, some of whom are nearly through. Pastors and superintendents will find here a solution of much of the problem about Sunday School teachers. Try it. At Emmanuel a class of four, under the leadership of Miss Della Rice, has finished the standard course, and has got well along in the advanced course, having completed the study of the Old and New Testaments therein. They are the only ones I know in our schools who have taken any part of the advanced course. In fact, comparatively few anywhere have the interest and steadfastness to complete it; and these sisters deserve credit. I hope their example will stimulate others to follow.



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This work of Sunday School Secretary is one that needs to be done. Our schools will not be at their best without the help and encouragement which is implied by it. But to do it as it should be means, of course, personal visitation. To make this office most efficient, we ought to have a Secretary who can visit the schools on Sunday and keep in intimate and personal touch with them all the time.

A. B. Gould.

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### No. 7. APPORTIONMENT OF BUDGET.

Your Committee on Apportionment of the Budget, having computed the same, respectfully report:

Guthrie Center .....	\$25.00
Pilot Rock .....	18.00
Albaton .....	85.00
South Troy .....	91.00
Guthrie Circuit .....	21.00
Diagonal .....	9.00
Benezette .....	60.00
Charles City and Howardville .....	69.75
Hoover .....	92.25
Fairview .....	150.75
St. Charles .....	105.75
Bethel .....	54.00
Emmanuel .....	130.50
Dayton .....	164.25
West Union .....	31.50
Pleasant Hill .....	36.00
Little Pine .....	11.25
Dundee .....	81.00
Seeley .....	27.00
Wayne .....	22.00

Signed:

A. P. Breneman,  
Ina Doty.



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### No. 8. VOTE OF THANKS.

After another year of conflicts and victories, we have come up again to our Annual Camp Meeting and Conference to enjoy the blessings that come from the united efforts for the salvation of souls. Conference is coming to a close, and while souls have been feasting upon the things of God, we have not been unmindful of the untiring efforts put forth by those who have made our stay here so pleasant.

We, therefore, wish to extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Nelson Gilbert for these convenient grounds.

We wish to thank the pastor and people of the Dundee charge for their cordial welcome and many thoughtful kindnesses shown us while in their midst.

We wish to thank the Camp Meeting Committee and the ladies in the dining hall for the provision of our many needs while camping here upon the ground.

Signed:

May Lord,  
G. M. Doty.

### No. 9. SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND.

Having considered the same, your committee respectfully reports:

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

Ira E. Bradley,  
Daniel A. Stone,  
A. M. Stephens,  
Committee.

### No. 10. BUILDING FUNDS.

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

We recommend:

Regarding the loan to S. S. Cameron, that the Conference

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comply with the request of Mrs. Cameron to apply her apportionment of Superannuated Ministers' Fund on this note, interest being paid first and balance applied on principal.

That the matter of shingling the Bethel Church be left in the hands of the pastor of the church, who shall make a thorough canvass for the necessary funds, and if unable to meet the full amount, he shall confer with the Conference President, who shall act at his discretion in this matter.

That the \$100.00 loaned to the Hoover Church be continued another year without interest.

Signed:

C. S. Weigel,  
Geo. S. Fry,  
W. N. Walton.

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### No. 11. AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee for Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts and Books, Rev. F. J. Wilson, find them correct and properly balanced.

Signed:

J. F. Hiner,  
Miriam Day,  
D. L. Stone,  
Committee.

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### No. 12. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's books show the following:

#### Building Fund.

Received during the year .....	\$200.00
Deficit at last report .....	24.18
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Balance .....	175.82
Disbursements .....	39.51
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On hand .....	\$136.31

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### Conference Fund.

On hand at last report .....	\$253.37
Received .....	830.22
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Total .....	\$1083.59
Disbursements .....	913.38
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On hand .....	\$170.21
<b>Conference Fund in Minnesota.</b>	
On hand at last report .....	\$62.06
Disbursements .....	25.00
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	\$37.06

### Student Fund.

On hand at beginning of year .....	\$58.38
No receipts of disbursements.	

### Camp Meeting Fund.

On hand at last report .....	\$208.43
Received .....	\$278.57
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Total .....	487.00
Disbursements .....	250.43
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On hand .....	\$236.57

### Education.

On hand at last report .....	\$73.73
Received .....	235.83
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Total .....	\$309.56
Disbursements .....	219.43
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On hand .....	\$90.13



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### Superannuated Fund.

On hand at beginning of the year .....	\$230.49
Received .....	91.80
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Total .....	\$322.29
Disbursements .....	75.00
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On hand .....	\$247.29

### Missions Budget.

On hand .....	\$222.36
Received .....	346.07
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Total .....	568.43
Disbursements .....	299.46
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Cash on hand .....	\$268.97

### Church Extension.

Received during the year .....	\$226.11
Disbursements .....	105.00
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On hand .....	\$121.11

### Summary.

Total received, including cash on hand at beginning of year .....	\$3318.42
Total disbursements .....	1952.39
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Total cash on hand .....	\$1366.03

### Summary of Building Fund.

Loans .....	\$1199.00
Cash on hand .....	136.31
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	\$1335.31

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Wilson, Treasurer.

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### No. 13. COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM.

The past year has added to the accumulating evidence that we are living in tremendous times—times the import of which we who live in them cannot fully comprehend while they are passing. Whether they mean that the Lord is at the door, or whether He shall still tarry, this much is sure: a crisis is upon the world, and changes are impending which no man can foresee. This, too, is plain: the only cure for the evils in the earth is the Gospel of Christ; civilization and learning and culture are failures as regenerators of mankind. The world will never grow better, but by the change of the hearts of those in it. This must be our message to our age.

If any were needed, the conflict in Europe has furnished the last proof of the futility and wickedness of war, and the wisdom of arbitration as a means of settling international differences. This war is the legitimate fruit of a spirit of militarism, which has been cultivated by the last generation and more in Europe. As Christians and as citizens, it is our business to oppose this same spirit in our own country, whether it parades itself as "preparedness," or in any other specious cloak of a frothy patriotism.

We rejoice at the continued rapid progress of the temperance and prohibition movement. We count it an affront to the Christian conscience of the nation that this question has been again ignored by the three largest parties in their platforms, and we recommend to Christian voters to rebuke this recreancy by their ballots.

On all the other many moral questions still agitating the world as in the days of the founding of our Church, we would be counted worthy of a place among the agencies of true reform.

A. B. Gould,

A. W. Curry,

Jennie M. Emerson.

### No. 14. COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES.

We, your Committee on Boundaries, submit the following report:

That the Wesleyan Methodist church in the town of Little Pine, Crow Wing County, Minnesota, be called the First Wesleyan Church of Little Pine, and recommend that it be received as such by this Conference.

J. F. Hiner,

A. P. Breneman.



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### No. 15. COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Committee on Pastoral Relations.—Rev. W. R. Emerson, Rev. R. W. Mack, Rev. F. A. Butterfield, William Gipe, W. N. Walton.

Committee on Examination of Character.—Rev. W. R. Emerson, Rev. C. S. Weigel, George W. Ebeling.

Auditing Committee.—Rev. J. F. Hiner, D. L. Stone, Miriam Day.

Committee on Sunday Schools.—Cora Howlett, Ida Gorman, Jeanette Johnson.

Committee on Moral Reform.—Rev. A. B. Gould, Rev. A. W. Curry, Jennie Emerson.

Committee on Resolutions.—Rev. F. A. Butterfield, Rev. D. W. Scott, Mr. John D. Williams.

Committee on Post Offices.—Mrs. Jeanette Johnson, Mrs. Ina Doty.

Committee on Building Fund.—Rev. C. S. Weigel, Rev. Geo. S. Fry, W. N. Walton.

Committee on Vote of Thanks.—May Lord, Rev. Geo. Doty.

Committee on Apportionment of Budget.—Rev. A. P. Breneman, Thomas Powers, Ina Doty.

W. R. Emerson,  
R. W. Mack,  
J. F. Hiner,  
W. N. Walton,  
D. L. Stone.

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### No. 16. COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL ORDERS.

1. That Brother Butterfield's address on Connectional interests be at the hour of 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

2. That the election of permanent officers be Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

3. That the hour of 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon be given to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society for their annual meeting under the tabernacle.

4. That the hour of 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon be given to the ordination service.

J. F. Hiner,  
A. P. Breneman,  
Committee.



## No. 17. COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

It is with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow that we make our report at this time. There have been many things to encourage us during the past year, but also some that have brought sorrow to our hearts.

We are thankful for the blessing of God that has rested upon our missionary work, both at home and abroad. God has wonderfully helped and kept the workers on the foreign field. In spite of the fact that the war has greatly added to the expenses of the missions, and so far no new workers have been able to go out to the fields, the work has been kept up. The workers on the field, although carrying extra work, have been spared and been enabled to keep the work moving.

We are grateful that at present the way seems open for new workers to go out to the field, three expecting to sail for Africa and two for India in a short time.

On the other hand we are sorry that because of the shortage of workers and added expense more has not been accomplished, but trust that when this cruel war is over the work will speedily regain its former scope and under the blessing of God may accomplish more for the spread of righteousness than ever before.

Our hearts have been filled with sorrow and we have all deeply sympathized with our Brother and Sister Ashton in the loss of their two dear children and pray that God will comfort and sustain them in these sad days.

In regard to our home work, we are glad to say that during this past year something has been accomplished along the line of missionary work within the bounds of our own Conference. In northern Minnesota a field has been opened up, providentially we believe, and through the labors of our Brother Emerson, Brother Dodd and Brother Reeve, who was appointed missionary to Northern Minnesota, a good work has been started and a church organized.

There is a great opportunity for work in this part of the country not only in the rural districts, but there is also a fine opening for city missions if our Conference ever feels able to carry on such work. In Duluth, a city of 80,000, there are very few city missions, and any church that will take up work there will have a broad field and can do much good.

We hope that our Conference will take a greater interest in missions this coming year than ever before, and will continue to work and to pray for this department of our Church work.

Miriam Day,

May Lord,

W. E. Reeve, Committee.

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### No. 18. COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS.

1. Conference licentiates serving as missionaries: Ruby Paine, Alice Thomas, May Lord, Miriam Day, Delia Howlett.

2. In first year of course, with credits designated: George Smith, Binney, Discipline, Bible 2, Teach. Tr. 1st ex.; Alfred Stephens, Bible 2, Miley 1; W. E. Reeve, on letter of standing from Illinois Conference.

3. In second year: George and Ina Doty; Byron Hoover, Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.

4. Licensates not in course of study: G. C. Houck, D. W. Scott, Amy Breneman.

5. Taking course voluntarily: May Lord, with credits in Pentateuch, Roberts' Rules, English, Discipline, Binney, Bible 2, Bible Geography, Love Enthroned, Teacher Training complete.

6. To be ordained by this Conference: Ullis Hekel, Frank Betzer, Edwin Ellis, Bertha Ellis,

7. Annual Conference Preachers: George Smith, May Lord, A. M. Stephens (conditionally).

A. B. Gould,  
A. W. Curry,  
R. W. Mack,  
J. D. Williams, Jr.,  
G. W. Ebeling.

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### No. 19. SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Your committee to which was referred the last resolution on page 17 of the printed minutes of 1915, begs leave to report as follows:

We recommend that the action of the Conference making the resolution in question one of the Standing Rules of the Conference be rescinded.

Signed:

F. A. Butterfield,  
George Fry,  
Committee.



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### No. 20. TOBACCO AMENDMENT VOTE.

Fairview—Total votes, 17; number voting Yes, 15; number voting No, 2.

Hoover—Total votes, 11; number voting Yes, 10; number voting No, 1.

Bennezette—Total votes, 11; number voting Yes, 8; number voting No, 3.

South Troy—Total votes, 19; number voting Yes, 17; number voting No, 2.

Tuttles Grove (Guthrie Circuit)—Total votes, 2; number voting Yes, 2; number voting No, 0.

Bethel—Total votes, 3; number voting Yes, 0; number voting No, 3.

Dundee—Total votes, 16; number voting Yes, 13; number voting No, 3.

Albaton—Total votes, 14; number voting Yes, 13; number voting No, 1.

West Union—Total votes, 9; number voting Yes, 2; number voting No, 7.

Emmanuel—Total votes, 10; number voting Yes, 3; number voting No, 7.

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### No. 21. COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions respectfully submits the following report:

1. Whereas, It has pleased God in His all-wise providence to permit us to assemble in another session of the Iowa Conference to greet one another in brotherly love, and to transact the business of the kingdom which falls to our care, therefore be it

Resolved, That we humbly and gratefully acknowledge our gratitude to Almighty God for the gracious manifestations of His favor that have followed us through the year now closing, and that we pray that His hand may be over us to protect us from evil and to guide us in our service of Him in the year upon which we are entering.

That we hereby express our sincere appreciation of the faithful services of the officers of the Conference and the various committees, and pledge ourselves to pray for each other, and admonish



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each other if need be, that we may all be kept in the bonds of brotherly and sisterly fellowship and Christian charity.

2. Whereas, We find that our lot has fallen upon strange and perilous times when openly and boastfully the inspired Word of God is set aside by many in high places as unauthoritative; when the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ is declared by an increasing number to be unnecessary in procuring man's reconciliation to God; when the regeneration of every man born in the flesh is no longer considered necessary, by many religious teachers, for entrance into the kingdom of heaven; when a gospel of regeneration of the ills of society is substituted for that individual holiness of heart and life without which no man shall see the Lord; when blindness of heart in an increasing measure seems to be the portion of professors of religion; when Christ-rejecting organizations are multiplying like the frogs of Egypt,—therefore be it

Resolved, That our pastors and people be admonished to constantly keep in mind that to successfully carry on the work of Christ's kingdom we must continue to use spiritual weapons and Scriptural methods, and that there must be absolute dependence upon the Holy Spirit to effect genuine and lasting results, remembering that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord."

3. Whereas, The dominant political parties have again at their recent national conventions refused to declare for the abolition of the right to manufacture and sell alcoholic beverages, therefore be it

Resolved, That all voters, especially those of our own Conference, should cast their ballot only for the candidates of those parties which have declared for the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

4. Resolved, That we re-affirm our position of unswerving opposition to Christless secret orders, which we believe to be among the greatest and subtlest enemies of the Church of Christ and of immortal souls, robbing them of spiritual power and eternal life.

5. Resolved, That we again declare our undying fidelity to the doctrines of the Scriptures and of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, especially that of the necessity of that holiness of heart and life which is wrought by the baptism of the Holy Ghost as a second definite work of grace subsequent to regeneration.

Signed:

F. A. Butterfield,  
Lucy Kirkpatrick.

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### No. 22: COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS.

How many elders are on the Conference roll? 25.

Who of the elders are on the stationed list? W. R. Emerson, Charles City, Iowa; E. R. Dodd, Charles City, Iowa; F. J. Wilson, Clarence, Iowa; R. W. Mack, Dundee, Iowa; J. F. Hiner, Walker, Iowa; A. B. Gould, Jarretts, Minn.; A. W. Curry, LaPorte City, Iowa; C. S. Weigel, Marengo, Iowa; F. A. Butterfield, Syracuse, N. Y.; Geo. S. Fry, Marengo, Iowa; A. P. Breneman, University Park, Iowa; Ira E. Bradley, West Union, Iowa; Ulis Hekel, Charles City, Iowa; D. F. Smith, Bristow, Iowa; Frank Betzer, Charles City, Iowa; G. Edwin Ellis and Mrs. Bertha Ellis, University Park, Iowa.

Who of the elders are on the unstationed list? C. M. Howe (carrying a letter of standing).

Who are on the supernumerary list? George J. Cameron, Heisler, Alberta, Canada; A. B. Gould, Jarretts, Minn.; George and Ina Doty.

Who of the elders are on the superannuated list? R. C. Moulton, Des Moines, Iowa; L. W. Easton, B. F. Logsdon, W. H. Riley, J. T. Platt.

Who of the elders have been deposed this year? None.

Who of the elders have withdrawn this year: (1) By transfer: C. P. Carkuff, F. E. Fitch. (2) By letter of standing: None.

Who have joined the Conference this year? (1) By ordination: Frank Betzer, Ulis Hekel, Edwin Ellis, Mrs. Bertha Ellis. (2) By transfer: W. E. Reeves (licentiate). (3) By letter of standing or credentials from some other religious body: None.

Who of the elders have died this year? None.

Who of the licentiates are on the stationed list? George Smith, B. J. Hoover, A. M. Stevens, D. W. Scott, W. E. Reeve, Dr. Alice Thomas, Delia Howlett, Miriam Day, May Lord.

When and where shall the next Conference be held? Place to be determined by the President of the Conference and his Advisory Committee and the Camp Meeting Committee; time to be determined by the Conference President and the Connectional officials.

How is the work supplied?

Dayton—F. J. Wilson.

Dundee and Masonville—R. W. Mack.

Fairview—C. S. Weigel.

Emmanuel—A. W. Curry.

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Hoover—J. F. Hiner.

Charles City and Howardville—Frank Betzer.

West Union—Ira Bradley.

Bennezette—D. F. Smith.

Bethel—George Smith.

Guthrie Center Charge—Supplied by Albert Johnson.

Albaton—A. M. Stephens (conditionally).

St. Charles—Ulis Hekel.

South Troy—B. J. Hoover.

Pleasant Hill—D. W. Scott.

Diagonal—Supplied by Aaron Cameron.

Little Pine, Minn.—W. E. Reeve.

Guthrie Circuit—Supplied by Henry Weigel.

In the hands of the President—Pilot Rock, Wayne.

To choose their own field of labor—George and Ina Doty, J. W.

Leedy, Amy Breneman.

Missionary Evangelists—George S. Fry, G. C. Houck.

Connectional Editor—F. A. Butterfield.

Conference President, with instructions to travel—W. R.

Emerson.

Connectional Evangelist in Northwest District—E. R. Dodd.

Sunday School Secretary and General Evangelist—A. B. Gould.

Missionaries in Africa—Dr. Alice Thomas, Delia Howlett, May

Lord and Miriam Day.

Missionaries on furlough—Dr. Ruby Helen Paine.

General Evangelists—A. P. Breneman, Edwin and Bertha Ellis.

Who are the Conference officers:

President—W. R. Emerson.

Vice-President—A. P. Breneman.

Secretary—Elvira Gould.

Sunday School Secretary—A. B. Gould.

Treasurer—F. J. Wilson.

Signed:

W. R. Emerson,

R. W. Mack,

Secretary of Committee on Pastoral Relations.



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### No. 23. NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

#### Elders.

W. R. Emerson .....	Charles City, Iowa
E. R. Dodd .....	Charles City, Iowa
F. J. Wilson .....	Clarence, Iowa
George S. Fry .....	Marengo, Iowa
R. W. Mack .....	Dundee, Iowa
Ira E. Bradley .....	West Union, Iowa
C. M. Howe .....	West Union, Iowa
B. F. Logsdon..	706 E. Boone St., Marshalltown, Ia.
J. F. Hiner .....	Walker, Iowa
A. W. Curry .....	LaPorte City, Iowa
R. C. Moulton..	1429 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines, Ia.
D. F. Smith .....	Bristow, Iowa
A. B. Gould .....	Jarrett, Minn.
F. A. Butterfield,	330 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, N. Y.
George J. Cameron .....	Daysland, Alberta, Canada
C. S. Weigel .....	Marengo, Iowa
A. P. Breneman .....	University Park, Iowa
L. W. Easton..	188 Olivewood Ave., Riverside, Cal.
J. F. Platt.....	Lakeside, Neb.
W. H. Riley .....	Upland, Cal.
Ulis Hekel .....	Charles City, Iowa
Frank Betzer .....	Charles City, Iowa
Edwin Ellis .....	University Park, Iowa
Bertha Ellis .....	University Park, Iowa

#### Licentiates.

Amy Breneman .....	University Park, Iowa
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 .....	Sloan, Iowa
D. W. Scott .....	LaPorte City, Iowa
May Lord .....	Kunso, Sierra Leone, West Africa
Miriam Day .....	Kunso, Sierra Leone, West Africa

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Delia Howlett ...Kunso, Sierra Leone, West Africa  
Alice Thomas ....Kunso, Sierra Leone, West Africa  
George Doty .....  
Ina Doty .....  
Ruby Paine .....State Hospital, Rochester, Minn.

### Delegates.

W. N. Walton .....Walker, Iowa  
J. D. Williams, Jr. ....Marengo, Iowa  
Lucy Kirkpatrick .....Clarence, Iowa  
Jeanette Johnson ..... West Union, Iowa  
G. W. Ebeling ..... Bristow, Iowa  
W. M. Gipe .....LaPorte City, Iowa  
Ida Gorman .....Zumbro Falls, Minn.  
Miriam Day .....Charles City, Iowa  
Jennie Emerson .....Charles City, Iowa  
D. L. Stone .....Manchester, Iowa  
May Warner .....Ira, Iowa  
C. A. Beeson .....Guthrie Center, Iowa  
M. Lortscher ..... Hammond, Minn.  
Ina Doty .....Sloan, Iowa

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### No. 24. SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sister Bertha Ellis had charge of the love feast, followed by preaching by Rev. F. A. Butterfield. In the afternoon Rev. W. R. Emerson preached the ordination sermon, which preceded the ordaining of Ullis Hekel, Frank Betzer, G. Edwin Ellis and Bertha Ellis to the ministry. There were nine elders present to participate in this solemn, sacred service. In the evening Evangelist W. S. Marvin had charge of the service. All day long the presence of God was felt. It was a holy day.

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		Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	No. Wesleyans Taken	S. S. Banners Taken	Teacher's Quarterlies	Scholars' Quarterlies	Junior Quarterlies	Primary Class Papers	Little Folks Cards
Dayton .....	F. J. Wilson	12	1	1	22	15	6	50	10	10	16
Dundee .....	R. Wesley Mack	12	1	1	16	40	6	60			18
Fairview .....	C. S. Weigel	12	1	1	15	20	6	45		10	10
Emmanuel .....	A. W. Currie										
Hoover .....	J. F. Hiner	12	1	1	14	25	4	40	10	10	10
Charles City and Howardville....	Frank Betzer	12	2	2	11	10	10	10		10	10
West Union .....	Ira E. Bradley	12	1	1	5	18	6	24	12	12	10
Bennezzette .....	Austin and Amy Breneman	12	1	1	10		12	30	15	12	24
Bethel .....	May Lord	12	2	1	5		3	20	10		8
Guthrie Circuit .....	D. F. Smith	12	1	1	3		4	12	6	6	9
Albaton .....	Geo. and Ina Doty	12	1	1	7	15	4	40		15	12
St. Charles .....	Ulis Hekel	12	2	1	11	20		30		12	6
South Troy .....	B. J. Hoover	12	1	1	20	9	6	85		12	12
Pleasant Hill .....	D. W. Scott	12	1	1	6	14	6	20	10	10	10
Diagonal .....	Geo. Fry	5	1	1	1						
Pilot Rock .....	Geo. Smith	12	1	1	6	6		17			18
Wayne .....											
Little Pine .....	W. E. Reeve	10	2	1	7						
Guthrie Centre .....											
		183	20	16	159	192	73	483	73	119	167



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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

	Members Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	No. Reported Last Year.	No. at Beginning of Year	Present Numbers	Loss.	Gain	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstated Elders	Licentiates	Members Titling.	No. of Sabbath Schools	Officers not Teach. or Schol.	No. of Teachers
Dayton .....				2		75	75	73	2						2	1	5	12
Dundee .....			2		3	41	41	36	5						20	1		6
Fairview .....	13				1	55	55	67		12		3	1	4	15	1		6
Emmanuel .....																		
Hoover .....	2				5	44	44	41	3		2			1	8	1		4
Charles City and Howardville..	2		7			36	36	31	5			11		1	17	1		3
West Union .....				1	1	15	15	14	1						5	1	1	4
Bennezette .....					2	29	29	27	2			4		2	5	1		4
Bethel .....				1		25	25	24	1				1		3	1		4
Guthrie Circuit .....						8	12	12							3	1		2
Albaton .....	8				4	34	34	38		4				2	5	1		5
St. Charles .....	2			1	4	50	50	47	3					3	10	1		4
South Troy .....	2			2		45	45	45				1			21	1	3	6
Pleasant Hill .....						16	16	16			2			1	6	1	1	4
Diagonal .....						3	4	4										
Pilot Rock .....				1		9	9	8	1						1	1		2
Wayne .....																		
Little Pine .....								5				1			5			
Guthrie Centre .....																		
	29		9	6	20	485	486	488	23	16	4	25	2	15	121	14	4	66

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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

	No. Scholars in Cradle Roll	No. Scholars in Main School	Total No. in Sabbath Schools	Average Attendance	No. of Scholars Converted	No. Schol. Joining Church	No. of Departmental Supts.	Teachers in Training Course	No. of Scholars in Adult Bible Class	No. of Books in Library	No. of Church Buildings	Value of	Amount of Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of	Amount of Indebtedness
Dayton .....	4	50	62	30					12		1	\$1850		1		\$1200
Dundee .....	14	51	71	46	1		1		16		1	2000		1		1200
Fairview .....			66	43		6			20		1	1000		1		1500
Emmanuel .....																
Hoover .....		40	50	35	2	2			15		1	1400		1		1800
Charles City and Howardville	3			14			1				1	1600				
West Union .....		31	35	20					6	26	1	1500		1		1000
Bennezette .....	6	40	50	33			1		10	20	1	1000		1		1200
Bethel .....		35		35	3			5			1	1000		1		
Guthrie Circuit .....		23	25	15	4						1	1000				
Albaton .....		50	54	35	5	6		5	15		1	700		1		1500
St. Charles .....	11	35	45	30	1		1		12	47	1	1500		1		1800
South Troy .....	17	77					3		13		1	1700		1		1500
Pleasant Hill .....		70	71	26		11			18		1	1600				
Diagonal .....											1	1000				
Pilot Rock .....		10	12	6					2		1	900		1		800
Wayne .....																
Little Pine .....																
Guthrie Centre .....											1	1500		1		1500
	51	492	541	368	16	25	7	10	138	93	15	\$21200		12		\$15000

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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

	Cash or Other Values on Hand	Pastor's Salary	Parsonage Rent	Fees, Marriages and Funerals	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts	Evangelistic Help
Dayton .....		\$350.52	\$75	\$35.00	\$39.15	\$579.67	\$8.75
Dundee .....		460.00	96	34.00	28.95	618.95	54.57
Fairview .....		514.82	100	10.00	31.79	656.61	35.08
Emmanuel .....							
Hoover .....	\$10.00	508.77	100	17.00	10.50	635.77	38.60
Charles City and Howardville		311.38	120	33.50	57.98	522.86	27.25
West Union .....		135.00	72			207.00	
Bennezette .....		340.75	100		58.40	499.15	28.97
Bethel .....		116.65	60	10.00	79.64	266.29	19.00
Guthrie Circuit .....		124.20		2.00	47.45	173.65	23.28
Albaton .....		197.00	100	5.00	53.00	355.00	44.88
St. Charles .....		363.62	100	18.00	30.60	674.22	49.45
South Troy .....	8.75	460.69	100	28.00	255.97	744.66	90.10
Pleasant Hill .....	7.20	250.10		7.00	13.50	270.60	61.00
Diagonal .....		25.00			39.00	64.00	
Pilot Rock .....		142.00	23	10.00	30.00	205.00	
Wayne .....							
Little Pine .....		144.96		5.00	92.66	240.62	24.79
Guthrie Centre .....							72.00



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	Sabbath School Expense	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expense	Total for Church	Undivided Budget	Missions	Education
Dayton .....	\$40.00	\$250.00	\$59.51	\$358.32		\$126.10	\$130.10
Dundee .....	37.71	20.00	38.80	158.08		36.26	15.63
Fairview .....	27.02	173.53	67.14	323.77		188.05	98.00
Emmanuel .....							
Hoover .....	23.00	15.00	20.00	142.06		93.63	22.00
Charles City & Howardville	10.94		9.15	78.29	\$19.70	76.64	23.00
West Union .....	15.00	7.00	20.00	42.00		23.48	
Bennezzette .....	23.52	40.00	20.00	112.49		81.45	14.00
Bethel .....		6.55	2.50	28.05		42.84	
Guthrie Circuit .....	10.96	28.00	8.40	70.68	3.50	6.43	5.00
Albaton .....	18.00	13.62	15.84	92.34		48.50	
St. Charles .....	20.25	8.25	43.37	121.32		49.69	.50
South Troy .....	45.19		60.00	195.29		201.25	69.00
Pleasant Hill .....	23.42		32.80	117.22		108.21	
Diagonal .....			2.00	2.00			
Pilot Rock .....	8.23	1.25	7.80	17.28		50.56	
Wayne .....							
Little Pine .....				24.79			
Guthrie Centre .....	11.00						
	\$313.24	\$563.20	\$407.31	\$1882.98	\$22.57	\$1133.09	\$377.23

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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

	Conference Work	Superannuated Ministers Fund	Other Benevolent Objects	Total for Benevolences	Total Contributed for all Purposes	Undivided Budget Raised
Dayton .....	\$51.35	\$13.00	\$15.90	\$336.45	\$1274.34	
Dundee .....	99.00	9.00	32.50	187.39	962.42	
Fairview .....	170.50	10.25		466.80	1466.18	
Emmanuel .....						
Hoover .....	45.46	4.84	10.00	175.93	908.30	
Charles City and Howardville .....	45.95	6.87		171.41	703.32	\$19.07
West Union .....	1.80	2.80		28.08	277.08	
Benezette .....	47.14	5.00	5.00	152.59	764.23	
Bethel .....	13.54			56.38	350.72	
Guthrie Circuit .....	17.00	1.80		33.73	278.02	
Albaton .....	18.54	3.00		70.04	517.38	
St. Charles .....	18.90	4.00		73.09	868.63	
South Troy .....	32.81	8.00		311.06	1232.01	
Pleasant Hill .....		4.00	3.50	115.71	556.63	
Diagonal .....	2.00			2.00	68.00	
Pilot Rock .....	1.50		1.00	53.06	275.34	
Wayne .....						
Little Pine .....	10.00			10.00	275.41	
Guthrie Centre .....	20.24					
	\$597.73	\$69.56	\$67.90	\$2241.72	\$10793.01	\$19.07

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	Budget Assigned	Missions Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised	Total Budget	Missions Assigned
Dayton .....	\$168.75	\$126.10	\$93.75	\$130.10	\$254.70	
Dundee .....		36.26		15.63	51.89	
Fairview .....		188.05	49.50	98.00	286.05	
Emmanuel .....						
Hoover .....		93.63	55.00	22.00	115.63	
Charles City and Howardville.....	19.07	76.64		23.00	118.71	
West Union .....		23.48			23.48	
Bennezette .....		81.45		14.00	95.45	
Bethel .....		42.84	30.00		42.84	
Guthrie Circuit .....	20.00	6.43		5.00	11.43	
Albaton .....	85.50	48.50			48.50	
St. Charles .....	114.75	49.69		.50	50.19	
South Troy .....	101.25	201.25		69.00	270.25	
Pleasant Hill .....	65.25	108.21			108.21	
Diagonal .....						
Pilot Rock .....		50.56			50.56	
Wayne .....						
Little Pine .....						
Guthrie Centre .....						
Full amount as apportioned by Conference .....	\$574.57	\$1133.09	\$228.25	\$381.23	\$1527.89	
	\$1309.00		\$727.00			\$582.00

Signed:

D. F. Smith,  
Geo. Smith,  
Ulis Hekel



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### MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME, FOREIGN AND CON- FERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR 1916.

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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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#### First Meeting, August 23, 1916.

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

"He Leadeth Me" was sung.

Devotionals were led by Sister Lottie B. Buttermore, who read nine verses of the first chapter of Joshua, and offered prayer.

A motion prevailed that all members present be seated as members of the Conference Society.

Moved and supported that Lottie B. Buttermore act as Secretary pro tem.

Agreed by common consent that the time of our public program be Friday at 2:30 P. M.

Moved and supported we do now adjourn.

#### Second Meeting, August 24, 1916.

President Wilson in the chair.

Opening song, "Jesus the Light of the World."

All joined in repeating the 121st Psalm. The President offered prayer; also made remarks.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

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Moved and supported that an Auditing Committee be appointed by the President, who appointed Sisters Jennie Emerson and May Lord as such committee.

The President also appointed Sisters Miriam Day and Hazel Carr as a Committee on Statistics.

Reports from the following local societies were read: Fairview, Bethel, Bennezette, Pilot Rock, East St. Charles, South Troy, West Union, Pleasant Hill, Hoover, Baxter and Albaton.

All reports were referred to the Statistical Committee.

The President gave her report. She stated that this year had been a year of encouragement.

Moved and supported that this report be adopted.

A motion prevailed that the time set for the election of officers be tomorrow afternoon at some convenient time.

A motion was carried that inasmuch as there was not enough money raised through the self-denial fund to support a native worker in Africa, that all money raised through such fund be turned over to Sisters Miriam Day and May Lord to be used for evangelistic work in that field.

By common consent, the President and Sisters Day and Lord constitute the Program Committee to arrange for the public program.

The meeting adjourned to convene tomorrow afternoon.

### Third Meeting, August 25, 1916.

President Wilson in the chair.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "He Leadeth Me" were sung.

Devotionals were conducted by Sister May Lord, who read a part of the 10th chapter of St. John and led in prayer.

Minutes of last meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Sisters Jeanette Johnson and Miriam Day were appointed tellers.

Election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Clara Wilson.

Vice-President—Mrs. Jennie Emerson.

Secretary—Miss Lottie B. Buttermore.

Treasurer—Mrs. Lucy Kirkpatrick.

Organizer—Miss Delia Howlett.

Y. M. W. B. Superintendent—Mrs. Ollie Haymond.

Reports from Charles City, Emmanuel and Dundee societies were read and referred to the Statistical Committee.

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President Wilson made a suggestion that instead of sending so much clothing to our Southern work we send some money to help educate a worthy "mountain white" boy.

Adjourned by motion to meet again at the call of the chair.

### Fourth Meeting, August 26, 1916.

A fourth meeting was called.

Sister Emerson led in prayer.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Report from Dayton Valley Society was read and referred to the Statistical Committee.

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

A motion prevailed that we adjourn to meet at 4:45 P. M. at the dining tent.

### Fifth Meeting, August 26, 1916.

Opened with prayer by Dr. Ruby Paine.

Minutes were read and approved.

The Auditing Committee reported. Report adopted.

The Treasurer's report was adopted.

Statistical report was given and it was adopted.

Moved and supported that we order the Treasurer to pay from the Conference Treasury for the printing of the Conference Minutes.

A motion was made and seconded that we draw the sum of \$15.00 from the Treasury, to be given to Sister Lord for an itinerating trip in Africa.

Moved and seconded that the remainder in the Treasury be given to Home Mission work, with the exception of \$10.00, which sum is to remain in the Treasury.

Moved and supported that the President and Secretary be a Program Committee next year.

Minutes of the public meeting, and also of the present meeting, were read, corrected and approved.

A motion to adjourn prevailed.



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### PUBLIC MEETING

Saturday at 2:30 P. M.

Opening song, "Nothing but the Blood."

Devotionals were conducted by Sister Bertha Ellis, who also made some appropriate remarks.

This was followed by a song, "Where Are the Reapers," by the Ladies' Quartette.

The "Question Box," conducted by Dr. Ruby Paine, was both interesting and instructive.

Sister May Lord gave a short talk. She stated it was with no feeling of sadness, but joy, that she looked forward to her soon taking up the work she so much loved in Africa. An appeal was made for funds, the amount of \$131.00 in cash and pledges being secured.

Sister Miriam Day gave a talk; she stated she wished especially to be remembered in prayer by the members of the Iowa Conference. In conclusion she gave a poem entitled "Missionary Call."

The assembly joined in singing "God Will Take Care of You," while all marched around and gave our missionaries a parting hand-shake and wished them God-speed.

Brother Emerson led in an appropriate closing prayer.

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### REPORT OF TREASURER FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 1915, TO AUGUST 26, 1916.

On hand September 11, 1915 .....	\$13.03
Receipts during the year:	
For Miltonvale Dormitory .....	42.00
For Conference Society:	
Emmanuel .....	23.00
South Troy .....	37.75
West Union .....	4.50
West Union, by receipt .....	4.84
Pleasant Hill .....	10.00
Mrs. Mahlon Williams, Africa .....	5.00
Charles City .....	11.05
Fairview .....	13.00
Albaton .....	7.60

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Albaton, by receipt .....	1.50
Baxter .....	8.70
Bethel .....	25.00
Bennezette .....	21.71
St. Charles .....	15.60
Pilot Rock .....	5.00
Hoover .....	6.23
Tuttles Grove .....	1.55
Tuttles Grove, by receipt .....	2.80
Dundee .....	27.01
Dundee, by receipt .....	4.00
Fairview .....	5.00
Dayton Valley .....	18.65
Mrs. Mary Wattles .....	1.00
Miss Ida Gorman .....	2.00
Mrs. K. Brink .....	1.00
General Treasurer, by receipt .....	128.00
General Treasurer, by receipt .....	139.69
 Total .....	 \$586.21

### Disbursements.

To Miltonvale Dormitory .....	\$35.00
General Treasurer, by receipt .....	128.00
General Treasurer, by receipt .....	139.69
West Union, by receipt .....	4.84
Albaton, by receipt .....	1.50
Tuttles Grove, by receipt .....	2.80
Dundee, by receipt .....	4.00
 Total .....	 \$315.83
Balance .....	\$270.38

Lucy Kirkpatrick, Treasurer.



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

Name of Society	No. of Members	No. of Meetings	Amount Raised	Amount Disbursed	Amount Sent Conference Society	Balance in Treasury
Albaton .....	31	25	\$39.50	\$39.50		
Bethel .....	14	12	27.92		\$25.00	\$2.92
Baxter .....			8.70		8.70	
Bennezette .....	15	8	24.21	2.50	21.71	
Charles City .....	11	11	18.20	1.96	11.05	5.19
Dundee .....	24	18	39.51	11.50	27.01	1.00
Emmanuel .....	25	14	79.43	56.76	22.25	.42
East St. Charles .....	15	15	29.40	12.32	15.60	1.48
Fairview .....	17	6	15.00	2.00	13.00	
Hoover .....	10	6	16.00	3.72	12.27	
Pilot Rock .....	20	12	34.81	20.00	10.00	4.81
Pleasant Hill .....	14	12	59.50	41.88	10.00	7.62
South Troy .....	28	17	62.13	20.12	37.75	4.26
West Union .....	13	12	14.70	3.40	4.50	1.38
Dayton Valley .....	24	7	87.20	67.18	18.65	1.37
	261	175	\$556.21	\$282.84	\$277.49	\$30.55