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RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The business of the Church, in its quadrennial session called together people from many sections of the world to meet at Houghton College, Houghton, New York. The religious services were marked throughout with a splendid spiritual tone. This was evidenced in the singing, as well as the preaching. It was evident that the emphasis on revivals, and the deepening of the spiritual life of the Church was reflecting itself in all the gatherings.

The Rev. J. R. Swauger, Home Missionary Secretary, who was designated to preach the opening sermon was at his best. He brought a very unique message on the "Life of Jonathan." His points of emphasis were, the Courage, the Confidence, the Consideration, the Consecration, and the Cooperation of Jonathan. The message was very clear in its presentation being very well illustrated and intensely practical.

Services were held each evening in the Camp Meeting Auditorium with various speakers, from over the denomination, preaching. On Sunday morning Dr. F. R. Eddy brought a very interesting and inspiring message. On Sunday evening the Rev. E. L. Henderson of the North Carolina Conference inspired the large audience with his emphasis on evangelism. This was the closing service of the twenty-seventh quadrennial session of the General Conference.

The W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary Society organized for the quadrennial session with a renewed objective—that the devotional phase should have first place. Their slogan: "**Forward On Our Knees**" had been duly emphasized throughout the past quadrennium and served as monitor during this session of business. The manifest presence of the Lord was enjoyed throughout. The delegation chose to retain the former slogan for a new quadrennium, stressing the implied injunction "Farther" on Our Knees.

Four and one-half days of intensive Missionary deliberation ensued, sprinkled well with reports and discussions of the Missionary goals. The daily 6:30 meetings, open to the general public, spread before the Church the varied Missionary interests which she sponsors. A goodly number of home workers brought vivid portrayal of the Missionary enterprise in that field. Each of the Foreign Fields was well represented. The overall Macedonian appeal on Sunday afternoon was highlighted with special representatives from India and Australia. Wesleyan Methodist youth responded heartily to the Missionary challenge of the Church.

The W. Y. P. S.

All services of the Fifth Quadrennial W. Y. P. S. Convention were held in the Campground Tabernacle adjoining the Houghton College Campus. Business sessions were freely and richly interspersed with services of inspiration, devotion, and challenge builded around the theme words of the Convention, "**Commission—Confidence—Conquest.**" The Rev. L. R. Mack, Canada; the Rev. Lois E. Richardson, Middle Atlantic States; and the Rev. John Cole, Ohio, brought Bible messages at a 10:00 o'clock period. The Rev. Alton J. Shea, the Rev. Orval Butcher, and the Rev. Wesley Lovin conducted separate interest groups in Missions, Music, and Materials and Methods.

Holiness youth organizations in sister denominations were represented by the Rev. Paul F. Elliott, for the Pilgrim Holiness Church; Dr. S. T. Ludwig, for the Church of the Nazarene; and the Rev. Ernest Keasling, for the Free Methodist Church. The Rev. Dale Campbell sounded a Christian challenge to youth at the three o'clock hour Wednesday. Dr. Stephen W. Paine addressed the convention on the subject, **"Conquest Through United Christian Action."** A service of Recognition for Veterans of World War II featured a stirring message by Dr. Rufus D. Reisdorph, former Chaplain, and short talks by each of the former Wesleyan Chaplains present. This was a deeply impressive service. The Saturday night Youth service was full of spiritual variety and closed with a gracious altar response. Officers of the W. Y. P. S. including those newly elected together with their wives were presented. The Rev. Henry Ortlip was featured in a musical chalk picture. The Rev. H. K. Sheets brought the message.

The W. Y. P. S. Convention shared richly with all other services of the General Conference in a most unusual outpouring of the Spirit of God. There is much in the afterglow of the days spent at Houghton to inspire Wesleyan Methodism to the highest and best endeavors of her history in the winning of souls and the carrying forward of her God-ordained mission.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

First Meeting—Wednesday, 10:00 a. m. E. D. T., June 25, 1947

Opening—The twenty-seventh quadrennial session of the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America was held at Houghton, New York. The first meeting was called to order by the President, the Rev. F. R. Eddy, June 25, 1947, at 10:00 a. m. Maxwell Enyeart of Indiana led the song service. Devotions were in charge of the Rev. E. L. Henderson of North Carolina. The Scripture lesson was taken from the 48th division of the Psalms. He placed emphasis on the fact that the God of Zion is a great and a mighty God. Brother Henderson led in prayer. It was an inspiring, soul-stirring prayer.

Committee on Credentials Report—The Rev. D. T. Perrine, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials reported.

Bar of Conference Fixed—The first eight rows of seats in the front of the auditorium constituted the Conference bar.

Correction of the Roll—Charles B. Jenkins was substituted for Ed Campbell of Kansas; Eva Allen for Chester Dayton of Champlain; Marie Brannon for Harold Dufloth of Dakota.

Time of Meeting—The time of the daily meetings was fixed by vote as follows: 8:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. to adjourn by vote.

Committee on Committees—The President, the Rev. F. R. Eddy, announced the Chairmen of the General Conference Committees.

The Committee on Committees was elected as follows: E. L. Henderson, Chairman; Roy S. Nicholson, William A. Smith, Leslie Wilcox, and A. M. Jackson.

President's Message—The President of the General Conference, the Rev. F. R. Eddy, delivered an informal message to the body. The first part of the President's message was given over to a report of the serious war-torn years through which the Church has passed during the last quadrennium. He reported on the possibility of sending our advanced theological students to Asbury Theological Seminary. He referred this matter to the Committee on Education, which would bring in a report to this body. He gave a report of the fine progress of our latest Home Mission field, Australia, and recognized the presence of the Rev. K. M. Ridgway, its delegate. The balance of the message was given over to inspiring and encouraging the General Conference concerning the greatness of the task laid upon our Church.

Adjourned by vote.

Benediction by the Rev. D. T. Perrine.

Second Meeting—Wednesday, 1:30 p. m., June 25, 1947

Opening—Devotions were in charge of the Rev. Sterl Phinney of Indiana. The Scripture was taken from the 103rd Psalm. Brother Phinney led in prayer.

Roll call and the minutes were read and approved.

Orders of the Day—According to the custom, the Orders of the Day for the afternoon meeting were the reports of the Connectional Agent, Sunday School Secretary and Editor, and the Connectional Editor. These three reports were adopted by vote. (See Reports Nos. 1, 2, 3.)

Committee on Committees Report—The Committee on Committees made a full report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 4.)

Orders of the Day—The Connectional Home Missionary Secretary and Treasurer reported. This report was adopted by vote. This vote in-

cluded the reception of the Nebraska Conference as a Mission Conference. (See Report No. 5.)

Adjourned by vote.

Benediction by Prof. Leo Cox.

Third Meeting—Thursday, 8:30 a. m., June 26, 1947

Opening—The meeting was called to order with the President in the Chair. Maxwell Enyeart led in the song, "Showers of Blessings." The Rev. R. C. Mullinax of South Carolina led the devotions, reading Ephesians 5:14ff. He pointed out four characteristics of God's Church. Brother Mullinax led in prayer.

Roll call and the minutes were read and approved.

Committee on Courtesy—The Rev. K. M. Ridgway, our representative from our new work in Australia was presented. The Rev. Clarence Budensiek, the President of the new mission conference in Nebraska, was also presented.

The Home Missionary Secretary officially presented the organization known as The Australian Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America. He also presented the newly organized Nebraska Conference. The Conferences were received by vote.

Committee on Religious Services—The Committee on Religious Services announced the services for the evening.

Orders of the Day—The time arrived for the Orders of the Day when the Connectional Foreign Missionary Secretary and Treasurer should report. This report was adopted by vote, and the Doxology was sung. (See Report No. 6.)

Committee on Coordination—The Committee on Coordination gave its report. The President of the General Conference gave the history and the development of this plan. It had been reviewed and also recommended for adoption by the Book Committee. Some discussion followed. A defense of the Coordination Plan was given by the chairman of the Committee, the Rev. Roy S. Nicholson. (See Report No. 7.)

Adjourned by limitation of time.

Benediction by the Rev. C. D. Crabill.

Fourth Meeting—Thursday, 1:30 p. m., June 26, 1947

Opening—The song service was led by Maxwell Enyeart, singing, "We're Marching to Zion." The Rev. J. A. Bain of Ontario, Canada led the devotions, reading from Philippians, chapter two. He emphasized the verse, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Brother Bain led in prayer.

Roll call and minutes were read and approved.

Orders of the Day—Time for the Orders of the Day arrived, which was a further discussion of the Coordination Plan. The Plan was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 7.)

Committee on Courtesy—The Committee on Courtesy introduced the Rev. Myron F. Boyd, the director of the "Light and Life Radio Program" and pastor of the Free Methodist Church of Seattle, Washington.

The Rev. Paul F. Elliott, the Fraternal Delegate of the Pilgrim Holiness Church to this body, was presented. He brought us greetings from his denomination. Also a fine message was delivered, giving some of the history of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. The Rev. Roy S. Nicholson gave the response to this message, indicating that we are not competitors but colleagues in the vineyard of the Lord.

Dr. H. M. Couchenour, the President of the National Association for

the Promotion of Holiness was presented to the assembly. He spoke of the work of the organization and of the strategic position that this Association holds in being the united voice of the Holiness people. The Rev. Mr. Couchenour read several testimonies of Holiness church leaders concerning the benefits of the work of the National Association for the Promotion of Holiness.

Roy S. Nicholson made a motion that the report of the Coordination Committee, as adopted, become effective upon the rise of this General Conference. J. F. Simpson inserted a motion of privilege to amend Paragraph 232 of the original Coordination Plan by inserting the words, "which cannot be postponed until the full Board meets," following the second appearance of the word "transact." This was approved by vote. Brother Nicholson's motion was then passed.

The motion passed that "the committee elected to edit the discipline be, and they hereby are, empowered to harmonize all names and terms in the discipline with the final action of this General Conference in accordance with such matters."

It was moved and passed that the committee to edit the discipline be given authority to change Special Rule IV, entitled "Tobacco," to accord with the record of the action of the General Conference.

Committee on Religious Services—The Rev. C. I. Armstrong, Chairman of the Committee on Religious Services, announced the following services: Missionary Service, 6:30 p. m.; evening service, 7:30 p. m., the Rev. A. M. Jackson, President of the Indiana Conference, as speaker; and that Friday morning, following the opening of Conference, Dr. Carl F. Howland, Editor of "The Free Methodist," Fraternal Delegate to this body from the Free Methodist Church; and Dr. S. T. Ludwig, General Secretary of the Church of the Nazarene, and Fraternal Delegate to this body, will speak.

Adjourned by motion to do committee work.

Benediction by the Rev. W. D. Correll.

Fifth Meeting—Friday, 8:30 a. m., June 27, 1947

Opening—The meeting was called to order by the President. Maxwell Enyeart led the congregation in singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and "Lead On Oh King Eternal." The Rev. Leslie D. Wilcox, the President of the Ohio Conference, led in the devotions. He read a very appropriate passage of Scripture, Ephesians 4:11-13. Brother Wilcox led in prayer.

Roll call and minutes were read and approved.

Committee on Courtesy—Dr. and Mrs. Pieffer, Free Methodist missionaries from India, were introduced to the General Conference. The Rev. Mr. Timothy, a native of India and District Superintendent of the Free Methodist Conference in India, was introduced and gave a brief testimony. Dr. S. T. Ludwig, General Secretary of the Church of the Nazarene and Fraternal Delegate to this body, gave an inspiring message, setting forth the unity of purpose of our Holiness denominations. The Rev. F. R. Birch gave the response. Dr. Carl F. Howland, Editor of the "Free Methodist" and Fraternal Delegate to this body from the Free Methodist Church, brought greetings from the Free Methodist General Conference which closed last Monday, June 23, 1947. Brother Howland showed a very magnanimous spirit; he exemplified a clear vision for the work of the Lord, and a very progressive note was sounded in his message. He presented a report of the commission of the Free Methodist Church concerning the merger of our two Churches as follows:

Your committee further recommends that this General Conference instruct the Joint Commission, if continued by mutual agreement of the two Quadrennial Bodies, to present for the 1951 General Conferences a definite plan of reorganizing as one the two denominations, without commitment to approval of union.

Dr. William F. McConn, the President of Marion College, gave the response.

The Conference stood and sang, "A Charge to Keep I Have."

Orders of the Day—The President called for the Orders of the Day which was the election of the General Conference officers.

The election resulted as follows:

President—Roy S. Nicholson.

Ministerial Vice-President—F. R. Eddy.

Lay Vice-President—Stephen W. Paine.

The motion passed that the General Conference Secretary be nominated from the floor and elected by acclamation. Garl Beaver was elected Secretary of the General Conference.

Adjourned by vote.

Benediction by Dr. Carl Howland.

Sixth Meeting—Friday, 1:30 p. m., June 27, 1947

Opening—The meeting was opened by singing "Glory to His Name" led by Maxwell Enyeart. The Rev. W. C. Lovin, President of the North Carolina Conference, led in the devotions, reading 2 Timothy 1:7-14. A communication was read from the Rev. E. W. Black, who requested prayer for his physical well being. A spirit of intercession prevailed as Brother Lovin led in prayer.

Roll call was omitted. The minutes were read and approved.

Committee on Courtesy—The Committee introduced Dr. Harold Winn, a Friends pastor of Hughesville, Pennsylvania, who gave his testimony. Mr. Osberg, representative of the American Bible Society, was presented and was asked to speak. He reported that more than seven million copies of the Word of God have been distributed in foreign countries and that more than four million have been distributed in our own country, by the American Bible Society in the last year. He stated that this is the best report that the Society has ever been able to make.

The motion passed that we set as our goal for the American Bible Society for the ensuing year the sum of two thousand dollars.

Orders of the Day—The election of Connectional Officials. The following were elected:

Connectional Editor—O. G. Wilson, by 84 of 128.

Connectional Agent—F. R. Eddy, by 98 of 126.

Connectional Foreign Missionary Secretary—F. R. Birch, by 108 of 126.

Connectional Home Missionary Secretary—J. R. Swauger, by 98 of 128.

Connectional Sunday School Editor—Rufus Reisdorph, by 81 of 127.

Delegates-at-Large—A motion prevailed to elect a committee to designate the Conferences from which Delegates-at-Large are to be elected for the next session of General Conference.

The following were elected to fill this committee:

D. T. Perrine, Chairman

E. L. Henderson

J. S. Freeborn

Committee on Sunday Schools—The Committee on Sunday Schools rendered its report which was adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

Committee on Resolutions—The Committee on Resolutions read its report. This report was adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

Committee on Prohibition—The Committee on Prohibition presented its report. It was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 10.)

Committee on State of the Church—The Committee on State of the Church read its report. It was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 11.)

Adjourned by vote.

Benediction by the Rev. J. B. Markey.

Seventh Meeting—Saturday, 8:30 a. m., June 28, 1947

Opening—The meeting was opened by singing, "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood" led by Maxwell Enyeart. Dr. W. F. McConn, President of Marion College, led the devotions by reading Deut. 28:1-14 and 31:1-8 and leading in prayer.

Roll was called and minutes were read and approved.

General Superintendent of W. Y. P. S. Report—The Rev. H. K. Sheets, General Superintendent of the W. Y. P. S. read his report. It was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 12.)

Committee on Young People's Work—The report of the Committee on Young People's Work, together with the proposed Constitutions for the General Wesleyan Young People's Society, was partially read. The motion prevailed that we consider the reading of the proposed Constitutions as complete. The motion prevailed that the report and the proposed Constitutions be adopted and that they become effective immediately. (See Report No. 13.)

Committee on Societies of the World—The Committee on the Societies of the World read its report, which was adopted. (See Report No. 14.)

Committee on Church Records—The Committee on Conference Records read its report which was referred back to the Committee.

Delegates-at-Large—The Committee elected to designate the Conferences from which delegates-at-large are to be elected reported. They recommended delegates to be chosen from Alabama, Canada, Iowa, Oklahoma, Middle Atlantic States and California. The report was adopted.

Committee on Statistics—The Committee on Statistics gave its report which was adopted. (See Report No. 15.)

Committee on Tithing—The Committee on Tithing gave its report which was adopted. (See Report No. 16.)

The motion was made and passed that sub-paragraph 1 of Paragraph 256 of the Discipline, which defines the school districts, be amended to include the Nebraska Conference in the Miltonvale District.

The motion passed that the duties of the Committee on Chaplaincy be placed in the hands of the General Conference President.

Committee on Boundaries—The Committee on Boundaries presented a report which was referred back to the Committee.

The motion prevailed that the matter of who shall preach the opening sermon of the next General Conference be left in the hands of the Board of Administration.

The motion passed that the General Conference President be authorized to appoint a special committee on Religious Services ahead of General Conference so that it may prepare a proper program.

The motion prevailed that the General Conference President be authorized to appoint the chairmen of committees for work in the next General Conference.

The motion prevailed that the General Conference President be chairman of a committee appointed or created by either the Executive Board

or the Board of Administration which shall constitute the Committee on Orders of the Day for the next General Conference.

Committee on Church Union—The Committee on Church Union read its report. During the reading, a motion was passed that we extend the time of sitting sufficiently to complete this report. The entire report was read. An amendment was adopted to add to this report the paragraph which the Free Methodist Commission on Church Union placed in its report, brought to us by Dr. Howland, their representative. (See Daily Proceedings, fifth meeting.) The amended report was adopted. (See Report No. 17.)

The motion passed that the personnel of the Committee on Church Union be continued, with this amendment: That in case of vacancies within the Committee, the Board of Administration be empowered to fill such vacancies.

Adjourned by limitation of time.

Benediction by the Rev. Royal S. Woodhead.

Eighth Meeting—Saturday, 2:15 p. m., June 28, 1947

Opening—The meeting was called to order at this hour by the Chairman. Maxwell Enyeart led in the singing of "Faith of Our Fathers." Devotions were led by the Rev. J. B. Markey, reading from 1 John 3:1-9. Brother Markey led in prayer.

Roll call omitted. Minutes were read and approved.

F. R. Birch, Foreign Missionary Secretary, introduced the Rev. Maurice Gibbs, to be committed by prayer to the Lord as he leaves within an hour and a half for Japan. Brother Nicholson asked Brother Eddy to lead and Brother Birch to close the prayer while many gathered near to join in the prayer of commitment. Brother Gibbs spoke briefly, making this request, "The only thing that I ask is that you do not forget."

By request the Secretary read a statement from Brother Reisdorph pertaining to his work as Sunday School Secretary and Editor. The motion prevailed that Brother Reisdorph be granted full-time secretarial help, office space, preferably in the mid-West, and the privilege of adding to the editorial staff at such time as the financial condition of the Department makes it possible and it seems advisable.

Committee on Revision—The Committee on Revision, which is the Book Committee of the Connection, reported on Items 3 through 53. The report is as follows: Item 3 was referred to the Committee on Evangelism by the Committee. Item 4 had already been acted upon. Item 5 was amended by Committee and approved by Committee and General Conference. Item 5a was approved by vote. Items 6, 7, and 8 were approved by the Committee and General Conference. Items 9, 10, and 10a were referred to the Committee on Home Missions by the Committee. Item 11 was approved. Item 12 was amended by Committee and approved by the Committee and General Conference. Item 13 was referred to the Committee on Evangelism by the Committee. Item 14 was approved as amended. (See Report No. 7.) Item 15 was not approved by the Committee and the General Conference. Item 16 was approved as amended. Item 17a was approved. Item 17b was approved as amended. Item 18 was not approved. Item 19 was approved as amended. Items 20 and 21 were not approved. Item 21a was approved as amended. Item 22 was not approved. Items 23 and 24 had been already covered. Item 25 was approved as amended. Item 26 was approved. Item 27 had been covered. Item 28 was approved. Item 29 was referred to the Committee on Home Missions. Items 30, 30a and 31 were approved as amended. Item 32 was ap-

proved. Item 33 was not approved. Item 33a was approved. Item 34 had been covered. Items 35 and 36 were approved. Items 37 and 38 were approved as amended. Item 39 was referred to the Board of Administration. Items 40 and 41 were approved. Item 42 was not approved. Item 42a was approved as amended. Item 43 was approved. Item 44 was omitted since covered by Item 53. Items 45 and 46 were referred to the Committee on Evangelism. Item 47 was already covered in Young People's Report. Item 48, I. was not approved; II. was dropped; III. was approved. Items 49 and 50 were already covered. Item 51 was referred to a Committee on Pooling General Conference Expense. Item 52 was not approved. (See Report No. 18.)

Committee on Pooling General Conference Fund—The Committee read a report which was approved by vote. (See Report No. 19.)

Committee on Revision—Item 53 was amended and recommended by the Committee for approval. Item III, 1. was amended to read: "1. There shall be a Board of Managers of the Plan which shall be the Board of Administration. The Board shall elect a treasurer and custodian of this fund . . . , etc. This amendment was approved by vote. Item VII was amended to read: "Item VII. Should a member fail to pay his assessments at any time or for any reason he shall be granted a grace period of 30 days before he forfeits his rights, etc." This amendment was approved by vote. Item II, 2 was amended to read: "2. A budget of \$1.50 per year per each church member beginning at the rise of General Conference 1947; to be paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Treasurer of the fund quarterly." This amendment was approved by vote. Item III, 1 was further amended to read: "1. There shall be a Board of Managers of the Plan which shall be the Board of Administration whose decisions on the points of appeal shall be final." This amendment was approved by vote. Item 53 was adopted by vote as amended. (See Report No. 18.)

Officers of W. Y. P. S.—A motion passed that the General Conference approve the nominations of the General W. Y. P. S. Officers. Adopted by vote. (See Report No. 20.)

A motion was passed that a committee be elected from the Board of Administration to hear complaints and suggestions concerning the Superannuate Pension Plan and to take care of differences in order to recommend changes to the next General Conference.

A motion was passed to amend **Paragraph 146** to read,

Each Annual Conference shall elect a Board of Superannuate Ministers Aid who shall gather and report to the Board of Administration as it may request from time to time such data on each member of the Plan as may be necessary to the proper operation of the Plan. It shall also cooperate with the Board of Managers of the Plan in administering this fund as the Board of Managers of the Plan may request.

The Committee on Religious Services announced the services for Sunday and the time for meals.

Adjourned by vote until 7:00 p. m.

Benediction by the Rev. H. C. Van Wormer.

Ninth Meeting—Saturday, 7:30 p. m., June 28, 1947

Opening—The meeting was called to order by the President, the Rev. Roy S. Nicholson. Roll call and the reading of the minutes were omitted.

A Memorial—The Rev. J. F. Simpson presented a memorial signed by twenty Conference Presidents as follows:

"We recommend that there be annual meetings during the next quadrennium of the General Conference President, the General Officials, and the Annual Conference Presidents in some central place, for greater inspiration, coordination and growth of our Church.

"That the expense of transportation and meals of the Annual Conference Presidents be prorated among the conferences participating.

"That the transportation be figured on the basis of a clergy fare."

This memorial was adopted by vote.

Committee on Boundaries—The Committee on Boundaries read its report. It was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 21.)

Committee on Education—The Committee on Education read its report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 22.)

Committee on Church Records—The Committee on Conference Records read its report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 23.)

Memorial Service—The motion prevailed that the matter of a Memorial Service be referred to the Committee on Religious Services.

Committee on Radio—The Committee on Radio gave its report. The motion prevailed that we hear Brother Clifton's remarks in regard to the continuance of "The Wesleyan Hour." The Rev. Stanley Wright was asked to take the Chair while the Chairman, Roy S. Nicholson, made some remarks concerning the radio work. The Rev. Mr. Wright placed the question and the report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 24.)

Committee on Book Concern—The Committee on Book Concern gave its report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 25.)

Board of Administration—The four school districts nominated, and the General Conference elected, the following members of the Board of Administration: **Central**, E. L. Henderson, R. C. Mullinax, D. L. Jones; **Houghton**, D. A. Rees, Floyd Douglass, Hollis Stevenson; **Miltonvale**, W. H. Dyer, LaVerne Tolle, J. S. Freeborn; **Marion**, A. M. Jackson, L. D. Wilcox, Jesse Shatford. It was voted to raise the Educational Budget for the Central College area from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per member. It was voted that the basis for representation for the local Board of Managers for Central College be one for every one thousand members or major fraction thereof. It was voted that the basis for representation for the local Board of Managers for Miltonvale Wesleyan College be one for every five hundred members or major fraction thereof.

Committee on Home Missions—The Committee on Home Missions read its report. A motion prevailed to strike out all reference to the budget, pending the report of the Budget Committee. A motion prevailed that the reference concerning the Card Call be stricken from the report and referred to the Committee on Budget. By vote the Home Missions Report was placed on the table, until the report of the Budget Committee be given.

Petition—"Since the word 'Connection' in the Church name has ceased to have a clear meaning and is burdensome in legal papers, and since the Articles of Incorporation as recorded in the court records is in a confused condition,

"A petition submitted to the Annual Conferences for approval has been signed without objection by all but one of the Annual Conferences as follows:

"We do petition the General Conference to change the name of the denomination to read,

'THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA'

"And that the General Conference instruct the trustees of the Corporate Body to take necessary steps to correct the Articles of Incorporation in harmony with this action and,

"That in the revision of the Discipline, all parts of the same shall be made to agree with this action.

"Signed by order of the Book Committee,

"F. R. EDDY, Chairman;

"DAVID A. REES, Secretary."

It was adopted by vote.

Resolution—"That the General Conference authorize the Board of Managers of the Superannuated Ministers' Aid Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America to take legal steps to change the corporate name to 'The Superannuated Ministers' Aid Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.'

"Signed,

"F. R. EDDY, Chairman;

"DAVID A. REES, Secretary."

Adopted by vote.

Resolution—"That the General Conference authorize the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America to take necessary legal steps to change the corporate name to read 'The Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.'

"Signed,

"F. R. EDDY, Chairman;

"DAVID A. REES, Secretary."

Adopted by vote.

Trustees—It was voted that the names of five trustees be placed upon one ballot which was later re-considered by vote and they were elected by ballot one at a time. Only three of the five were elected, due to limitation of time. Those elected were Roy S. Nicholson, by 100 of 107 votes; F. R. Eddy, by 90 of 107 votes; and David A. Rees, by 74 of 112 votes.

Committee on Foreign Missions—The Committee on Foreign Missions read its report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 27.)

Board of Review—The following were elected members of the Board of Review: O. G. Wilson, Leslie D. Wilcox, F. R. Eddy, Jesse Shatford, and Stephen W. Paine.

Publish Minutes—Garl Beaver, Roy S. Nicholson, and O. G. Wilson were chosen to edit and publish the General Conference Minutes.

Edit Discipline—The Rev. Roy S. Nicholson and the Rev. F. R. Eddy were elected a committee to edit and publish the new Discipline.

Committee on Budget—The Committee on Budget read its report. The report was amended by vote as follows: "That the Educational Budget for Miltonvale Wesleyan College be raised from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per member." It was voted that this report of Committee on Budget be laid on the table and that it be the first order of business after the opening Monday morning.

Adjourned by vote until 8:00 a. m. Monday.

Benediction by the Rev. Roy S. Nicholson.

Tenth Meeting—Monday, 8:00 a. m., June 30, 1947

Opening—The meeting was opened by the chairman in charge. Song service was led by Maxwell Enyeart, singing "Blessed Assurance." The Rev. R. C. Kendrick of South Carolina read from 2 Cor. 6:1-10 and led in prayer.

Roll Call and Minutes of the 8th and 9th meetings were read and approved as corrected.

Budget Committee—The motion passed that the Budget Committee Report be taken from the table. An additional amendment passed by vote that the budget be left as of the previous quadrennium, with those exceptions: Coordination, 25c per member; Superannuate Pension Plan, \$1.50 per member; General Conference Expense Fund, 20c per member per year; and the Educational Budget for Central College and for Miltonvale Wesleyan College be \$2.00 per member per year.

The Budget Committee's report was adopted by vote as amended. (See Report No. 27.)

Committee on Home Missions—The report of the Committee on Home Missions was taken from the table by vote. An amendment passed by vote that the Home Missions Report be made to agree with the Budget Committee's Report. The Home Missions Report was further amended to include an appeal for Australia during the first year of the quadrennium, and that the Card Call Plan continue in the future as in the past. This was adopted by vote.

The original report of the Home Missions Committee as amended was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 28.)

Trustees—The election of the General Conference Trustees was continued. It was voted that the last two trustees to be elected should be laymen. Those elected were Stephen W. Paine, 71 of 98 votes, and Floyd G. Douglass, 77 of 96 votes.

A motion prevailed that the "Defense of the Coordination Plan" as given by Dr. Roy S. Nicholson on Thursday morning, June 26, 1947 to the General Conference be signed and sealed by the proper officials and that it become a part of the permanent records of this Conference, and that it be preserved with the other records and that it be added to the Minutes. (See Report No. 7.)

The motion passed that the publisher of the General Conference Minutes be instructed to make some cloth-bound copies of the same, the number to be determined by the orders received.

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

Secretary on Transportation—By motion, the Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, General Conference President, was elected Secretary on Transportation.

A motion passed that the Board of Administration be authorized to hear appeals on school district assessments and adjust inequalities.

The motion prevailed that the reports of the College Presidents and Treasurers be considered as read and that they be printed in the General Conference Minutes. (See Reports 29, 30, 31 and 32.)

Secretary on Evangelism—The report of the Secretary on Evangelism was read and adopted by vote. (See Report No. 33.)

Committee on Evangelism—The Committee on Evangelism read its report. An amendment was made that those portions referring to amendments in the Course of Study and certificates awarded as a result of the Course of study be referred to the Board of Administration with power to

act, this action to have the same effect on the Discipline as if acted upon by the General Conference.

An amendment to the amendment was made that the whole paragraph of Item 45 be referred to the Board of Administration with power to act. Amendments were passed by vote. The original motion was passed by vote as amended. (See Report No. 34.)

Superannuate Pension Plan—A motion was made to reconsider Item 53 of the Handbook which is the Superannuate Pension Plan. It was passed by a standing vote of 40 to 39. By consent of the assembly only Item 4, No. 4 was opened for reconsideration. Some discussion followed. The motion prevailed to stop debate. It was voted not to amend Item 4, No. 4. A motion passed that Item 53 be adopted as is.

Secretary on Evangelism—By motion, the Rev. W. D. Correll was elected Secretary on Evangelism. By motion, the Rev. W. D. Correll was elected Prayer League Secretary.

Greetings—It was voted that the Foreign Missionary Secretary extend the greetings of the body to all the missionaries on each of the mission fields.

Mission Conferences—The motion prevailed to implement the change that the Board of Administration shall designate which are Mission Annual Conferences upon the rise of this General Conference.

Committee on Revision—The motion prevailed that the Board of Administration be the Committee on Revision of the Discipline.

Location of Church Headquarters—It was passed by vote that a Committee be elected by the General Conference to study the possibility and advisability of securing a suitable Headquarters property for the use of the General Departments of the Church including the Publishing House in a more central location; that the General Conference President be the chairman of this committee and each school district be represented on this committee, and that said committee report to the Board of Administration for action.

The motion prevailed that the Board of Administration be this committee.

The motion prevailed that a committee be elected to formulate questions, setting a standard for Annual Conferences for recommending individuals to the General Evangelists' List. The following were elected as members of the committee: Leslie D. Wilcox, Chairman; W. D. Correll, H. C. Van Wormer, C. I. Armstrong, and A. M. Jackson.

Editor Emeritus—Upon motion, Dr. I. F. McLeister was elected Editor Emeritus of "The Wesleyan Methodist" in view of his long years of service as Editor.

Memorials—Recommended Disciplinary Revisions affecting the relationship of the Woman's Missionary Society to the Wesleyan Methodist Church were read. These recommendations were approved by the Book Committee and were adopted by vote of the General Conference. (See Report No. 35.)

Recommended Disciplinary Revisions affecting the relationship of the Y. M. W. B. to the W. Y. P. S. were read. The motion prevailed that the report be laid on the table until the item concerning the monthly foreign missionary meeting be inserted into the W. Y. P. S. Constitution.

The motion prevailed that a new section be added to the Discipline to be properly placed and designated as Section 13a, and entitled "A Superannuate Pension Plan," and Item 53 in the Handbook as amended

and adopted by the General Conference shall appear as the proper paragraph thereunder as edited by the committee.

The motion prevailed that Paragraph 167 of the Discipline concerning General Evangelists be changed to read, "General Evangelists are required to hold at least six meetings during the year if they are to be considered General Evangelists."

The motion prevailed that we authorize those re-editing the Discipline to change any wording that they may discover which is not in harmony with the final actions of this body and that does not change the sense of the laws of the Church.

The motion prevailed that there be an extension of time in order that business might be properly completed.

Committee on Revision—The Committee on Revision finished reading its report. It was recommended that Items 54, 55, and 56 be referred to the Committee on Home Missions. This was approved by vote. It was recommended that Items 56a and 57 be referred to the Committee on Book Concern. This was approved by vote.

Vote of Thanks—A rising vote of thanks was given to Dr. F. R. Eddy, the retiring General Conference President, for his work as Chairman during much of this session and for his splendid services rendered to the Church during the last quadrennium.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Houghton College and its personnel for their splendid entertainment.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Miss Lyllis Davis, Stenographer and assistant to the Secretary, for her very efficient work during this session.

The motion prevailed that the W. Y. P. S. Constitution be amended by inserting:

"The Society shall ever maintain a missionary emphasis, and at least one meeting each month shall be in the interest of foreign missions with an offering for this cause."

in (Article II. Object) as the second sentence. The report was approved as amended. (See Report No. 13.)

The motion prevailed that the report affecting the relationship of the Y. M. W. B. to the W. Y. P. S. be taken from the table. It was approved by vote. (See Report No. 35.)

The minutes were read and approved.

Dr. Roy S. Nicholson gave the following exhortation:

Let our Objectives for the quadrennium be:

1. Enriched Personal Experience.
2. Intensified Intercession.
3. Increasing Interest in Extending our Borders.
4. Conservation of Converts.
5. Enlisting More of our Youth for the Whole Church Program.
6. Maintaining "the Unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Adjourned sine die.

Benediction by Dr. Stephen W. Paine.

ROY S. NICHOLSON, President;
GARL BEAVER, Secretary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report No. 1

CONNECTIONAL AGENT AND TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Quadrennium 1943-1947

Dear Brethren and Members of the General Conference:

This is the third quadrennium that we have reported to you. To have followed the refined gentleman that J. S. Willett was has been a constant joy and honor. Every day of these years we have been conscious that a gentleman and a Christian preceded us for his honor and courtesy was unfailing. The past twelve years have been years of splendid growth for the Church and all of its interests. Evangelism and spirituality have not failed and they have proven that the doctrines and principles of the Church have been the answer to the world's need. The Church has enjoyed an increasing place in the sun. The war took its toll, but it also gave to us certain opportunities. The difficulties of these years were great but the years of peace are bringing less. With each difficulty has come the grace and Divine help we needed and we feel certain that if we keep pace with the leadership of the Holy Spirit that we will find solutions to the problems that may present themselves as the days come and go.

The mailing list of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST has grown in the three quadrenniums in a very marked manner along with THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY and the use of our Sunday School supplies. The net assets of the Publishing Association in 1934 were reported as \$142,117.02. In 1943 they were \$168,586.83. In the present report they are \$215,345.60, making a very substantial gain for the quadrennium. We would call your attention, however, to the fact that a part of this gain is registered in the fact that, in a few particulars, some new equipment has been bought at a very high price and while it is not invoiced above its real value, in a day when prices are more normal it could have been bought much more favorably. But we would call your attention, also, to the fact that this material was all bought with the proceeds of the business and not with the contributions of the people or the budget money of the Church.

Our building is an old one, but during this quadrennium it has been modernized and the outside as well as much of the interior has been placed in first class condition. The entire brick work of the four-story plant was scraped and repointed with new Portland mortar this past year. The woodwork and cornices have all been given two coats of the best paint and its appearance and condition has been made as good as new. It is substantially constructed and is being modernized to meet present day working conditions. Recently the interior has been improved with fluorescent lights and modern working conditions. The composing room is being given an improved system of work and the stock rooms are being reorganized. Additional space has been taken over on the first floor and in a short time all the mailing of periodicals will be done on the same floor where they are printed and folded. Another press has been added this quadrennium and is very efficient. As rapidly as finances allow, more modern equipment is being added. Only lack of a few thousand dollars prevents us from purchase of additional machinery that would facilitate and advance our work.

We have space, and plans are being worked out, for a modern loading and receiving room with automatic hoist and handling equipment but this must await the finances. For approximately ten thousand dollars a fine additional room fifteen by twenty feet of fireproof construction and equipped with electric hoist so that paper could be bought at better prices and unloaded efficiently could be arranged. We have the space and the plans, if some friend of the cause will furnish the finances we will show you a fine investment for the Church and its great task of spreading holiness literature over these lands.

We are happy to inform you that we are obtaining an increasing number of people who have the realization that this is a definite part of the Church at work. They declare they feel called to service in the Publishing House and its task. This is a most heartening thing. When our people awaken to the fact that this is not a commercial venture, but that it is as definitely evangelistic in its character as any other part of the Church work, then we will begin an advancement in this element of the Church work such as we have never seen.

The net assets of the business are at an all time high. The output of our presses and plant are at an all time high. And while it is a fact that we are meeting the highest prices for labor and material in our history yet we are producing for the Church more per dollar than at any other time in our history.

The book, HISTORY OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CONNECTION (OR CHURCH) OF AMERICA, by the Rev. I. F. McLeister, has reached the end of the edition. This General Conference should take steps to have this splendid work revised and brought up to date and order its reprinting. It is a time of high costs for printing but much of the original type cap and should be used so we believe that an edition can be produced without an exorbitant cost. The denomination cannot afford to be without an up-to-date history, available to our people.

We wish to pay high tribute to our helpers and co-laborers. The Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST and THE WESLEYAN YOUTH, with his unfailing cooperation, has made life pleasant and work easy. The Rev. O. G. Wilson, Sunday School Editor, whose careful work has always provided manuscript on hand when it was needed. We would many times have been happy to have had him in the plant oftener, but his residence elsewhere has not retarded the reception of manuscript on time. The field work of the Rev. H. K. Sheets has been a great aid in enlarging the subscription list for the WESLEYAN YOUTH. Then there is that much appreciated Assistant to the Agent, the Rev. David A. Rees, who came into the office during this quadrennium. Without him we could not well have carried on during the past two years. The business became too large for one man to care for all the details. The force became larger and the volume of business was such that his labors have been invaluable to the Agent and the business. A finer Christian workman could not be found and to him we owe a great debt of gratitude. In addition to these named persons is the large force of clerks and workmen who make up the personnel of the Publishing House force. Their names are not enrolled on the pages of our periodicals but their labors reach each of you every week of the year. Without their loyal, efficient labors we could not carry on.

In the following pages we offer an accounting of our stewardship of the work of the Church in The Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Associa-

tion, The Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America, and The Superannuated Ministers' Aid Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America of which we are the active Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. EDDY, Treasurer.

QUADRENNIAL REPORT WESLEYAN METHODIST PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION

May 1, 1943—April 30, 1947

Cash Receipts

All Sources, 1943-1944	\$113,639.64
All Sources, 1944-1945	121,453.46
All Sources, 1945-1946	142,562.24
All Sources, 1946-1947	148,387.54
Total Receipts	\$526,042.88
Cash on Hand May 1, 1943	13,680.94
TOTAL	\$539,723.82

Disbursements

For All Purposes, 1943-1944	\$110,339.66
For All Purposes, 1944-1945	118,613.86
For All Purposes, 1945-1946	143,572.75
For All Purposes, 1946-1947	161,997.45
Total Disbursements	\$534,523.72
Cash on Hand April 30, 1947	5,200.10
TOTAL	\$539,723.82

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

Earnings

	1943—'44	1944—'45	1945—'46	1946—'47
Sunday School Supplies	\$49,469.98	\$53,828.88	\$56,299.02	\$65,777.38
Books and Merchandise	21,209.79	27,368.29	27,913.72	30,606.72
Job Printing	14,647.53	15,168.31	18,335.23	21,618.45
Wesleyan Subscriptions	11,986.35	11,467.84	11,272.48	12,061.55
Wesleyan Youth Sub.	3,665.87	4,360.04	4,877.56	5,216.81
Rents	3,527.00	2,928.50	2,524.32	2,570.00
S. S. Dues, Contributions ..	1,841.24	2,363.63	1,104.76	1,888.71
Office, Publisher's Earnings	1,347.95	2,761.77	12,196.23	2,921.43
Discounts	505.39	391.49	400.84	668.65
Total Earnings	\$108,201.10	\$120,638.75	\$134,924.16	\$143,329.70

Appreciation in Equipment per Invoice Committee ...	10,841.12	7,965.42	17,177.00	20,548.62
TOTALS	\$119,042.22	\$128,604.17	\$152,101.16	\$163,878.32
GRAND TOTAL				\$563,625.87

Salaries and Expense

	1943-'44	1944-'45	1945-'46	1946-'47
General Control	\$13,213.85	\$15,353.67	\$20,405.48	\$21,475.28
Labor and Operation	28,198.63	29,428.16	32,130.66	43,166.80
Supplies	44,058.78	44,127.67	41,292.31	57,797.46
Mechanical Department ...	1,785.69	2,279.56	11,034.78	4,574.93
Building Maintenance	3,858.12	5,455.67	4,933.70	11,524.87
Fixed Charges	2,639.47	3,526.36	2,673.85	3,312.90
Other Expense	10,489.15	12,955.80	12,842.89	14,653.48
Total Salaries and Expense	\$104,243.69	\$113,126.89	\$125,313.67	\$156,505.72
Depreciation in Equipment per Invoice Committee ...	5,640.92	1,904.76	3,806.30	6,325.15
TOTALS	\$109,884.61	\$115,031.65	\$129,119.97	\$162,830.87
GRAND TOTAL				\$516,867.10

GRAND TOTAL EARNINGS\$563,625.87

GRAND TOTAL SALARIES AND EXPENSE.. 516,867.10

Net Gain for Quadrennium \$46,758.77

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets

Current Assets:

Cash on Deposit	\$ 5,128.62
Petty Cash and Canadian Money	42.99
Loans to Employees	8,349.79
Accounts Receivable	7,636.17
Board Meeting Expense	274.98
Inventory—Books and Pamphlets	12,902.00
Inventory—Certificates	779.00
Inventory—Paper and Envelopes	12,492.00
Inventory—Bibles	6,171.00

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Inventory—Miscellaneous	5,510.00	
Unfinished Printing	3,000.00	
Total Current Assets		\$62,286.55

Fixed Assets:

Real Estate	\$90,000.00	
Composing Room Machinery	16,926.00	
Press Room Machinery	18,010.00	
Executive Homes Capital	10,000.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	13,233.00	
Miscellaneous Cuts and Electros	4,805.51	
Basement Tools and Equipment	2,099.00	
Sunday School Secretary's Furniture and Fixtures	880.00	
Book Plates	429.00	
Total Fixed Assets		\$156,382.51

Deferred Assets:

Building Maintenance Supplies	\$ 9,420.00	
Unexpired Insurance	728.08	
Post Office Deposit	142.67	
Total Deferred Assets		\$10,290.75
TOTAL ASSETS		\$228,959.81

Liabilities

Current Liabilities:

Notes Payable	\$4,000.00	
Accounts Payable	1,690.02	
Withholding Tax	480.50	
Total Current Liabilities		\$ 6,170.52

Deferred Credits:

Board Meeting Expense on Hand	\$ 776.00	
Miscellaneous Items	3,573.42	
W. Y. P. S. Dues on Hand	2,747.12	
Rent	347.15	
Total Deferred Credits		\$ 7,443.69

Total Liabilities And Credits \$13,614.21

Total Assets	\$228,959.81
Total Liabilities and Credits	13,614.21

Net Assets, April 30, 1947	\$215,345.60
Net Assets, May 1, 1943	168,586.83

Net Gain in Assets \$46,758.77

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. EDDY, Treasurer.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CONNECTION OF AMERICA

May 31, 1943—April 30, 1947

Cash Receipts

All Sources, 1943-1944	\$ 1,969.62
All Sources, 1944-1945	12,804.98
All Sources, 1945-1946	7,872.77
All Sources, 1946-1947	725.27
Total Receipts	<u>\$23,372.64</u>
Cash on Hand, May 1, 1943	995.45
TOTAL	<u>\$24,368.09</u>

Disbursements

For All Purposes, 1943-1944	\$ 1,279.92
For All Purposes, 1944-1945	1,603.02
For All Purposes, 1945-1946	12,478.25
For All Purposes, 1946-1947	862.38
Total Disbursements	<u>\$16,223.57</u>
Cash on Hand, April 30, 1947	8,144.52
TOTAL	<u>\$24,368.09</u>

Assets and Liabilities**Assets**

Cash in Bank	\$8,144.52
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Liabilities

Forward Movement Fund	\$5,837.89
Radio Equipment	10.00
Total Liabilities	<u>\$5,847.89</u>
Net Assets, April 30, 1947	\$2,296.63
Net Assets, May 1, 1943	2,894.78
LOSS IN ASSETS	<u>\$ 598.15</u>

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. EDDY, Treasurer.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST CONNECTION OF AMERICA**Cash Receipts**

All Sources, 1943-1944	\$ 387.39
All Sources, 1944-1945	454.40
All Sources, 1945-1946	617.51
All Sources, 1946-1947	1,493.99
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 2,953.29</u>

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Cash in Bank, May 1, 1943	10,636.77
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TOTAL	<u>\$13,590.06</u>
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Disbursements

For All Purposes, 1943-1944	\$ 147.50
For All Purposes, 1944-1945	2,247.50
For All Purposes, 1945-1946	7,981.12
For All Purposes, 1946-1947	<u>2,884.40</u>

Total Disbursements	\$13,260.52
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Cash in Bank, April 30, 1947	329.54
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TOTAL	<u>\$13,590.06</u>
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Assets and Liabilities

Assets

Cash in Bank	\$ 329.54
Loans Receivable and Interest:	
O. G. Wilson	3,400.00
D. A. Rees	3,180.00
Central College	1,700.00
Middle Atlantic States Conference	1,600.00
Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association	1,500.00
Houghton College	600.00
Charles L. White	486.00
P. H. Judd	400.00
Willett Memorial Church	366.59
Willett Memorial Sunday School	<u>366.58</u>

Total Assets, April 30, 1947	\$13,928.71
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Total Assets, May 1, 1943	<u>16,870.93</u>
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LOSS IN ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,942.22</u>
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No Liabilities

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. EDDY, Treasurer.

Report No. 2

CONNECTIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL EDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church: Greetings:

It is both a privilege and a delight to report to this body concerning the activities and accomplishments of the Sunday School Department for the quadrennium that is now closing.

We have heard much from radio and press during the quadrennium about our "first line of defense." Many helpful and worthwhile things have been said, but some of them have missed the point entirely. It is the firm conviction of many of our leading men that our first line of defense is not mechanical but moral, that the difficulty which we face in our generation is brought on by the fact that our moral and religious life has not yet progressed with our material and scientific.

Columnist Harry W. Schlacht says:

"The Sunday School is a mighty influence in the life of our youth.

"It is the keystone of character.

"It is the first line of our Nation's defense.

"It is the finest preparation for happiness.

"It is the passport to good citizenship.

"It is the foundation of our democracy.

"Every child is entitled to know God.

"Every parent owes his child a knowledge of God.

"Every community should encourage it in every way possible.

"Every church should make it a major activity."

"We quote from the *Pathfinder*: 'Juvenile Judge Sam David Tatum, Nashville, Tennessee, tried 4,000 youths under seventeen years of age, from June 1, 1939, to August, 1943. Only seventeen were regular Sunday school or church service attenders, and of these seventeen, nine were not guilty.'

"If these figures can be regarded as typical, then over ninety-nine and one-half per cent of our juvenile offenders are not blessed with the hallowed influence of a Sunday school or church. What a staggering proportion! How eloquently it speaks for the influence of the Church upon those whom it did succeed in reaching!

"When we further consider that over half of the seventeen Sunday-school attenders were acquitted, the argument is further strengthened for striving to bring all youth under Christian guidance and training.

"May God bless every faithful, praying Sunday-school worker. Yours is a noble service, both to God and country. 'And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.'"—The Free Methodist.

Most of the saved and serving today are the fruit of Sunday-school teaching. It was in the Sunday school they learned of God's love and of the life, works, words, death, resurrection, and ascension of the Son of God. It was there the foundation of the Christian life was laid and guiding principles that enable them in active years to chart a straight course amid conflicting tides and contrary winds.

There seems to be a general idea that the Sunday school's primary task is to minister to children. This I believe to be a false view and a principle which, if adopted, will lead to disaster; first, because who can draw an accurate line between childhood and manhood?; and second, it is an assumption that individuals reach the stage where they no longer need systematic Bible study. The Sunday school is the whole church in Bible study. It makes its appeal to every age level and through the Daily Home Readings builds into the home the practical daily Bible study. There should be a concerted effort on the part of every Sunday school to carry its program into the home. The growth of a Church for the future will depend largely upon the success that the Sunday school has in evangelizing the homes.

In the ranks of the Sunday school is a great army of unpaid, little appreciated workers who, week in and week out, through the cold of winter and heat of summer, labor consistently to build up the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. As General Sunday School Secretary I take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the entire Church to this group of holy men and women for their devoted service rendered to God and the Church.

Number and Enrollment of Sunday Schools. The past quadrennium has been one of advancement in the enrollment of the Sunday schools, and

I am sure it is the prayer of every official that it has been one of spiritual advancement as well. In 1943 there were 796 schools with an enrollment of 67,276. In 1944 there were 820 schools, a gain of 24, with an enrollment of 68,151. In 1945 there were 856 schools, a gain of 36 schools, with an enrollment of 72,799. In 1946 there were 879 schools, a gain of 23, with an enrollment of 76,372. For the quadrennium we gained 83 schools and 9,096 in enrollment. With a Church membership of approximately 30,000 and a Sunday-school enrollment of 76,000 we have about 46,000 persons coming to our Sunday schools who are not members of our Church. This is our field. If they are not evangelized, they shall go forever unevangelized. If we fail to bring them into Church membership, we have been recreant in our duty and shall not have fulfilled the obligation that the fathers have placed upon us. It is the vision and prayer of the General Secretary that the time will soon come when the Sunday-school program will be expanded to include an hour of Bible study on Sunday evenings on the same carefully graded basis as is practiced in the morning.

Daily Vacation Bible School. The Daily Vacation Bible School is no longer an experiment. It is a proved success. There were held throughout the Denomination last year many very successful Bible Schools in every conference in the Denomination. It is hoped that in the future accurate statistics can be gained for the enrollment of this arm of the work. The material used has been from the Christian Publications and has met with good response among our people. It is fundamental in interpretation and spiritual in application of the Bible.

Teacher Training Course. The Teacher Training Course has been very unsatisfactory for the entire quadrennium. Some good work, however, is being done and the Committee on Sunday Schools will have some very definite proposals to make in this field before the close of the conference.

Editorial Work. Wartime restrictions required a reduction in the number of pages in the Teacher's, Senior, and Home Department Quarterlies for about eight issues. This required extra time and trouble at the Publishing House and some additional desk work for the Editor. The four-page issues of the Banner were necessary to meet an emergency which could not be avoided. The late delivery of many of the papers has been a trial to some of our people, but holiness has helped us over some of these rough spots.

During the quadrennium twelve new and revised tracts have been published and circulated as well as reprints of some old tracts.

In order to inform the General Conference something of the size of the task that falls to the Editor of the Sunday-school literature, it might be helpful to break the six quarterlies, the three papers, and the Daily Meditations in the Wesleyan down to the number of words which must be prepared. Allowing for all duplications that may occur in the different quarterlies there still must go from the Editor's desk every week approximately 28,000 words of edited material.

The Sunday School Library. The Sunday School Department through the years has built up a very practical Sunday-school library. During the quadrennium 66 volumes covering a wide range of study were added; and, in addition, the quarterlies and the Sunday-school papers for the quadrennium have been bound in permanent form.

Field Contacts. The Secretary's contacts on the field were most interesting indeed. During the first year of the quadrennium no conventions were held as adjusting to the new work required all the time the Secre-

tary had. In the second year thirty-two one-day Sunday School Conventions in six Conferences were held, and five ministerial conventions. The third year there were thirty-four one-day conventions held; and in this closing year thirty-five one-day conventions in eight different Conferences, and three three-day conventions outside the boundary of our own Church.

Correspondence. It has been the purpose of the Connectional Sunday School Secretary to keep in close personal touch with each of the Conference Sunday School Secretaries. To this end circular letters have been sent to them, totaling 29 in number, in which their counsel was sought as to methods and ideas of promotion. Some of these men are doing a wonderful piece of work in their Conferences and the healthy gains that have been made are due largely to their enthusiasm and to the cooperation of the pastors.

Special Projects. In compliance with the recommendation adopted by the last General Conference "the Thanksgiving Offering" has been promoted throughout the quadrennium and has met with considerable enthusiasm and support. Some of the esteemed brethren have doubted the advisability of it, but the matter should be carefully weighed by this body since it has brought into the treasuries of the Church during this quadrennium \$33,913.31.

Year	No. of Schools Reporting	Amount	Purpose
1943	566	\$ 6,692.07	Colleges
1944	654	10,519.69	Connectional Homes
1945	576	5,896.81	Forward Movement Fund
1946	628	10,804.74	Missionary Home

(Note.—The amount of the offering for 1946 includes the amount raised by the Sunday schools only exclusive of other contributions.)

The last Sunday in September has been observed as Connectional-wide Rally Day. Its method of observance has not been all that should be desired at some times; and yet, its general work has been wholesome and it has been widely observed. The plan for this fall will be an expanded Rally Day in which it is hoped that we can have a Connection-wide Sunday school revival. The second, third, and fourth Sundays of September are to be observed and large two-colored posters will be placed in the hands of the pastors early in August. These posters are costing the department about sixty dollars, plus carriage and postage. We believe that these three Sundays should mark a definite forward spiritual surge all along the lines in our Sunday-school movement. Let every pastor give it his prayerful consideration and his best effort.

The last two years in harmony with the plans of the International Council, **National Family Week** has been promoted. A number of articles were prepared for publication in the Wesleyan Methodist, space being generously furnished by Dr. Nicholson, who also furnished some splendid editorials on the subject. In addition, mimeographed material was placed in the hands of every pastor in the Denomination. This, I believe, to be a golden opportunity for the Sunday school to tie itself into the family circle to a great advantage.

It is impossible to properly express our appreciation to our colleagues and friends for their gracious consideration, patience, and earnest prayers during the quadrennium. The corps of workers in the Publishing House at Syracuse has been most cooperative. Special words of appreciation should be spoken for the sympathetic and brotherly attitude of Dr. Roy S. Nicholson and Dr. F. R. Eddy. Their help has been generously given,

and helpful words of encouragement have been spoken by them at times when they were needed badly.

It is the firm conviction of the Sunday School Secretary and Editor that the greatest opportunities of our history are in the immediate future. Whether we shall enter them or not may depend largely upon the vision and holy enthusiasm with which this conference faces its task. This is our hour. May each member of this body hear in the depth of his soul the words of the Master, "Go ye into all the world, make disciples of all nations."

Respectfully submitted,

O. G. WILSON, Sunday School Editor.

Report No. 3

THE CONNECTIONAL EDITOR'S QUADRENNIAL REPORT

Mr. President and Members of the General Conference: Greetings in the Master's Name!

It is with great gratitude to God for His mercy and grace that this report is presented at the end of the first quadrennium in the second century of our Church's glorious history. Thank God for His help in this period of reconstruction and readjustment following the close of the global war which raged while the last General Conference was in session. We are now feeling the tremendous impact of the world upon the bulwark we have erected against the rising tides which threaten the existence of both the Church and the State.

Isolation is actually and morally impossible. No matter how fierce the raging, nor how great the pressure—all of which tests our courage and faith—we must stand. Neutrality is impossible and undesirable. Tremendous changes have taken place in all phases of life. The political unrest in the world is indicative of the general restlessness and revolt against almost all accepted social, moral, and religious practices. Such an age as this requires that Christians keep their composure—maintaining clear views and fervent piety. Never was the need for moral and spiritual guidance greater than at this hour.

It has been the Editor's aim to use THE WESLEYAN METHODIST and THE WESLEYAN YOUTH as mouthpieces of the Church, to meet the present need for such moral and spiritual guidance; and to make them a "unifying bond and a stabilizer" as the denomination endured all the backwash of World War II. Since THE WESLEYAN METHODIST is the official organ of an aggressive holiness Church, the Editor has felt that holiness was the main issue. Keeping this as the main issue will guarantee other issues their proper place and relationship; but they must never be allowed to transcend our principal mission; namely, the spreading of scriptural holiness.

THE WESLEYAN METHODIST continues its devotion to reform principles. The endeavor has been to make it a vital factor in opposing all menacing worldliness among our people—inward dispositions as well as external appearances. It is believed that as the Church stands unitedly for scriptural holiness it will support all efforts for moral reform in a sanely balanced manner; and that in the meantime it will enlarge and strengthen its evangelistic activities. In proportion as true holiness is kept in the forefront of our thinking shall we as a Church keep "untainted by worldliness, uncompromised by fanaticisms and wicked fellowships, uncontaminated by worldly associations and pursuits and purposes and ambitions" (Jennings). To this end the Editor's effort has been to pre-

pare and secure articles with such messages as one would desire delivered from his pulpit; articles which hold up high standards of doctrine and moral character, which elevate the spiritual ideals and make one's profession of religion practical. By this means it was felt that these periodicals would help our people "bear the strain, keep before them the true objectives of life, help them keep step with the purposes of God and the Church; and to help build the spiritual house of God."

Insipidity and sensationalism are the two extremes we have sought to avoid. The widespread use of the radio and the daily newspapers has lessened the demand for the weekly Church publication to be a newspaper in the modern sense. Also the increasing number of Conference newspapers which report local happenings has demanded that the Church organ become more of a denominational mouthpiece than ever before. This latter change deprives some of the cheering news of the gains outside their local area. But it thrusts upon the official organ the responsibility of helping determine a safe course for the Church to follow.

If neutrality is nauseating, sensationalism is revolting. True holiness keeps one balanced, giving positive ideas, yet preventing one from taking a course that is unseemly or infringes upon the rights of others.

The Editor has felt his obligation to be threefold: (1) to the Church—to preserve and protect its position in matters of doctrines and practices. To this end there have been many special articles (and occasionally an entire issue) devoted to Holiness, Evangelism, Prayer, the Spiritual Life, Moral Reform, Education, Home and Foreign Missions, and to Sunday School and Youth work; (2) to the writers—to see that they were clear and accurate in their statements and correct in their conclusions, and that they were guarded from unintentionally writing something that might be construed as unwarranted attacks on individuals or on institutions, or be interpreted so as to set the writers in a false light before others; (3) to the readers—to see that what found its way into their Church paper was true to the standards of the Church, was of spiritual and moral benefit, practical enough to enrich the everyday life and spiritual enough to challenge to greater efforts in the devotional life; and general enough in its scope to meet the needs of the greatest number, and to serve the best interests of each department of the Church.

Since an Editor is not infallible, he sometimes errs in his judgment of what is acceptable and what is not. But your Editor appreciates the general good will and patience shown him throughout this quadrennium; and as he closes this term of service, he does so with the approval of his conscience that he has given his very best to this work for the Master and the Church.

The report of the Publishing Agent will explain why certain changes in the appearance of the periodicals were necessitated and how they were met. For the provision of a full-time secretary for his office and for the transfer of the Editorial Offices, their renovation and the modern equipment, the Editor is most grateful and offers his sincere thanks to Dr. Eddy, the Agent, whose understanding and cooperation made this possible. To the Rev. David A. Rees, Associate to the Agent; and to the secretarial and mechanical staffs, all of whom have helped to make his work more pleasant and congenial, goes a sincere "Thank you, and God bless you!"

A summary of our statistics reveals a healthy growth, but we should not rest until we have made our labors equal to our opportunities, abilities and responsibilities. Such a program of service as Christ expects us to

promote in His Name will leave no time for self-pity, self-satisfaction, or the criticism of our fellow believers.

As Wesleyan Methodism stands at the threshold of a new quadrennium of service, may we resolve, brethren, that we shall make holiness—true and practical—our main quest and theme; that we shall rekindle the fires of a passion for souls, and renew our personal witnessing for Christ while we “occupy” and wait for His return.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY S. NICHOLSON, Connectional Editor.

Report No. 4

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

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Committee on State of the Church—The Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, the Rev. I. F. McLeister, the Rev. J. F. Simpson, the Rev. L. D. Wilcox, the Rev. R. C. Kendrick, Clinton Gumm, Hibbert Vipond, Maxwell Enyeart.

Committee on Book Concern—The Rev. D. A. Rees, Dr. F. R. Eddy, the Rev. A. M. Jackson, the Rev. E. L. Shigley, the Rev. William A. Smith, Curtis Knight, W. W. Kiser, Dr. Hollis Stevenson.

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Committee on Courtesy—The Rev. Royal S. Woodhead, the Rev. C. I. Armstrong, the Rev. D. O. Miller, Charles W. Reisdorph, Dr. Allen Bowman.

Committee on Statistics—The Rev. E. L. Crocker, the Rev. Paul Kind-schi, O. B. Shows, Mrs. Lois Swauger, Mrs. Mabel Sell.

Committee on Orders of the Day—General Conference Officers.

Committee on Education—The Rev. L. D. Wilcox, Dr. S. W. Paine, Dr. W. F. McConn, the Rev. E. A. Coates, the Rev. E. J. Pitts, Charles W. Reisdorph, E. D. Cheney, J. C. Poole, Mont L. Moore.

Committee on Young People's Work—The Rev. J. Edgar Martin, the Rev. D. O. Miller, the Rev. Charles Dayton, the Rev. O. G. Wilson, the Rev. Russell Klinger, Miss Marie Brannon, LaVerne Tolle, George Fowler.

Committee on Evangelism—The Rev. W. D. Correll, Dr. F. R. Eddy, the Rev. T. A. Robertson, the Rev. W. C. Lovin, the Rev. D. P. Denton, Jesse Shatford, Elwood L. Kachel, B. L. Clark.

Committee on Societies of the World—The Rev. H. C. Van Wormer, the Rev. K. M. Ridgway, the Rev. Jacob Hunter, Floyd Merrill, George Fisher, V. E. Sell.

Committee on Conference Records—The Rev. Vestal Van Matre, the Rev. Lyman Lance, the Rev. E. D. Jeffries, Charles B. Jenkins, O. A. Collins, Rudolph C. Nelson.

Committee on Sunday School—The Rev. O. G. Wilson, the Rev. T. O. McCracken, the Rev. J. A. Treese, the Rev. E. Sterl Phinney, the Rev. R. E. Britton, Arthur L. Deason, Archie Minx, J. C. Putnam, Norma Curtis, Anna Gilmer.

Committee on Tithing—The Rev. W. H. Dyer, the Rev. Watson C. Black, the Rev. J. W. Wilson, Harry L. Armstrong, J. B. Childs, Clyde Taylor.

Committee on Budget—The Rev. D. A. Manker, the Rev. C. D. Crabbill, the Rev. D. C. Stone, the Rev. T. W. Comadoll, the Rev. G. M. Hahn, Ralph Ernst, J. L. Stack, W. G. Stewart.

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Committee on Resolutions—The Rev. I. F. McLeister, the Rev. H. A. Johnson, the Rev. Elton Seaman, Warren Stites, Mrs. Ethel Dyer, Mrs. Eva Allen, John Huff.

Tellers—The Rev. J. B. Markey, the Rev. E. L. Kierstead, the Rev. Paul Kindschi, the Rev. R. S. Woodhead, the Rev. D. O. Miller, the Rev. E. L. Shigley.

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Report No. 5

QUADRENNIAL REPORT SECRETARY OF HOME MISSIONS

One of the great Church statesmen and missionary leaders, the Rev. T. P. Baker, once wrote, "The Savior gave Home Missions first place in His program of propagating His gospel, and evangelizing the world. The first Commission was strictly a Home Mission Commission. It was confined to a certain people, 'the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'"

The truth of this observation is beyond denial; but it does not mean that Home Mission Work is to be emphasized at the cost of Foreign Mission Work. The world needs both Home and Foreign Missions and they need each other. Without a Home Front, the Foreign Front would dissolve into a vacuum of defeat; without a vital interest in and a concern for the Foreign Field, the Home churches would ossify into a gruesome skeleton of formality.

The conditions of world affairs today are so familiar that any effort to evaluate or describe them is unnecessary. Every tendency of worldly minds is like the effects of centrifugal force as it relates to the center—it swings men farther and farther away from God. Every injustice imposed on innocent victims, every fraud enacted, every violence suffered, and every life ruined are just that many more reasons for renewed effort in the cause of Home Missions. We are not to be blamed for our activity or interest in Home Missions; if we are to be blamed for anything it is that we have not more interest in this stupendous task.

The field of Home Missions is vast, embracing millions of lives, immense expanses of territory, and enormous responsibilities. At present there are twenty-seven conferences in Continental America belonging to the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Of these, fourteen are Mission Conferences. In these Mission Conferences are approximately 230 churches

with a combined membership of over 6800 souls. Their Sunday schools represent a total of 14,226 scholars.

Pioneer work in the political realm, and perhaps in the economic, is very apt to develop itself in surges or waves. This seems to be true in spiritual pioneering also. In 1931 the Secretary of Home Missions, the Rev. T. P. Baker, reported a gain of six new Conferences in the two previous quadrenniums. They were: Middle Atlantic States, Kentucky, Oregon, California, East Tennessee, and Texas.

The four quadrenniums since then have seen only one new Conference organized. This does not mean that there has been any curtailment of activities on the part of the Rev. Mr. Baker's successors in office. On the contrary, there has been a very gratifying increase in every phase of the work and a corresponding growth in the interest of the Church at large. This has been a period of conserving gains and strengthening bulwarks in order to make ready for further advances.

The work of the Home Department divides itself into two fields of service. One is the work of establishing and maintaining Gospel Stations in needy communities among peoples who, under the force of circumstances, will never be able to support such a work except with outside aid. The list of such missionary enterprises has had a definite growth. At present the number stands as follows:

Stations at Beginning of Quadrennium

1. Onondaga Indian Reservation
2. Zion's Hill Mission
3. Hope Mission
4. Tuckaseigee
5. Buck Creek
6. Glenville
7. Rock Bridge
8. Carlsbad Mexican Mission
9. Oceanside Mexican Mission
10. Vista Mexican Mission

New Stations Opened Or Recognized During Quadrennium

1. Wheelrim Mission
2. Preston Mission
3. Cook's Branch Mission
4. Marble Falls Ozark Mission
5. Mt. Judea Mission
6. Hasty Mission
7. Yardelle
8. Green Mountain Mission
9. Australia
10. St. Regis Indian Mission

To fully describe each one of the specialized Missionary Enterprises separately would enlarge this report to proportions beyond what would be fitting for the occasion.

A few comments, however, on this phase of our work, would be in order.

1. The revival at Hope, Kentucky was a visitation of the blessed Holy Spirit in 1945 which changed the atmosphere of the community. The triumph of this revival encouraged our faith for every other station.

2. The opportunities at Wheelrim, Preston, and Cook's Branch, Kentucky were courageously answered and our workers are faithfully serving those communities.

3. The remarkable way in which the Ozark field was opened to us is a cause for profound gratitude. Out of suffering, solitude, and solicitude have come five preaching points and a wide ministry among a people who might otherwise go to the judgment "having never heard."

4. Vision and passion for the lost on the part of faithful workers resulted in the opening of a new mission work among the Indians of the St. Regis Reservation, and the continued service among the Onondagas.

5. To the enterprise of the Tennessee Conference we are indebted for a recently opened mission known as the Green Mountain Mission. This is an especially encouraging effort.

6. The Mexican Field is slowly advancing; a new property will soon be added to the Carlsbad station, and a new church is the order for Vista.

7. The Blue Ridge Mountain Missions continue to serve their respective communities, under the general oversight of Sister Ina Gaines.

8. The older missions in the Kentucky Mountains are spreading the good news among the peoples of their respective communities. Qualified workers with a call of God on their hearts will find a place to serve if they will seek it.

I have purposely refrained from listing the names of the individual workers whose loyalty, integrity, spirituality, and sacrificial labors have made possible these achievements. To these noble men and women I would pay tribute. Their service has not been glamorous; they have not had the plaudits of men; they have had to combat hardship, inconvenience, and insufficiency. Intolerance, suspicion, and rude opposition have challenged their progress, but—in spite of everything they have persistently carried on, until the impact of their consecrated lives has made an impression on other souls which only heaven can measure. Their names may not be known widely on this earth, but when the Honor Roll is posted in heaven, their places will probably be much higher than many, whose fame below will prove to be their greatest reward. I wish personally to thank all of the workers on the Home Mission Field for their cooperation and helpfulness in the work that has been our mutual responsibility.

Australia deserves special mention, for it is a unique effort in Home Mission enterprise—a Home Mission program conducted on foreign soil. This assignment has drawn heavily on Department resources, for no one fore-saw, when Budget askings were considered four years ago, that the wonderful developments in Australia were in the offing. The response of the membership has been most gratifying. From the very first there has been a vital interest and a warm cooperation in all quarters.

The history of the opening of our work in Australia is a remarkable example of the over-seeing providences of God and His co-relating of events and circumstances and personalities in a magnificent blending that confirms the faith of the saints in the sublime fact that God is working out His purpose in the affairs of men.

One of the largest denominational bodies of Australia lowered its standards by officially approving dancing in the churches. This grieved many devout hearts. To add to the offense, they accepted a large gift from a jockey club, which seemed to the good people, as accepting a bribe to refrain from preaching against the sin of gambling. Earnest-hearted people began to look around for a Church that stood for old-fashion principles.

Shortly before these things took place the Lord provided us an unusually capable leader in Australia in the person of the Rev. K. M. Ridgway, a former Command Chaplain of the Australian Royal Air-Force. The Rev. Mr. Ridgway became acquainted with some Wesleyan soldiers, and through them he contacted our Connectional Agent, Dr. F. R. Eddy. The

Executive Board placed the responsibility for opening a work in Australia on the Department of Home Missions, and on November 1, 1945, Mr. Ridgway began his official duties as the first representative of Wesleyan Methodism in the great continent of Australia.

Subsequent events have shown the wisdom of appointing the Rev. Mr. Ridgway for opening this work, for under his efficient supervision there has been splendid progress. Several preaching stations have been opened, a valuable property has been bought at Bendigo, one Camp Meeting has been held, and a "token" Conference of six ministerial members has been organized—all of this in less than two years! Truly this has been a gigantic achievement at a cost of only \$5,847.30.

The Card Call Plan is also worthy of special notice. Here is a sleeping giant in the list of servants of our Church. Slowly the interest has been growing. There were 1096 members at the beginning of the quadrennium and over 5000 at its close. Your Secretary confesses a feeling of failure and frustration in submitting these figures, for he feels that the worthiness of the cause deserves a better report. As stated elsewhere in our report 54 churches received aid through the Card Call Plan to the amount of \$32,418.98, up to the close of the fiscal year, April 30, 1947.

Your Secretary would feel that he had failed, if, in bringing this report he did not mention the splendid cooperation and generous financial support which the Department of Home Missions has received from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. Their treasurer, Mrs. Helen Stuckey, turned into our treasury a total of \$63,098.25. To Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph and her splendid co-laborers, we hereby publicly express our sincere appreciation.

The Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Shea, the amiable supervisors of our Young Missionary Workers' Band, likewise deserve special mention, for with regularity and promptness they have sent in their monthly remittances which totaled \$14,399.55.

The contacts with our various Conference Treasurers have been at once kind and profitable; especially noteworthy among them all has been the Treasurer of the Indiana Conference, the Rev. C. D. Crabill, whose monthly checks were conspicuous for regularity, punctuality and generosity.

The Sunday schools of the Church have made a helpful contribution. It will probably amaze all of us—perhaps it ought to shame us—to learn that the Banner Sunday schools of the whole denomination, so far as the number of contributions is concerned, have been the three Sunday schools of our Mexican Mission Field in Southern California. While their offerings were not large yet they came in with such faithfulness that the total amount was \$195.54. The three Mexican Sunday schools sent in twenty-nine times. The next nearest was Watford City Charge of the Dakota Conference, whose two Sunday schools sent in a total of thirteen offerings which amounted to \$236.52. These one-Sunday-a-month-offerings are a provision of the Discipline which has been unfortunately overlooked by a number of our pastors and Conference Presidents. (Authority for these offerings is to be found in Paragraph 341 of the Discipline.)

The increase in Budget provided by the last General Conference has made possible financial help and spiritual activities which otherwise would have been impossible. To the loyal-hearted cooperative people of our Church, we are deeply grateful. Only eternity will reveal what their cooperation has meant in the spiritual gains that have been made during the quadrennium. The increase in Budget and increase in income from other sources has made it possible to increase the number on our regular payroll by about 300%. Statistics may be cold, but they tell a story of

things made possible by warm-hearted, sacrificial, cooperative Wesleyan Methodists—a story of which we need not be ashamed, but a story with which we dare not be satisfied.

The following statistics tell a very incomplete story:

	In Mission Conferences	Established Conferences	Totals
Special Conference Programs Aided	9	1	10
Churches Aided	75	32	107
Mission Stations Aided	20		20
Camp Meetings Aided	3	2	5
Conference Publications Aided	5		5
Old Folks' Home	1		1
Orphanage	1		1
Total Enterprises Aided	114	35	149

The purpose of all these activities has been something higher and more lasting than mere material acquisitions. Spirituality is our theme. The objective is not houses and land, but, ever and always, **souls**. Revival fires, penitent seekers, purified hearts—these are the things for which all our labors are performed. Not for man's glory, not for denominational glory, have our efforts been made. The supreme purpose, the dominating motive has been to advance the Kingdom of God and to magnify His Holy Name by giving men and women the opportunity to come to know Him "in the beauty of Holiness."

We hereby officially report the organization of the Nebraska Mission Conference on November 24, 1945, according to instructions received from the Executive Board. We recommend that the Nebraska Conference be received as a Mission Conference.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for all His favor and benefits bestowed, undeservedly, upon us; to all the membership of our Church, both ministerial and lay, we are also grateful for the multiplied favors repeatedly given in the great task of Home Missions. May the God of all the Universe help us all in the responsibilities of spreading His Truth among all men everywhere.

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 1, 1943 to April 30, 1947

Received

From all sources, 1943-1944	\$26,618.59
From all sources, 1944-1945	53,829.07
From all sources, 1945-1946	55,615.98
From all sources, 1946-1947	54,797.64
Cash on Hand May 1, 1943	8,676.73
TOTAL	\$199,538.01
Check Returned	1,500.00
Total to Balance	\$201,038.01

Paid Out

For all purposes, 1943-1944	\$27,241.45
For all purposes, 1944-1945	50,434.52
For all purposes, 1945-1946	65,195.31

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For all purposes, 1946-1947	50,891.92
Current Funds on Hand April 30, 1947	7,275.11
Total to Balance	\$201,038.01

A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Assets

April 30, 1947	\$67,249.71
April 30, 1943	62,376.01

Gain for the Quadrennium	\$4,873.70
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No Liabilities

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Contributions

Quadrennium ending April 30, 1947	\$190,861.28
Quadrennium ending April 30, 1943	82,401.68

Gain for the Quadrennium	\$108,459.60
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Increase in Budget Allowance	100.00%
Increase in Receipts	131.13%

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Card Call

Calls Last Quadrennium—20—Receipts	\$ 4,885.46
Calls This Quadrennium—21—Receipts	23,933.52

Gain for Quadrennium	\$19,048.06
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Increase 389.89%

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. SWAUGER, Home Missionary Secretary.

Report No. 6

QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SECRETARY

To the General Conference: Dearly-beloved Brethren:

This is my first Quadrennial report. I give it with fear and trembling, but also with great gratitude—gratitude to God for His wonderful grace and for His kind providences, gratitude to the members of the Board, to the editors of our magazines, to the officials of the Church and of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and the Y. M. W. B., and to all of our prayer partners and contributors. We thank God for each of you.

The first year of the Quadrennium the Foreign Missionary Department had the effective and efficient care of Dr. E. F. McCarty. He turned the work over to me at the end of that year and then left for Africa.

Move to Jersey City

When we took over from Dr. McCarty there was a great bottleneck both in shipping and in securing of passages for missionaries to the field. Because of this, it seemed good to us to move down to the sea coast, and the Board concurred with our thought in this. Accordingly, we went there and rented quarters and storage space, and over a period of almost

two years the Lord helped us much in sending out missionary personnel and goods and also in handling great quantities of clothing for the N. A. E. War Relief Commission. We were also permitted to handle some very fine contributions for organizations such as this.

In February, 1945, the Board gave us permission to buy a home in Syracuse and we purchased a home there for the Foreign Missionary Secretary the very same week. Although this home was purchased in February, we did not get possession of it until September of 1946. It is a very comfortable home and we are thankful indeed for it.

In March of 1946 the Vreeland property in Jersey City came on the market. This was a property we had long been praying about as a home for outgoing and incoming missionaries. We immediately approached the Board about making an offer for this property. The Board approved our doing so and we came into possession of the Missionary Home in Jersey City on the 19th day of April in 1946. The wonderful Thanksgiving Offering of \$16,074.61 paid for this Missionary Home in full and gave us a nice fund with which to begin the repair work on the house.

With the surrender of Germany on May 7, 1945, passage to our African mission field became easier; and when on September 2, Japan signed the surrender terms, the great shipping companies began immediately to prepare to move the great backlog of missionaries who were held up, both on the foreign fields and in the homeland.

Movement of Missionaries

The movement of missionaries during the Quadrennium has been as follows: Africa—twenty-one out and five home; India—ten out and six home; South America—nine out and six home; China—two out and none home. Our hearts are full of praise to God that every one of these missionaries has made the trip safely and in most cases, speedily and comfortably. We have other missionaries to be moving in the near future—two out to Africa, two to China, and one to Japan.

Finances

The giving of our people for foreign missions during this Quadrennium has been gratifying indeed. There has been a steady rise in receipts each year. In 1944 we received \$104,565.00; in 1945—\$125,928.00; in 1946—\$144,295.00; and in 1947—\$172,636.00. This latter great total is partly due to the giving for our Missionary Home in Jersey City in the Thanksgiving Offering, but this year our people reached a new "high" in giving for foreign missions, for the per capita gifts amounted to \$3.92 per person, a gain of \$.35 per member over last year. We thank God and every one of you for this fine giving that you have done.

Tooling Up

In an effort to retool after the War, nine jeeps, station wagons or cars have been sent to our mission fields, and two have been bought overseas. This has had a very encouraging effect on our missionaries, but about eight more cars are needed in the very near future. Let us bear this in mind as we pray. For part of this Quadrennium too the Foreign Missionary Department has provided cars for furloughed missionaries who were doing deputation work. The workers have seemed to appreciate this.

Visit to South America

In 1944 the writer was permitted to visit our mission field in South America. It was a great privilege and a blessing to me. Since then the work has been extended greatly and the new printing press and part of the

clinic have come into operation. The staff is also greatly enlarged. The need is very great and one of the greatest needs is the printing and circulating of evangelical literature. Here is a great, open field for us. Let us pray that we may meet the challenge.

Visit to India

In 1947 we were permitted to have a trip to India. We spent eighty-eight days on this trip and we were permitted to see much of western and northern India and to talk with a great many Indian leaders. We were also permitted to see all of our own mission stations in India and all but one of the outstations, also to make a very interesting visit to the Free Methodist mission field in India. We found our workers all in good health. The new ones were hard at the study of language but they will soon be bearing their share of the load. We planned with the workers for an advance in India, and the recommendations which were made by the Missionary Council there will appear elsewhere. We have a great and needy field in India.

China

Early in the Quadrennium members of the Board and many others began to speak to us about opening work in China. We were requested to investigate as to the possibilities of the same. The result was that an invitation came to us, and in due time the Rev. and Mrs. William Wager sailed to China. They have since purchased a property for the American Wesleyan Mission of China at Tsunyi. It is a large place and will consist of two apartments for the missionaries, some servants' quarters, and also an area for native workers and a Bible school. We have one native worker on our staff now and Brother Wager writes that a small band has already been organized and is hoping to have a Chinese pastor soon. Brother and Sister Ortlip are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to go out to China this fall. The prospects seem very good.

Japan

With the signing of the surrender terms on the deck of the Battleship "Missouri" by the Japanese on September 2, a new opportunity came to us to go back and re-open our mission field in Japan. We consulted with the Board concerning this and also with different leaders in the Church. The response from them was favorable and large. The Rev. E. S. Phinney declined to go out to Japan, and the Board elected the Rev. M. A. Gibbs. He is booked to sail for Japan in the near future. He faces great problems over there. Let us hold him up to the Lord in prayer.

Africa

Africa, our oldest mission field, has made a good comeback after the War. It was the first to be opened for sailing of missionaries and has a greatly enlarged staff. The missionary staff has courageously faced the many problems that confronted them and they still have many more to face. Africa is in great need of our prayers.

The World—Our Battleground

The world of today presents us with a great battle and a world-wide battleground. A war of ideologies is upon us, and the evangelical Protestant Church is caught in the cross-fire of one of the battles of that war. On the one hand is the coldness of modernism, and on the other the fervent heat of Communism, and in between is the sly scheming of Roman Catholicism. We must fight if we would win. May God increase our courage. We thank God for all that He has done, but this is no time to

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congratulate ourselves. We have our soldiers of the Cross out there on the battle field. We must provide them with the materials that are needed. And we must back them up with a great volume of prayer, so that the Word that they preach will have power to break sin-hardened hearts.

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. BIRCH.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT QUADRENNIAL REPORT

May 1, 1943—April 30, 1947

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts

	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47	Total
General Fund	\$7,642.13	\$55,646.91	\$85,935.28	\$82,497.10	\$231,721.42
Africa	38,779.83	16,789.10	16,807.02	18,531.68	90,907.63
China			110.00	3,917.76	4,027.76
India	17,381.69	12,564.48	6,728.82	9,527.53	46,202.52
Japan				4,574.35	4,574.35
South America	24,981.60	8,866.58	7,598.99	7,032.79	48,479.96
Designated Funds		13,417.66	16,867.43	12,601.97	42,887.06
Saunders Fund				3,334.29	3,334.29
Interest Income (on Annuity Funds)	2,461.99	2,655.15	2,774.13	4,056.73	11,948.00
Notes and Mortgages Repaid	12,893.60	14,988.80	7,473.85	9,327.52	44,683.77
Missionary Home Receipts				16,074.61	16,074.61
Annuities Received	425.00	1,000.00			1,425.00
Miscellaneous				1,159.76	1,159.76
Totals	\$104,565.84	\$125,928.68	\$144,295.52	\$172,636.09	\$547,426.13
CASH ON HAND MAY 1, 1943					39,681.81
					\$587,107.94

Disbursements

General	\$849.46	\$7,578.08	\$6,146.85	\$12,604.14	\$27,178.53
Africa	46,664.93	26,109.19	35,632.13	30,555.71	138,961.96
China				11,271.51	11,271.51
India	18,077.65	18,833.34	27,568.00	31,989.34	96,468.33
Japan				215.00	215.00
South America	26,152.17	27,750.12	26,497.89	26,280.28	106,680.46
Designated Funds		252.36	646.41	11,696.48	12,595.25
Saunders Fund				6,422.10	6,422.10
Annuity Payments	1,873.50	2,075.30	2,003.13	2,122.50	8,074.43
Notes and Mortgages—Loans	9,500.00	19,300.00	16,200.00	18,000.00	63,000.00
Mission Supplies				5,506.75	5,506.75
Missionary Home Disb.			14,750.00	5,003.93	19,753.93
Secretary's Home Disb.				9,861.80	9,861.80
Y. M. W. B.	2,113.25	3,248.96	3,036.58	3,692.23	12,091.02
Missionary Benefit Fund	250.00	175.00	150.00	7.50	582.50
Auto Equipment and Expense			2,454.50	1,390.54	3,845.04
Furniture and Fixtures, Office			181.38	1,473.81	1,655.19
Administrative Expense	2,562.50	2,992.17	4,199.54	6,238.48	15,992.69
Withholding Tax				66.10	66.10
Totals	\$108,043.46	\$108,314.52	\$139,466.41	\$184,398.20	\$540,222.59
CASH ON HAND APRIL 30, 1947					46,885.35
					\$587,107.94

Cash on Hand April 30, 1947		\$46,885.35
Less: Reserve for Annuity Payments	\$2,200.00	
Designated Funds	22,643.81	
Missionary Benefit Fund	1,837.95	
Withholding Tax	24.80	26,706.56

Cash on Hand for Current Expense \$20,178.79

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Balance Sheet

Assets

Current Assets:

Petty Cash and Deposits	\$1,102.47
First Trust & Deposit, Syracuse	14,995.74
Commercial Trust, Jersey City	4,810.97
American State Savings Bank, Lansing	15,819.17
Bank of Lansing	10,779.17
Certificates and Bonds	19,556.25
Notes Receivable	31,700.00
Mortgages Receivable	35,715.69
Mission Supplies Inventory	5,510.80

Total Current Assets \$139,990.26

Fixed Assets:

African Mission Property	\$44,200.00
Indian Mission Property	52,000.00
South American Mission Property	39,000.00
Missionary Home—Jersey City	15,000.00
Secretary's Home—Syracuse	9,000.00
Automotive Equipment	1,001.12
Furniture and Fixtures—Office	2,720.49
Furniture and Fixtures—Missionary Home	2,648.47
Furniture and Fixtures—Secretary's Home	652.40

Total Fixed Assets \$166,222.48

TOTAL ASSETS \$306,212.74

Liabilities

Current Liabilities:

Designated Funds—Africa	\$597.39
Designated Funds—Leper Hospital	808.80
Designated Funds—India	10,259.14
Designated Funds—Japan	32.03
Designated Funds—South America	5,351.23
Designated Funds—Miscellaneous	307.00
On Hand for Japan	4,397.35
Saunders Fund	890.87
Missionary Benefit Fund	1,837.95
Reserve for Annuity Payments	2,200.00
Withholding Tax	24.80

Total Current Liabilities \$26,706.56

Fixed Liabilities:

Annuities	\$44,650.00
Sinking Funds	8,200.00

Total Fixed Liabilities \$52,850.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$79,556.56

Net Worth \$226,656.18

Total \$306,212.74

Report No. 7

THE COORDINATION PLAN

A Defense of the Coordination Plan

By Roy S. Nicholson, Committee on Coordination

Let us not be confused in this particular matter. The issue is really quite simple. It resolves itself into this question: Shall we as a denomination have a more efficient type of leadership? Essentially, the Committee on Coordination's Report is concerned with steps by which more effective leadership might be possible. Other questions have entered into the discussion, and they shall be considered in due time; but the vital issue before us is: Do we desire a more efficient type of leadership for our denomination?

The present discussion revolves around the Report of the Committee on Coordination which was authorized by the General Conference of 1943. That body elected a special committee to recommend **"steps which will tend to unite our efforts, strengthen our hands and enable us to launch a more aggressive program as a Church."** Mark it, those were the words of the General Conference itself. Furthermore, the General Conference directed that this special committee should **"consider the field, our approach and obligation"** preparatory to making its recommendations.

That special committee was representative and was composed of nine members. Its report involved ten recommendations, nine of which were made effective immediately. The other one directed the election of a committee of five to give "earnest and thoughtful consideration" to "establishing a central supervisory authority to oversee the work of our Church." The adoption of the report put the General Conference's endorsement upon the matter.

Roy S. Nicholson was designated the Committee on Coordination by the Book Committee. This Committee by the direction of the General Conference was to make a thorough study of the matter referred to it and have it published in THE WESLEYAN METHODIST within one year from the adjournment of the session of the General Conference. Furthermore, this Committee's report was "to be reviewed by the Book Committee and presented to the General Conference for final action, after having been published a second time in THE WESLEYAN METHODIST within a period of sixty days prior to the next meeting of the General Conference."

Owing to the fact that **only one** of the Connectional Officials was returned to his same office at the last General Conference and this necessitated many readjustments as men became acquainted with new offices; and owing to the fact that the General Conference also elected a committee on fraternal collaboration with the Free Methodist Church, and also voted to "contact the Pilgrim Holiness body with the aim of seeking union with it"; and owing, further, to the vast amount of research work that the Committee on Coordination had to do, with limited secretarial assistance, the Book Committee in 1944 was asked to grant an extension of time for the final report until 1946 when the rest of the General Conference's directions would be observed. The only motive prompting this request was that a more constructive report could be offered, which might be more suitable if more thorough research was possible and wider contacts than the limited time allowed were made before a report was attempted.

The Book Committee, without dissent, granted the request. In 1945 the first draft of the Report was presented to the Book Committee, which

gave it a thorough review and suggested a number of changes. Consequently, the Committee, during the year, made further study of the matter and in 1946 presented the report as amended. The Book Committee devoted hours to reviewing and amending the report. It was considered item by item in all points, and word by word in some points. The final recommendations were published in THE WESLEYAN METHODIST on July 14, 1946 and again on June 4, 1947.

Thus the delay in the publication of the report is explained. In view of the magnitude of the task committed to him, the Committee feels that the delay was justified because the Special Committee, owing to the circumstances which prevailed, did not realize all the research it would involve, nor the extenuating factors that would enter into the work.

In view of the fact that this report is the result of literally several years of research work, of many discussions with various leaders in all sections of the Church, of correspondence with various persons of various views; and in view of the fact that it has twice been presented formally to the seventeen members of the Book Committee, each of whom was free to oppose any or all parts of it, and many of whom made valuable suggestions for its amendments, it is not correct to call it the work of one man. Actually, it represents the mature views of many men secured over a long period of time and subject to review by the entire Book Committee.

Thus we have stated **the issue**: Do we desire a more effective type of leadership? We have also seen **why** the question is now before us: It was done on the order of the General Conference itself. Let us next look at **the history** of this matter, for this is **not** a new thing; it has been mentioned before, in fact it was urged **long ago**.

"Why any change?" is a question some ask. The answer is obvious: **a change is needed**. The march of time and the progress of the Church require that we be progressive in our adaptations. Why the auto instead of the oxcart? Why the streamliner instead of the mixed train on a local schedule? Why air travel instead of walking? The reason for these changes help answer the question of "Why any change?"

Our founding fathers were not infallible—good and wise men that they were. They had to radically amend their own actions immediately after the Church was organized. They had to do so to effectively serve their age. Each amendment during the past 104 years of our history declares that it was felt that a better way of doing the Church's work could be found so that the same labor and expense would produce more fruit to God's glory. It has been declared repeatedly that our gains were **not** commensurate with the expenditure of our labor and money.

If we do not keep progressive we shall become static and sterile, and we shall ultimately lose our identity. To say that changes are **far-reaching** may be a compliment instead of a criticism; and to **say** that they are radical does not prove that they are dangerous. It may be another way of saying that they are definite—just as the word is associated with truth or deep spirituality. Remember: **a charge is one thing, but to prove it is another thing**.

Actually, forty-four years ago (1903) the principle of the thing proposed here was recommended by the General Conference, and was carried out for almost a quarter of a century by the General Conference President, the Rev. Eber Teter, who was also the Missionary Secretary.

The Rev. A. T. Jennings, an honored leader in the Church for many years and the author of American Wesleyan Methodism, a man who is often quoted by those interested in Church History, published his history in 1902. On page 191 Jennings wrote:

"It has been manifest from the first that there is a lack of

cohesiveness in the membership of the denomination . . . This is in part a heritage from the founders of the Connection. They were independent men and could not brook any interference with their liberties, and were not disposed to make a sacrifice of themselves for the good of an organization. Some of their descendants survive the churches still (page 191).

It is of especial significance that the very next General Conference (1903) after his book appeared enacted this recommendation:

"That it be the duty of the General Conference President to travel through the Annual Conferences to such an extent as circumstances may seem to require, and to have such general supervision of the work at large as may be deemed needful by the mutual agreement of himself and the Annual Conference Presidents."

Inasmuch as Teter was both the Missionary Secretary and the President of the General Conference, he was able to carry out this plan quite effectively. A survey of the records will show that during his administration new Conferences were organized, new gains made in members and finances, and two of our four schools were founded. Evidently such supervision and leadership paid good dividends.

Thus we see that during the development of the Church the President emerged from a presiding officer, whose office ceased with the rise of the General Conference, to a supervisor of the work, holding office in the interim of the sessions and not only deciding points of law and presiding over sessions, but a definite factor much of the time in the progress of the denomination.

It is also significant that forty-four years ago the Committee on the State of the Church reported:

"There is evidently a lack of executive force in our polity. The remedy may not be easily found, but we doubt not that the Lord will lead us to it when we are sufficiently humble to be led." (General Conference Minutes, 1903, page 90.)

Since 1943 the Church has incorporated in its Discipline, as Paragraph 214, practically all the authority vested in these new proposals, with these exceptions that these proposals specify his duties and provide for his full time service and for proper remuneration.

One of the weakest points in our denominational polity has been the lack of proper regard for leadership, and the fear that any such authority—as a true leader must have to make his leadership effective—would be abused. For years this hampered progress in the Annual Conferences. Perhaps many will be surprised to know that it was as late as 1911—eight years after the President of the General Conference was authorized to exercise "such general supervision of the work" as he and the Conference Presidents agreed upon!—before the General Conference granted the Annual Conferences the permission to "require the Conference President, or evangelists engaged in quarterly meeting work, to preside at quarterly meetings."

It was as late as 1911 that the General Conference ordered that the decision of the General Conference President on points of law should stand as the "authority in the case unless disapproved by the Board of Review and the General Conference."

A survey of the facts from 1843 through 1943 reveals that the Church has steadily progressed in its efforts to strengthen its executive polity. The issue before us, when reduced to its simplest form, is this: Shall we

continue our progressive adaptation to more effectively advance the Wesleyan message, or shall we call a halt to our progress and retire into obscurity?

Answering the Objections

No one's sincerity is called in question; but sincere people often reach incorrect conclusions due to a miscomprehension of the facts. The same set of facts may impress two people in a very different manner. But since all of us desire the glory of God and the good of our Church, we should face the facts and acknowledge the strength and weakness in each other's presentations.

Factually, no perfect form of church government has been found. One form appeals more to some than it does to others. Nor does any one form of government appeal to all nations alike. There is no system without its weakness; but some systems are weaker and have more weaknesses than others. There is no power established but that there is the possibility that it might sometime fall into hands that would presume to abuse the trust; but the safety lies in having controls over the one in power. No choice of the higher is ever made without involving the possibility of choosing the lower. The bestowment of liberty involves the possible abuse of liberty; but safety lies in liberty under law. Since one's conclusions are based on his conception of facts, his misconceptions produce erroneous conclusions. In such cases, truth compels that misconceptions be corrected, and wrong conclusions be discovered.

1. It is erroneous to consider that **this is a hasty action.**

1. We have seen that for forty-four years it has been proposed. A thing proposed that long ago is not new; and steps taken to accomplish it by constant methods is not hasty.

2. Twenty-one years ago a committee reported its findings to the Book Committee, and concluded that our gains were "not commensurable with our opportunities and expenditure of money and time."

3. Four years ago Paragraph 214 was amended to invest the General Conference President with new duties, on action by the representatives from the largest Conference in the Connection.

4. These proposals, in the main, outline in detail what is suggested in present Paragraph 214.

5. These proposals have been studied carefully for four years, twice presented to the full Book Committee, and twice published—with a year's intermission.

6. If such be hasty action, what would be slow motion? Remember, we move in the atomic age today!

II. It may also be suggested by some that it is a radical departure from our form of government.

1. While we have respect for our form of government, and much has been said about our original constitution, the truth is that the outstanding person who most greatly influenced the polity of the Church, Luther Lee, who was three times President of the General Conference, Editor of THE TRUE WESLEYAN (the original name of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST) and author of numerous works, including a Theology, declared that the Church government issue was not a primary question among the early Wesleyans. It was a secondary matter in their consideration.

McLeister's History of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, page 53, shows how Lee's evident stumbling over the "fundamental feature" of Church government, started the denomination on its way "with a lack of cohesion and effective organization that has been gradually and but partially overcome."

Those who champion Luther Lee's views on Church government as

if they were the primary views of Wesleyan Methodism are under the burden of defending his return to the Methodist Episcopal Church, to a polity he had excoriated in the most positive and denunciatory language. Would they dare to defend his views on Secret Societies? When was he consistent: when he renounced that form of government, or when he returned to it? And if he were inconsistent, why parade his views as if they were the perfect standard or original Wesleyan Methodism?

When Wesleyan Methodism was organized the Methodist Protestants had already organized in protest against the episcopal form of government. The Wesleyans knew this; but the Methodist Protestants were not strongly enough anti-slavery to please the Wesleyans. Thus the abolition of slavery was more vital than the form of government adopted.

Hence, when the slavery question was settled, there was such a lack of cohesion, and such a lack of leadership that we were dying so rapidly that our very existence was threatened. Just then Adam Crooks, a strong and spiritual leader, appeared on the scene and stayed the exodus which was killing the Church. He held the view that despite the abolition of slavery, and the question of Church government, Wesleyan Methodism had a message that entitled her to an existence.

2. These things are not contrary to our principles, for our Annual Conferences have Presidents who hold essentially the same relationship to the charges and pastors that the General Conference President will hold to the departments and persons under his supervision.

(1) There was a time when the **pastors** resented the appearance of Conference President on their charges to preside over the quarterly meetings and hear their reports and observe the condition of the charges.

3. The largest, most successful, and strongest Annual Conferences have chosen to have full-time leadership. It has been our practice for these years to prove conditions on a smaller scale and then adopt them for general use. If this leadership is justifiable and beneficial in the Annual Conferences, why deny the Connection the benefits of it?

4. It is felt by some that there is a vast difference between a president and a superintendent.

(1) Endless confusion results when men interpret and define words in a way that differs from the dictionary's definition of those same words. Let us go to Webster's Dictionary to get our definitions. That authority says that a **president** is "One who presides; a ruler; governor; sovereign; head; now, one who is elected or appointed to preside, or control the proceedings of others."

A **superintendent** is "(1) One who has the oversight and charge of some place, institution, department, or the like; with the power of direction. (2) An overseer. In certain Protestant denominations, a minister who has official oversight of churches in a territory. **Syn.**—Inspector, overseer, manager, director, supervisor."

Evidently, then, there is no racial difference between the two functions, especially as they relate to Church work.

5. Often the American form of government is held up as a model for Church government. But the truth is that our President is expected to be familiar with what is taking place in the Nation. He is kept aware of its progress, problems, and perils that he may know how to advise, recommend, counsel, and suggest for the nation's best interests.

He does not preside over the Senate or the House, but he is even more powerful and important than either the Vice-President or Speaker of the House. A true President's wishes are the guides for the legislators.

6. It could have been argued that it was a radical change in form of government when the President of the General Conference was designated

to hold office in the interim of the General Conference sessions or until his successor was elected.

7. It could have been argued a change of form of government when pastors were compelled to report statistics of their work, and be subject to supervision.

8. It was a change of our form of government when the membership of the Quarterly Conference was made to include all the members of the charge instead of only the official Board members of each church.

9. It was a change of our form of government when Conference Presidents were made subject to hold quarterly meetings; but it has proved helpful and profitable. If it was not done to afford better supervision and coordination of the work of the Conference, why was it done?

10. We have seen the principle of a General Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B. work for years, and the progress has been great.

11. The W. Y. P. S. has revealed the effectiveness of a General Superintendent. It has paid its way, increased its numbers, and boosted the department.

12. For years we have had a Superintendent of our Orphanage, and it has paid. We have, over a period of years, emerged from the ranks to the forefront in rating and in finances.

13. These proposals are not outside the bounds of our present manner of operating departments.

Furthermore, the records reveal that for ninety-five years changes have been made.

In 1852 the General Conference changed the manner of electing the Book Committee. Up to that time it was elected by the New York Conference; after that it was chosen by the General Conference itself.

In 1856 the Editor and Agent were designated to be members of the Book Committee.

In 1875 the President and the Secretary of the General Conference were directed to hold office during the four years of interim, or until their successors were elected.

In 1891 the General Conference elected a General Missionary Superintendent and approved steps to incorporate the General Conference, as "The Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America."

In 1891 the General Conference voted the General Missionary Secretary membership in the General Conference "the same as the Editor and the Agent."

By 1895 the General Conference had increased the membership of the Book Committee to fifteen, nine elders and six laymen.

In 1903 the General Conference voted to set the dates for the sessions of the several Annual Conferences.

These, in addition to the others mentioned, reveal that this is but a further step in developing an organization to maintain the message of original Methodism.

III. It is feared by some that this is a **divisive question**.

Any question may become divisive, if the flesh prevails over the Spirit. Why should this be any more divisive than any other question? It may be debatable. It has been amending. But debate and division are radically different. Proper debate produces good; division produces harm. Branding a thing as divisive does not make it divisive—the danger lies in the spirit that refuses to grant the others the rights it demands for itself.

IV. It is feared by some that this **establishes episcopacy, and sets up a dictatorship**. Nothing in it is intended to suggest this. There is no election for life. There is no appointive power over pastors. There is no

invasion of the powers of any Annual Conference or local society. It provides for proper leadership—duly elected with its duties definitely specified. The leadership is not dictatorial; but the provision is for a general superintendent who is to “counsel,” “suggest,” and “recommend” things which in his judgment would more efficiently promote the work of the whole Church. Furthermore, the General Conference President is to labor under the direction of the Book Committee; but that group cannot order or direct him to do anything that nullifies or contravenes any order of the General Conference.

The fact that the membership of the Book Committee will be enlarged shows the democratic spirit of the representation.

The Church has been “slow to yield to the necessary vision of advancement.” It has sought to build “a good structure of general Church administration on the least possible development and expense.” But the overwork of its loyal leaders, many of whom were taken by death while yet in their prime and capable of rendering their best service, accentuates the acuteness of the need for developing a stronger polity with efficient leadership properly regulated and adequately supported.

Not one privilege now enjoyed by an Annual Conference or local church is taken away by these new proposals.

Let us look at this quite closely. Let us go back to Webster's Dictionary for our definitions. Homemade definitions are apt to be misunderstood. At such a time as this we need an authoritative lexicographer. Webster is a recognized authority. The General Conference said it wanted serious consideration given to “establishing a central supervisory authority to oversee the work of our Church.”

According to Webster “central” means: “(1) . . . lying at the center or source; basic; primary; as, central truth or virtues; also, chief; leading; dominant. (2) Constituting an administrative center.”

“Supervisory” is defined to mean: “Of or pertaining to supervision, supervising”; and to “supervise” means “To oversee for direction; to superintend; to inspect with authority . . . also, to exercise supervision over.”

According to Webster, **authority** means: “Legal or rightful power; a right to command or to act; power exercised by a person in virtue of his office or trust; dominion, jurisdiction, authorization.”

In view of these authentic definitions, one is justified in believing that what the General Conference meant by “a central supervisory authority” was in reality:

The constituting of an administrator with the legal and rightful power, by virtue of his office, to exercise supervision and direct the work of the Church; with the authority to inspect the work being done.

And while we are at the dictionary, let us see the meaning of the words which describe the manner in which he manifests his leadership. There are four of them:

Coordinate, according to Webster, means: “(1) To make coordinate; to put in the same order or rank. (2) To bring into a common action, movement, or condition; to regulate and combine in harmonious action; to adjust; harmonize.”

Is not that regulation and combination in **harmonious action** what we need? Is that not what we preach that holiness does for folk? Why do folk oppose so vehemently the course that produces the fruit we so insist upon?

The purpose in his work is to **promote** the work of the Church. Webster says **promote** means “To contribute to the growth, enlargement, or

prosperity of (something in course); to forward, further; encourage; advance."

This promotion is to be done by **counsel** which is "(1) To give advice to; to advise. (2) To advise or recommend, as an act or course."

And by **suggestion**, which Webster defines as "(1) To put (something) into one's mind; to arouse or awaken. (3) To say or advance by way of a suggestion."

In the light of Webster's definitions and the plain words of these proposals, is there anything which suggests a "superman" who is invested with "new imaginary powers never before contemplated"?

Is there anything in **counsel** that savors of dictatorship?

Is there anything in **suggest** that savors of dictatorship?

Is there anything in **recommend** that savors of dictatorship?

Since there is no power to punish conferred upon the President of the General Conference, where does dictatorship enter in? Since he has no appointive power, how can he punish?

An appeal from his decision on a point of law sustained by the Board of Review can suspend that decision until the General Conference meets and sustains or overrules the decision of the Board of Review. What is dictatorial about that?

It is possible for a three-fourths vote of the Book Committee to remove the President of the General Conference for cause. But where is there any provision for removing an Annual Conference President, unless one takes the route of trial, conviction, etc.? He holds office until the next election, unless he dies, resigns, or is dismissed from the Church for cause.

The Annual Conference President has more actual power than the General Conference President and is not subject to removal as the General Conference President is.

Is a man who works under a Board with power to **remove him**—but who has no power to **remove them**—a dictator?

It may be a popular fad to indulge in name calling, and try to defeat a thing by seeking to attach odious epithets to it—but those who resort to such attempts should remember the words of Adam Crooks who was so viciously abused for his abolition views: "Rocks are hard arguments, but they are never needed in defense of a good cause." The people called Wesleyans are too fair to be beguiled by "name calling."

There is, but one more word under this question of the power of our leader:

Any department, division, or institution of the Church that resents or dreads supervision and investigation is doubly in need of it. No group or individual is a law to itself. Yet, if no one has any authority to investigate matters, or ask questions, or make suggestions, we are breeding anarchists.

If any Department should be in error and no one have authority to counsel the leader about it before a Board meets, we are courting a cataclysm.

Each sound and progressive business institution has staff conferences and field contacts. If good for business, why not for a holiness Church engaged in the Lord's work—the world's biggest business?

Our schools have faculty meetings; they do not wait until the Board of Managers meet to discuss problems. They get these out of the way for the big meeting that deals with big problems.

V. Someone has suggested that it sets one man above his fellows of equal rank.

That objection is not really weighty, however beautiful the deference it shows.

1. It does not do this more than an Annual Conference President is exalted above his elders.

2. Not more than the pastor over his church members.

3. Not more than the President of the Book Committee over the members of it, some of whom are Conference Presidents.

4. Not more than a College President over the faculty members.

We have acknowledged and deplored our lack of leadership and respect for it. We have suffered severe losses in critical hours due to a lack of leadership. (For example, the Union Movement in earlier days.) But shall we now turn back toward those tragic days and refuse to read the lessons for Wesleyans in our own Wesleyan Methodist histories by refusing to continue to be progressive in our adaptations, or shall we go forward for God and holiness?

VI. There are those who have asked: "What will there be for him to do between Conferences?"

1. His share of visitation can occupy eight or nine weeks of the year in order.

2. There will be many conferences with leaders in the field and at headquarters.

3. There will be exhaustive research, planning of the work, reviewing reports, mapping plans, corresponding with leaders.

4. There can be great assistance rendered by visits to, and services in, strategic points where extension operations are underway.

5. There will be field contacts with the Conference Presidents at Institutes, Conventions, Rallies, etc., when he can explain and coordinate the work.

6. He should attend representative gatherings to keep abreast of trends in the religious world.

7. There will be need for articles of general interest, of doctrinal and other discussions in the Church press.

8. He could—with secretarial assistance—promote the Relief and Pension work if he had not enough else to do!

9. Some of our Annual Conferences with not many more pastoral charges than we have Conferences find enough to keep a Conference President employed full time.

VII. Someone else argues: "It's too expensive!"

1. That's a valid question. If we have it, it must be financed. But—twenty-five cents per member would easily pay salary, house rent, office help and expense and travel expense.

2. It is unfair to expect the Publishing Association to absorb all additional expense. A department should pay its own way.

3. Let us analyze this cost. Twenty-five cents per member, per year, is less than one-half cent per member per week; it is less than a week's subscription to the average daily paper (not including the Sunday paper!) It is no greater than the price of a ham sandwich and a cup of coffee once a year at the cafe.

4. Surely a Church whose members give \$42 each per year for pastors' receipts could afford 1/168th of this per year for general supervision.

5. Surely a Church that averaged \$101.54 for all purposes each member last year could find 1/406th of that amount for general supervision!

6. Surely a Church that can give over three million dollars for all purposes could manage to spare twenty-five cents per member for general oversight.

7. Surely a group that can raise almost \$191,000 for other evangelistic

help could spare less than 1/25 of that for general supervision.

8. If one of our Conferences, covering an area of less than one state, can finance a President, Vice-President and Quarterly Meeting (or Missionary) Evangelist, surely the entire denomination can support one general supervisor.

9. When one knows that our Church, last year, gave \$1,457,283.75 for pastors' receipts and other evangelistic help, and yet gained only 563 members so that each member gained represented an outlay of \$2,572 plus, to say nothing of any budget that entered into this, surely we need some one to help us plan our work.

VIII. It will not insure gains, some say.

That is merely an opinion. Let us look at our own records.

1. Our greatest gains were in times of strong leadership.
2. Our greatest losses were in times of weak leadership.
3. In times of crises the need for leadership is most apparent.
4. Other groups, younger than we, and with greater obstacles to overcome, have outgrown us in numbers, institutions, fields entered, programs sponsored, etc. Their standards are as rugged as ours—but they had a more centralized leadership, and gave it more respect than we have shown our leaders.

5. The fact that in 1946 we did not average gaining one member per church shows that we need something from somewhere.

6. The fact that in 1946 ten of our Annual Conferences lost members, shows the reality of our need of inspiration, counsel, and encouragement.

7. The fact that in 1946 we did not as a denomination average one new church per Conference, shows the urgency of our need. (We have reports from twenty-six Conferences and only nineteen new churches.)

IX. It is argued that it involves ex-officio membership.

1. That may seem a popular objection. But there is nothing novel, unethical, or unparliamentary about it.

(1) The pastor sustains ex-officio membership on Advisory and other Boards.

(2) The Conference President sustains ex-officio relationship to Pastoral Relations Committee and Missionary Board, two of the Conference's most powerful committees.

2. If servants who are leaders of the whole group are not entitled to represent them, when properly balanced with lay representatives—who are entitled to represent any?

The pastor of a charge, by virtue of that appointment and voted membership in a Conference, while yet a member of some local church, is given a seat and a vote in the Conference without election. By what reason can a man elected by ballot to serve the denomination in a definite relationship, while also a member of both a church and an Annual Conference, be denied membership in the General Conference when furnished a duly elected lay delegate?

The Annual Conference denies the unstationed elder (who lacks a definite assignment) a voice in the body's actions. Thus participation is established by definite assignment. The same principle applies to Connectional leaders.

To take a man from an Annual Conference and designate certain general duties to him, which remove him from close contact with his Conference, and while admitting that his service acquaints him with the needs and wishes of the Church as a whole, yet deny him any right to help frame the regulations of the Church, unless his Conference specifically elects him a delegate, seems unwise and unfair. Over a period of time he becomes "the forgotten man" of his Conference. It may wish to choose

delegates who are more intimately associated with its work than his duties allow him to be. Beside, it may be that he comes from a Conference that is entitled to only one or two delegates. Its leaders ought to be chosen to represent it. But if the Official is not to appear repudiated by his own group, he **must** be elected. That could be interpreted as a direction for whom to vote. By balancing the representation with a lay delegate the constitutional law is preserved and the officers are given the deserved recognition. The desired leadership will not be developed and maintained by unwarranted attacks on leaders and misinterpreting their motives.

The very action, the granting of ex-officio membership to the Connectional Officials, was done by a body which "was made up of regularly elected delegates, both ministers and laymen, and so once again this session functioned as a truly representative body." Surely any measure which has not destroyed our Church government in these long years is not an essentially bad piece of legislation.

Does it not seem strange to hear men calling for stronger leadership, and decrying the lack of it, yet willing to deny leaders the rights which could in part compensate for their labors; and which would make for more efficient leadership?

X. The final objection, which is apparently the heaviest weapon in the objectors' arsenal, will now be considered; namely, that the proposals are **unconstitutional**.

This must not be interpreted by the unsuspecting as meaning that they cannot be lawfully enacted. It is the objector's way of suggesting that these proposals should be submitted to the course that would subject them to three possible sources of defeat instead of one. This course is long, slow, and tedious because it involves the concurrence of the General and Annual Conferences and the local churches.

Fortunately, there are two helpful avenues from which we may secure help on this question. First, the Discipline, which states very plainly in Paragraphs 41 and 42 what is constitutional and what is statutory law. Second, we have the records of what the Church has done, and when and in what manner it did it. Histories and records come in handy in such cases as this under discussion.

Let us examine the records:

In 1879 the General Conference adopted a plan for amending the constitutional law of the Church. Since 1879 that which is declared to be the constitutional law of the Church could be legally amended only by vote of the General Conference, the Annual Conferences, and the local societies.

In 1911 a committee composed of some of the keenest minds in the Church, men who were long leaders in the official life of the Church, was chosen to define constitutional and statutory law.

In 1915 that Committee made its report, which now appears (substantially as given) as Paragraphs 41 and 42, to which you are again referred.

It will help us considerably to ascertain what has been handed down for concurrence in the manner prescribed for constitutional law. Five things have been so dealt with by the Church: (1) The question of secret society membership as a bar to church membership; (2) a new test of membership created upon the adoption of a section on marriage and divorce; (3) the articles of faith on Regeneration and Entire Sanctification; (4) the use of tobacco as a test of membership; (5) the articles of faith concerning the Second Coming, the Millennium, etc.

Thus we have seen that conditions of membership and articles of faith

have always been considered as items of constitutional law by the Church. But, let us inquire whether the Church has through the years done anything like—or comparable to—what is here proposed. If it did, what course did it pursue?

Eight years after the legislation governing the amendment of constitutional law, that is in 1887, it was declared by the President of the General Conference that the name of the denomination was "The Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America." Four years later, in 1891, the General Conference itself voted to incorporate itself as "The Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America." This was in fact a change of name by the addition of parentheses and two words. Did the General Conference consider this change of name a constitutional item? It evidently did **not**, for it was not referred to the other groups, although legislation concerning the amending of constitutional law had been in the Discipline for twelve years. Four years later, in 1895, the charter was amended, but the name stood as it was originally ordered. Therefore, we conclude that we have a precedent, even in the matter of a change in the name, to prove that this is **not** a matter of constitutional law, but a matter of statutory law; and therefore something which this General Conference can do, if it so desires.

A search of the records reveals that in 1852 the General Conference changed the manner of electing the Book Committee. Prior to that time it had been elected by the New York Conference. After that time it was elected by the General Conference. At one time the Book Committee was composed of twelve members, six elders and six laymen. In 1895 the membership of the Book Committee was increased to fifteen, nine elders and six laymen. The three Connectional Officials—all the Church had then—plus six other elders and six laymen composed the Book Committee. In 1927 the membership of the Book Committee was increased to seventeen members, and continued so to the present.

All of this plainly shows that the General Conference did not consider the number of members on the Book Committee or the manner of their choice to be a matter of constitutional law; but instead did consider this in the realm of statutory law. Therefore, with ample authority both in the letter of the Discipline and by precedent of the General Conference, we conclude that these proposals are not constitutional items, and may be enacted by this body, if it desires to do so.

There is some other legislation which is on record that was just as radical and far reaching as this, but was never called constitutional. The election of a lay Vice-President was certainly a departure from our form which ordered an elder only as President of an Annual Conference, and an elder only as Vice-President. Yet the highest body in the denomination, acting within its own rights, elected a layman as Vice-President. Through the years we have taken pride in such an arrangement. Long may it continue! But the point is—that it was a new departure; however, it was not a constitutional matter. It was purely statutory law, even as these proposals are statutory laws.

The designation of the President of the General Conference to hold office in the interim of the sessions was a most radical departure from the original custom. It became a necessity, so it was felt; therefore, it was done—by the General Conference without the concurrence of the Annual Conferences and the local churches.

The election of additional Connectional Officials from time to time was a departure from the original policy, when there were only two: the Editor and the Agent (and sometimes only one—the Editor-Agent!) But such a departure, which increased both offices and officers, with the as-

signment of specific duties to each, was positively not considered constitutional law. It was considered purely statutory, even as these are statutory. Through the years since the organization of the Church there have been added a Missionary Secretary; later a Sunday School Editor; later the Missionary Department was divided into the Home and Foreign Departments, each having a Secretary. Was any of this ever referred to an Annual Conference or local society? The answer is, No! Why? It was purely a matter of statutory law, even as these proposals are.

The development and organization of the great department, the W. H. & F. M. S., was a radical departure from our policy. The Church originally had no such department. But it needed such, and the General Conference considered itself capable of authorizing it. Events through more than a half century show the wisdom of the move.

The same argument could be produced with reference to the Y. M. W. B. and W. Y. P. S. The records will reveal efforts for many years to organize a Youth Movement with official recognition and control. Good men sincerely opposed it. It does present the Church with some problems, but the privileges far outweigh the problems. Who would dare to advise the repeal of our laws authorizing the Youth work? But if some had been heeded we would still be without a Youth organization. This is said to show that it is possible that some legislation which is predicted as hurtful or unnecessary actually proves to be altogether different in actual operation. Such it is believed these proposals will prove to be.

Inasmuch as certain opponents of these proposals have cited the government of the United States as a model for the Church, let us look at Brand and Ingram's statement apropos of this comparison: "Denominational constitutions differ widely from political constitutions in that there is no strict division between legislative, judicial, and executive powers. Practically without exception all three powers reside in the general denominational assembly and in each of its subordinate synods, presbyteries, conferences, etc." It cites the case of *Harris v. Crosby, (Ala.) 55 So. 231*. Furthermore, the same authors state: "The right of any of these to delegate their powers to select officials, committees, boards, or tribunals is generally recognized." The case of *Dempsey v. North Mich. Conference (Mich.) 57 N. W. 267* is cited as a case in point.

That should suffice to show how the civil authorities look upon the legislative authority of ecclesiastical bodies.

This truth is axiomatic: the power which calls into being and establishes a government is thereafter able to change the government it has thus established (Fowler). Cooley states the principle thus: "the power to repeal a law is as complete and full as the power to enact it . . ."

A Recapitulation

Despite all the talk, the question is really very simple: Does the Church want a more effective type of leadership? If so, the authority to provide it is vested in **this General Conference**.

This is not a revolutionary matter that contains "freak legislation."

This does not establish episcopacy!

This is a matter of vital importance to our future welfare and progress.

There are many of our youth who will be tomorrow's leaders, who are interested in these proposals. There are thousands who are loyal to their denomination, but they feel that its effectiveness would be enhanced by a more efficient type of leadership. They admire and appreciate what others are doing, the manner in which they do it, and the value of their work. They may interpret a rejection of these proposals as proof of our competitor's arguments that their denomination is not progressive enough

to challenge their very best. Our future is vitally related to these proposals. Let us not jeopardize our whole future by either fear or the failure to act now!

It is not a constitutional matter; therefore, this body is qualified to act upon it.

Each proposal is within the letter and spirit of the Discipline. Each proposal it is believed will strengthen the Church and extend its borders. Each proposal will advance scriptural holiness.

THE COORDINATION PLAN

Item One

It is Recommended That:

Paragraph 213 to be amended as follows:

Make a new heading within Section IX between present Paragraphs 212 and 213, as follows:

"The Officers of the General Conference"

Paragraph 213 to be amended to read as follows:

"¶ 213. The General Conference shall elect for the quadrennial term by ballot, from among the Elders of the Church, a President; and it shall also elect, by ballot, two Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be a lay member; and in event the office of President becomes vacant by death, resignation, or otherwise, the ministerial Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. It shall also elect a Secretary."

Omit the present paragraph, numbered 214, and insert the following in lieu thereof: **The President of The General Conference.**

"¶ 214. The President of the General Conference shall devote his full time to supervising, coordinating and promoting the various branches of the Church's work, functioning as a General Superintendent, under the direction of the Board of Administration, as follows:

"(1) He shall preside over the regular, and any special session of the General Conference.

"(2) He shall render decisions on points of law in the interim of the sessions of the General Conference.

"(3) All decisions on points of law, made in the interim of the General Conference sessions, shall be the interpretation thereof until the next General Conference to which they must be submitted for approval or disapproval, provided that such interim decisions may be appealed to the Board of Review whose disapproval shall suspend the interim decisions until its report is acted upon by the General Conference. As a matter of information for the Board of Administration, the President of the General Conference shall report to it all decisions on points of law made in the interim of its annual meetings.

"(4) He shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Administration and of its Executive Board.

"(5) He shall meet with the Publishing Agent, the Editor of The Wesleyan Methodist, the Editor of Sunday-school Literature, the Secretary of Foreign Missions, and the Secretary of Home Missions, at least quarterly for the purpose of coordinating the various departmental activities, and more efficiently promoting the entire Church program.

"(6) He shall counsel with the heads of all Departments, institutions, and organizations authorized by the Church; and receiving support from, or through, the Church, making such suggestions concerning their work

as he feels will increase their efficiency and their contribution to the Church.

"(7) He shall be chairman of the committee which arranges the schedule for the Connectional Representatives to the several Annual Conferences.

"(8) He shall be designated the Connectional Representative to the Annual Conferences in such order as to insure one visit to each Annual Conference during the Quadrennium, unless there be justifiable ground for ordering his visits otherwise.

"(9) He shall, upon request of any Conference he may visit, preside at its meetings and otherwise render such services as may be desired by the Conference.

"(10) He shall devote as much time to both Area and Conference Ministerial, Missionary, or Youth Conventions as occasion may require and the duties of his office permit.

"(11) If the Board of Administration shall not arrange otherwise, he shall represent the Church in the capacity of Fraternal, or Ecumenical Conference, delegate; or in such other capacities as opportunity may afford and necessity may require.

"(12) He shall carry out such duties as the General Conference or the Board of Administration may direct from time to time, provided that nothing shall be designated which shall contravene or nullify any order of the General Conference."

Item Two

SECTION X

Change heading to "THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION."

"¶ 221. The General Conference at its quadrennial session shall create a Board of Administration consisting of twenty-one persons, namely: the President of the General Conference, the Editor of The Wesleyan Methodist, the Publishing Agent, the Secretary of Foreign Missions, the Secretary of Home Missions, the Editor of Sunday-school Literature, and the Lay Vice-President of the General Conference, the President of the General Woman's Missionary Society, and the Superintendent of the Wesleyan Young People's Society; who shall be members ex-officio; and twelve other persons, six of whom shall be elders and six lay members. Three of these twelve shall be chosen from each of the four school districts, in which they shall reside. The term of office of the members of the Board of Administration shall begin with the rise of the General Conference at which they are elected. If any member of the Board of Administration, except an ex-officio member, change his residence from one school area to another during the quadrennium, the Board may, at its discretion, declare the office vacant and fill the vacancy according to Paragraph 223."

Paragraph 222 to be amended to read as follows:

"¶ 222. This Board shall be the Board of Managers of all the Church Societies, now incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, with offices located at Syracuse, N. Y., said Societies now consisting of the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association of America, the Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, the Wesleyan Educational Society, the Superannuated Ministers' Aid Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America. The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America is managed by five trustees, who must reside in the State of New York, and shall be subject to the supervision of the Board

of Administration as is herein afterwards specified. It shall also be the Board of Managers for Hephzibah Orphanage.

"The duties of the Board of Administration are hereby defined as follows:

"¶ 223. At its first meeting after being elected, it shall elect, by ballot, a President and a Secretary. It shall also elect an Executive Board, of four members, in addition to the President of the General Conference who shall be a member ex-officio. It shall meet annually at Syracuse, N. Y., and as much oftener as the President or any five members of the Board of Administration shall deem necessary, provided that it shall be legal on the year of the General Conference for it to meet at the place of the General Conference. Notice of all meetings shall be published in The Wesleyan Methodist, and also be given in writing to the various members of the Board where they cannot be notified in person by the President or members of the Board calling said meeting. It shall have power to fill all vacancies and shall, if reasonably practicable, elect someone to represent the district from which the vacancy comes."

Revise **Paragraph 224** to read as follows:

"¶ 224. The Board of Administration shall determine the salary of the President of the General Conference, the Editor of The Wesleyan Methodist, the Publishing Agent, the Secretary of Foreign Missions, the Secretary of Home Missions, the Editor of Sunday-school Literature, and the salaries of all other persons whom it may employ."

Revise **Paragraph 225** to read as follows:

"¶ 225. The Board of Administration shall have the power to remove the President of the General Conference, the Editor of The Wesleyan Methodist, the Publishing Agent, the Secretary of Foreign Missions, the Secretary of Home Missions, the Editor of Sunday-school Literature, and any person whom it may have employed, when it judges that the interests of the Church require such removal, and shall have power to fill all vacancies that occur among the officials and those employed by it, whether said vacancies occur by death or otherwise, and the persons so employed shall fill out the unexpired term of those whose places they are appointed to fill."

Revise **Paragraph 226** so as to make it read:

"¶ 226. In the transaction of all business, eleven members shall constitute a quorum, except in the removal of the President of the General Conference, when it shall require a three-fourths vote of all the members of the Board in favor of his removal; and in the removal of the Editor of The Wesleyan Methodist, the Publishing Agent, the Secretary of Foreign Missions, the Secretary of Home Missions, the Editor of Sunday-school Literature, when it shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Board in favor of removal."

Revise **Paragraph 227** to make it read:

"¶ 227. The Board of Administration shall have supervision over all the Church Societies, and shall review all the business of said Societies, to see that each corporate society is transacting its business according to the laws of the State of New York and Book of Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America. In order to do this, it shall have power to require each incorporated Society to both invoice its assets and

liabilities, and also to have said business audited. This invoice and auditing must set out in itemization, the nature of the assets, and if in notes, the name of the giver, and also all liabilities, giving the name of the person to whom the money is owing, and shall also state by what authority said liability was incurred. When said business is reviewed by the Board it may require the Invoice Committee to read from its books such items, giving names and so forth and it shall require a statement from the Auditing Committee, that the money has not only been properly accounted for, but also that the items read by the Invoice Committee are correct, as to name and amount, and manner of incurring said liability."

Revise Paragraph 228 to read:

"¶ 228. If the Board of Administration shall judge that any expenditure of any of the corporate societies has not been judiciously made, or that the laws of the State of New York have been violated, or that the wishes of the donor will be defeated by the acts of the corporate society having the funds in charge, it shall demand correction and on the failure of the person having such funds in charge to correct said violations, it shall be a sufficient cause for removal. If the General Conference does not elect an Invoice Committee and also an Auditing Committee, then the Board of Administration shall elect said Invoice and Auditing Committees, but nothing in this clause shall prevent the Board of Administration or its Executive Board from electing Special Invoice and Auditing and Investigating Committees, when in the judgment of either the Board of Administration, or its Executive Board, it is in the interests of the Church to do so. If the Presidents of any three conferences think that the Board of Administration is not properly supervising the business of the Church as carried on through the Incorporated Societies, they shall notify the President of the Board of Administration of their fears, and he shall at once inquire into the matter and report to said Presidents. If in his judgment the business is properly carried on, he shall say so and if after this the Presidents so requesting shall insist on an examination of the business management, the President of the Board of Administration shall order said Presidents to select a committee of not less than three persons, and shall at the same time call the Executive Board together, or obtain their consent in writing, and said Executive Board shall appoint a similar committee, and the two committees jointly shall examine the business thoroughly, and report to the Executive Board. If it shall appear that said business has been conducted safely, and according to the laws of the State of New York and of the Book of Discipline, then the Presidents demanding said examination shall pay all the expenses connected therewith; but should it appear from the examination that said business has not been properly conducted, then all the expenses of conducting said investigation shall be borne by the various incorporated Societies, and the evils found corrected; and if the violations have been wilful, the violators shall be removed from office."

Revise Paragraph 229 to read as follows:

"¶ 229. The Board of Administration shall have power to direct and review all the business transacted by the trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, Incorporate, and should it appear that said business is not being conducted properly, or that the laws of the State of New York are being violated or that the wishes of the donor are not being carried out, it shall have power to correct said mismanagement."

Revise Paragraph 230 to read as follows:

"¶ 230. The Board of Administration shall make or cause to be made an annual exhibit of the state of all the incorporated Societies, including the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, Incorporate, to all the Annual Conferences, but in this report it shall be required to give only the summaries of said business. It shall also cause said summary to be published in The Wesleyan Methodist. The Board of Administration shall make or cause to be made to each Annual Conference an annual report of the conditions of the state of the incorporated Societies. The Board shall also make a full report to the General Conference covering the four years' interim."

Paragraph 231—Change to read:

"¶ 231. The Board of Administration shall see that the order of the General Conference requiring the publication of one religious periodical to be known as The Wesleyan Methodist; and Sunday-school papers to be known as the Sunday School Banner, the Junior Class Paper, and the Children's Friend; and also a series of Sunday-school lesson helps, to be known as the Wesleyan Lesson Helps, shall be carried out by the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association. It shall also see that The Wesleyan Missionary and The Wesleyan Youth shall be published by the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association." (and continue the balance of paragraph.)

Revise Paragraph 232 to read:

"¶ 232. The Executive Board of the Board of Administration, consisting of five persons, shall transact all the business referred to it by the full Board, during the interim of the meetings of the full Board, and shall transact any and all other business the full Board may transact which cannot be postponed until the full Board meets, except that of removing the President of the General Conference, the Editor of The Wesleyan Methodist, the Publishing Agent, the Secretary of Foreign Missions, the Secretary of Home Missions, the Editor of Sunday-school Literature."

Revise Paragraph 233 to read:

"¶ 233. The Board of Administration shall see that the pastors and evangelists and missionaries perform their duty in extending the circulation of our books and periodicals, in securing subscriptions for The Wesleyan Methodist, and seeing that the same are renewed when a subscription expires. The Board of Administration shall cause the Publishing Agent to furnish every pastor with a blank, which can be filled with the name of every postoffice where the members of the church or circuit over which he is pastor receive mail. The pastor shall fill this blank, and return it to the Publishing Agent, and upon the receipt of same he shall forward to said pastor the names of all the subscribers receiving The Wesleyan Methodist at the post offices. It shall then be the duty of each pastor to see said subscribers, and receive money for renewals, and forward the same to the Publishing Agent."

Revise Paragraph 234 to read as follows:

"¶ 234. After ascertaining from the Conferences the dates desired for their annual sessions, the Board of Administration shall set the dates and appoint the Representative for these meetings. The list of the dates and Representatives shall be published in The Wesleyan Methodist. The person designated to represent the Church interests at the Conferences shall report on all the work of the various Corporations of the Church. He

may also preside over the Conference if invited to do so by the Conference."

Revise **Paragraph 235** to read as follows:

"¶ 235. The Board of Administration shall determine for each Annual Conference what person shall represent the Church interests at that Conference and the person so agreed upon shall be the only representative at that Conference on general expense. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to prevent any Conference inviting other Representatives to be present at the expense of the Conference, or to prevent the Educational Society sending an Educational Representative, or to prevent the Missionary Society from sending a representative at the expense of that society."

Revise **Paragraph 236** to read as follows:

"¶ 236. The Board of Administration shall elect a Finance Committee of three business men for the Publishing Association whose term of office shall continue to the close of the quadrennium. The duties of the committee shall be to act in an advisory relation on questions involving the financial interests of the Publishing Association and the Wesleyan Methodist Church. It shall also make nominations whenever the Board of Administration wishes to elect a Business Manager for the Publishing Association."

Revise **Paragraph 237** to read as follows:

"¶ 237. The Board of Administration may elect a Business Manager for the Publishing Association who shall be held amenable to the Board. The Board of Administration shall determine the salary of the Manager, define his duties, and differentiate if necessary his duties from those of the Publishing Agent."

Revise **Paragraph 238** to read as follows:

"¶ 238. All property held by all the corporate Societies of the Church, including the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, Incorporate, shall be held in trust by said Societies, for the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America."

Make a new paragraph in Section X, **238A**:

"¶ 238A. The Board of Administration shall be the Board of Managers of Hephzibah Orphanage at Macon, Georgia and incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia. The general supervision of this Orphanage shall be delegated to the Secretary of Home Missions, under whose Department it shall function. The Orphanage shall have a Local Board of Managers composed of five persons who shall be nominated by the Secretary of Home Missions and elected by the Board of Administration. The Local Board of Hephzibah Orphanage shall be responsible for the nomination of the Superintendent; and the election of Matrons, and such other helpers as may be necessary to the proper operation of the Orphanage. When a Superintendent is nominated his name shall be presented to the Board of Administration or its Executive Board for ratification. The Local Board of Managers of Hephzibah Orphanage shall see that the Orphanage functions according to its charter. It shall also cause monthly and annual financial reports to be made to the Board of Administration through the Office of the Secretary of Home Missions."

Item Three

Add a new paragraph, number 447, under Section XXXVI reading:

"¶ 447. Recommendation of Special Worker."

"To the members of the A..... Conference next to be held at on the day of, next.

"The Quarterly Conference (or Church) of being acquainted with the gifts, graces, and usefulness of do hereby recommend (him or her) as a suitable person to be appointed as (state type of special work) and to travel under your direction.

"Done this day of 19....., by the aforesaid Quarterly Conference (or Church) and signed in its behalf.

"A..... B....., Chairman.

"C..... D....., Secretary."

Add a new paragraph to be known as 448.

"¶ 448. Appointment to Special Work."

This certifies that A..... B....., the bearer, is an acceptable member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and feeling called to serve in the field of (state sphere of service) is appointed thereto for a period of one year from this date.

"Done by the Annual Conference in session at on, 19

....., President;
....., Secretary."

Add a new Paragraph, to be known as 449, which shall read:

"¶ 449. Appointment to General Evangelism."

This certifies that A..... B....., the bearer, is an Elder in good standing in the Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America and was appointed to General Evangelistic work for a period of one year from the date hereto affixed. This certificate must be renewed annually."

....., President.
....., Secretary.

Date.....

* (Referred to Committee on Evangelism.)

Item Four

Financing the Administrative and Promotional work.

For the financing of the executive and promotional work of the Church as herein outlined, and to provide the Board of Administration with funds for financing items of general interest that are not otherwise specifically provided for, there shall be an Administrative Budget fund of 25c per member per year.

This amount shall be assigned by the Budget Committee to the several annual Conferences for collection, and the treasurer of each annual Conference shall remit all funds on hand for the Administrative Budget to the General Treasurer of the Church at least quarterly.

The President of the General Conference's salary shall be determined by the Board of Administration. He may arrange for personal engagements that do not exceed four weeks' time and do not interfere with assigned duties.

Those calling upon the President of the General Conference for service outside the realm of assigned visitation and regular administration shall bear the expenses connected with such service.

(Items 1, 2 and 4 were adopted by vote as amended.)

Item Five

OTHER PROPOSALS BY THE COMMITTEE ON
CO-ORDINATION

Paragraph 86: Change the entire paragraph to read:

"The Quarterly Conference at its first session of each Conference year shall elect a Committee on Pulpit Supply, each member of which shall continue in office until his successor is elected. If the charge consists of more than one church an equal number of the committee shall be elected from each church. In case of the resignation or death of the pastor this committee with the aid and consent of the President of the Conference and his Advisory Board shall secure a pastor for the remainder of the year. If the pastor does not desire to serve the charge as pastor longer than the present year he shall communicate the same to the Committee on Pulpit Supply not less than sixty days before the next session of the Annual Conference. In case the pastor does not wish to serve the charge for another year, no vote shall be taken as to retaining said pastor.

"(1) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Pulpit Supply, not less than forty-five days before the next session of the Annual Conference, to ascertain by ballot the desire of the charge of retaining the present pastor, provided said pastor has not given notice as above. Notice of the meeting at which the vote is to be taken shall be given at least two weeks before the vote is taken, a majority vote of those who are present and vote to constitute a call. If a pastoral charge consists of more than one church, a majority of the total votes of those present and voting in all the churches, shall constitute a call.

"(2) The committee at its earliest opportunity shall communicate the result of the ballot to the pastor, who, if called, shall reply in writing within one week stating definitely whether the call is accepted or declined (unless the committee agrees to an extension which shall not exceed one extra week.) If the call is accepted and the pastor shall notify the President of the Annual Conference according to Paragraph 129, the Pulpit Supply Committee shall so notify the members of the church. A failure to definitely accept the call, unless the conditions be acceptable to the charge, shall justify the Pulpit Supply Committee in considering another name.

"(3) When a church or charge shall find it necessary to call a new pastor, the Pulpit Supply Committee shall confer with the President of the Annual Conference who shall furnish it with the names of all known available men. But the Pulpit Supply Committee may present the name of any member of the Conference, whether it was on the list submitted by the President or not. However, the Pulpit Supply Committee shall not propose to the church or charge the name of any Elder or Annual Conference Preacher who is not a member of the Annual Conference in which the church is located, except by the consent of the President of the said Annual Conference and his advisory board. (See paragraphs 130 and 132, sub-paragraph 2.) The church shall select by ballot, at a meeting announced for said purpose, some one to whom the Pulpit Supply Committee shall extend a call on behalf of the church. When extending the call the Pulpit Supply Committee shall state the amount of salary or plan of remuneration as set forth in paragraph 103.

"(4) If, for any reason, it shall be necessary to call a new pastor, the Pulpit Supply Committee shall announce at a regular public gathering of the church society, giving the time, place, and purpose of this meeting, at which it shall ascertain, by ballot, the wishes of the charge concerning the

name it presents. The Pulpit Supply Committee shall present only one name for consideration on each ballot. But as many ballots may be taken in any one duly announced meeting as may be necessary to determine to whom the committee, in behalf of the charge, shall extend the call. The committee shall report whether the call is accepted or declined. If the call is accepted, the delegate to the next session of the Annual Conference shall convey this information to the Committee on Pastoral Relations.

"(5) If the balloting fails to produce a call, or if the call is declined, the Pulpit Supply Committee shall proceed again as outlined above in subparagraph 4.

"(6) The actions of this committee in all business transacted must be submitted to the church or Quarterly Conference for approval or disapproval before they become binding, unless authority to take final action in any specific matter is given to the committee by the church or Quarterly Conference."

(Amended and approved by the Committee. Adopted by vote.)

Item Five-A

Paragraph 132: Amend Paragraph 132, sub-paragraph (2) page 72, by changing the last phrase to read as follows: "except by the consent of the President and his Advisory Board."

(Approved by vote.)

Item Six

Paragraph 96: The paragraph already in the Discipline to be marked (1), and add the following which is to be marked (2). The Quarterly Conference shall also inquire into the character, ability, and usefulness of any person desiring appointment as an evangelistic singer, chalk artist, children's worker, or other special type of Christian work. Those approved for this work shall be given a recommendation to the Annual Conference. (See Paragraph 447.) All such persons shall be amenable to the Quarterly Conference for their conduct. This recommendation must be renewed annually if the person is to continue to receive an appointment from the Annual Conference. In the interim of the Annual Conference sessions the President and his Advisory Board may make such an appointment upon the special request of the Quarterly Conference. Only those appointed by the Conference, or its President and furnished certificates according to Paragraph 448, shall be listed in the Evangelists' Slate of The Wesleyan Methodist."

(Approved by vote.)

Item Seven

Paragraph 118: Change the first line to read:

"¶ 118. All lay delegates to the Annual Conference . . ."

Add sub-paragraph to be known as Sub-paragraph (1), to read as follows:

"(1) Each church or charge shall elect by ballot sufficient alternate lay delegates to insure proper representation to the Annual Conference. The alternate lay delegates shall fill the vacancies in the order of their election."

(Approved by vote.)

Item Eight

Paragraph 120: Change the present first two lines to read as follows:

"¶ 120. The Conference shall elect by ballot from among the Elders a President who shall perform the duties outlined in the Book of Discipline and such other duties as the Conference may assign. The Confer-

ence shall also elect one of the Elders Vice-President, and in event the office of President becomes vacant by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President as set forth above. The Conference shall . . . " and continue the paragraph as at present.

(Approved by vote.)

Item Nine

Paragraph 123: Add a new sub-paragraph to be known as (5) to read:

"(5) Each Home Mission Annual Conference shall be under the general supervision of the Secretary of Home Missions, whose department shall, upon approval by the General Missionary Board, assist in developing the work within its bounds; provided plans for the work have been presented to the Secretary of Home Missions and approved by him, or submitted to the Board of Administration and approved by it."

(Referred to Committee on Home Missions.)

Item Ten

Paragraph 123: Add a new sub-paragraph to be known as (6) to read:

"(6) It is recommended that the Home Mission Annual Conference confer with the Secretary of Home Missions regarding their plans for the employment of Evangelists to conduct extension efforts; concerning the location and erection of churches and parsonages; and the launching of other projects within the Conferences. Where such is not done, the Board of Administration shall take this fact into account in considering appeals for financial aid for such items from these Conferences."

Item Ten-A

The following addition is proposed to Section VIII, Paragraph 123: To add a sub-paragraph (7) as follows:

(7) A Foreign Mission Annual Conference under the care of the Foreign Missionary Secretary shall consist of such national workers as are eligible according to our Discipline. All missionaries appointed by the Board shall also be members ex-officio of the Mission Conference to which they are sent while they are on the field. This ex-officio relationship shall not sever their fundamental relation to their home Conference. Such Foreign Mission Conferences shall elect delegates-at-large for these missionaries in order to maintain in the Conference the ratio of laymen to ministers.

(Items 10 and 10-A were referred to Committee on Home Missions.)

Item Eleven

Paragraph 130: Add a new sub-paragraph (1) to read:

"(1) Any minister who desires to change his pastoral relations at the next session of his Annual Conference shall notify the President in writing, in order that his name may be placed on the list of known available men which shall be furnished to Pulpit Supply Committees by the President. (See Paragraph 86, sub-paragraph 3.)

(Approved by vote.)

Item Twelve

Paragraph 147 to be amended as follows:

Add a new sub-paragraph (1) which shall read:

"(1) A Home Mission Annual Conference may elect the Secretary of Home Missions as its President, and when such is done, he shall perform the duties of President as outlined in the Book of Discipline. If he so

desires and the Conference Missionary Board approves, the Secretary of Home Missions may designate one of the ministers of the Conference to supervise the work of the Conference under his direction.

(Item 12 amended and approved by vote.)

Item Thirteen

Paragraph 167: Change present Paragraph 167 as follows:

Following the first sentence add a new sentence, which shall read:

"Each one appointed to general evangelistic work shall be furnished a certificate by the Conference making the appointment, showing his authority to do such work. (See Paragraph 449.)" and continue the paragraph as it now stands.

(Paragraphs 167, 168 and 169 of the Discipline and Paragraph 449, and Item 13 be referred to the Committee on Evangelism.)

(Referred to the Committee on Evangelism.)

Item Fourteen

Paragraph 209: That Paragraph 209 of the Discipline be marked (1) and that Item 14 be marked (2) and read as follows: "(2) Each Annual Conference shall also elect by ballot sufficient alternate ministerial and lay delegates to the General Conference who shall fill any vacancies in the order of their election."

(End of Coordination Committee's Recommendations.)

(By vote approved as amended.)

Report No. 8

THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The origin, development, and growth of the Sunday school present a fascinating story. The Sunday school has passed through four distinct epochs, according to Marion Lawrence; namely: the Rabbinical school, the methods of instruction of the New Testament Church, the Robert Raikes Movement, and the Modern Sunday school.

Just what the Sunday school is to be in the future is difficult to anticipate, but it is the earnest prayer of every sincere Christian that there shall be a deepening in spiritual aims and a widening in social grasps.

The world is faced with a serious condition in the field of morals. Calvin Coolidge said, "We do not need more intellectual power; we need more spiritual power. We do not need more knowledge; we need more character. We do not need more law; we need more religion."

J. Edgar Hoover says, "It is not pleasant to face to fact that 12% of all murderers; 45% of all burglaries; 32% of all thieves are under voting age." Again Mr. Hoover says, "Crime among youth would be practically negligible if the young people attended Sunday school regularly during their formative years."

According to Dr. A. S. London 85% of the Sunday school world is lost to the Church. Out of the 15% held comes 85% of our Church membership. It would be logical to believe that the field for evangelism for the next quadrennium within our own Church should be the evangelism of the 46,000 members of our Sunday schools who are not members of our churches. Here is a group of men, women, and children two and one-half times larger than our membership who come regularly to our church buildings, who contribute financial support and social dignity; yet 85% of them turn from our doors never having entered into church fellowship. Brethren, this is a tragedy that should cause us great humiliation and genuine heart searching.

The past quadrennium has been a good one in the Sunday-school field. There has been an increase in Sunday-school enrollment in almost every Conference with 83 new schools. Most of the growth for the quadrennium has come within the last two years. This indicates that our people are making an earnest effort to reach the seventy million unreached people in America.

Recommendations

1. That the Board of Administration appoint a committee to investigate the possible use of other than the International Council's Improved Lesson Series, and that until such time that the Board of Administration feels it advisable to recommend new material we continue the use of the International Council's Improved Lesson Series and the Authorized Version of the Bible.

2. We recognize the great value of the Daily Vacation Bible School and earnestly urge that each church endeavor to conduct such a school at such a time as in the judgment of the interested parties would be most suitable to the location.

3. Much is being done in release time for Bible Study in the public schools. We urge that our people give their best thought and consideration to this new endeavor and wherever possible cooperate with it and endeavor to help give direction to it.

4. We recommend that the Sunday schools pay to the General Treasurer a sum equal to five cents per member for the enrollment in the main school. We further recommend that this item appear in the report of the Budget Committee as one of the obligations of the church.

5. We recommend the Thanksgiving offering, the object to be decided upon by the Board of Administration.

6. We recommend the continuation of the observance of Rally Day, the time and method of promoting it to be left to the discretion of the Sunday School Secretary.

7. Whereas, 85% of our church membership comes through the Sunday school which shows the extreme importance of the Sunday School we therefore recommend:

(a) That each Annual Conference definitely advocate and promulgate the Sunday school and Teacher Training.

(b) That the ministers of each Conference be given special instruction as to the need and the method of Teacher Training.

(c) That the Annual Conference gatherings and ministerial meetings arrange for special attention to be given the Sunday school and Teacher Training.

8. We recommend that local churches sponsor branch Sunday schools, and that they help in the financing and leadership of same.

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Report No. 9
RESOLUTIONS

Your Committee on Resolutions submits the following report:

The state of the world at home and abroad is an ever changing panorama of unrest, insecurity, hunger and fear. And while some people of charitable spirit are seeking to bind up the wounds made by two great world wars, behold the world must now consider with growing alarm the rising military might of another nation determined to conquer and dominate the world. Only God will know how to preserve the faith of His people in the midst of such a future as now rises before us. Let us pray unceasingly that statesmen and world rulers may learn the wisdom that comes from God, and the Christian faith, and that they may be supported in their quest for a just and enduring peace. We are reminded of the words of Jesus when He said, "And there shall be . . . upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after the things which are coming on the earth: for the power of heaven shall be shaken."

In religion, the work of Satan continues to operate in the realm that we commonly call "the world," and in increasing measure, within the forces of organized Christianity. It has always been Satan's purpose to destroy faith in the spoken and recorded Word of God, and as men advance in knowledge these evil forces devise new ways of doing Satan's work. Thus we see the infidelity of previous centuries revived under the name of Modernism, and deeply entrenched in many great educational institutions and church organizations of the world. In meeting and opposing these and other evils let us be resolved to renew our faith in God as the Supreme Being, ruling over men and nations, and give ourselves anew to prevailing prayer and tireless service to God and the Church. Therefore:

Be It Resolved, That we shall use all diligence in the practice of personal piety by Bible reading, the ministry of prayer and personal work for the salvation of souls. Remembering the scriptural statement that "the joy of the Lord is your strength," let us so live that the joys of salvation in ample measure may mark our experience of God and our church services.

Be It Resolved, That we improve the efficiency of the Church by all means pleasing to God and within the power of human effort. Let us who are ministers resolve that we shall be better preachers. To this end, let us be willing to know our present failures, and heroically devote ourselves to self-discipline in both the manner of speaking and in the subject matter of our sermons. Improvement in pulpit work, and in other ministerial labors would bring immediate benefit to the entire Church. And while we renew our diligence as men and women of God let us all resolve to make our churches better by faithful attendance in all services, by promptness in beginning and closing, by reverence in worship, and by maintaining always a spirit of true Christian love and good will.

Be It Resolved, That we record our devotion to all the cardinal doctrines of Christianity set forth in the Word of God, especially the doctrines essential to the success of a holiness Church. We reaffirm our faith in the inspiration of the Bible as God's Word, in the indwelling Holy Spirit as the power of God bestowed upon us, and in the blessed hope of the promised return of our Lord.

Be It Resolved, That we give to God sincere thanksgiving for His mercies to us throughout the past four years during which we have seen the Church go forward to new records of accomplishment. New foreign

mission fields have been entered and supplied with consecrated workers. Home missions are steadily advancing. Our colleges have had record attendance and support during the quadrennium, and all the contributing agencies of the Church are seeing their best days. For these, and all other blessings, we render to God sincere thanksgiving.

Resolution of Thanks. Be It Resolved, That this General Conference hereby records its appreciation of the splendid entertainment of the twenty-seventh quadrennial session by Houghton College. We express our thanks to the President of the College, Dr. Stephen W. Paine; to the college pastor, Dr. C. I. Armstrong, to the entire staff of officers and faculty of the College and to the community, all of whom have been untiringly engaged as hosts of this great assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report No. 10 PROHIBITION

Unquestionably America stands at the cross roads morally and spiritually. In the prosecution of World War II a spirit of tolerance was permitted and even suggestions which contributed to an internal collapse of prohibition thinking. Restraints were withdrawn and general convictions were reversed and America began her plunge toward moral disintegration until at the present time those who have become users of alcoholic beverages has reached an alltime high. This appalling situation is causing genuine alarm and grave concern.

The part and place of the Church is one of stupendous recovery from all that the liquor traffic has imposed upon our American way of life, a flood of evils has followed in its wake, a fearful aftermath, that counter-acting agencies must endeavor to recover from moral chaos and ruin. Formidable and to a great extent, has been the opposition made to this widespread and desolating vice of intemperance and its companions. Intemperance is fast becoming one of the primary problems of public notice, while the tremendous conflict of the war was aimed at the liberation of peoples bound and subjected to tyranny and total subjugation to a democratic method of life, many of our sons of the conflict find themselves now bound by the iron hand of intemperance, and we must ask ourselves the question, "What will the end be?" The answer must be sternly considered. We have a nation that is plummeting to ruin, being carried by the relentless tides of drink.

Since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment there are undeniable accounts that must be accepted and reckoned with; an amazing increase in crime, juvenile delinquency, social diseases and gross immorality. It is the story of repeal, it is the price that the nation is paying for its intemperance.

The sobering analysis of the subject of intemperance cannot be ignored; for although repealists loudly proclaimed that repeal would abolish illicit practices and racketeers, it has increased them. The old saloon supplanted by the modern "Tavern" not only has directly involved juven-

iles in situations which has seriously affected their welfare, they have had a demoralizing effect on the entire community life resulting in broken homes, domestic discord, neglected children, and increased burdens heaped upon welfare agencies. With these things upon the heart and mind of sober-thinking men and women, every effort must be exerted to turn the tide for righteousness and the recovery and establishment of prohibition in our country; and in this twenty-seventh quadrennial session assert our faith in a God of mercy, forgiveness and love. We believe that He is with us as we try to increase human happiness through the abolition of the liquor traffic. We express our gratitude for His guidance; we ask His forgiveness for our shortcomings in the program of His Kingdom and humbly ask His blessings upon our plans. Therefore, Be it resolved:

1. That the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, through its delegate body assembled this 27th day of June, 1947 reaffirm its conviction that Prohibition offers its best means for curbing the liquor traffic and its attendant crimes; and pledges its continued support to prohibition measures and rigid enforcements thereof.

2. That we approve legislative measures in State and Federal governments for the suppression of liquor and beer licenses where establishments are tolerating commercialized vice, especially for the youth of our land.

3. That the Church, through its constituency, voice its protest to lenient measures imposed upon violators by law enforcement agencies, and that Representatives, Senators, and other public officials exert their vote and influence in strengthening prohibition legislation and:

Whereas: Our country faces the most serious juvenile problem in its history; and there is much evidence in our child welfare agencies, reformatories, juvenile courts and divorce courts to indicate that alcohol is a serious contributing factor in child neglect and youth crime, we urge that the Church and civic welfare leaders, teachers, public officials, and all adult citizens be made aware of the relation of the sale and use of liquor as a direct and contributing cause of the grave situation.

4. We request that the Commission on Prohibition and Public Morals as designated in paragraph 395 of our discipline, gather and disseminate suitable literature throughout the Church; and, Be It Further Resolved that our local Sunday School Boards and organized Temperance Departments in our Sunday schools function as directed in paragraph 339 of the discipline.

5. And Be It Also Resolved: That this resolution shall be published in our official organ, **The Wesleyan Methodist**, and in such other publications as may desire to publish the same; and that a copy hereof be sent to such public officials as are in authority to advance the purposes of these resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report No. 11

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

The present condition of the Church is of vital importance because of its influence upon the shattered world which is now trying to recon-

struct and readjust itself after an orgy of war which led civilization to the very brink of destruction. Only as the Church is true to God and the Bible will it be able to fulfill its mission. To do this will require courage, consecration, strength of character, and divine assistance. Especially are these demanded of a Church with such pronounced views and spiritual standards as ours, which has always to resist that trinity of evils: worldly conformity, spiritual pride, and wild fanaticism.

The very fact that our Church has survived a full century during "which the world passed from the limitations of the handtool age" into the vitality and mystery of the so-called "Atomic Age" is certainly an achievement. And to know that it is in its second century of service to God and man distinctly challenges its members. Wesleyan Methodism has ever stood in the vanguard of those who dared lift their voice against the abuse of political power. It continues to stand there with a passionate love for the liberation of both the souls and bodies of men from sin and its evil consequences.

The Church of which we have the honor to be members has also stood against ecclesiastical power which denies individuals the right to declare their convictions on moral issues. This has not only encouraged a freedom of expression regarding sound doctrines, right principles, and correct practices; but it has also encouraged militancy in exposing and condemning evil theories and practices. This great heritage must be safeguarded and kept from degenerating into an attitude of combat and denunciation which sours the spirit and destroys the Cause.

A Source of Genuine Comfort

One of the comforting things is that our Church has not only appreciated the fact that it was a "called out" body, but it is also cognizant of the need to be a "united" body; distinct from the world and affording congenial fellowship to those who make spiritual values supreme, and desire to serve God and man within the framework of a relatively simple and democratic organization. Time has vindicated many of the reform principles which the Church adopted a century ago. Many of them have been adopted by the very groups which once stoutly resisted them.

Through the past century Wesleyan Methodism has witnessed the rise of many false movements. Some were clothed in beguiling garments and spoke in deceptive language; and some bore innocent and appealing names, but their works were found to be pernicious. Against all such movements our Church has been constantly on the alert and steady in its opposition.

There have always been some who have urged the Church to experiment with proscription legislation. But since they often had no adequate conception of the relative magnitude and importance of the lessons involved, some of these allowed themselves to become the champions of special issues which tended to make these secondary matters more important than the whole cause of God which is entitled to the supreme place. Fortunately, Wesleyan Methodism has followed in the footsteps of John Wesley and has endeavored to emphasize essential doctrines of the Scriptures and require that its members have a genuine experience of saving grace which not only transforms the heart, but produces practical changes in his relationship with his fellow men and all that touches life.

The Situation Doctrinally and Spiritually

Doctrinally.—Wesleyan Methodist doctrines have consistently been those which Mr. Wesley himself emphasized, and which he declared to be "simply the common, fundamental principles of Christianity." In his

"Thoughts on Methodism" Mr. Wesley declared that his "main doctrine was, salvation by faith, preceded by repentance, and followed by holiness." Repentance he called "the porch of religion; faith, the door of religion; and holiness, religion itself." Thus our doctrines are scriptural and practical.

In his article, "The Character of a Methodist," Mr. Wesley wrote: "Our religion . . . does not lie in the form of our apparel, in the posture of our body, or the covering of our heads; nor yet in abstaining from marriage, or from meats and drinks, which are all good if received with thanksgiving. Therefore, neither will any man, who knows whereof he affirms, fix the mark of a Methodist here—in any actions or customs purely indifferent, undetermined by the Word of God." Then continuing, he explained that there was a mark by which he himself measured a Methodist: "A Methodist is one who has 'the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost given unto him;' one who 'loves the Lord his God with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his mind, and with all his strength.' God is the joy of his heart, and the desire of his soul; which is constantly crying out, 'Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee! My God and my all! Thou art the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.'"

Thus it behooves us who bear the honored name of Wesleyan Methodists to incessantly strive to measure up to the standard set by Mr. Wesley for his spiritual children. Our Church has not compromised its doctrinal position on any point. There is, as there has always been, a difference of opinion among some of our people on the matter of dress. This is a constantly arising question. Mr. Wesley himself was perplexed by it and seemed not to have been able to cope with it to his personal satisfaction in the day when his power over the societies was absolute. (Wesley's Works, Vol. 2, pages 263, 264; and Vol. 2, 439.)

Spiritually.—It is possible that individuals and churches may be sound doctrinally, and yet be shallow and deficient in the spiritual life. Spirituality is a quality hard to define. Some make it to consist mainly of liveliness, liberality, and talkativeness. But many who have these qualities are definitely not spiritual when measured by the Word of God. To be scripturally spiritual involves being born of the Spirit; being yielded to, and led by, the Spirit; being filled with the Spirit; bearing the fruit of the Spirit; and wearing the spiritual armor which equips for warfare with spiritual foes.

Reports from camps and revivals throughout the Church indicate that the spiritual life of our people is deepening. "If spirituality is the application and fruitage of correct doctrine in practical and holy living, we believe that the Church is making . . . gains spiritually . . ." There has never been a time when the Church has not been exposed to the extremes and extravagances which dominate the world. Our security from these attacks lies in a deepening of the spirituality of our people, an enlarged emphasis on evangelism, and the generation of a revival spirit which shall permeate the Church.

Admitting that there may be differences of interpretation on the details of the dress question, all are agreed on this: the people called Wesleyans should avoid all worldly conformity, and "secure without delay that inward adorning of a holy heart."

Our views on matters of beliefs and practices should be presented intelligently, and kindly—in the Spirit of the Master—if we are to win others to the Cause we love and champion. If we desire "external reformation" we must recognize the fact that it will come only as a result of an "inward transformation." Only as individual hearts are regenerated and

sanctified by the Holy Spirit can the principles we cherish be deeply embedded in the conscience permanently established in the group. To this end, therefore, let each church pray and fast until a mighty revival comes. Thus will the Church be safeguarded from the paralyzing influence of worldliness which permeates the atmosphere. A genuine revival in each church will settle problems, strengthen faith, and set the wheels of progress in motion more effectively than any amount of legislation can ever do.

A Look at the Material Side

Materially.—A material yardstick is not the primary measuring instrument for Church prosperity; but it is valuable in corroborating other evidences. Numerically the Wesleyan Methodist Church has never been strong, compared with the major denominations. A number of reasons for our small size could be given, but the main one seems to be that proper attention has not been given to preparing our converts for membership. We have not appreciated our responsibility for conserving our converts. Too often they have been neglected while they "proved themselves" worthy of membership. By that time others welcome them into their fellowship and they are lost to us. There is a danger that too much concern for numbers tends to load the Church with unworthy members; but the truth is that those who beget spiritual children are obligated to furnish them a spiritual home. Wesleyan Methodist churches ought to be the spiritual home of Wesleyan converts.

During the quadrennium it appears that encouraging gains have been made. Some of them are: Twenty-nine churches; 1,740 members; 1,577 tithers; 82 Sunday schools; 11,056 total enrollment of Sunday schools; 39 Wesleyan Young People's Societies; 93 church buildings; 102 parsonages; in value of buildings \$1,498,477; in value of parsonages \$772,313; in pastors' receipts \$4,160,138; in gifts for Home Missions \$154,117; in gifts for Foreign Missions \$386,218; in gifts for Education \$178,729; for all purposes \$9,864,542. It will be of interest to know that in 1946, the last year for which accurate figures are available, the per capita giving of our people for all purposes reached the record high of \$101.54. Surely such liberal giving of material things proves a sincere love for spiritual values.

By Way of Conclusion

Wesleyan Methodism has weathered the raging storms of one civil war and two World Wars; it has survived worldwide depression and inflation; it has risen above the engulfing tide of immorality, due to the unimpeachable character of its members, and its sane and spiritual position on all issues. The periods when division and controversy have been most pronounced have taken the greatest toll of the Church and hindered its gains; therefore, let us avoid hurtful contention and division.

Our advice is: (1) Let us deepen the spiritual life of all our churches. (2) Let us wisely and firmly concentrate our efforts; and (3) let us develop all our latent resources.

Wesleyan Methodism has never been so well satisfied with what it has accomplished that it cannot see new things to do; nor is it so satisfied with the way these things have been done that it rests on present methods. Each new generation has glimpsed new heights and discovered new ways of reaching them. And each generation demands more preparation for service than the previous one. Our four schools are meeting these demands very successfully. As a Church we are striving to do better work for the Master whom we love and serve.

May we as Wesleyan Methodists so live and labor that when our children come to work in the Lord's Vineyard there shall be grain for

them to reap because of our having faithfully sowed the seed. To that end may we be Spirit-possessed and Spirit-filled so that we are radiant with a holy glow that purifies, illumines and attracts.

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Report No. 12

GENERAL W. Y. P. S. SUPERINTENDENT'S QUADRENNIAL REPORT

In response to the call of the Church four years ago I accepted the responsibility of superintending the work of the Wesleyan Young People's Society for the Quadrennium just closed. It is with a deep sense of praise to God for His assisting grace and a debt of gratitude to our people who have supported the work so heartily with their prayers, their means, and their cooperation that this report is presented.

The first two years of the four were transitional leading up to May, 1945 when in keeping with plans which were launched at the last General Conference the full time labors in the Department began. The Providences of God were in evidence in all of the matters incident to leaving the pastorate and establishing a home and an office for the general work. The response to the financing of the program through the General Dues has proven most encouraging. The increase in the amount of this response from year to year has been consistent and may be taken as an evidence of growing interest and support of the work of the Church with young people. Amounts as authorized for subsistence have been fully and promptly received from week to week from the General Treasurer, Dr. F. R. Eddy. Field receipts have slightly more than covered traveling expense and office and promotion expense over the two year period of full time service.

There have been times of waiting and of testing. But through all God has manifested His favor and has prospered the work. In not a few instances vision has led to venture and venture to victory. Traveling approximately 100,000 miles the field contacts during the Quadrennium have included representative ministries in nearly every conference. Yet the field work fell considerably short of both the need and the demand. The expanding correspondence, the development of the General Office activities, the material for publication either originating or processed in the office, together with planning and directing activities on a church-wide scale are all time consuming and imposed certain limitations upon the ability of the General Superintendent to meet the present demand and need for field assignments. Every effort was made to share the field time proportionately and to give priority to the more representative occasions when pastors, leaders, and young people were together.

Organized Societies

Four hundred and forty-eight societies have been issued the Certificate of Organization. This figure includes approximately 100 new societies organized since the full time program went into operation. The use

of the Certificates has tended to correct a certain looseness of organization and of reporting and has been a step in the direction of more accurate statistics so that not only present strength may be ascertained but future gains may be more intelligently registered. An effort has been made to vitalize the system of departmental reporting. The response to this has been something near to complete cooperation from local leaders. There is still room for improvement however, both in the promptness and the completeness with which these reports are prepared and forwarded.

The first general statistical report of the Department was compiled this year. It was not complete but it represented what was perhaps a necessary step in the direction of complete and accurate departmental statistics. From these reports and other sources card files of the names and addresses of all Wesleyan Methodist pastors and all presidents and secretaries of the local societies have been set up and are being revised up to date from time to time. In this way it is possible to carry on direct mail promotion. We have only begun to develop the possibilities in this field.

Executive W. Y. P. S. Committee

The Executive W. Y. P. S. Committee, consisting of the four Area Presidents of the W. Y. P. S., the General Superintendent, and one member from the Book Committee has been increasingly active throughout the Quadrennium. Meetings for planning and counselling relative to the work of the Department have been held each year. The General Superintendent has made an annual report to this Executive Committee as well as to the Book Committee of the Church. The expense of the members in attending the sessions has been borne by their respective Areas in order not to unduly strain the general fund in the beginning years. In no instance was a single member absent from this committee for any one of its meetings. Sincere appreciation is due the members for their faithful service in shaping the policies and determining the course of advance and the program of action from time to time as reviewed and confirmed by the Book Committee. The Executive Committee and the Youth Department are indebted to Brother O. G. Wilson, Sunday School Secretary and Editor, who being elected by the Book Committee has served efficiently as their representative and advisor. His counsel has been highly esteemed and has contributed greatly in developing the work of the Department.

Wesleyan Youth Week

Wesleyan Youth Week was inaugurated in January of 1946. The response to the first observance of the week was overwhelming. The second observance January 26th to February 2nd of this year netted accomplishments which were perhaps twice as great as the first year in some respects and even greater in others. 1000 subscriptions were added to the Wesleyan Youth periodical in the week bringing the total to 7,000. Ninety-three societies reported their activities to the General Office as against fifty-one reports the first year. Scores of fruitful youth revivals were reported, and literally thousands of youth ministries, projects, gospel team activities, and services of all kinds conducted by young people. No attempt dare be made here however to fully cover the results of the week. We were particularly overjoyed to have the report of the observance of Wesleyan Youth Week on our India mission field and the organization of the W. Y. P. S. there with 79 members. The president, S. C. Shah, is a young national 27 years old. His report of the organization was accompanied by a letter from the Rev. Floyd Fisk both of which glowed with warmth of Pentecostal blessing, vision, and power.

Wesleyan Youth Camps

Within the Quadrennium a unique and most fruitful ministry to our young people has been introduced in some of our conferences in the form of a special outdoor youth camp or Bible camp. These camps covering from three to seven days, not only embrace the proven blessings of the historic camp meeting but include the added advantages for youth of full supervision, a closely-knit schedule, a balance in the daily ministry suited to the needs of young people, elements of discipline, and opportunity for adult guidance under most favorable circumstances. Those who have helped to plan and organize such camps as well as those who have served in the administration of them know something of the task involved but without exception as far as is known all are persuaded of the wholesomeness of the method and the effectiveness of results. Granted wise, understanding, and spiritual leadership these camps, in the judgment of the writer, hold greater possibilities for the response of youth to the fullest claims of the gospel than any other method of short term ministry in use in the Church today.

"The Wesleyan Youth" (periodical)

Throughout the Quadrennium the W. Y. P. S. has given consistent encouragement to an increase in the circulation of The Wesleyan Youth, formerly known as the Wesleyan Young People's Journal. Beginning the period with slightly less than 4,000 subscriptions the list has grown to 7,000 or better as reported following the results of Wesleyan Youth Week. In a final effort to reach a goal of 8,000 for the Quadrennium and recognizing also other inherent values in the plan, a Wesleyan Youth Scholarship-Subscription Campaign was conceived, properly authorized, and launched several months ago. Applications for entrance in this campaign have been received from most of the conferences and just at the time this report is being written subscription returns are being received in nearly every mail. The cooperation of our four Wesleyan colleges in making the scholarship awards for the campaign possible is one of the many evidences not only of their interest in the youth of the Church but of their devotion and loyalty to all of her institutions. The council and support of our Publisher, Dr. Eddy; and our Editor, Dr. Nicholson, is also recognized and appreciated. It is too early to even predict the full results but the first responses indicate that there are a host of young people out on the field working hard to make a showing in the campaign, extend the ministry of The Wesleyan Youth periodical, and incidentally win one of the scholarship awards. They will be announced just as soon as possible after the August 1st deadline.

Lesson Materials

Planning the lesson materials, balancing the content, choosing the subjects, selecting the writers, and assigning more than one hundred different lessons each year has been the responsibility of the Superintendent during the Quadrennium. Many of our finest leaders and our busiest pastors throughout the Church have contributed to the writing of these lessons. Almost without exception they have responded with promptness and with material of a high order. On behalf of our young people, I want to heartily thank all those who have assisted in this service.

An effort has been made to give some direction to the form in which the lessons are prepared in order to make them more useable as program study material. Also it has been suggested that the lessons appearing in The Wesleyan Youth be suited more definitely to the teen-age need while those appearing in The Wesleyan Methodist carry a more general appeal.

The response in these matters has been most cooperative and it is our judgment that at least some progress has been made during the Quadrennium in the development of suitable lesson materials for the society meetings. Feeling the need of giving missions a more direct emphasis in the Youth Department of the Church and in cooperation with the Young Missionary Workers' Band two missionary lessons have been introduced each month. During the past year Brother and Sister Alton J. Shea have prepared the Wesleyan Youth missionary lesson harmonizing it with the material for the same month which appears from time to time in The Young Missionary. A number have expressed appreciation of this plan.

The venture a year ago with the program materials book entitled "**Sunday Evenings With Jesus**" has met with a most enthusiastic response from our people. Many without solicitation have praised the rich and useable content of this book as a supplement to the lesson materials regularly published in The Wesleyan Methodist and The Wesleyan Youth. Approximately 800 copies of the book have been sold. A limited quantity of the first printing remain and copies will be available on the General Conference grounds.

Youth Literature

The further activity of the Department in the handling of items of Youth Literature has been undertaken with a view to encouraging pastors and leaders to read and think more in terms of the great need and opportunity in the Church with youth and also to help to make a wider variety of supplemental program material available. In response to requests for material suitable for youth workers, we have shopped among the various publishers to find and recommend the best in the field at the same time recognizing that we have urgent need of more of our own literature on all phases of the work of the Church with youth prepared by those who belong to the holiness constituency if not our own Wesleyan Movement. We consider it important to continue to encourage in every way possible reading and thinking in the youth field by pastors, evangelists, and all other adult leaders as well as providing the young people themselves with the best books, materials and helps needed.

The Revision of the Constitution

In keeping with the development of the Wesleyan Young People's Society it became evident early in the Quadrennium that the constitution needed a thorough restudy, considerable enlargement where specific guidance is not given and some possible revision. This work was begun by the General W. Y. P. S. Executive Committee with the result that a full rewriting of the W. Y. P. S. Constitution at the general conference, and local levels has been prepared in proposed form for action of the Quadrennial Convention of the W. Y. P. S. and the General Conference of the Church. The general society section prepared more than a year ago was submitted to the Book Committee last June, referred to a special constitution committee of the Book Committee and appears in the form as revised by them. It is possible that this committee may want to make some further changes before bringing their report back to the Book Committee. We beg their indulgence in preparing multiple copies of the general society section in this tentative form. It seemed preferable, however, to use for general circulation among delegates the form as it appears after a thorough study by this Committee on Constitutions rather than to submit it in an earlier original draft of revision. The conference and local society sections have been more recently rewritten. It is hoped, however, that this special Committee on Constitutions will find it possible to review these sections before and in connection with their report back to the

Book Committee preceding the General Conference so that the Quadrennial Convention of the W. Y. P. S. as well as the General Conference may have the benefits of the specialized study and judgment of this committee, before being called upon to act on the new constitution.

Looking Into the Future

Along with the clearly established spiritual and evangelistic emphasis of the Department, it has been judged important to lay considerable stress upon organization in the period just past. As a means to an end and for larger usefulness sound organizational policy has been considered important. But just as rapidly as we can become thorough and efficient in matters of organization we must make them marginal to our work. They are important only because they help us to accomplish the greater things which are of supreme importance. We must shift the thinking more and more from the mere idea of having a Youth Organization, getting reports, facing the frequently recurring Sunday evening struggle and other similar interests to the mighty challenge of aggressive soul saving, talent training, sending forth, conquering objectives for God and holiness. In proportion as we are able to do this do we justify our existence as a part of the life and work of the Wesleyan Methodist Church meriting her fullest confidence and her highest support. As the fire kindles in our W. Y. P. S. we must be sure that it burns with utter devotion to Christ; that it rallies us around His Cross. Any Christian youth movement is unworthy that does not develop into a new crusade against entrenched evils of every kind and that does not set itself to the unfinished task of world evangelization.

Civilization is in a dark Gethsemane but not too dark to be lighted again by Calvary's brightness. We dare not pause too long to view the horrible reproach upon the Cause of Christ all about us or to contemplate the shambles of a global war. Our eyes must be upon the Great Rebuilder. No power can make a Christian youth movement strong if that movement is unwilling to be redemptive; if it does not show readiness to bleed for a broken world. The nice things that people want to say about Christian youth gradually become meaningless unless youth's forces are welded together around the principle of sacrifice.

Nor dare we minimize the vital place that a generation of youth must fill in every spiritual awakening. A failing generation may find a merciful God ready to forgive but you do not find them mobilizing for a new Christian crusade. When Hezekiah instituted his reforms in Judah after the wicked reign of Ahaz he summoned the youth of the nation. "My sons," said he, "be not now negligent, for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him."

Moreover the fertile field of evangelism in the church today is with childhood and youth. We would respectfully emphasize this fact in the General Conference as being worthy of consideration in charting the evangelistic emphasis of the entire church for the new Quadrennium.

In concluding this report, I want to express my grateful appreciation for the wholehearted support given by the young people, by pastors and officials, and by the General Church Leaders; for the prayers of the saints which I have felt upon many occasions, and for the helpful counsel of any committeemen. May God lead on in the days ahead. May those who are to carry the torch in the tomorrows be granted strength and wisdom to advance steadily in the direction of our tremendous opportunity and our great unfinished task in harnessing the energies of youth for Christ, for holiness, for the Church, and for world-wide evangelism.

H. K. SHEETS, General Superintendent.

Financial Report of the General W. Y. P. S. Superintendent

(Covering Period From May 20, 1945 to April 30, 1947)

Field Receipts \$2,429.36**Expense:**

Traveling Expense \$1,384.37

Office Expense:

Printing \$ 53.25

Postage 178.60

Tolls and Telegrams 70.87

Paper and Envelopes 97.31

Office Supplies 93.52

Miscellaneous 123.88

Secretarial help (Regular) 110.00

Secretarial help (Special) 23.00

Youth Week 43.70

Binding (Volumes of Wesleyan Youth) 12.07

Cuts 24.67

Total Expense 830.87

Total Deductions 2,215.24

Forwarded to General Treasurer,

Dr. F. R. Eddy \$ 214.12

Note.—The above report when combined with the financial report of Dr. F. R. Eddy, General Treasurer, provides a complete history of the cost of operating the General W. Y. P. S. Department for the Quadrennium.

Youth Literature Purchases and Sales Memorandum

Total Cash Sales \$1,096.67

Total Cash Purchases 934.92

Cash balance \$161.85

Credit Sales and consignments 81.28

Unpaid purchases 33.60

Difference 47.61

Total \$209.46

Book Inventory 367.00

Grand Total \$576.46

Receipts office equipment fund 92.75

Total \$669.21

Office Equipment Purchases:

Typewriter \$70.00

Mimeograph 65.00

Total 135.00

Cash and Mdse on Hand \$534.21

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. SHEETS, Gen'l Supt. W. Y. P. S.

Report No. 13
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

We, your Committee on Young People's Work, submit the following report:

We are aware of this fact that these are days in which Youth have had high bids and strong appeals to give heed to worldly pleasures and worldly plans.

The world being full of hate, strife and confusion, grave problems face the Youth of today. However, in face of these conditions the call to service for Christ and the Church also comes to Youth. The call is challenging, but Youth of the Church are accepting the challenge. Youth with a commission from God and the Church, confidence in God and the Church, will make conquests for God and the Church.

It is gratifying to witness the progress in close cooperation of the Youth with the Church. Many Conferences are cooperating wholeheartedly with the Youth in Conventions, Camp Meetings and Youth Camps. We ask a continued and a greater cooperation of the Annual Conferences with the Youth Program.

We appreciate the support, cooperation and encouragement of the General Conference to the Youth Movement.

We offer our sincere and deep appreciation to the General Superintendent, the Rev. H. K. Sheets, and the Area Presidents for their faithful work with the Youth of the Church. Indeed it was a great forward Youth Movement to choose the Rev. H. K. Sheets as the General Superintendent to give full time labor to this Department. There has been a marked increase in new organizations, new members, THE WESLEYAN YOUTH subscriptions and interest in the Youth Work since a full-time Superintendent was elected. The future holds great prospects for the Youth of the Church.

We wish to express our appreciation to Dr. Roy S. Nicholson and Dr. F. R. Eddy for their cooperation in editing and publishing THE WESLEYAN YOUTH.

We approve and recommend the adoption of the following proposed Constitution for the General Wesleyan Young People's Society as ratified by the Quadrennial Convention of the W. Y. P. S. and approved by the Book Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARIE BRANNON,
E. LeVERNE TOLLE,
CHARLES DAYTON,
R. J. KLINGER, Committee.

**CONSTITUTION FOR THE GENERAL WESLEYAN YOUNG
PEOPLE'S SOCIETY**

Paragraph 398. For the purpose of promoting Christian experience and holy character among the young people of our churches and congregations, and of training them for Christian service through the systematic study of the Word of God and properly directed activities, there shall be

an organization under the authority of the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America as governed by the following Constitution:

Article I

The name of this organization shall be The Wesleyan Young People's Society. All Conference and Local Wesleyan Young People's Societies shall constitute the General Wesleyan Young People's Society.

Article II

Section 1. There shall be a Quadrennial Convention of the Wesleyan Young People's Society which shall be held at the time and place of the General Conference of the Church, at which time officers shall be elected and services of evangelism, Christian nurture, missions, worship, and other great themes shall be emphasized.

Section 2. The length of this Convention, the exact time it shall convene, and the general planning for the program shall be arranged by the General W. Y. P. S. Council in consultation with the Board of Administration of the Church.

Section 3. The Quadrennial Convention shall be composed of members of the General Council and delegates as follows: Each Conference W. Y. P. S. President shall be a delegate ex-officio. Each Conference shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each three hundred active members, or major fraction thereof. These delegates, with adequate alternates, shall be elected by ballot at the last regular annual business meeting preceding General Conference, provided that any Annual Conference holding its session within sixty days of the date of the opening of the coming General Conference, shall elect its delegates at the previous annual session. Every Conference W. Y. P. S. shall be entitled to at least one delegate in addition to the President. In the case of inability of the President to serve as delegate, the Vice-President shall automatically become the ex-officio delegate.

Section 4. Delegates to the Quadrennial Convention shall be, at the time of serving, members of a local W. Y. P. S. in the conference from which they were elected and members of a Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Article III

General W. Y. P. S. Organization

Section 1. The Board of Administration shall be the Board of Trustees of the W. Y. P. S., which shall be financially amenable to the Board as specified in Paragraph 227 of the Book of Discipline. The Society shall submit to the Board annually a statement of estimated income and expense for the ensuing year. The recommendations of the W. Y. P. S. as to projected plans and policies shall require the approval of the Board in order to be effective.

Section 2. The Quadrennial Convention shall elect by majority vote, by ballot, a General President, subject to confirmation of the General Conference. Each Area President shall call a caucus of the delegates of his Area during the Quadrennial Convention at which time the Area President from each of the four educational zones of the Church shall be nominated by a majority vote by ballot of the caucus for the next Quadrennium and confirmed by the Quadrennial Convention and General Conference. Each of the five above officers shall be members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and active members of the W. Y. P. S. and under forty years of age at the time of their election, and shall constitute a General W. Y. P. S. Council to serve until their successors are duly elected.

Section 3. One member of the Board of Administration of the Church

shall be appointed by the Board of Administration as a member of the General W. Y. P. S. Council to serve for the Quadrennium.

Section 4. A General Secretary shall be elected for the period of the Quadrennium as follows: He shall be nominated by a majority vote by ballot of the Quadrennial Convention and shall be elected by a majority vote of the General Conference of the Church. More than one nomination may be submitted. He shall be a member of the General W. Y. P. S. Council. He may be above forty years of age.

Section 5. The General W. Y. P. S. Council shall fill any vacancy that may occur on the Council during the quadrennium, subject to confirmation by the Board of Administration.

Section 6. The General W. Y. P. S. Council shall promote the work of the Wesleyan Young People's Society according to policies outlined by the Quadrennial Convention and in harmony with the Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Section 7. There shall be an annual assessment of fifty cents (50c) per active member. This money shall be forwarded through the Annual Conference W. Y. P. S. Treasurer to the General Secretary for the purpose of financing the General W. Y. P. S. Department.

Section 8. This constitution may be amended by the usual disciplinary procedure.

BY-LAWS

Article I

Section 1. All members of the General Council may serve as official representatives of the Wesleyan Young People's Society in rallies and conventions, or at other times as opportunity affords or when called upon to do so.

Section 2. The Area Presidents and the Conference W. Y. P. S. Presidents of each Educational District shall constitute an Executive Committee of that district and shall be presided over by the Area President. The educational areas may further organize their districts and elect officers as may be feasible and necessary for the best interests of the work in the district and the total program of the Wesleyan Young People's Society.

Article II. Duties of Council

Section 1. The General Council shall elect one of its members to serve as recording secretary. He shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Quadrennial Convention and of all business meetings of the General Council.

Section 2. The General Council shall elect, subject to approval of the Board of Administration, an Associate Editor for THE WESLEYAN YOUTH, who shall cooperate with the Church Editor in the publication of said periodical.

Section 3. The General W. Y. P. S. Council shall recommend the salary of the General Secretary including satisfactory arrangements for his necessary traveling expenses.

Section 4. The General W. Y. P. S. Council shall give general promotion to the work of the Wesleyan Young People's Society in harmony with the standards and principles of the Church. The General W. Y. P. S. Council shall at all times be amenable to the Board of Administration or to the General Conference of the Church.

Article III. Meetings of the Council

Section 1. The annual business meeting shall be held each year in the month of April or at such other time as the Council may previously design-

nate. The place of the Council meetings may be determined by the General President and General Secretary if not previously arranged by the Council.

Section 2. Special meetings for business may be called by the General President, or by the General Secretary, with consent of the representative of the Board of Administration who is a member of the Council.

Section 3. Four members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. One of these four may be the representative from the Board of Administration of the Church, who is a member of the Council.

Article IV. Duties of Officers

Section 1. General President: (1) The General President shall preside at the meetings of the Quadrennial Convention and at the business meetings of the General W. Y. P. S. Council. (2) He shall take an active interest in the entire program of the Wesleyan Young People's Society and shall devote as much of his time to the promotion of the general work as his other duties may permit.

Section 2. General Secretary: (1) The term of office of the General Secretary shall begin the fifteenth day of August following the General Conference at which he is elected.

(2) He shall be the executive officer of the General W. Y. P. S. and as such shall have supervision of all departments of the General W. Y. P. S. work and shall execute the plans adopted from time to time by the General W. Y. P. S. Council and the Board of Administration of the Church.

(3) He shall, in conference with the General W. Y. P. S. Council, work out from time to time recommendations as to projected policies and procedures and shall present same for confirmation to the Board of Administration or its Executive Board.

(4) He shall be general treasurer of the W. Y. P. S. and as such shall keep an accurate account of all monies of the Society reported to him and shall hold in trust the funds of the Society, paying out the same pursuant to vote of the General Council as limited in Article III, Section 1, of the Constitution. He shall not cancel or surrender any note or obligation held against anyone, except when paid, without the order of the Board of Administration or its Executive Board, nor shall he make any loans or borrow any money except as authorized by the Board of Administration or its Executive Board. He shall be responsible for preparing and submitting to the Board of Administration an annual financial report and such other reports as shall be required by said Board.

(5) He may officially represent the General W. Y. P. S. in Conventions, Rallies, Annual Conferences, or other assemblies of the Church.

(6) He shall maintain contact with other departments of the Church and work in harmony with them. When deemed advisable he may maintain contact with other denominational or interdenominational young people's organizations.

(7) It is expected that he maintain an office for the Department, and that he employ such help as may be needed and authorized by the Council to properly carry on the work of the General W. Y. P. S.

(8) He shall supervise the General W. Y. P. S. promotional material, the issuing of pamphlets and other necessary materials for the promotion of the work of the W. Y. P. S. throughout the area, conference, and local organizations.

(9) He shall work cooperatively with the Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST in supplying material for space therein as may be previously arranged in harmony with the general editorial policy.

(10) He shall judiciously and economically conduct the affairs of his office, keeping all expenditures within the limits set by the budget and always have the best interest of the W. Y. P. S. in mind.

(11) He shall render a full report to the annual meeting of the General W. Y. P. S. Council and a quadrennial report to the Quadrennial Convention and General Conference of the Church.

(12) He shall perform all other duties in keeping with his office as ordered by the General W. Y. P. S. Council and the Board of Administration.

(13) Should the work of the General Secretary become unsatisfactory or his conduct unbecoming he may be removed from office at any time by a majority vote by ballot of the Council and Board of Administration in joint session provided that he shall be notified beforehand and given opportunity to defend his position or correct his error in conduct.

Section 3. Area President: (1) He shall organize and preside over all meetings of the Area Council.

(2) He shall preside over all area conventions and group meetings.

(3) He shall assist in conventions, rallies, and youth camps as far as time permits and his services are requested. He shall be remunerated for his services by the group requesting them.

(4) He shall take an active interest in the entire program of the Wesleyan Young People's Society and shall cooperate with the General President and the General Secretary in the promotion of the General Society.

(5) He shall represent the Area in all General group meetings and his expenses for these services shall be paid from the general treasury.

Article V. Committees

Section 1. The General W. Y. P. S. Council shall order the formation of an Executive Committee, A Topic And Lesson Committee, and such other committees as may be deemed necessary for advancing its work. The election of the Topic And Lesson Committee shall require confirmation of the Board of Administration to be final.

Section 2. (1) The Executive Committee of the Council shall be composed of the member of the Board of Administration of the Church, who is a member of the Council, the General President and the General Secretary and one member elected by the Council.

(2) The Executive Committee shall meet and conduct the business of the General Council between annual sessions when it is impractical or impossible to call the entire Council together. Carefully prepared minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee shall be sent to the remaining members of the Council.

Section 3. The Topic And Lesson Committee may be appointed to serve for the quadrennium. It shall be composed of the General Secretary as Chairman and two other members of the Council. The duties of this committee shall be to arrange the topics and subjects for the devotional meetings of the W. Y. P. S. and supervise the selection of writers for these lessons.

Section 4. These by-laws may be amended by the usual disciplinary procedure.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

Article I

All local Wesleyan Young People's Societies within the boundaries of each conference shall be known as "The Wesleyan Young People's Society of the Conference."

Article II

Section 1. There shall be an annual Conference Convention of the Wesleyan Young People's Society in each conference which shall not only receive reports, make recommendations, conduct the election of officers, and carry on any other business pertaining to the Conference W. Y. P. S. but shall be planned as a time of inspiration, fellowship, and Christian challenge. Other conference conventions for the promotion of the aims and purposes of the Wesleyan Young People's Society may be held during the year.

Section 2. The annual Conference Convention shall be composed of the officers of the Conference W. Y. P. S., the District Chairmen, presidents of local societies, the President of the Annual Conference, and two elected delegates from the active membership of each local society in the conference. When the active membership in any local society exceeds twenty-five there may be one additional delegate elected. Local societies with two or more age departments, will, as far as possible, choose delegates from each department.

Section 3. One delegate within the active membership range of the society may be appointed by the pastor of each local church in the conference not having a fully organized Wesleyan Young People's Society.

Article III. Officers

The annual Conference Convention shall elect by ballot, subject to the confirmation of the Annual Conference of the Church, or the Annual Conference President and his Advisory Board, the following officers for the period of one year or until their successors are duly elected: a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. All conference officers shall be members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and active members of a local society within the bounds of the conference at the time of their election.

Article IV. District Organization

Section 1. The annual Conference Convention may organize the conference into districts with preferably three to six local societies located in proximity to each other in each district and shall fix the boundaries of the districts.

Section 2. The Chairman of each district shall be an active member of a local society within the district, and shall be elected by the annual Conference Convention.

Section 3. There shall be two other members of the Executive Committee of the district who shall be elected at the first district convention following the annual conference convention and shall serve until the close of the following annual conference convention or until their successors are elected.

Section 4. Voting in the district conventions shall be confined to active members from the local societies of the district who are present.

Article V. Conference Executive Council

There shall be a conference W. Y. P. S. Executive Council which shall be composed of the conference W. Y. P. S. officers, and the President of the Annual Conference who is a member ex-officio. The council shall determine in advance the number who shall constitute a quorum for the carrying on of business at any called session. The undertaking by the council of projects not previously authorized shall have the confirmation of the Annual Conference or the President and his Advisory Board.

Article VI. Vacancies

The Conference Executive Council shall have power to fill any vacancy that may occur within the council between annual conventions subject to the confirmation of the Annual Conference or the President and his Advisory Board.

Article VII. Relation to Annual Conference

The election of officers, plan of work, financial undertakings, and all other actions of the conference W. Y. P. S. shall be concisely presented in written form to the Annual Conference in session or to the Conference President and his Advisory Board by the W. Y. P. S. President for the purpose of information, coordination, and the confirmation of the decisions of the annual conference W. Y. P. S. convention.

Article VIII. Amendments

This constitution may be amended by the usual disciplinary procedure.

**THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE SOCIETY
BY-LAWS****Article I. The Annual Convention**

The annual convention of the conference Wesleyan Young People's Society shall convene at a time and place designated by the previous convention or by the Conference Executive Council. It is recommended that the business of the annual conference W. Y. P. S. convention be conducted at the time and place of the Annual Conference of the Church.

Article II. Duties of the Convention

Section 1. The Annual Conference W. Y. P. S. Convention shall elect all officers as designated in Article III of the Conference Society Constitution. In the case of the President nominations shall be by a nominating ballot, and election by a majority vote by ballot of the members of the convention present and voting. Other officers may be nominated to the convention by the method suggested by the convention, and shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members present and voting.

Section 2. At the annual Conference convention preceding the General Quadrennial Convention delegates shall be elected to the Quadrennial W. Y. P. S. Convention as specified in Article II Section 3 of the General Society Constitution. The conference convention shall make suitable arrangements for caring for the necessary expenses of their delegates attending the Quadrennial Convention. All delegates elected shall be active members of some local society within the bounds of the conference and shall as far as possible represent all age departments of the Wesleyan Young People's Society.

Section 3. The convention shall receive reports from conference officers, chairmen of standing committees, district chairmen, and presidents of local societies.

Section 4. Convention committees which may be named are listed as follows: Nominating, Ways and Means, Missionary, Evangelistic, Stewardship, Literature, Goals and Methods, Junior Work, Senior Work, Young Adult Work, Resolutions, and others.

Section 5. Standing committees may be ordered to serve in the various fields mentioned above as may be required.

Article III. Duties of Officers

Section 1. President. (1) The President shall preside at the meetings of the Conference convention and at the business meetings of the Conference Executive Council. (2) He shall have general oversight of the Conference W. Y. P. S. work in cooperation with standing committees and district chairmen. (3) He shall actively promote the organization of a society in each church within the district which does not have a regularly organized W. Y. P. S. (4) He shall give as much time as possible on the field and otherwise to the active promotion of the work of the W. Y. P. S. within his conference.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall cooperate with the President in every way possible to carry on the work of the Conference W. Y. P. S. In case of absence, resignation, or death of the president, he shall perform the duties of the president's office. It is recommended that the Vice-President be named Chairman of one of the Standing Committees.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the Annual Conventions and of the meetings of the Conference Executive Council; and shall attend to all matters of correspondence for the conference society. The Secretary shall send to the Area President and General W. Y. P. S. Office within thirty days after the annual business meeting a full directory of the names and addresses of the local presidents and secretaries together with the Annual Conference W. Y. P. S. statistics for the society and the names and addresses of the newly elected conference W. Y. P. S. officers, and District Chairmen.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive and, upon the order of the council, shall disburse all monies of the conference society, keeping a systematic record of the same, and rendering a full report to the annual conference convention of the Wesleyan Young People's Society and to the Annual Conference for audit and approval.

Article IV. Duties of the Conference Executive Council

Section 1. The Executive Council shall promote the work of the Conference W. Y. P. S. according to the policies outlined and the program adopted by the conference W. Y. P. S. convention and confirmed by the Annual Conference of the Church or the Conference President and his advisory board.

Section 2. Business meetings of the Executive Council may be called by the W. Y. P. S. President or the Annual Conference President at such times as may be necessary.

Section 3. The Executive Council shall through its president and secretary keep in contact with the General W. Y. P. S. Office and cooperate with the general program in every way possible.

Section 4. The Executive Council shall always give proper recognition to the Annual Conference President as head of all conference work and shall conduct its program in harmony with the other departments and with the principles and standards of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Section 5. The Executive Council shall serve as a program committee for the planning of all conference conventions including times of inspiration, fellowship, instruction, or evangelism.

Section 6. The Executive Council shall publish a directory of conference W. Y. P. S. officers and all members of the executive Council, a list of the names and addresses of all local society presidents and secretaries, a table of Conference W. Y. P. S. statistics, and important official actions of the conference W. Y. P. S. convention which should be made a part of

the published record. It is highly recommended that arrangements be made with the Annual Conference to have this record included in the published minutes of the Annual Conference.

Article V. Duties of the District Committee

Section 1. The District Committee shall serve as a program committee and the District Chairman shall preside at the rallies.

Section 2. The time and place for the district rallies shall be arranged by the District Committee unless planned for in a previous rally.

Section 3. One district rally is recommended every three months, unless geographical distances or other circumstances make this number prohibitive.

Article VI. Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by the usual disciplinary procedure. Further By-Laws which do not conflict with the Constitution and the discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church may be enacted by the annual W. Y. P. S. Convention.

LOCAL WESLEYAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name

The society shall be called the Wesleyan Young People's Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Article II. Object

The object of the society shall be to build up its members in Christian experience and in holy character, to instruct them in the doctrines of the Bible and of the Church, to train them for Christian service through properly directed activities. The Society shall ever maintain a missionary emphasis, and at least one meeting each month shall be in the interest of foreign missions with an offering for this cause.

Article III. Membership

(1) **Active Members.** All Christian young people who are members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, or Christian young people who are in harmony with the doctrines and standards of the Wesleyan Methodist Church may become active members.

(2) **Associate Members.** Young people of good character who accept the moral standards of the Wesleyan Methodist Church as their rule of conduct may become associate members.

(3) **Campus Members.** When young people absent from the home society attending one of our Wesleyan Colleges desire to continue their membership in the home society they shall be enrolled and counted in the college W. Y. P. S. as "Campus Members" with all privileges which obtain in the home society.

(4) **Honorary Members.** Older members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church who desire to be affiliated with the society may be elected by the society or by one of its departments as honorary members thereof.

(5) **Membership age.** The age for active and associate membership shall be from 13 years to 40 years.

(6) **Membership pledge cards.** All active and associate members shall be received upon the signing of the membership pledge.

(7) The membership roll shall be revised by the Executive Council at the close of each conference year.

Pledge of Active Membership

Because of my devotion to Christ and His Church, I promise by His grace to seek the New Testament standard of heart purity; to strive always to live consistently for my Master; to read my Bible and pray daily, to attend faithfully the services of W. Y. P. S.; and to take part in all the activities of the Society as opportunity is afforded me.

Pledge of Associate Membership

Desiring to become affiliated with the W. Y. P. S. as an associate member, I accept the moral standard of the Wesleyan Methodist Church as the rule of my conduct, and, I promise to attend faithfully the services of the Society, to do my best to advance its interests and to take part in the activities of the Society as opportunity is afforded me.

(8) Membership privileges. Membership shall carry full privileges of the society except that only active members shall be eligible to hold office, serve as chairmen of standing committees, or delegates to the Annual Conference Convention.

Article IV. Officers

(1) The officers of the society shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, a Wesleyan Youth solicitor, and an adult counselor. Their term of office shall be for one year or until their successors shall be elected. The president, the chairman of the devotional and program committee and the adult counsellor shall be members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

(2) Local officers shall be elected within thirty days of the next session of the Annual Conference and shall take office at the beginning of the new Annual Conference year.

(3) The election of officers shall be as follows: A committee on nominations of not less than five active members of the W. Y. P. S., and including the pastor as Chairman, shall be elected by the society. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate the officers of the Society and the Chairmen of the standing committees and to report the same to a meeting called for the election of officers. More than one name may be submitted for the office of president. Members of standing committees may be elected in such a manner as the society may designate. The adoption of the report of the nominating committee by a majority vote and the confirmation of the entire organization of the society by a business meeting of the church shall constitute the election.

(4) Any vacancies that may occur during the year shall be filled in the same manner as outlined in the preceding paragraph.

(5) The president shall submit a written report of the spiritual and financial status of the society to each regular quarterly business meeting of the church.

Article V. Departments

(1) When the best interests of the local youth program can be more efficiently served, the society may organize into the following groups or any combinations of these groups:

Young Adult (ages 25-40)

Senior (ages 15, 16, 17)

Young People (ages 18-24)

Intermediate ages 13, 14)

(2) The officers of each department, or combination of departments, shall consist of a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, a treasurer, and a Wesleyan Youth solicitor. There shall be an adult counselor for the

intermediate department and for the senior department.

(3) The officers of each department so organized shall be elected in the same manner and subject to the same regulations as prescribed for the election of officers for a local society in Article IV above.

(4) The officers and committees for any department shall be within the age range of that department.

(5) The executive committee of each department shall consist of the officers of the department, and the chairmen of the standing committees. The adult counselor shall be a member of the executive committee in the intermediate and senior departments. The chairman of the department shall be chairman of the executive committee ex-officio.

(6) Any vacancy that may occur during the year shall be filled in the same manner as outlined in Article IV, Section 3.

Article VI. Executive Council

(1) The executive council for the society shall consist of the pastor, the officers of the society and the chairmen of the standing committees. The president of the society shall be chairman ex-officio.

(2) In societies of two or more departments, the executive council shall also include the chairman of each department and the adult counselor in the case of the intermediate and senior departments.

Article VII. Organizing New Societies

In organizing a new society the interested group shall be called together. The pastor or some other person designated as temporary chairman shall outline the aims and purposes of the society and shall acquaint the group with the Constitution, after which opportunity shall be given for the group to sign the membership pledge either as active or associate members. As soon as the roll of charter members is complete the group may proceed to organize in the same manner as outlined under Article IV of the Constitution.

Upon the completion of the organization, the secretary shall report to the president of the conference society and the General Secretary of the general society giving the date and place of organization, the number of charter members and the names and addresses of the president, secretary, and treasurer, whereupon a Certificate of Organization will be issued from the General W. Y. P. S. Office.

Article VIII. Relation to Conference and General Society

Each local society shall keep full statistics and shall report the same annually on regular report forms to the Annual Conference Convention and to the General W. Y. P. S. Department and otherwise shall cooperate in every way with the Annual Conference Society and the General Society in the promotion of the work.

Article IX. Amendments

This constitution may be amended by the usual disciplinary procedure.

Article X. By-Laws

This society shall have the right to enact by-laws not conflicting with this constitution and the discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

LOCAL SOCIETY BY-LAWS

Article I. Meetings

(1) The devotional meetings of the society shall be held Sunday

evening preceding the regular evening church service or at such other times as may have been approved by the Executive Council and voted by the society. One Sunday evening each month shall be devoted to Foreign Missions.

(2) Regular business meetings of this society shall be held
 (State whether to be held monthly or quarterly and on what day of the week or month.)

(3) Regular business meetings of the departments shall be held
 (State whether to be held monthly or quarterly and on what day of the week or month.)

(4) The society or department shall decide at its first business meeting of the year how many shall constitute a quorum.

(5) Special meetings of the society may be called by the president or pastor at such times as may be necessary.

(6) Special meetings of any department may be called by the chairman or the pastor at such times as may be necessary.

(7) Recommended order of business:

- a. Devotional exercises.
- b. Roll call.
- c. Reading of minutes.
- d. Reports of committees.
- e. Appointment of committees.
- f. Report of the Treasurer.
- g. Reception of new members.
- h. New business and special exercises such as the reading of papers and hearing of addresses.
- i. Adjournment.

(8) The Executive Council of the society shall meet at least once each quarter to plan the total program of the Wesleyan Young People's Society and to receive reports of the various departments. The Council shall have charge of all cooperative undertakings of the departments of the society, such as, young people's revivals, Christian Service Training classes, projects, social meetings, etc.

(9) The Planning Conference shall consist of the Executive Council and the Executive Committee of each department. This conference shall meet at least semi-annually (preferably spring and fall) to correlate the work of all departments of the society and to promote the young people's work of the church.

Article II. Duties of Officers

(1) The president shall preside over meetings of the society, of the executive council, and of the planning conference. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He shall see that all officers, standing committees, and chairmen of departments (if organized) know their duties and shall help to advance the work of the society in every way possible. He shall cooperate with adult counselors in the intermediate and senior departments. He shall promote the General Society goals. He shall see that the treasurer's books are properly audited. Where two or more departments are organized he may serve as chairman of one of the departments.

(2) The vice-president shall cooperate with the president in every way to carry on the work of the society, and in the absence of the president shall perform his duties in office. Where two or more departments are organized it is suggested that the vice-president give special attention to the promotion of one of these departments.

(3) The duties of the secretary shall be to keep a register of the membership roll, to keep a record of all proceedings in the business meet-

ings of the society, of the executive council, and of the planning conference. The secretary shall prepare report forms and furnish complete statistics to the Annual Conference Society at its annual business meetings and to the General Society.

(4) The treasurer shall receive and keep an accurate record of all monies paid into the society and its departments. He shall stimulate and direct the society finances. He shall disburse money only as voted by the society. He shall be prepared to make a financial report to the business meetings of the society and to the meetings of the executive council and shall prepare a quarterly report which he may either present himself or give to the president to present at the regular quarterly business meeting of the society. All treasurers of departments shall receive and keep an accurate record of all money collected by the department and shall deposit it with the treasurer of the local society. The treasurer shall pay out department funds as directed by the department.

(5) THE WESLEYAN YOUTH solicitor shall be responsible for new and renewal subscriptions to the periodical and shall promote the circulation of THE WESLEYAN YOUTH in the society, the local church, and the community in every way possible.

(6) The adult counselor for the intermediate department and the adult counselor for the senior department shall attend all meetings of their respective departments including social activities and all meetings of the executive committee of the department; shall counsel with the department concerning all activities in keeping with the aims and purposes of the Wesleyan Young People's Society. The counselor shall encourage and guide all standing committees in their tasks as needed and shall advise with the devotional committee from time to time and approve any programs for use which do not appear in the regular W. Y. P. S. published series. The adult counselor shall work at all times in harmony with the pastor of the church and shall seek the highest spiritual welfare of each member.

Article III. Committees

(1) Each society or each department of a society may have a devotional and program committee, a missionary committee, an evangelistic committee, a visiting committee, a membership committee, an educational committee, a social life committee, and such other committees as may be necessary for properly conducting its work. It is recommended that particular attention be given to filling the social life committee with qualified Christian young people.

Article IV. Duties of Committees

(1) The devotional and program committee shall have full responsibility for planning and promoting the regular devotional meetings, assigning leaders, advertising and encouraging variety in the services; shall be responsible for the spiritual emphasis in the meetings from time to time and shall carry a concern for the highest Christian development of each member of the society (or department).

(2) The missionary committee shall be responsible for all home and foreign missionary services carried on within the society (or department); shall seek from time to time to impart missionary inspiration and challenge to the members of the society.

(3) The evangelistic committee shall sponsor gospel team activities, house to house visitation, jail services, street meetings, and other similar activities.

(4) The membership committee shall be on the alert to seek out and

recommend to the society young people interested and qualified for membership.

(5) The visiting committee shall visit the sick and absent members of the society and otherwise contact young people in the community concerning the interests of the society (or department).

(6) The educational committee shall have charge of the educational meetings of the society (or department) planning for and directing the same under the advice and supervision of the pastor.

(7) The social life committee shall be responsible for carefully and prayerfully planning all social occasions such as outdoor picnics, seasonal home gatherings, birthday celebrations, and similar activities as are approved by the adult counselor and/or the pastor of the church.

Article V. Delegates

When the society is organized into two or more departments, delegates to the Annual Conference Convention shall be chosen from the various departments as far as possible.

Article VI. Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended or added to at any regular meeting of the society by a two-thirds vote of all members present provided that such amendments or additions have been announced at the previous meeting and are in accord with the Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, do not conflict with the Constitution of the society, and have been approved by the executive committee of the society.

Report No. 14

SOCIETIES OF THE WORLD

In the statement recorded in Genesis 1:26, "Let us make man in Our own image, and after Our likeness," is revealed the origin of the intellectual, moral and social attributes of human nature. In the process of creation God breathed into man His own breath of life and, together with other precious endowments, man became imbued with his Creator's own social attribute. But man's plunge into sin perverted his social impulse, causing it to be poisoned with unholy desire and expression. Thus, the social order was wrecked by the fall.

However, God gave to the human family certain laws which were designed to supervise him in his relation to his fellow men and to God. He ordained three institutions: the home, the state, and the Church, through which all civil, social and moral needs should be supplied. Only by conforming to these laws can the moral uprightness of man be restored and a pure social order be re-established. When the depraved desires and ambitions of men dominate, then a crisis arises for the human family.

All through the history of human relationships man has made efforts to promote his schemes and accomplish his sins by united effort. This is the background of the societies of the world. This has led to every variety and degree of cooperation and to a multitude of associations, orders, societies, cities, clubs, etc., each of which represent some form of cooperate endeavor toward a desired goal. Some of these societies are offered as a substitute for the plan of God, some to assist in the accomplishment of these ends, and others in their character and purpose are opposed to all righteousness.

To judge a society, one must consider three things: (1) The aim or purpose of the organization; (2) The methods by which the organization

proposes to gain its objective; and (3) the type of association which the organized endeavor of the society involves. Frequently, evaluations of an organization are made on the first count only—if its purpose is good, the organization is counted good. Those of us who desire to please God in every activity and relationship of life—who have heard the call “Be ye holy in all manner of conversation, for I, the Lord your God, am holy”—must look deeper than the surface. Thus, in a careful examination of a society we will find those whose purposes are good, or, at least, harmless, but who adopt questionable and unworthy methods for reaching the desired goals. Still others may pass the first and second test—the purpose good and the methods worthy—but to identify oneself with them places us in an environment and surrounds us with associations which are positively detrimental to spiritual life and which in the eyes of the world classes us with an unspiritual group. God’s Word is plain here, “Come ye out from among them and be ye separate . . .”

As members of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection—itsself an organization or society whose avowed purpose is two-fold: mutual edification and upbuilding in holiness; and the evangelization of the lost—we must continually come into contact with other societies of various kinds. Our relation to some of them is a matter of definite conviction and of historical record. We therefore wish to state our convictions in relations to the following:

1. **Secret-oath-bound orders.** Their aims, works and influences vary with the spirit and designs of their several formative groups. Their secrecy is not only unchristian but also they are manifestly conceived of and born in the spirit of “works of darkness.” Our Church discipline is very clear on the stand of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection on this point, and so this is no time for our Church to modify its attitude toward the great Secret Empire which is founded upon the principles which the Word of God condemns. Many of these secret, oath-bound societies are offered as substitutes for God’s openly revealed plan for life and Salvation. These societies are a menace to the work of the Church and merit disfavor of all God-loving people.

2. **Organizations that have for their aim the hindrance or ruin of Christianity;** such as:

(1) Communism with all of its various branches and organizations whose purpose is to destroy all that we hold dear in our way of life and religion. Dr. Alexander Stacy, a native Russian, stated, “No religion in Russia has any chance; sooner or later the government will exterminate it.” Communism considers itself the foe of Christianity, in fact of all religions. The declared intention of the Communist International of 1928 has never been revoked or modified so far as any public statement may reveal. What was its declared intention? “The ultimate aim of the Communist International is to replace world capitalist economy by a world system of Communism . . . It will bury forever all mysticism, religion, prejudice, and superstition.” Here the clash is revealed: Christianity is a religion, the Christian Church is militant in its efforts to carry its message and light to all the world and its chief end is to make converts to Christ and to the Church. Communism has as its chief end to “bury forever all . . . religion.”

(2) Modernism which disclaims belief in such rock-ribbed truths as the inspiration of God’s Word, Christ’s Virgin Birth, the blood atonement, regeneration, and other doctrines of faith. Since modernism has come out in the open to do battle against the time-honored orthodox, evangelical school of interpretation, it becomes necessary for us to emphasize the great fundamental truths of the deity, humanity, and the blood atonement of the

Lord Jesus Christ as never before. Modernism is anti-Christ.

God's Word is clear, "Come ye out from among them and be ye separate . . ."

3. **Organizations for the promotion of sports and worldly pleasures.** Many of these are impure, sensual, defiling and centers of gambling. How deplorable is the fact that failure to maintain deep spirituality in Christian bodies has permitted groups belonging to this class to make deep inroads into Church life. We can look only with disfavor, disgust and soul nausea on church organizations of clubs, sports, and society groups, or anything that tends to that end.

4. **Organizations that are patriotic in their formation.** Some have for their aim the defense and perpetuation of our Constitutional Democracy. Some seek the conservation and perpetuation of our Constitutional Democracy. Some seek the conservation and promotion of human welfare, by medical science, advanced methods of sanitation, societies for mental and moral good, etc., etc. We believe that many of these are genuinely patriotic and that much of their work is highly commendable. Yet very often political aspirants and selfish designers work their way into leadership among these groups; and undesirables, spiritually, too often form their ranks. Therefore, it is our conviction that we need to be careful in our identification with such groups that we do not nullify our influence as holiness people.

5. **Commercial Organizations whose purpose is not for the betterment of society.** Self-preservation and self-protection are inherent rights only as they work to the final good of all. Therefore, we believe the following should have our strongest disapproval:

- (1) The organized liquor traffic and the white slave traffic.
- (2) The powerful commercial amusement interests which have been at work breaking down our Sabbath laws. If the Sabbath is not the Church's day, or, if you will God's Day, then neither the Church nor God has one. The very life of the Church is at stake here.
- (3) The moving picture plague which is constantly showing how Hollywood misbehaves and then "lives happily ever afterwards." Remember that what the theatrical world purposes to do is very opposite from what the Church is endeavoring to do.
- (4) The so-called "funnies" which are being recognized as a great source of danger to our children and youth.
- (5) The various modern types of worldly, pernicious, ungodly literature which is gaining such an entrance into homes of America.
- (6) Certain radio programs, which, if allowed, will bring the street, the theater, the dance hall, the coarse jokes of the vaudeville, the degrading excitement of the horse races, boxing contests, and kindred evils by the score into our homes. Our duty as Christians is clearly stated in the Scriptures: "Thou shalt not bring an abomination into thine house" (Deut. 7:26).

(7) So, then, let us lift our voices and cry aloud, and help unmask these great despoilers of life and happiness.

6. **Labor Unions.** Labor problems in this day are real problems. Labor constitutes one of the chief problems of our time. Through highly organized, possessing tremendous political power and having achieved great social gains, it is far from a solution of its own ills. Its enemies are determined to reduce it to its former underprivileged state. The Church must maintain a fair and impartial prophetic voice. The Church can do much in preaching righteousness in human relationships. It should vigorously urge the employer to consider his responsibilities to labor in the light of Christian stewardships. It should just as vigorous-

ly urge the laborer to consider his obligations to his employer in the light of Christian stewardship. It should condemn labor tyranny as well as capitalistic tyranny. The labor problem will not be solved finally and ultimately until society is Christian.

Insofar, therefore, as "Societies of the World" are in conflict with the clear declaration of the Word of God and Christian duty let us seek to maintain an uncompromising testimony against the forces of darkness and sin and in favor of God and righteousness.

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Report No. 15. STATISTICAL REPORT

Conferences	Time Employed (Months)	Item I. Pastor's Labors.					Item II. Periodicals											
		Appointments	No. of Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists	Wesleyan Missionaries	Wesleyan Youths	Sunday School Banners	Junior Class Papers	Children's Friend	Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflets	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Charts
																		Pupil's Lesson Stories
																		Bible Lesson Stories
Africa	1373	31	31	307	196	201	448	123	101	146	829	380	391	216	32	292	345	12
Alabama	3414	88	80	1508	1148	528	2345	1719	1067	676	4363	864	1357	471	213	964	1030	55
Allegheny	540	12	9	85	72	49	274	190	155	81	171	100	111	25	9	109	115	4
California	409	19	13	210	158	181	434	142	128	86	347	121	94	89	42	23	81	8
Canada	1410	36	32	375	304	308	825	447	348	259	753	215	276	247	185	85	513	9
Champlain	1488	42	30	287	451	230	755	451	401	195	759	203	324	195	60	271	250	16
Dakota																		113
India																		130
Indiana	4140	100	99	1582	1257	724	4118	1772	1212	845	4360	1140	1206	427	515	586	1104	64
Iowa	1785	41	39	410	386	189	882	479	384	267	907	211	299	260	120	174	266	14
Kansas	2295	50	48	730	547	360	1266	672	549	432	1540	331	480	283	194	416	453	23
Kentucky	1273	48	38	318	161	188	440	250	215	116	525	248	292	145	11	247	270	5
Lockport	1177	28	24	435	322	192	843	421	295	245	952	296	324	109	170	129	259	10
Michigan	1381	38	37	666	642	256	1687	624	471	320	1644	474	442	216	98	383	375	27
Middle Atlantic States	972	24	23	340	212	301	678	317	269	153	543	233	247	105	43	246	243	7
Nebraska	176	9	6	89	77	43	125	83	81	37	139	35	60	27	12	44	45	2
North Carolina	3504	90	90	1011	771	577	2163	811	605	695	4154	1476	1753	842	345	1306	1414	59
North Georgia	445	11	11	97	53	42	185	67	20	52	277	92	99	82	...	26	94	10
North Michigan	1144	27	28	296	345	143	875	444	453	185	860	158	364	102	60	287	295	14
Ohio	1824½	42	39	568	467	283	1360	640	556	261	1291	370	558	239	117	604	772	15
Oklahoma	453	11	11	144	108	55	307	136	121	76	383	71	131	79	35	123	109	8
Oregon	411	9	9	82	70	55	223	172	151	62	234	91	123	80	30	67	94	4
Rochester	1673	43	41	586	491	307	1065	505	377	218	1020	323	343	226	175	250	283	7
South Carolina	2345	64	62	534	363	265	1399	494	363	326	1992	847	880	438	...	413	759	50
South Georgia	543½	25	19	108	37	37	88	46	24	115	200	186	151	138	...	108	140	11
South Ohio	455	11	11	30	23	6	16	31	17	50	231	134	105	53	6	10	130	20
Tennessee	629	19	15	87	70	105	267	151	10	82	297	237	186	25	...	371	203	6
Wisconsin	882	23	19	228	198	137	555	323	218	107	557	120	139	154	64	66	169	6
Totals	36142	941	865	11113	8929	5762	23623	11510	8591	6087	29328	8954	10735	5273	2536	7600	9811	466
																		1989
																		2542

*Two Years

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Item III. Membership

Conferences	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Total Membership Lost	No. Reported 1943	Present Number	Loss	Gain	No. Members Under 14 Yrs.	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Local Preachers	No. Family Altars	Membership Tithing	
Africa	498	4	254	33	154	442	1063	1119	...	56	49	28	150	...	22	135	405	
Alabama	1003	...	282	110	455	847	2790	2946	...	156	15	212	550	...	100	813	1901	
Allegheny	187	4	43	5	70	122	168	233	...	65	13	22	29	...	5	64	156	
California	133	...	48	25	25	98	508	543	...	35	1	6	112	...	3	100	213	
Canada	286	3	38	43	106	190	875	971	...	96	20	69	122	...	26	232	454	
Champlain	331	...	235	41	162	438	1083	976	107	...	16	21	45	6	10	450	376	
Dakota	India	1596	...	540	256	682	1478	4184	...	118	52	471	811	2	113	902	2327	
Indiana	480	...	136	49	342	527	989	942	47	...	22	66	172	4	34	279	621	
Iowa	709	9	155	64	377	605	1470	1574	...	104	35	245	228	...	40	418	951	
Kansas	460	2	116	32	117	267	485	678	...	193	26	71	44	...	33	171	447	
Kentucky	314	...	43	53	126	222	891	983	...	92	11	158	197	4	29	238	667	
Lockport	542	...	111	84	183	378	1544	1708	...	164	17	56	323	4	18	375	819	
Michigan	368	...	137	40	91	268	618	718	...	100	11	126	71	5	35	29	448	
Middle At. States ..	177	...	7	1	44	52	...	125	...	125	4	6	13	...	7	4	84	
Nebraska	1904	24	724	125	646	1519	3176	3561	...	385	293	409	661	...	59	654	1902	
North Carolina	126	...	35	10	71	116	298	308	...	10	6	5	6	...	10	...	131	
North Georgia	383	...	148	62	151	361	939	961	...	22	9	24	102	1	21	262	570	
North Michigan	632	5	226	70	219	520	1119	1231	...	112	16	174	380	2	47	339	751	
Ohio	178	...	71	27	76	174	449	453	...	4	1	56	10	3	3	83	214	
Oklahoma	121	...	16	3	57	76	133	178	...	45	2	18	67	...	8	46	129	
Oregon	430	...	78	91	143	312	1114	1232	...	118	7	140	314	1	25	262	668	
Rochester	713	...	308	97	386	791	2251	2173	78	...	55	16	172	...	48	313	837	
South Carolina	139	3	101	25	42	171	414	382	32	...	13	5	47	...	6	58	89	
South Georgia	181	...	113	44	...	157	721	745	...	24	7	6	37	...	7	32	47	
Tenn Ohio	233	4	121	14	95	234	402	401	1	...	29	40	75	6	12	64	171	
Tennessee	202	...	51	35	106	192	689	699	...	10	17	40	141	3	8	152	332	
Wisconsin	Totals	12326	58	4134	1439	4926	10557	28373	30142	265	2034	747	2490	4879	41	1458	6475	15710

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Item IV. Sunday Schools and W. Y. P. S.

Conferences	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers	Whole No. of Teachers	No. Schol. in Main School	Total No. in Main School	Scholars in Home Dept.	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. of Scholars Converted	No. Scholars Joining Church	No. of Departmental Supts.	No. Teacher Training Course	No. Organized Classes	No. Books in Library	Enrollment V. B. S.	Average Attendance V. B. S.	No. W. Y. P. Societies	Membership W. Y. P. Soc.
Africa																			
Alabama	30	94	141	1777	2012	32	317	2361	1401	224	72	21	34	372	332	264	20	414	
Allegheny	88	449	539	6581	7569	195	1216	8980	5373	403	145	158	215	2395	910	708	39	700	
California	13	30	85	892	1107	11	104	1122	669	191	82	13	2	264	499	524	8	72	
Canada	14	59	71	597	727	34	89	850	520	52	43	13	...	516	80	56	11	214	
Champlain	33	154	183	1300	1637	205	323	2165	1203	70	31	76	41	1790	78	64	20	296	
Dakota	34	129	175	1704	2008	123	291	2422	1282	107	43	37	6	987	368	273	20	287	
India																			
Indiana	101	670	708	7935	9313	586	2258	12157	7374	2648	1130	332	19	211	1578	1605	1244	59	1031
Iowa	39	186	203	1792	2181	134	353	2668	1461	498	199	58	10	38	1268	1030	850	19	346
Kansas	48	254	290	2803	3347	205	582	4134	2262	711	493	115	6	84	657	467	326	35	376
Kentucky	34	129	146	1530	1805	16	220	2041	1251	121	79	17	...	61	201	215	167	16	289
Lockport	30	184	167	1782	2133	164	376	2673	1141	592	171	73	...	61	1964	158	136	16	451
Michigan	38	348	278	2504	3130	167	532	3829	2474	634	301	97	18	38	1579	1676	1380	15	255
Middle Atlantic States	24	99	142	1336	1577	55	309	1941	1010	125	60	21	...	35	650	453	285	19	392
Nebraska	8	45	41	223	309	30	11	350	189	26	38	6	...	7	74	164	138	4	74
North Carolina	85	391	566	8411	9368	410	1214	10992	5530	3111	1168	128	15	207	2132	1221	662	61	1557
North Georgia	10	35	45	483	563	...	2	565	334	17	5	5	...	24	209	...	...	...	130
North Michigan	28	149	157	1750	2056	54	346	2456	1446	142	50	76	12	69	837	728	573	15	573
Ohio	42	227	257	3153	3637	171	513	4321	2345	298	66	61	...	117	837	614	415	28	408
Oklahoma	11	49	59	671	779	53	123	955	546	72	37	18	7	26	410	...	...	...	113
Oregon	9	40	55	581	676	27	134	837	453	71	3	21	...	...	87	128	101	7	79
Rochester	42	191	227	1523	1941	212	367	2520	1542	283	266	78	36	70	1307	566	397	23	280
South Carolina	60	142	280	4043	4465	13	209	4687	2612	923	350	20	...	116	642	541	275	24	587
South Georgia	18	52	66	386	504	...	51	555	340	14	12	1	...	32	...	23	14	7	63
South Ohio	10	...	116	646	762	20	31	813	409	47	34	10	6	14	281	12	10	8	193
Tennessee	14	39	75	1104	1218	12	63	1293	873	42	16	9	...	66	6	203	152	10	212
Wisconsin	24	91	116	1087	1294	99	223	1616	830	65	24	46	6	...	665	432	292	15	237
Totals	887	4236	5188	56594	66018	3028	10257	79303	45594	11487	4918	1510	141	1623	21710	12503	9306	512	9629

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Item V. Church Property

Conferences	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Church Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Africa	30	\$145142	\$5355.00	\$205	17	\$34650	\$4148.28	\$9600	\$24333.77
Alabama	73	402150	29716.00	287350	50	202290	15387.00	137450	91991.00
Allegheny	10	55650	5815.47	31550	7	27050	3557.87	18750	2361.01
California	17	135400	29475.00	53400	8	29700	7150.00	22380	158.00
Canada	33	181930	6350.00	86600	24	60700	10550.00	30000	24994.00
Champlain	34	167800	6975.00	94525	24	85500	11984.00	56100	12328.00
Dakota	100	548492	11439.43	363470	76	238845	15872.30	163250	80769.00
India	37	179900	7470.55	114800	33	102957	24071.14	63100	15763.00
Indiana	43	179600	23843.04	74450	37	110900	20089.28	54175	21588.95
Iowa	28	121200	10303.86	41700	15	41200	13708.00	13700	13895.35
Kansas	22	137000	5800.00	97150	17	48700	1650.00	39350	18036.00
Kentucky	37	207800	635.00	120725	26	83600	.....	56175	37696.78
Lockport	24	242550	31900.65	64800	13	59000	18350.00	37400	22730.26
Michigan	5	10000	.....	6700	4	15200	5308.00	9500	978.45
Middle Atlantic States	86	516570	56036.55	247450	47	177900	18323.24	90850	120832.93
Nebraska	11	45130	898.06	.....	4	13500	1700.00	.....	6319.39
North Carolina	26	92100	5509.87	46850	21	55700	2673.96	33000	8537.00
North Georgia	31	163625	19113.00	106800	21	71100	12791.00	48900	30426.00
North Michigan	17	49108	2600.00	27100	10	20560	1676.40	10300	7086.78
Ohio	9	34100	1000.00	24300	6	13300	.....	3500	2651.20
Oklahoma	37	180250	14550.00	107980	25	73150	6439.00	48500	22229.00
Oregon	57	293800	6174.45	99650	20	88400	14286.01	35800	9125.87
Rochester	22	28500	800.00	5875	6	11350	700.00	3875	2084.82
South Carolina	11	56800	.....	25600	3	9000	.....	4000	2969.80
South Georgia	16	92050	8128.00	22400	8	28050	8047.00	11700	3029.00
South Ohio	19	23400	4353.00	25500	11	22600	13500.00	16100	3807.52
Tennessee									
Wisconsin									
Totals	805	\$4290047	\$294151.93	\$2176930	533	\$1724902	\$231987.48	\$1017455	\$586722.88

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Item VI. Contributed for Pastor

Conferences	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Africa					
Alabama	\$81257.27	\$10924.00	\$531.00	\$13918.56	\$106630.83
Allegheny	393973.00	60122.00	4983.00	56298.00	515376.00
California	45775.32	12001.32	422.00	5188.87	63387.51
Canada	35898.00	4231.00	377.00	4388.00	44894.00
Champlain	102391.00	17606.00	2761.00	19596.00	142354.00
Dakota	120769.00	18037.00	3128.00	23147.00	165081.00
India					
Indiana	418812.22	64666.00	8387.58	83859.31	575725.11
Iowa	122753.29	26958.00	1783.90	25397.85	176893.04
Kansas	177876.49	30498.00	3283.75	37253.72	248911.96
Kentucky	83666.42	11502.00	1310.84	18646.74	115126.00
Lockport	99471.00	17503.00	2338.00	14663.00	133975.00
Michigan	165345.68	25781.00	4423.00	21909.26	217458.94
Middle Atlantic States	105653.32	16563.93	1852.00	10734.30	134805.55
Nebraska	8802.55	1795.00	165.00	1575.60	12338.15
North Carolina	421310.09		5558.72	100082.30	526951.11
North Georgia	26093.10	1840.00	219.22	3120.04	31272.36
North Michigan	124879.82	18526.00	2845.50	24123.19	170374.51
Ohio	153051.00	25315.00	2907.00	25383.00	206656.00
Oklahoma	36729.60	6650.00	623.00	7080.23	51082.83
Oregon	40036.66	7304.00	745.00	3274.95	51360.61
Rochester	147277.00	20281.00	2390.00	20953.00	190901.00
South Carolina	171652.99	15719.20	1209.60	30301.99	218883.78
South Georgia	30656.83	3096.00	176.15	6248.24	40177.22
South Ohio	14280.27	185.50	417.00	1345.04	16227.81
Tennessee	48183.00	6879.00	256.00	8041.00	63359.00
Wisconsin	62454.65	10381.25	1876.80	10439.52	85152.22
Totals	\$3239049.57	\$434367.20	\$54970.06	\$576968.71	\$4305355.54

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Item VII. Contributed for Church

Conferences	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Churches Incidental Expenses	Total for Churches
Africa							
Alabama	\$19195.40	\$9041.07	\$19278.58	\$12001.20	\$4257.01	\$16537.61	\$80310.87
Allegheny	70121.00	58583.00	66972.00	81807.00	85644.00	100530.00	463657.00
California	6261.94	6213.43	12216.40	2779.97	5313.10	13174.27	45959.11
Canada	6915.00	5375.00	146.00	11945.00	9070.00	17735.00	51186.00
Champlain	12159.27	14493.77	17969.75	16409.31	9212.00	27027.95	97272.05
Dakota	17922.00	13349.00	36261.00	10058.00	9706.00	20640.00	107936.00
India							
Indiana	99420.64	55288.04	136948.85	102336.02	36110.12	123960.98	554064.65
Iowa	18357.70	13361.12	27878.37	35465.93	30417.58	31870.46	157351.16
Kansas	37655.93	20016.58	53770.47	22277.12	32149.75	39690.58	205560.43
Kentucky	28075.90	7737.14	23973.86	9493.15	11736.39	22749.07	103765.51
Lockport	15839.00	12830.00	9820.00	21607.00	30573.00	43465.00	134134.00
Michigan	24449.58	30926.86	24735.97	34459.19	2610.20	40857.98	158039.78
Middle Atlantic States	20158.16	15751.08	41432.63	15507.67	27746.87	70119.86	190716.27
Nebraska	1506.74	1037.05	1587.21	869.21	1123.98	2413.04	8537.23
North Carolina	78786.25	61983.32	149565.23	52647.78	46007.10	96727.50	485717.18
North Georgia	7362.03	2989.08		34276.39		6607.61	51235.11
North Michigan	18708.56	16416.60	28409.98	14563.54	13217.44	29271.53	120587.65
Ohio	45374.00	25590.00	41788.00	16163.00	22473.00	53158.00	204546.00
Oklahoma	7389.55	3814.39		11540.16	6780.00	11804.46	41328.56
Oregon	4479.70	4411.36	8917.53		3736.71	6959.68	28504.98
Rochester	17916.00	15161.00	25501.00	18873.00	17311.00	33493.00	128255.00
South Carolina	32084.16	25045.11	87945.73	20663.19	14900.39	24637.84	205276.42
South Georgia	6123.47	1556.50	1188.20	1311.96	1501.00	2951.86	14632.99
South Ohio	2021.82	3587.40	464.72	8269.85	1048.62	8241.93	23634.43
Tennessee	11428.00	5258.00	21975.00	7825.00	7196.00	11682.00	65364.00
Wisconsin	6436.51	6866.25	11847.60	6264.87	9385.93	10881.05	51682.21
Totals	\$616148.31	\$436682.24	\$850594.08	\$569414.51	\$439227.19	\$867188.26	\$3779254.59

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Item VIII. Contributed for Budget							
Conferences	Undivided Budget	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Connectional Sunday School Work	Total Connectional Budget
Africa							
Alabama		\$6986.23	\$3576.70	\$3762.63	\$1196.06	\$283.50	\$15805.12
Allegheny		65069.00	16658.00	11450.00	2858.00	569.00	96604.00
California	\$2.44	3828.34	1952.52	1199.08	381.76	128.15	7492.29
Canada	6483.00	3033.00		1348.00	105.00	104.00	11073.00
Champlain		14865.80	4674.08	6134.50	1131.27	316.50	27122.15
Dakota	2054.00	16827.00	7085.00	5844.00	1726.00	310.00	33846.00
India							
Indiana		67861.29	35248.53	42385.29	6477.06		152172.17
Iowa	13.25	13134.45	4794.75	6650.27	1327.04	265.55	26185.31
Kansas		17436.79	6762.38	11340.91	1969.08	752.09	38261.25
Kentucky		5166.84	2140.30	2655.67	559.79	156.42	10679.02
Lockport		28983.00	4862.00	7136.00	1216.00	311.00	42508.00
Michigan		27060.79	8399.86	11870.86	2313.90	330.90	49976.31
Middle Atlantic States		10951.40	3204.31	3028.72	550.03	494.60	18229.06
Nebraska		1019.06	448.76	377.58	85.00	9.65	1940.05
North Carolina		31153.50	10984.18	17350.22	3353.16	597.73	63438.79
North Georgia	955.92	1889.10	1248.60	1021.16	440.54	102.15	5647.47
North Michigan		8792.42	3531.79	8001.17	1000.94	320.88	21647.20
Ohio		14505.00	5387.00	6448.00	1380.00	466.00	28136.00
Oklahoma		3999.71	2298.88	2372.23	431.89	131.57	9234.28
Oregon		2524.83	1787.93	1304.65	377.15	71.90	6066.46
Rochester		17407.00	5985.00	8455.00	1427.00	112.00	33386.00
South Carolina		17268.98	6678.71	10388.54	2676.23	632.87	37645.33
South Georgia		2827.82	1549.11	1339.08	617.15	42.30	6375.46
South Ohio		123.02	597.29	109.75		49.74	879.80
Tennessee	362.00	2080.00	1283.00	1467.00	394.00	107.00	5693.00
Wisconsin		8250.87	2882.14	3396.29	755.63	195.12	15480.05
Totals	\$9870.61	\$393045.24	\$144020.82	\$177036.60	\$34749.68	\$6860.62	\$765583.57

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Item VIII. Contributed for Budget—Continued

Conferences	President's Salary	Conference Evangelist's Salary	Conference Work	Conference Missions	Superannuated Ministers' Fund	Total Conference Budget	Total Budget
Africa							
Alabama	\$5522.66		\$421.80	\$2404.22	\$1287.52	\$9636.20	\$25441.32
Allegheny			50989.00	56080.00		107069.00	203673.00
California	2011.52		1719.72	759.47	358.50	4849.21	12341.50
Canada	1028.00		2809.00	1809.00	1029.00	6675.00	17748.00
Champlain			10443.75		1777.19	12220.94	39343.09
Dakota	2394.00		18536.00	2367.00	2595.00	25892.00	59738.00
India							
Indiana			42932.67	35584.36	6267.35	84784.38	236956.55
Iowa			13693.12		1800.38	15493.50	41678.81
Kansas			12859.30	9914.28	6592.50	29366.08	67627.33
Kentucky	2096.10		9872.33	4256.67	240.04	16465.14	27144.16
Lockport			8478.00			8478.00	50986.00
Michigan			26432.47			26432.47	76408.78
Middle Atlantic States			7570.20		1440.34	9010.54	27239.60
Nebraska			455.05	756.02	171.50	1382.57	3322.62
North Carolina	11437.38		7378.01	3127.32	5973.10	28116.01	91554.80
North Georgia	508.50		1414.70		129.53	2052.73	7710.20
North Michigan			13945.94			13945.94	33593.14
Ohio	7238.00		4799.00	17447.00		29484.00	57670.00
Oklahoma			3111.10	2295.33	319.00	5725.43	14959.71
Oregon	317.57		3054.30	421.03	271.61	4064.51	10130.97
Rochester			9879.00		1411.00	11290.00	44676.00
South Carolina	9169.88		5670.52	5732.30	3492.84	24065.54	61710.87
South Georgia	2598.85		691.94		400.32	3691.11	10066.57
South Ohio		\$3021.82	717.96		64.05	3803.83	4683.63
Tennessee	•3307.00		1060.00	978.00	114.00	5459.00	11152.00
Wisconsin	4623.44	889.86	1130.56	2965.93	1043.79	10653.58	26133.63
Totals	\$52253.10	\$3911.68	\$260265.44	\$146897.93	\$36778.56	\$500106.71	\$1265690.28

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Item IX. Contributed for Benevolences

Conferences	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	W. Y. P. S.	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences
Africa								
Alabama	\$7592.38	\$3698.87	\$5018.70	\$1160.79	\$421.80	\$8845.70	\$16118.36	\$42856.60
Allegheny	12356.00	15732.00	1025.00	674.00	921.00	1719.00	73329.00	105756.00
California	329.28	506.11	199.59	78.00	29.62	524.79	6919.09	8586.48
Canada	26.00	20.60			323.00	976.00	2520.00	3865.00
Champlain	467.00	3152.00	413.33	80.00	2061.00	1806.13	11693.69	19683.15
Dakota	4998.00	1600.00	2082.00	308.00	1083.00	318.00	11289.00	21678.00
India								
Indiana			19041.56			1232.03	82257.44	102531.03
Iowa							36720.10	36720.10
Kansas	2930.73	6178.20	9707.85	1002.48	1297.65	1361.26	26092.02	48570.19
Kentucky	1513.55	2026.07	1577.92	143.83	1309.54	1115.54	10791.46	18477.91
Lockport	4417.00	3113.00	1569.00	179.00	31.00		23944.00	33253.00
Michigan							37233.96	37233.96
Middle At. States ..	4364.13	4665.57	171.91	115.54	6423.32	3444.36	24365.13	43549.96
Nebraska	192.33	75.56	104.03	69.85	43.40	25.50	787.18	1297.85
North Carolina	6950.52	7875.58	3511.29	799.59	2369.44	2610.91	63500.28	87617.61
North Georgia						284.62		284.62
North Michigan	4002.37	1342.45	1772.96	423.80	2687.73	1907.32	11680.13	23816.76
Ohio	5405.00	6528.00	3993.00	703.00	3729.00	2642.00	14366.00	37366.00
Oklahoma	1786.35	2543.38	1860.25	419.98	1778.23	696.21	6408.36	15492.76
Oregon							1970.42	1970.42
Rochester	5228.00	5712.00	2385.00		1807.00	1420.00	17127.00	33679.00
South Carolina	107.89	801.35	10306.30	94.35	2829.71	1451.99	25256.57	40848.16
South Georgia	20.00	23.65	251.00	30.38	4.00	147.95	1665.59	2142.57
South Ohio		31.00	111.75		717.96	773.07	1261.33	2895.11
Tennessee	108.00	403.00	486.00	40.00	999.00	633.00	5424.00	8093.00
Wisconsin	2116.99	1746.07	1689.92	348.73	3246.00	1091.75	7751.93	17991.39
Totals	\$64911.52	\$67783.86	\$67278.36	\$6671.32	\$34112.40	\$35027.13	\$520474.04	\$796258.63

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Item X. Contributed Totals

Conferences	Total for Pastors	Total for Churches	Total for Budgets	Total for Benevolences	Total For All Purposes
Africa					
Alabama	\$106630.83	\$80310.87	\$25441.32	\$42856.60	\$255239.62
Allegheny	515376.00	463657.00	203673.00	105756.00	1288462.00
California	63387.51	45959.11	12341.50	8586.48	130274.60
Canada	44894.00	51186.00	17748.00	3865.00	117693.00
Champlain	142354.00	97272.05	39343.09	19683.15	298652.29
Dakota	165081.00	107936.00	59738.00	21678.00	354433.00
India					
Indiana	575725.11	554064.65	236956.55	102531.03	1469277.34
Iowa	176893.04	157351.16	41678.81	36720.10	412643.11
Kansas	248911.96	205360.43	67627.33	48570.19	570669.91
Kentucky	115126.00	103765.51	27144.16	18477.91	264513.58
Lockport	133975.00	134134.00	50986.00	33253.00	352348.00
Michigan	217458.94	158039.78	76408.78	37235.96	489143.46
Middle Atlantic States	134805.55	190716.27	27239.60	43549.96	396311.38
Nebraska	12338.15	8537.23	3322.62	1297.85	25495.85
North Carolina	526951.11	485717.18	91554.80	87617.61	1191840.70
North Georgia	31272.36	51235.11	7710.20	284.62	90502.29
North Michigan	170374.51	120587.65	35593.14	23816.76	350372.06
Ohio	206656.00	204546.00	57670.00	37366.00	506238.00
Oklahoma	51082.83	41328.56	14959.71	15492.76	122863.86
Oregon	51360.61	28504.98	10130.97	1970.42	91966.98
Rochester	190901.00	128255.00	44676.00	33679.00	397511.00
South Carolina	218883.78	205276.42	61710.87	40848.16	526719.23
South Georgia	40177.22	14632.99	10066.57	2142.57	67019.35
South Ohio	16227.81	23634.43	4683.63	2895.11	47440.98
Tennessee	63359.00	65364.00	11152.00	8093.00	147968.00
Wisconsin	85152.22	51682.21	26133.63	17991.39	180959.45
Totals	\$4305355.54	\$3779254.59	\$1265690.28	\$796258.63	\$10146559.04

ERNEST L. CROCKER, Chairman;
PAUL KINDSCHL,
O. B. SHOWS,
MRS. LOIS SWAUGER,
MRS. MABEL SELL, Committee.

Report No. 16

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TITHING

We note with gladness that in 1946 there was a gain of 452 tithers over the previous year. In the same period of time we had a gain in membership of 562. However, this leaves the record standing at 15,912 tithers, or a little more than one-half of our total membership, on the tithing list. When we see what has been done with the tithe which has been paid, we are made to wonder what could be accomplished if all the people of our various churches would follow the Storehouse Plan of Tithing.

With the great needs at home and abroad, and knowing that many open doors are not entered because of the lack of funds, we therefore recommend that, a renewed emphasis be placed upon tithing as God's plan for His people; and that the blessing of tithing be exalted above material gains and profits.

We recommend, further, that a closer and more active relationship exist between the Connectional, Conference, and Church Tithing Secretaries. That accurate reports be kept as to the number of Churches practicing the Storehouse Plan of Tithing.

We recommend, and urge, that our Conferences give the subject of tithing a prominent place on our program during the annual conference sessions and Ministerial Institutes; and that our Connectional Tithing Secretary, in his travels, lend such assistance as he deems wise in presenting and promoting said plan.

As a Committee we also urge that Paragraph 375, sub-paragraph 6, of the Discipline be strictly adhered to. It reads: "That at each General and Annual Conference, one service be devoted to the study and promotion of tithing and the Storehouse Plan under the direction respectively of the General and Annual Conference Secretaries."

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. DYER, Chairman;
HARRY L. ARMSTRONG,
CLYDE TAYLOR,
J. B. CHILDS,
WATSON C. BLACK, Secretary.

Report No. 17

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS
TO 27TH GENERAL CONFERENCE
WESLEYAN METHODIST CONNECTION (OR CHURCH) OF
AMERICA**

To the General Conference:

The Committee on Fraternal Relations, elected by the last General Conference in view of overtures, or suggested overtures, by two other holiness bodies, begs leave to submit herewith its report.

The Committee, consisting of five members, met on April 21, 1944, with a similar group which has been elected by the General Conference of the Free Methodist Church of America. At this meeting, held in the City of Indianapolis, the two Committees of five designated their joint group as The Joint Commission of the Wesleyan and Free Methodist Churches. This Joint Commission has had five meetings, the most re-

cent of which was held in Wilmore, Kentucky, on April 24 and 25 last. We shall summarize its activities and findings presently.

It was the understanding of your Committee that its mandate included likewise the exploration of the possibility of union with the Pilgrim Holiness Church, which was understood by our last General Conference to be likewise interested. Consequently the Committee met with a properly constituted Committee of five from this body at its headquarters in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana on October 11, 1944, and spent several hours in exploring the respective books of discipline of our two denominations, finding essential harmony in the matter of doctrinal standards, with considerable divergence in the matter of church polity, and procedures relative to the safeguarding of what we in the Wesleyan Methodist Connection call "constitutional" law.

Subsequent to our meeting with the brethren of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, our Chairman received word from their Chairman that their general board had voted to discontinue for the present these negotiations looking forward to possible union of the two bodies. According there have been no further meetings of our Committee with that from the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

We now return to a summary of the work of the Joint Commission of the Wesleyan and Free Methodist Churches, which has been announced from time to time to our respective peoples through official joint releases appearing in the columns of THE FREE METHODIST and THE WESLEYAN METHODIST.

Without going into a detailed report of the meetings of the Joint Commission, perhaps it will be sufficient to say that in the earlier sessions careful consideration was given to the history of the previous moves toward church union between the Wesleyan Methodist and Free Methodist Churches, with careful attention to the problems which had emerged in connection with the proceedings of the first Joint Commission.

It was also recognized very early in our discussions that the only kind of a union which would be desirable would have to be a union involving the hearts of both peoples. Therefore, careful thought was given to various possibilities for cooperation and fraternization between the peoples of the Free Methodist and the Wesleyan Methodist denominations.

In this connection it is probably worth our while to mention a resolution which was adopted by the group at the close of our first meeting, reading as follows:

"Whereas, after a frank consideration of the major involvements, the Joint Commission are encouraged to believe that there are no barriers to the ultimate organic union of the two churches which are necessarily insurmountable provided that the two constituencies become better acquainted with each other's fundamental principles; and

"Whereas, it is the consensus of the Joint Commission that in the meantime the work of God can be promoted more effectively by the closer coordination of the respective activities of each body; therefore,

"Be it resolved by the Joint Commission that we urge upon our administrative bodies that in all matters of common interest there be the closest collaboration; and that we urge upon our people everywhere an exchange of fellowship in local, district, and other devotional and evangelistic gatherings, which we urge all our people to attend."

Certainly it would not be the desire of your Committee nor of the Joint Commission to claim any credit for the many occasions and ways in which there have been opportunities for cooperative effort between the Free Methodists and the Wesleyan Methodists during the last two or three years. But, it is certainly not amiss to say that these times of

united action must certainly result in an increasing mutual understanding and affection between these two holiness denominations.

Pursuant to an action by the first meeting of the Joint Commission, the Chairmen of the two delegations, acting as a committee, segregated seven areas where it was felt that problems would be encountered in any plan of union, and assigned these areas to sub-committees for careful study. These seven fields were as follows:

1. Pastoral placement and superintendency.
2. Educational institutions.
3. Doctrinal standards.
4. Ordination.
5. Conference boundaries.
6. Missions.
7. Corporate problems.

The subsequent meetings of the Joint Commission were devoted in large measure to hearing reports in progress by the committees assigned to these seven fields.

Perhaps one resolution growing out of a report of the Committee on Educational Institutions is worthy of notice at this point. It was adopted unanimously at the third regular meeting of the Joint Commission, and reads as follows:

"Resolved, that it is not the intention of the Joint Commission to propose any scheme of re-organization and re-alignment of our existing educational institutions that would involve the arbitrary elimination of any one of them." In this matter as well as in other parallel problems, the Joint Commission has found itself desirous of conserving as far as possible all existing values in the event of a merger between the two denominations.

At the fifth, and final, meeting of the Joint Commission held at Wilmore, Kentucky on April 24, 1947, a Sub-Committee on Findings made its report with the intention that this report, if adopted, would serve in large measure to acquaint the respective denominations of the essential progress made by the Joint Commission during the quadrennium. This report was unanimously adopted by the Joint Commission, and your Committee on Fraternal Relations now conclude their own accounting in the words of this recital of findings which follows:

"The Joint Commission, through prolonged study and deliberation on the essential features of the two denominations, has reached the following conclusions:

"I. DOCTRINE: The two denominations agree essentially in doctrine, both holding firmly and without compromise to evangelical, Wesleyan Arminianism, especially declaring as a distinctive tenet the scriptural and experiential validity of entire sanctification as a second work of grace.

"II. CONDUCT: The two denominations agree in principle of conduct which emphasize Wesleyan simplicity, modesty and clear-cut separation from the world. At a few points only the Free Methodist Church is found to be more specific in the definition of the application of these principles. The general rules, essentially the same in both denominations, are regarded as enforceable restrictions on particulars of conduct in Free Methodist practice, and in the Wesleyan Methodist Church as basic principles in terms of which specific legislation on occasion may be enacted by constitutional methods.

"III. CHURCH POLITY: In Church polity the two denominations moderately but definitely differ, the Wesleyan Methodist Church inclining toward congregational patterns due to the issues prominent in its

origin, the Free Methodist Church toward traditional Methodist patterns because of a differing origin. The divergence in neither direction, however, is extreme. These differences consist mainly in:

1. The restriction of women's ordination to a lower order by the Free Methodist Church, and the equal recognition of women with men in the full ordination of both by the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

2. The use of the title "bishop" by the Free Methodist Church for its chief supervisory officers, although such officers, as in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, have no appointive authority nor control over men and committees by virtue of their office apart from constitutional controls and limitations.

3. The removal of the ministry of the Free Methodist Church from membership in the local church organization in such a way as to imply a separate order of church membership, whereas the Wesleyan Methodist polity maintains one order of church membership for all, and conceives of the ministry as an office rather than an order of membership.

4. The appointment of pastors to charges by the Free Methodist Church through a conference committee upon the representation of an uninstructed delegate, rather than upon the call of the congregation ratified by a conference committee according to Wesleyan Methodist polity. In both denominations the conference holds ultimate authority.

"IV. CHURCH PROPERTY: Policies of the two Churches must be defined separately as applying to congregational property and college property.

1. Congregational property in both denominations is guaranteed to the denomination, by annual conference checks in the Wesleyan Methodist Church and by general conference checks in the Free Methodist Church.

2. The title to college property is vested in local or regional trustees in the Free Methodist Church, in a general denominational board in the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

"V. MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES: There remain two miscellaneous differences to be noted:

1. Local college boards have final jurisdiction and the general board largely an advisory function in the Free Methodist Church, whereas in the Wesleyan Methodist Church local boards initiate and direct the colleges subject to the final authority of the general denominational board.

2. The Free Methodist Church restricts the local congregation in the use of instrumental music and selected singing by general and annual conference checks, whereas the Wesleyan Methodist Church grants to the congregation as the worshipping body the determination of instruments to be used and the organization of singers.

"VI. RECOMMENDATIONS:

"The advancement of Inter-Church Fellowship has been commendable and the alliance of church interests is advancing well and should be pursued to a fuller cooperation as fast as possible.

"Following long study and conference on the question of church union it is our consensus that merging of the two denominations is possible if there be the will to union among our respective groups.

"We recommend a continuation of the Joint Commission on Church Union, seeking to secure an alliance of church operations pending such time as organic union may appear feasible.

"We recommend that the Joint Commission appoint a Committee on Church Comity to which shall be referred all questions of inter-church relations in extension and location."

"We further recommend that this General Conference instruct the Joint Commission, if continued by mutual agreement of the two Quad-

renial Bodies; to present for the 1951 General Conferences a definite plan of reorganizing as one the two denominations, without commitment to approval of union."

Respectfully submitted,
F. R. EDDY,
ROY S. NICHOLSON,
WILLIAM F. McCONN,
STEPHEN W. PAINE,
JOHN D. WILLIAMS, Committee.

Report No. 18 COMMITTEE ON REVISION

Item Fifteen

Section I, Paragraph 23—Amend by omitting the last sentences; namely, "The baptism of young children is to be retained in the Church."
Not approved by vote.

Item Sixteen

Change Section XXXI heading to read:

SECTION XXXI BAPTISM AND DEDICATION

Let the first three lines stand as at present.
Place (1) before heading and make it read

(1) Of Infants

and continue through present reading to the end of bracketed material, center of page 249.

Rearrange forms so as to make what is now listed on page 250 as "Of Such As Are of Riper Years" to become sub-paragraph (2) as follows:

(2) Of Such As Are of Riper Years

and follow with all that now appears under that heading on pages 250-252.

Take Section listed under "Or This Form May Be Used:" and change to read as follows:

(3) Dedication of Children

and at the end of first line under the present heading change the word "consecration" to read "dedication" and continue as at present through to line eight from the bottom of page 250 and change it to read:

"N. M. I dedicate thee in the name . . ." to end of form as at present.

Approved by vote.

Item Seventeen-A

Paragraph 46: Amend paragraph 46 in Section IV by inserting a new sentence following the words, "The putting on of gold and costly apparel," as follows: "The wearing of apparel which does not modestly and properly clothe the person." Thus making this portion of paragraph 46 to read:

"Doing what we know is not for the glory of God, as—

The putting on of gold and costly apparel.

The wearing of apparel which does not modestly and properly clothe the person.

The taking of such diversions," etc.

Submitted by a Committee of the Ohio Conference.

Leslie D. Wilcox, Chairman.

Approved by vote.

Item Seventeen-B

Whereas our discipline makes no mention of the evil of immodest exposure in its rules on dress, and whereas this evil is very prevalent in the fashions of our day, we submit this memorial to the General Conference.

Section V of the discipline to be amended as follows: **Paragraph 51:** "Question 1. Should we insist on the rules concerning dress? Answer. By all means. This is no time to give encouragement to superfluity or immodesty in apparel. Therefore, let none be received into the church until they have left off the wearing of gold and superfluous ornaments and have adopted modest attire." (The remainder of paragraph to remain unchanged.)

Paragraph 52. "Question 2. Should we insist on plain and modest dress? Answer. Certainly. We should not on any account spend what the Lord has put into our hands, as stewards, to be used for His glory, in expensive wearing apparel, when thousands are suffering for food and raiment, and millions perishing for the Word of life.

Let the dress of every member of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection be plain and modest. Let the strictest carefulness and economy be used in these respects."

Paragraph 53. "And we do not only enjoin on all who fear God plain and modest dress, but we would recommend to our preachers and people, according to Mr. Wesley's views expressed in his sermons on the "Inefficiency of Christianity" and "Dress," published but a few years before his death, and containing his matured judgment, distinguished plainness and modesty; plainness and modesty which will publicly commit them to the maintenance of their Christian profession wherever they may be."

Submitted by Signed: T. A. Robertson, H. L. Speas, Clifford A. Hoiem.

Approved as amended by vote.

Item Eighteen

A memorial adopted by the Alabama Conference recommends to the General Conference that we add to paragraph 51 of the Discipline, following subparagraph (2), the following as subparagraph (3):

"(3) We do also most earnestly admonish all Christians to refrain from the wearing of class rings, wedding rings and other similar adornments of Jesus' sake."—E. L. Shigley, Conference President; W. E. Hobson, Jr., Conference Secretary.

Not approved by vote.

Item Nineteen

Delete paragraph 55 and, add the following to paragraph 53:

"Let economy govern our lives in all purchases that we might have to give to all those who have a material or spiritual need."

An Explanation For This

1. Paragraph 55 is too limited in its requirements of economy. It covers only three things; namely—furniture, high priced carriages, and renting and building houses. There are many other things today in which we are extravagant; such as—traveling, buying and maintaining dogs and other pet animals, and many other things too numerous to name here.

2. The present paragraph indicates that there would be no further need for economy if certain things were eliminated. I refer to the follow-

ing sentence—"Let no expensive furniture or high-priced carriages be used by Wesleyan Methodists, while there is a single individual for whom Christ died, hungry or naked, or without the word of life." This sentence might be construed to mean that economy might not be necessary if the three things mentioned did not exist any longer. It seems to me that the paragraph or statement on this matter should be based on the fact that self-indulgence is wrong within itself.—E. L. Henderson.

Approved as amended by vote.

Item Twenty

A wide range of opinion is held by the ministry on the question of dress. And because of this many of the laymen feel that this should be settled for Wesleyan Methodist ministers with a set rule at this General Conference. All are requested to prayerfully consider, even with fasting:

Recommended to be in addition to paragraph 53:

"Therefore; we insist on our preachers, missionaries, and Christian workers, being unquestionable examples of Christian plainness, neatness, and simplicity of dress; that these women wear their dresses at least half way between the knee and the floor with at least a three-quarter length sleeve and modestly covered about the neck. 1 Tim. 2:9, 10; 1 Peter 3:3, 5; Matt. 5:16.

Submitted by the Vine Street Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Not approved by vote.

Item Twenty-One

Whereas, there is increasingly less distinction between the world and the Church, and,

Whereas, a spirit of worldliness and world conformity is creeping into Holiness churches and even into the Wesleyan Methodist churches and, Whereas, the Scriptural standard demands a definite separation from the world, not only in spirit and conduct, but also in outward appearance,

Be it resolved: That we, the Kentucky Annual Conference in session assembled, August 5-8, 1946, on the campgrounds, Buechel, Ky., do hereby petition the General Conference convening at Houghton, New York the fourth Wednesday in June, 1947, to add to paragraph number 51 in the Discipline following the clause "and superfluous ornaments" the phrase "including the wedding ring and other rings."—Jacob E. Hunter, President of the Kentucky Conference; Charles L. Blanchard, Secretary of the Kentucky Conference.

Not approved by vote.

Item Twenty-One-A

We petition the General Conference to include in the Discipline a part of the notes now found on page 11 of the booklet entitled "Wesleyan Standards" issued by our publishing house. This language seems to us to be the fairest and most reasonable presentation of the case that we have ever seen.

We suggest that those notes be incorporated in the following manner: At the end of paragraph 56, the close of Part I of Section V, delete the Scripture references now appearing there, and substitute the following as a footnote to the whole of Part I of Section V—

Our rules concerning dress are enforced by such Scriptures as: "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array" (1 Tim. 2:8, 9); "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of

wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel" (1 Pet. 3: 3); "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (1 John 2: 15-17). See also Deut. 22: 5; Isa. 3: 16-24; Ezek. 13: 18; 1 Cor. 10: 31.

These scriptural quotations were written by divine inspiration and show that Christians should not follow worldly customs in the wearing of jewelry and immodest attire. Our Church seeks to honor and observe these Scriptures by obeying in good faith the foregoing rules. Some might desire that an exception be made by permitting the wearing of engagement and wedding rings. The following statements are offered as showing that Christians should refrain from the wearing of such ornaments:

The Bible does not make the exceptions. In particular, the quotation from the writings of Peter as given above is primarily addressed to married women.

An engagement or marriage is legal, complete and fully Christian without it.

Refraining from the wearing of Jewelry sets a better example for single men and women, and children. If the mature Christian men and women of the church do not have a conscience on this matter it will be impossible for the Church to maintain its testimony against worldliness in the younger years.

Submitted by a Committee elected by the Ohio Conference through the Rev. Leslie D. Wilcox, Chairman of the Committee.

By vote the paragraph, beginning with the words, "Our rules" and the paragraph beginning with the words, "Refraining from the wearing of jewelry" shall constitute Item 21-A and that the rest of the material be deleted, was approved as amended.

Item Twenty-Two. Board of Temperance

Be it resolved that we memorialize our next General Conference as follows:

First: That a General Board of Temperance be created to provide literature and plans for the instruction of our youth in the Scripture pertaining to, and general information concerning, the moral and physical effects of the use of beverages.

Second: That through this Board we concur as a denomination with the General Protestant movement against Government control of the liquor traffic: and support local option and any other consistent effort to destroy the nefarious business.

W. D. Shelor, W. G. Prouse, M. B. Taylor, E. E. Kenschaft, Committee.

Not approved by vote. (Already in the Discipline, Paragraph 395.)

Item Twenty-Three. Pastoral Vote

Through a careful study of the record of votes at the time of pastoral recall we have come to the disturbing conclusion that far too few of our church membership is enough concerned or interested to attend this important meeting and to cast a ballot. Be it therefore resolved, that this session of the Middle Atlantic States Conference request the coming General Conference to make a thorough study of the entire matter of pastoral recall, with particular emphasis on that phrase in the Discipline, paragraph 86, which reads, " . . . a majority vote of those present and voting to constitute a call."

I. L. Conley, H. Gilbert Williams, Committee.

Cared for under Item 5, Paragraph 86. (See Report No. 7.)

Item Twenty-Four. Superannuated Relief

Resolved, that the M. A. S. Conference request the next General Conference to give thorough study to the matter of a General Department of Ministerial Relief and Retirement for our Church, and that we urge said General Conference to take definite steps toward the realization of this most worthy and necessary provision for the Levite when he is old.

W. D. Shelor, C. Wesley Bradley, Thos. H. Davis, Committee.

Cared for under Item 53 in this report.

Item Twenty-Five

Paragraph No. 102 of the Discipline shall be changed to read as follows:

Paragraph 102. Stewards. Each pastoral charge shall elect a board of Stewards who shall elect one of their number as chairman. Where a number of churches constitute a pastoral charge, the Quarterly Conference shall determine the number of stewards each church shall have, but each church shall elect its own steward or stewards. Each church on a charge shall be entitled to at least one steward. The stewards shall be a Standing Committee of Ways and Means, and shall agree with the pastor on the necessary amount for his support at the time of his engagement and annually thereafter as set forth in the following paragraph (103). They shall not hold etc. (No further change in balance of paragraph.)

Approved as amended by vote.

Item Twenty-Six

Paragraph 103 shall be omitted as it now appears and be made to read as follows:

Paragraph 103. The chairman of the board of stewards shall call a meeting of the stewards annually, within 30 days prior to the time of voting on a pastor, for the purpose of fixing the pastor's salary for the ensuing year, or arranging a plan of support when a salary is not paid. The chairman shall notify the pastor of said meeting and it shall be the duty of the pastor to be present thereat. When an amount is agreed upon the stewards shall at this meeting apportion to each appointment, according to their best judgment, the proportion of the salary it shall raise. This action shall be recorded by their secretary, whom they shall elect to keep a record of all their doings and reported by their chairman to the Pulpit Supply Committee, which in turn shall communicate same to a new pastor at the time he is notified of having been called. The secretary of the stewards shall read and submit a written report of the proceedings of this meeting to the Quarterly Conference for its sanction, or if the charge consists of a single church, a report shall be made to the church. It shall also be the duty of the stewards at each appointment to labor diligently to secure the payment of the pastor's salary in full.

Approved by vote.

Item Twenty-Seven

Paragraph 86. Immediately following and included as a part of paragraph 86, the following shall appear:

When extending a call to a new pastor, the Pulpit Supply Committee shall state the amount of salary or plan of remuneration as set forth in paragraph 103.

(Proposed by Rev. E. D. Lupton, of the Auditing and Finance Com-

mittee of the Allegheny Annual Conference, and adopted with the report of that Committee, June 8, 1946.)—Joseph B. Markey, Conference Secretary.

Cared for in Item 5. (See Report No. 7.)

Item Twenty-Eight

Paragraph 424. The personal pronoun "his" shall be deleted from line three of the Committal (page 261) and the neuter pronoun "this" be inserted making the clause to read thus: "we therefore commit this body to the ground."

(This suggestion is presented because the pronoun "this" will apply to either male or female bodies, while the pronoun "his" applies only to male and must be changed to the feminine pronoun where the corpse is female.)—Proposed by the Rev. Joseph B. Markey, Allegheny Conference Secretary.

Approved by vote.

Item Twenty-Nine

Whereas, there seems to be a misunderstanding as to the meaning of a Mission Conference, we petition the Book Committee or General Conference to clarify Paragraph 123, subdivision (4), stating when a Conference shall cease to be a Mission Conference.

(Signed:) Rev. William H. Dyer, Rev. P. L. Kindschi.

Voted by the Iowa Conference.

By vote referred to Committee on Home Missions.

Item Thirty

Whereas, there seems to be a doubt concerning the status of conference preachers serving a pioneer work, not yet organized as a Wesleyan Methodist Church, we petition the General Conference to clarify paragraph 170, subdivision (2) giving a conference preacher serving a pioneer work the same voting privilege in conference as one serving a regular Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Signed, Rev. Ronald H. Marshall, Mr. Ray Hornback, Rev. Leonard L. Chambers, Committee.

Voted by the Nebraska Conference.

Paragraph 170: Amend by inserting (in the Discipline) in line 2 following the word "pastor": "of an organized Wesleyan Methodist Church."

By vote approved as amended.

Item Thirty-A

Paragraph 435: (Of Discipline.) Amend Paragraph 435 by deleting the words "or definite evangelistic."

By vote approved as amended.

Item Thirty-One

Paragraph 256: Have 16 sub-paragraphs instead of 15 as now, and let the 8th Sub-Paragraph read as follows:

Each Annual Conference may also nominate by ballot sufficient alternate members of the local board of managers for their respective school districts, forwarding the same to the Board of Trustees of our respective Colleges, who when elected by the Board of Trustees for our respective Colleges, shall serve on the local board of managers for our schools in the absence of anyone of the regular members of the board. They shall serve as alternates in the order in which they were elected at such meetings as the regular members cannot serve.

They shall be seated as a member of the local board of managers just as Alternate Delegates are seated at the Annual or General Conference of the Church. In the event that any member cannot attend a meeting of the Local Board of Managers he shall then notify the Chairman of the Board who shall notify the proper alternate member of the board.

This change can be made safely, and it will arrange for a full Board of Managers to attend each official meeting of the local board. It will be in keeping with the way we fill other vacancies at our Annual and General Conferences, and should be legal when the same body elects the alternates that elects the regular members of the board.—Submitted by E. L. Henderson of the N. C. Conference.

By vote approved as amended.

Item Thirty-Two

In order to assure a representative voice of a Conference on the Local Board of Managers of our Colleges, we petition the General Conference to insert the following words after line 11, subdivision 7, of the Paragraph 256, "Who shall reside within the bounds of said Conference," causing this section to read: "Each school district shall have a local Board of Managers of not less than five, or more than fifteen members, who shall be nominated by ballot by the Annual Conferences of the district at their annual sessions, and elected by the Board of Trustees of our respective colleges. The delegates from each district shall determine, at the time of each General Conference, the number of members of the local Board and basis of distribution among the conferences of the district; provided that each conference shall have at least one member on the local board who shall reside within the bounds of said Conference. The term of office of this local board of managers shall be four years. The President or Acting President of each of our four schools shall be a member of the local Board of Managers by virtue of his office. No other member of the faculty of any of our schools shall be a member of the local Board of Managers."

Signed: Rev. W. H. Dyer, Rev. P. L. Kindschi.

On motion this Memorial adopted by Iowa Conference.

Approved by vote.

Item Thirty-Three

I. Proposed amendment to the Discipline—Section XII, Paragraph 256, Item 7:

We suggest the addition of the following: "At its first meeting in each Quadrennium, the local Board of Managers shall elect a chairman, who may be any member of the Board except such persons as may be amenable to the Board by virtue of his employment."

Not approved by vote.

Item Thirty-Three-A

Substitution for Item 33: The Committee on Revisals recommends the following: "While the Local Board of Managers is considering the nomination of a president for the college the president shall retire from the meeting during such discussion."

Approved by vote.

Item Thirty-Four

II. Proposed amendment to the Discipline—Section XIV, Paragraph 333:

We suggest the addition of the following: The Superintendent of the

Sunday school shall not sit on this board, when it meets to nominate the Sunday School Superintendent.—L. A. Wilcox, G. W. Calhoun, D. C. Fisher, Committee on Memorials, Ohio Conference.

Cared for in Items 40 and 41 in this report.

Item Thirty-Five

The Kansas Conference adopted the following Memorials to the General Conference:

That—paragraphs 388 and 389 be amended by enclosing the entire clause in quotation marks beginning with, "In trust, that said premises shall be used, kept and maintained" etc., and ending with "thereby enabled to give a good and sufficient deed."

Approved by vote.

Item Thirty-Six

That—paragraph 131 be amended to read as follows: "The Annual Conference may alter the agreement entered into by any Pastor and Charge when it deems it would be for the best interest of the Charge or Pastor involved or when the general interest of the Conference work would be better served by such a change."

Respectfully submitted by Committee on Resolutions.

Approved by vote.

Item Thirty-Seven

We, the Kansas Conference, petition the General Conference:

A. That—paragraph 139, line 18 be amended by inserting the following clause after the word report, "or any portion thereof as the Conference may direct," making the whole sentence to read as follows: "When the name of a member is called, he shall read his statistical report, or any portion thereof as the Conference may direct, and in connection with it shall state that he has passed in the examination of his character and at the same time make a brief statement of his religious experience."

By vote approved as amended.

Item Thirty-Eight

Revisions Proposed For Section XXXV

B. That the words "and Parsonages" be added to the heading of the Section XXXV, making it read, "The Dedication of Churches and Parsonages," and that the following form for the Dedication of Churches and Parsonages become paragraph 426:

Brother Beloved: In behalf of the trustees of this church, and of the church and congregation here assembled, and for the glory of God, I hereby present to you this building to be dedicated as a parsonage home for the minister of God to this church.

(Reading of Psalm 24 as per Discipline)

(To be read)

Dearly beloved in the Lord; for as much as devout and holy men, as well under the law as under the gospel, moved either by expressed command of God, or by the secret inspiration of the Blessed Spirit, and acting agreeably to their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, have erected homes for God's ministers, separated to a special ministry in things spiritual in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for God in His glorious Majesty and effect their hearts with more devotion and humility in His service; which pious works have been approved of and graciously accepted by our Heavenly Father; let us not doubt but

that He will also favorably approve our godly purpose of setting apart this building as a home for those called to minister in holy things, and let us faithfully and devoutly beseech His blessing upon this our undertaking, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer

Regard, O Lord, the supplication of Thy servants, and grant that whosoever shall dwell in this home shall be so yielded and dedicated to Thy service as "Vessels sanctified and meet for the Master's use, prepared unto every good work," to the end that their ministry shall be a heavenly benediction to all they meet.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall enter this the home of Thy ministering servants shall be made to sense Thy presence and as they depart shall be strengthened to walk in Thy holy Commandments, and that all who minister to the material comforts of Thy servants in this home shall by Thee be richly rewarded.

Grant, O Lord, that all who come to this home for spiritual counsel and comfort, shall be Thy blessings be made to both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may have power and strength to fulfill the same.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined together in holy estate of matrimony in this home may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant between them made, and may remain in perfect love together unto their lives' end.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that at the family altar of this home when prayer with thanksgiving and supplications shall be offered that they may receive from Thy hand such things as are requisite and necessary. Also, that as Thy servants study and search Thy Word that divine illumination for life and duty may be given as in Thy infinite wisdom Thou shalt see to be most expedient for them; all which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake, our most blessed Lord and Savior.

(Appropriate Sermon)

Dedicatory Prayer

O most gracious Lord, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto Thee anything belonging to us; yet we beseech Thee, in Thy great goodness, graciously to accept the dedication of this home to Thy service, and to prosper this our undertaking; receive the prayers and intercessions of all Thy servants who shall call upon Thee in this home; and give them grace to prepare their hearts to serve Thee with reverence and godly fear; affect them with a solemn apprehension of Thy Majesty, and a deep sense of their own unworthiness; that those who dwell in this home may walk before Thee with lowliness and devotion, with clean thoughts and pure hearts, with bodies undefiled, and minds sanctified, that they may always perform a service acceptable to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

By vote approved as amended.

Item Thirty-Nine

Proposed Revisal of Section VII

We, the Kansas Conference, petition the Executive Board to prepare a revision of Section VII to harmonize with present day church conditions and practices.

Respectfully submitted, E. J. Carry, W. A. Smith, Leo Cox, Committee.

By vote referred to the Board of Administration.

Item Forty

Revision of Paragraph 334 Proposed

We, the Kansas Conference, petition the General Conference:

A. That—paragraph 334 sub-division (1) be amended by inserting the following sentence after the first sentence, "The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent shall be elected by ballot at the annual election of the church as provided in paragraph 165, sub-paragraph (4)" and adding the "other" between the first two words of sentence two, making the whole read, "The officers of the Sunday school shall be Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and others that may be necessary in the work of the school. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent shall be elected by ballot at the annual election of the church as provided in paragraph 165, sub-paragraph (4). The other officers and teachers shall be nominated by the Local Sunday School Board and shall be elected at a business meeting of the church, held for that purpose."

Approved by vote.

Item Forty-One

Concerning Paragraph 165

B. That—paragraph 165, sub-paragraph (4) be amended by omitting the word "and" before the words "Church Clerk" in sentence one and by adding "Sunday School Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent," to the end of the sentence, making it read, "To call a meeting of each church on his pastoral charge within thirty days of the next session of the Annual Conference, for the purpose of revising the roll of membership of the same, and the election of church officers, standing committees (except pulpit supply as provided for in paragraph 86), Stewards, Class Leaders, Church Clerk, Sunday School Superintendent and Assistant Sunday School Superintendent."

Respectfully submitted, E. H. Dunbar, Leo Cox, R. E. Britton, Committee.

Approved by vote.

Item Forty-Two

Substitute For Paragraph 376

The Educational Society, the Missionary Society, and all other organizations, institutions and persons operating on a budget assigned by the General Conference shall submit to the Executive Board of the Book Committee at its June meeting each year, a budget showing the amount needed in their respective departments for the ensuing year. It shall be the duty of the Book Committee to aggregate the amounts needed in the various departments of Church work into one budget of expense to be designated as General Conference Claims and apportionment to the several conferences the amount needed. In making this apportionment the Book Committee shall take into account the number of members in each conference and their ability to pay the share assigned to them. As soon as possible after the Executive Board has made the assignments, the Editor shall publish in The Wesleyan Methodist a statement showing for each conference its membership according to the latest statistics and the apportionment for General Conference Claims. He shall also designate what per cent of this Claim is to be expended for the various branches of the Church work, the per cents to be determined by the budgets voted by

the General Conference. Two weeks before the session of each Annual Conference the Agent shall send to each Conference President and to its Conference Secretary a statement of the apportionment for General Conference Claims for that Conference. At the close of each series of conferences the Editor shall publish in The Wesleyan Methodist a statement showing for each Conference its membership and its apportionment for General Conference Claims and the amount raised. Each Conference Treasurer and all other treasurers authorized to receive and disburse funds that apply on the various budgets will maintain a General Conference Claim Fund into which shall be placed all money applying on budget. When it is received proper receipts shall be given. When it is disbursed it shall be a per centage basis as determined by the General Conference. All money applying on budget shall pass through the hands of the designated treasurers.

(Note.—Other paragraphs in the discipline applying to this subject shall be changed to harmonize with the procedure here presented. The procedure here proposed does not apply to gifts, dues, or other monies which do not apply on budget.) Signed: Rufus D. Reisdorph, Walter F. Lewis, J. A. Treese.

Not approved by vote.

Item Forty-Two-A

Paragraph 376 in Discipline: Amend by deleting the words "The Executive Board of" in line 2, page 194.

By vote approved as amended.

Item Forty-Three

From the Lockport Conference: In order to make the meaning clearer, and to help make it easier for the pastors to give more uniform reports, and make the Sunday school statistics more nearly correct. We, the Lockport Annual Conference, memorialize the next General Conference to amend the Discipline, Article 177, page 99, Item IV of the notes, by striking out the entire first sentence and substituting in its place the words: "Line 5 is the whole number of persons in the main school which is the total of lines 3 and 4 and such officers as are not teachers or scholars." —The Lockport Conference.

Approved by vote.

Item Forty-Four

A Superannuate Pension Plan

Be It Resolved, That There Shall Be A Superannuated Pension Plan.

Item I. It shall be established as follows:

1. By gifts, bequests, and endowments.
2. Each member of the plan shall pay a membership fee of \$25.00, which fee is to be paid by the time Conference closes in 1947.
3. The Conference shall levy a special assessment of \$1.00 for each church member for the conference year of 1946-47.
4. These funds shall be known as the Sinking Fund.

Item II. It shall be maintained as follows:

1. By gifts, bequests, and endowments.
2. A budget of \$1.50 per year per each church member, beginning at the rise of Conference, 1947; to be paid quarterly.
3. Each member of the plan shall pay 1 per cent of his total receipts excluding parsonage rent, beginning at the rise of conference, 1947; to be paid quarterly.

Item III. It shall be administered by the following method:

1. There shall be a Board of Managers of the Plan consisting of four

elders and one lay-member, and the Board shall elect one of their number to be treasurer and custodian of this fund. The members of this Board shall be elected by the Conference. This Board shall set up the plan for operation and be empowered to make adjustments of assessments and benefits from time to time as prevailing conditions may demand. If at the time of the beginning of the operation of this Plan the balance in the Sinking Fund is not sufficient to pay benefits as per the following schedule, this Board shall determine the amount of benefits it shall pay when it begins operations.

2. The Board and the treasurer shall be required to make their report to the Conference at the time of its annual gathering.

3. The secretary of the Board shall be required to keep a complete record of the status of each member of the Plan, and forward such information to the Pension Treasurer, at least annually.

Item IV. Persons eligible for membership shall be:

1. Elders and conference preachers who are giving full time to a pastorate, and provided that no preacher shall be eligible for benefits until he has been ordained and his time of service shall begin with his first full-time pastoral appointment.

2. Elders who are giving full time to a conference or connectional office and lay-members who are giving full time to a connectional office.

3. Evangelists who are giving full time in the evangelistic field and missionaries.

Item V. Benefits shall be paid quarterly on the following scale:

1. Married members may be paid annually not to exceed \$20.00 per year of service rendered to the Wesleyan Methodist Church in the Indiana Conference.

2. Single members and widows of members not to exceed \$14.00 per each year of service rendered to the Wesleyan Methodist Church in the Indiana Conference.

3. Under no circumstance shall any one family receive more than one benefit.

4. Should an individual who is eligible for membership fail to become a member and later on desires to do so, he may become a member by paying all past assessments from the first date of his eligibility.

Item VI. The age of retirement shall be 65 years, but no benefits shall be paid before actual retirement. However, a member may become eligible to receive benefits if he becomes permanently incapacitated before his 65th birthday.

Item VII. Should a member fail to pay his assessments at any time he forfeits his rights to benefits, but he may be reinstated by the approval of the Board and paying all unpaid assessments. Should a member be compelled to withdraw temporarily from active duty because of ill health either of himself or some member of his family, he may retain his membership in the Plan by paying the average of his past annual assessments.

Item VIII. Should a member withdraw from the Plan, he may draw out of the treasury not to exceed 50 per cent of all he has paid in, and all other funds paid into the Plan by the member shall be forfeited to the Plan.

Item IX. Should a widow re-marry her name is automatically dropped from the benefit roll. In the event of the death of any member of the Plan and also the death or re-marriage of his widow, his heirs, legatees, assigns, or estate shall have no right or claim to any interest in the Plan.

Item X. It is provided that all persons who are on the Superannuate list at the time of the adoption of this Plan shall become members of

the Pension Plan without being required to pay the initial membership fee.

Item XI. It is also provided that the balance in the Superannuate Funds shall be transferred to the treasury of the Pension Plan at the rise of Conference in 1947.

Item XII. Conference shall retain the right to revise and change the rules of this Plan at any of its annual sessions by a two-thirds vote.

Respectfully submitted, (Signed) Edward Smithee, Chairman; E. J. Mills, C. D. Crabill, Dr. Allen Bowman, Dr. W. F. McConn, Committee. Cared for in Item 53 of this report.

Item Forty-Five

Evangelistic Singers and Chalk Artists

Item I. When there are members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church who feel called to the special ministry of song evangelism or chalk drawing, they may be licensed as such for one year by the annual Conference provided: they have been recommended for such work by the local church of which they are members; give evidence of grace, gifts, and usefulness; have had some experience in song evangelism or chalk drawing; and have been carefully examined, by the Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders of the Conference of which they are members, regarding their spiritual, intellectual, and other fitness for such work.

Item 2. The Licenses of evangelistic singers and chalk artists may be renewed each year by the annual conference of which they are members provided: they are regularly engaged in such work; have taken the evangelistic singers' course (two years) or its equivalent or comparable work in chalk drawing in one of our colleges (two years) or an acceptable course from another school, or the Evangelistic Singers' or Chalk Artists' course or its equivalent under the direction of the Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders; and have been recommended by the Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders.

Candidates taking the Course under the direction of the Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders must pass at least one book per year and the entire course must be completed within five years from the time of the granting of the first license by the annual Conference.

Item 3. The annual conference may assign licensed singers and chalk artists to the General Evangelistic Work provided: they have completed one of the courses recommended; are properly qualified for general evangelistic work; and are properly endorsed by the annual conference for such work.

Item 4. The licensed singers and chalk artists shall be amenable to the annual conference from which their licenses are received, shall report to their conference annually, but shall have no vote in the annual conference, and for conduct out of harmony with the Bible and Church Discipline shall be dealt with by the same disciplinary methods that govern local preachers and Elders in the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Item Forty-Six

Evangelistic Singers' Course

I. First Year

1. Galilean Fisherman—Witmer.
2. Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.
3. History of the Wesleyan Methodist Church—McLeister.
4. Third Year Bible (In Ministerial Course).

Reading Course

1. Passion for Souls—Jowett.
2. The Preacher and Prayer—Bounds.

II. Second Year

1. Foundation of Doctrine—Jessop.
2. Hymnology—Story of 40 Gospel Hymns, Pub. Rodeheaver and Mack
3. All About the Bible—Collett.
4. Fourth Year Bible (in Ministerial Course).

Reading Course

1. Plain Account of Christian Perfection.
2. Revival Lectures—Finney.

(Submitted by the Indiana Conference.)

Items 45 and 46 were by vote referred to the Committee on Evangelism. Amended and Recommended by them. (See Report No. 34.)

Item Forty-Seven

Whereas a sounder policy is needed for the financing of the General W. Y. P. S. Department than the present assessment on the basis of active members of the W. Y. P. S., we, the Indiana Conference of the W. Y. P. S., offer the following resolution:

The work of the General Department of the Wesleyan Young People's Society shall be financed by a budget assessment of 25 cents per church member per year. These funds shall be sent to a General Treasurer elected by the Church. The General Council shall authorize the payments of all moneys from this treasury.

Indiana Conference W. Y. P. S., in session this 17th day of August, 1946.—Russell J. Klinger, President; Vivian Stanley, Secretary.

Cared for in Young People's report. (See Report No. 13.)

Item Forty-Eight

We recommend the following Disciplinary amendments:

I. Page 96, Paragraph 177, Item VI; The word "Offering," or "Offering Cash," or "Cash Offering," instead of the word "Salary."

II. The word "in" earth, rather than the word "on" earth, in what is called the Lord's Prayer; Page 252, Paragraph 421; Page 255, Paragraph 422; Page 258, Paragraph 423.

III. Page 194, Paragraph 376, Item 6, be amended to read:

That at each General and Annual Conference, one service be devoted to the study and promotion of tithing and the Storehouse Plan, under the direction respectively of the General and Annual Conference Tithing Secretaries.—Rev. A. L. Bray, Rev. Willard L. Archer, Rev. William Goldsmith, Committee.

By vote Paragraph I was not approved, Paragraph II is already cared for in the last edition of the Discipline, and Paragraph III was approved.

Item Forty-Nine

Paragraph 139.—In paragraph 139, lines 19 and 20, strike out the words "he shall read his statistical report and in connection with it," and insert in their place "for such purpose (comma) he." Following the word "character" in line 21, insert "(comma) present such parts of his statistical report as the Conference may direct (comma)." In lines 21 and 22 strike out the words "and at the same time" and insert "(comma) and he shall also." In lines 26 and 27 strike out the words "and the statistical report is read," and insert "for such purpose."

Note: This amendment, if adopted, would change Paragraph 139, beginning with line 19, to read as follows: "When the name of the member is called for such purpose, he shall state that he has passed in the examination of his character, present such parts of his statistical report as the Conference may direct, and he shall also make a brief statement of his religious experience. Any of the reports which show that the answers are irregular or the work assigned has not been performed according to the Discipline, shall be marked accordingly and when the name is called for such purpose the member shall report wherein he has failed and it shall require a vote of the conference to pass his character."

The above was voted unanimously by the Rochester Conference in session at Chambers, N. Y. on June 30, 1945.—J. Harold Douglass, Secretary, Rochester Conference.

Cared for in Item 37 of this report.

Item Fifty

Whereas, the expense incurred by delegates from our western conferences, who must travel long distances to General Conference, is heavy, we request that General Conference be held regularly at a central location.

Signed, Leonard L. Chambers, Ray Hornback, Ronald Marshall, Committee.

Voted by the Nebraska Conference.

Cared for by the Committee on Pooling General Conference Expense. (See Report No. 19.)

Item Fifty-One

Memorial on Expense of Delegates to the General Conference, by the Officials of the Dakota Conference.

1. We recommend that the Railroad expense of the Ministerial and Lay Delegates to the General Conference be paid on the basis of a round trip coach ticket from the seat of the respective Annual Conferences to the seat of the General Conference.

2. That railroad expense of the first four delegates be prorated to each of the conferences.

3. That the railroad expense of the delegates in each Conference which exceeds four in number, shall be prorated among said Conferences, in addition to the expense as described in paragraph 2 herein.

4. That the General Conference Treasurer be authorized to pay to each certified delegate their railroad expense as described in paragraph 1, before the General Conference adjourns.

5. That each Conference Treasurer be notified of the amount of expense prorated to them and that they be asked to refund to the General Conference Treasurer this amount within thirty days.

6. That the payment of the delegates' railroad expense be retroactive to include the General Conference to be held in 1947.

The Officials of the Dakota Conference, by J. F. Simpson, President.

By vote referred to the Committee on Pooling General Conference Expense. (See Report No. 19.)

Item Fifty-Two

The Wisconsin Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America desires to memorialize the General Conference to the effect that there be combined minutes of all the conferences of the Connection.—Rev. Sylvia Lee, Conference Secretary.

Not approved by vote.

Item Fifty-three

A SUPERANNUATE PENSION PLAN

Be It Resolved, That There Shall Be A Superannuate Pension Plan.

ITEM I. It shall be established as follows:

1. By gifts, bequests, and endowments.
2. Each member of the Plan shall pay a membership fee of \$25.00 which fee is to be paid by August 15, 1948.
3. In order to provide a backlog of funds with which to put this plan into operation, the annual Sunday-school Thanksgiving Offering for each year of the quadrennium 1947 to 1951 shall be set aside for the Superannuate Pension Plan.
4. These funds shall be known as the Sinking Fund.

ITEM II. It shall be maintained as follows:

1. By gifts, bequests, and endowments.
2. A budget of \$1.50 per year per each church member beginning at the rise of General Conference 1947; to be paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Treasurer of the fund quarterly.
3. There shall be paid into the treasury of the Superannuate Pension Plan one-half of one per cent of the regular church budget receipts received, by the Foreign Missions and Home Missions Departmental treasurers and by the treasurers of our several schools.
4. Each member of the Plan shall pay one per cent of his total receipts beginning at the rise of each annual conference after July 1, 1947, the same to be paid quarterly.

ITEM III. It shall be administered by the following method:

1. There shall be a Board of Managers of the Plan which shall be the Board of Administration whose decisions on the points of appeal shall be final. The Board shall elect a treasurer and custodian of this fund. This Board shall set up the plan for operation and is empowered to make adjustments of assessments and benefits from time to time as prevailing conditions may demand.
2. The Board and the treasurer shall be required to publish an annual and quadrennial financial report.
3. The Board shall be required to keep a complete record of the status of the Plan and forward such information to the Pension Treasurer at least annually.

ITEM IV. Persons eligible for membership shall be:

1. Elders and conference preachers who are giving full time to a conference appointment and provided that no preacher shall be eligible for benefits until he has been ordained and his time of service shall begin with his first full-time conference appointment.
2. Elders who are giving full time to a conference or connectional office and lay members who are giving full time to a connectional office or as staff members of our schools.
3. Evangelists who are giving full time in the evangelistic field and missionaries.
4. Persons eligible shall participate under this Plan one year after the Plan has been approved by their annual conferences and their membership fees have been paid.

ITEM V. Benefits shall be paid quarterly on the following scale:

1. Married members may be paid an annual sum not to exceed \$20.00

per year of service rendered to the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

2. Single members and widows of members may be paid an annual sum not to exceed \$14.00 per each year of service rendered to the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

3. Under no circumstances shall any one family receive more than one benefit.

4. Should any individual who is eligible for membership on August 15, 1947, fail to pay his assessments by August 15, 1948, he may become a member by paying his enrollment fee and all assessments with interest as determined by the Board of Managers due since August 15, 1947.

5. Should an individual who is eligible for membership fail to become a member and later desire to do so, he may become a member by paying all past assessments with interest as determined by the Board of Managers from the first date of his eligibility including his membership fee.

6. The claim during any conference year and from a conference which has not in the year preceding met its obligations in full shall be paid in ratio of the amount received from the conference to the amount assessed that conference.

7. A pastor who for ten years or more is a member of the plan, when transferring to a Conference where the plan is not in operation may retain his membership by paying double assessments.

8. The termination of membership in the Wesleyan Methodist Church shall terminate membership in the plan.

ITEM VI. The age of retirement shall be 65 years, but no benefits shall be paid before actual retirement. However, a member may become eligible to receive benefits if he becomes permanently incapacitated before his 65th birthday.

ITEM VII. Should a member fail to pay his assessments at any time or for any reason he shall be granted a grace period of 30 days before he forfeits his rights to benefits but he may be reinstated by the approval of the Board and the payment of all unpaid assessments with interest as determined by the Board of Managers. Should a member be compelled to withdraw temporarily from active duty because of ill health either of himself or of some member of his family he may retain his membership in the Plan by paying the average of his past annual assessments.

ITEM VIII. Should a member withdraw from the Plan he may draw out of the treasury, by giving the treasurer written notice sixty days in advance, not to exceed fifty per cent of all assessments he has paid in and all other funds paid into the Plan by said member shall be forfeited to the Plan.

ITEM IX. Should a widow re-marry her name is automatically dropped from the benefit roll. In the event of the death of any member of the Plan and also the death or re-marriage of his widow, his heirs, legatees, assigns, or estate shall have no right or claim to any interest in the Plan.

ITEM X. It is provided that all persons who are on the Superannuate list at the time of the adoption of this Plan shall become members of the Superannuate Plan without being required to pay the initial membership fee.

ITEM XI. It is also provided that the balance in the Connectional Superannuate Fund shall be transferred to the treasury of the Pension Plan at the discretion of the General Conference.

ITEM XII. The General Conference shall retain the right to revise

and change the rules of this Plan at any of its quadrennial sessions by a two-thirds vote.—Respectfully submitted, Roy S. Nicholson, Chairman; William A. Smith; and William F. McConn, Secretary.

By vote approved as amended.

Item Fifty-four

"Recognizing increasingly the importance of Home Missions as a part of our Church program; and

"Recognizing that a laborer is worthy of his hire and our obligation to those who serve through the channels of our Church, we, The Rochester Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, do hereby recommend:

"1. That the Home Mission Budget be increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per member.

"2. Where the workers in our Home Missionary projects are employed by the Home Missionary Secretary or with his approval, that they be paid the same salaries as adult missionaries on the Foreign Fields."

Respectfully submitted, J. Harold Douglass, Secretary Rochester Conference.

By vote referred to the Committee on Home Missions, and by them not approved. (See Report Number 28.)

Item Fifty-five

Whereas, the work and growth of Home Missions is important and vital to our denominational life; and

Whereas, the Home Missionary field is extended and vast, covering great areas and distances; and

Whereas, the calls and appeals for help from this field are becoming more numerous, and the work and responsibilities are becoming greater each year and quadrennium; and

Whereas, to strengthen and to give greater efficiency to this department, and to more effectively evangelize and develop this Home Mission field for God and the Church, we therefore offer the following recommendations:

I. That there be a Home Missionary Secretary for the Eastern District, (That part of the United States east of the Mississippi River).

II. That there be a Home Missionary Secretary for the Western District, (That part of the United States west of the Mississippi River, including the State of Minnesota).

III. That there be a Home Missionary Secretary for the Northern and Northwestern Districts, (The Dominion of Canada and Alaska).

IV. That the General Conference designate one of the three Home Missionary Secretaries who shall be the head, and treasurer of the Home Missionary Department.

V. That the Home Missionary Secretaries be permitted to employ the necessary help required to evangelize their Districts, as far as men and means permit: also to found Sunday Schools.

VI. That disciplinary changes and provisions be made for this action. Respectfully Submitted, Rev. W. H. Dyer, Rev. D. C. Elmer, Rev. A. L. Cretsinger.

By vote referred to the Committee on Home Missions, and by them not approved. (See Report Number 28.)

Item Fifty-six

Each passing year, the needs in our Home Missionary field of North America are increasing, and are becoming greater, and

Whereas, in order to evangelize and to meet the needs and increasing demands from every part of this field; also to enter into the unreached areas and centers of population for God and the Church.

We, Therefore, sincerely recommend, that the Home Missionary Budget be increased Seventy-five Cents (\$.75). Sincerely in Him, Rev. William Dyer, Rev. D. C. Elmer, Rev. A. L. Cretsinger, Committee.

By vote referred to the Committee on Home Missions, and by them not approved. (See Report Number 28.)

Item 56-A

Whereas, that there is need of a SONG BOOK, published by our Publishing House, for our churches, for revivals, camp meetings and for general use among us, is apparent:

Therefore, we recommend that the General Conference order the publication of a SONG BOOK, which will be distinguished from the Hymnal.

Respectfully Submitted, Rev. B. I. Griffin, Rev. Mrs. Dorothy Cretsinger, Mrs. Loreen Griffin.

By vote referred to the Committee on Book Concern.

Item Fifty-seven

Whereas, each passing year, increasing numbers of Sunday School Lesson Commentaries of various names, are appearing in our Wesleyan Methodist Sunday Schools. These Commentaries (most of them), are good, instructive, and have a great message; and

Whereas, these Commentaries being intended for use for supplementary reading and lesson preparation, are in too many instances, taking the place almost altogether of our own splendid Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School literature;

Wherefore, we are in need of our own SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARY, for our own Wesleyan Methodist Sunday Schools. This can be but for God's glory:

Also, many of our Ministers and Laymen desire their Sunday School lessons in the handy and convenient book form; and

Whereas, many desire to preserve these valuable, prepared lessons for reference material for future use. The book form makes this convenient and very possible;

Wherefore, it would seem that if such a Commentary is approved, created and published by the Church, and is given the same amount of advertising as other Commentaries, in a little time, it should have an equal sale and would be used in the same quantity as other Sunday School Lesson Commentaries;

Therefore, We ask the General Conference for the publication of a SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARY, since others need our Wesleyan Message through the Sunday School. Sincerely, yours in Him, Rev. B. I. Griffin, Rev. Orville A. Hartman, Committee.

By vote referred to the Committee on Book Concern.

Report No. 19

POOLING GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE FUND

It Is Recommended:

That there be an assessment of twenty cents per member per year to be known as the General Conference Travel and Entertainment Fund, to be collected by the Conferences and paid to the General Treasurer for the

purpose of defraying the expenses of travel to and from the General Conference and the Entertainment of all authorized delegates of the General Conference, the W. M. S. and the W. Y. P. S., provided that the claims of all delegates from any Conference which does not raise this budget fund in its entirety during the Quadrennium shall be reduced in the proportion of the amount paid to the amount assigned; and that since the Indiana Conference voted to entertain the next General Conference on the following conditions:

"Providing the General Conference pay a fee of \$5.00 per delegate and Connectional Official, to the Indiana Conference; also, that the Indiana Conference be exempt from all assessments for the General Conference Expense Fund."

that this offer be accepted, and that the Indiana Conference be exempted from these assessments during the Quadrennium.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY S. NICHOLSON, Chairman;
AMOS M. JACKSON,
F. R. EDDY, Committee.

Report No. 20

GENERAL W. Y. P. S. OFFICERS

The W. Y. P. S. Quadrennial Convention nominates the following:

General Secretary, the Rev. H. K. Sheets.

General President, the Rev. George B. Hilson.

Area Presidents:

Central, the Rev. K. W. Johnson.

Houghton, the Rev. Edwin Seaman.

Marion, the Rev. Herbert Logsdon.

Miltonvale, the Rev. Dale Campbell.

H. K. SHEETS, Chairman;

EDWIN SEAMAN, Secretary.

Report No. 21

COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES

Your Committee on Boundaries submits the following report:

1. Whereas, the Australia Conference has been organized during the quadrennium and has been received by this session of the General Conference,

We recommend that Paragraph 179-A be inserted under Paragraph 179, to read as follows:

"The Australia Home Mission Conference shall include the Continent of Australia and all adjacent islands under its mandate and government."

2. Whereas, certain churches in West Virginia elected, over twenty years ago, to affiliate themselves with the Allegheny Conference and have been so related these years without any official assignment having been made.

It is recommended that Paragraph 179 be amended by placing a semi-colon after "Erie," in line 5, page 103, instead of a period, and adding the following: "... and that part of West Virginia east of a line running from the southwest corner of the State of Pennsylvania to the easternmost point in the State of Kentucky.

3. Whereas, the territory assigned the Middle Atlantic States Annual Conference in Paragraph 191 overlaps territory assigned the Allegheny

Annual Conference in Paragraph 179 and the territory assigned the Rochester Annual Conference in Paragraph 198.

It is recommended that Paragraph 179 be changed; following the word "county" in line 3 by inserting the following: "to the northwest border of the Middle Atlantic States Conference."

It is further recommended that Paragraph 198 be amended by placing a semicolon after "Pennsylvania," in line 12, and omitting the following: "and that part of Pennsylvania not included in other Conferences."

4. Whereas, the Nebraska Conference has been organized during the quadrennium and has been received by this session of the General Conference;

We recommend that Paragraph 191-A be inserted under Paragraph 191, to read as follows:

"The Nebraska Conference shall consist of the State of Nebraska, except Franklin, Webster, and Nuckolls counties."

5. Whereas, other conference boundaries are involved in the establishment of the Nebraska Conference,

We recommend that Paragraph 186 be amended by striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the following words, "and the State of Nebraska, except the southern tier of counties."

It is also recommended that Paragraph 187 be changed to read, "The Kansas Conference shall include the States of Kansas, Missouri, and Colorado; it shall also include Franklin, Webster, and Nuckolls counties in the State of Nebraska."

6. After conferring with the Conference Presidents involved we make the following recommendations:

(1) That Paragraph 195 be amended by putting a semicolon after "Conferences," in line 3, and adding "and that part of the State of West Virginia west of a line running from the southwest corner of the State of Pennsylvania to the easternmost point in the State of Kentucky."

(2) That Paragraph 198 be changed following the word "including," in line 10, by striking out the words, "said county," and inserting the following: "that part of said county not included in the Middle Atlantic States Conference."

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. COATES, Chairman;
TRUMAN MILLER,
A. J. TAYLOR,
J. P. DAVIDSON,
FLOYD DOUGLASS,
RAYMOND E. SMITH,
CHARLES BAKKE,
E. L. KIERSTEAD, Secretary.

Report No. 22 COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education, hereby submit the following report:

For more than a half century the Wesleyan Methodist Church has been engaged in the tasks of education. Within its educational history have been found grade school, high school, Bible school, junior college, senior college, Theological college and seminary training. During the past quadrennium approximately 5950 students have been enrolled on the four school campuses. The assets listed in our school reports represent an investment of \$1,242,130.00.

It is legitimate to ask, What is the purpose of such a program. The

primary purpose of the Church, we believe, is to be found in a single word—evangelism. The only commission given by our Master to the Church which He established was that it “go into all the world and preach My gospel to every creature.” Education, we hold, has an important place in carrying out this great Commission.

The early Church was builded by a trained personnel who were hand picked by the Church's Founder. Instead of the task of kingdom building being entrusted into the hands of “a few ignorant fishermen,” as is sometimes stated, it was delegated to a small group of men who had been called, taught, and commissioned by the greatest Teacher of all human experience, the Man of Galilee. Beside the sea; beneath the fig tree; in the presence of the lilies, on the mountainside, and in the synagogue, He continually taught the great fundamental truths of man's existence and of his relationships both to man and to God. The Church of today cannot follow the pattern set by its Founder if it attempts to build a kingdom structure with untrained workmen.

Also, Wesleyan Methodism is indebted to the scholarship of the past which has produced the great body of literature which has been a part of the Wesleyan heritage. Many of the great writers of the yesteryear are gone and their places must be filled competently by others or we shall discover directly a dearth of effective holiness literature. In our schools are taught those intellectual processes which fit men for the ministry of writing.

Never before were American youth going to school in such large numbers. The preacher of tomorrow will have an increasing number of college and university trained men and women in his congregation and an intellectual equipment which would have sufficed for the frontier ministry of yesterday will not meet this new challenge.

The results of evangelism must be conserved. Our homes and the Church are producing a great host of fine, clear-eyed, keen-minded young people. They are our greatest asset. From them must come our pastors, evangelists, missionaries, teachers, ministers wives, church leaders and substantial laymen of the future. This is a day when American education has become extremely materialistic, and in many instances distinctly pagan. Wesleyan Methodist schools should be conservators of the individual's faith. It is very common to hear our students testify that they have received personal Christian experiences or definite calls to Christian service on our campuses.

For such purposes as these the fathers founded educational institutions under the banner of Wesleyan Methodism; schools definitely committed to the doctrine of holiness and engaged in the preparation of a ministry for the proclamation of that glorious message to a lost world. For these purposes we, today, maintain our educational institutions so founded and so committed. Through the years they have sent forth a multitude of workers to our various fields to do heroic service for the cause of Christ. Today their opportunities for service are perhaps greater than ever before. A whitened harvest field lies out before us and God has given us a little respite of time in which to gather grain. At this hour, our institutions of learning have a great call and a great opportunity in helping to fit men and women for this great and urgent task. God grant them grace! We call upon all the constituency of our Church at this needy hour to unite in more urgent and continued intercession than ever before that our colleges may be enabled to meet the challenge of the day for God and the Church.

The need for strong holiness schools was never stronger than it is today. The whole fabric of secular education is shot through with subtle denial, and sometimes with brazen ridicule of those truths which we hold most dear and to which we as a Church are committed. Even a large portion of that which is called Christian education is unsafe for our youth, due to the character of its teaching and of its atmosphere and associations. Outside of a small group of holiness schools, the so-called religious or church sponsored colleges will be found to be dangerous to our youth since they fall in one of the following classes:

1. Those which are avowedly modernistic, or tend in that direction;
2. Those which are devoid of spiritual life and whose atmosphere is strongly detrimental to any vital Christian experience;
3. Those which are anti-holiness in teaching, thereby denying the doctrine to which we are most strongly committed.

We believe that to place our young people under any of these influences will be to run great danger of fatal blight to their faith. With even less probability can we expect to develop suitable holiness preachers if their training must be secured under such unfavorable circumstances. We consider it most lamentable that ministerial students desiring advanced training, or seminary work are frequently compelled to obtain it under comparable circumstances.

Asbury Theological Seminary is thoroughly committed to the Wesleyan interpretation of Bible doctrine and is now fully accredited by the American Association of Theological schools. We commend the steps already taken by the Book Committee for collaboration with the Free Methodists in the use and maintenance of the John Wesley Seminary Foundation at Asbury Seminary and recommend that the new Board of Administration pursue this investigation further and if a feasible project develops, take such steps as may be necessary to insure the entrance of our students into Asbury Seminary under the guidance and supervision of the leadership of the Church through cooperation with the John Wesley Foundation. We also recommend that the denomination vote through the Board of Administration a Student Aid Fund which may be used to assist worthy advanced theological students who may desire to attend Asbury Seminary.

At this Quadrennial gathering we feel it most fitting to register our appreciation for our own schools and the faithful faculties who sacrificially labor therein; to recall again, as this report has attempted to do in outline, the great principles under which our educational work must operate to accomplish its desired ends; in accord with those principles, to here highly resolve that we shall stand shoulder to shoulder with those whom we have chosen to labor in our schools, in financial support, in prayer, in intercession, that together as a united army, we may by the blessing of Almighty God be enabled to gather a little of the perishing grain of the wide harvest fields.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE D. WILCOX, Chairman;
 DR. S. W. PAINE,
 REV. E. A. COATES,
 REV. E. J. PITTS,
 CHARLES W. REISDORPH,
 E. D. CHENEY,
 J. C. POOLE,
 MONT L. MOORE,
 DR. W. F. McCONN, Secretary.

Report No. 23
CONFERENCE RECORDS

We, your Committee on Conference Records, report as follows:

We have carefully examined the Conference Record Books submitted to us and in general find them well kept. We submit grades as follows:

Alabama, 90%. No General Index.
 Allegheny, 100%.
 California, 100%.
 Canada, 100%.
 Champlain, 80%. Typing not clear, Margin at top and sides of sheet insufficient, General Index not in book, No marginal Index.
 Dakota, 100%.
 Indiana, 100%.
 India. No report.
 Iowa, 100%.
 Kansas, 100%.
 Kentucky, 98%. Poor penmanship in 1944-1945.
 Lockport, 100%.
 Michigan, 100%.
 Middle Atlantic States, 88%. Year date insufficient. No General Index.
 Nebraska, 100%.
 North Carolina, 100%.
 North Michigan, 90%. No Marginal Index.
 Ohio, 100%.
 Oklahoma, 98%. Part of Marginal Index could not be seen.
 Oregon, 90%. No Marginal Index.
 Rochester, 100%.
 South Carolina, 100%.
 North Georgia, 100%.
 South Georgia, 100%.
 South Ohio. No report.
 Tennessee. No report.
 West Africa. No report.
 Wisconsin, 98%. Paragraph headings insufficient.
 General Conference, 100%.

We make the following recommendations as to the keeping of Annual Conference Records for the coming quadrennium:

1. That each Annual Conference Secretary purchase through the Publishing Agent a standard book that will legally pass the laws in reference to the recording of Minutes.

2. That the Standard of Excellency for the coming quadrennium be as follows:

Binding	10%
Year Date at top of each page and written initials of Secretary at bottom of each page	10%
Cleanliness	10%
Penmanship or Typing	10%
Sufficient margin at top and side of sheets to allow for neatness and Marginal Index	10%
General Index	10%
Marginal Index	10%

Paragraphs and Headings	10%
Quadrennial Statistical summary in record book	10%
Additional copy for use of Statistical Committee	10%
Total	100%

We recommend that the General Conference Secretary place this in the Wesleyan Methodist immediately and also notify the Annual Conference Secretaries of this Standard as soon as convenient following the rise of this session and give a similar notice not less than sixty days before the convening of the next General Conference Session.

We further suggest that each Secretary secure a copy of the General Conference printed Minutes and use it as a pattern as to style and form in compiling Annual Conference Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

VESTAL VAN MATRE, Chairman;
E. D. JEFFRIES,
CHARLES B. JENKINS,
O. A. COLLINS,
RUDOLPH C. NELSON,
LYMAN F. LANCE, Secretary.

Report No. 24 COMMITTEE ON RADIO

We hereby express our appreciation and gratitude to the Radio Commission of the Book Committee, and to the Director of the Wesleyan Hour, Cecil Clifton for their effort to meet the demand of the Church for a radio program.

Whereas, we have attempted the sponsoring of a Church-wide radio program through the Book Committee and their Radio Commission; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Book Committee and substantiated by your committee, the present **Wesleyan Hour** has not met the need of the Church; and

Whereas, we find in the Church a vital interest in radio as a means of propagating the truths for which we stand; we therefore recommend:

1. Discontinuance of the present Wesleyan Hour.
2. Continuance of a Radio Commission to be elected by, and responsible to, the Board of Administration.
3. That this Radio Commission give consideration to using our colleges as centers for our radio activities.
4. That the voluntary contributions now being sent to the Wesleyan Hour from the channels of the Church be through the Radio Commission to a radio fund.
5. That this Radio Fund in charge of the Radio Commission be used to include the sponsoring of transcriptions for the use of churches who wish to contract for and pay the expense of radio time locally.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY W. WRIGHT, Chairman;
MRS. JOHN MORTIMER,
C. I. ARMSTRONG,
L. D. HARRIS,
EDWIN L. FOOT,
ASA AULT,
GLENN ROOT,
A. J. BEAUCHAMP,
DONALD FISHER, Secretary.

Report No. 25**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BOOK CONCERN****Expression of Thanks and Appreciation**

It is with deep gratitude to God for His evident blessing upon this department, with its personnel, that this report is submitted. A study of the department causes us to feel the appropriateness of the sentiment of the Doxology as an expression of our feeling for His clearly manifested blessing through the troublesome years of this past quadrennium during which time the first part was fraught with the hardships of the most terrible war the world has ever known and during the latter part in which we have found ourselves in the grips of the aftermath of this conflict. Indeed, times have been difficult and strenuous but God has never failed to prove Himself able and to keep His promises in every detail. We would also be mindful of those who have labored so diligently and efficiently under the guidance of the Holy Spirit in earlier years to make the heritage which is ours so rich. Well might we express it in the words of Holy Writ: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Headquarters Building

During the quadrennium, due to the growth and increase of the business, it has been necessary to find more space in which to operate our plant. Therefore some of those who were renting space in our building have moved and others have been asked to do so in order that this space might be utilized for the expansion of the business. This is a very good sign and we trust, under the guidance of God, that it will continue to increase in the future. Much has been done during the past four years to modernize the offices, and in addition to this a complete repointing of the brick on the outside of the building has been accomplished as well as the task of painting all the trim. This building not only serves as the location of the printing business of our Church where our literature is published but also provides the official headquarters and houses several of our departmental offices.

We believe that as God continues to lead the Church He will also provide ways and means by which we can render an ever-increasing service to our denomination in every phase of its activity.

The Importance of Safe and Spiritual Literature

It has been appropriately said that books and magazines are readily acknowledged as one of the most effective mediums known by which thinking can be guided and directed into action, thus developing Christian character which is so effective in molding society. The early leaders of our Church, being men of keen spiritual analysis, were vitally aware of this fact and therefore it was natural that they should, in the very beginning, make provision for the publishing and distribution of Christian literature that their own people might be indoctrinated, strengthened and encouraged; also that through this medium others might be interested and reached for Christ and the Church. Through more than a century the Book Concern, later and better known as the Publishing House, has been busily engaged in printing and distributing wholesome Christian literature. At first there was only THE WESLEYAN METHODIST. Then necessity brought into being the WESLEYAN MISSIONARY MAGAZINE and, more recently, THE WESLEYAN YOUTH. In addition to these periodicals our publishing concern is editing and distributing some of the very best Sunday-school literature in the field, also supplying our people with some of the finest books and pamphlets on fundamental Christian experiences.

In a time when, on the one hand, there is so much printed material disseminated that seeks to point out an easy way of Christian living without price and sacrifice and which finds its expression through so many of the well-known erroneous doctrines; and, on the other hand, when there is so much literature with a splendid adherence to the "fundamentals," as we often refer to them, but which limit the scope of the plan of complete redemption as provided by our Christ to deal with sin, how fortunate we are to be assured that all of our literature has combined two great essentials in the fact that it is definitely fundamental and positive in its spiritual teachings with the full acknowledgment that Christ was "manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil." The Publishing House puts forth special effort to investigate all material which is purchased from other sources, whether it be for the minister or the layman, the Sunday-school teacher or the youngest scholar, to see that it is not only good and contains the truth but also to be sure that it does not contain any error. Therefore, you can rest assured that whenever you order material from the Publishing House for any department or type of work, an honest and sincere effort has been made to see that that material is free from error and is positive in its spiritual nature.

Periodicals

During this quadrennium THE WESLEYAN METHODIST has enjoyed the largest circulation of any time in its history as has also THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY and THE WESLEYAN YOUTH which have reached an all-time high in number of subscriptions. At this time we would like to pay tribute to Dr. Roy S. Nicholson for the excellent editorial work of the past four years. His fine editorials, together with the other splendid material contained in its pages, with the fine workmanship of the plant, makes, in our humble estimation, this paper second to none in the field. While costs have increased greatly it is our purpose to keep the price of these periodicals at the present level and, if necessary, to find sufficient funds through increase in the cost of some of the other material. It is the desire of this committee to recognize the splendid work and cooperation of the Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST as well as the Editor of THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY and the General Superintendent of the W. Y. P. S., all of whose work has made it possible to produce these excellent periodicals.

Sunday-school Literature

Due recognition should also be given to the Sunday School Secretary for his highly commendable editorial services in producing materials for the high quality of Sunday-school periodicals which have been coming from the presses; also for his excellent cooperation with Publishing House personnel in seeing that these materials have reached the plant in sufficient time to blend into the general interests of the work at the Publishing House.

Though these worthy achievements are a matter of record yet a glimpse into the limitless possibilities for Christian service which are available to this department of our Gospel Ministry clearly reveals that "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Therefore we say: "Hats off to the past; coats off to the future!"

Recommendations

1. That all conference presidents, pastors, evangelists and Christian workers put forth special effort to distribute THE WESLEYAN METHODIST, WESLEYAN MISSIONARY and THE WESLEYAN YOUTH;

- (a) Also encourage the use of our Sunday-school literature,
- (b) Books and pamphlets.

2. To this end we further recommend that each church make some special provision through one of its departments to sponsor just as many new subscriptions as possible which can be wisely placed in homes, schools and libraries.

3. That each Sunday school in the Church subscribe for enough SUNDAY SCHOOL BANNERS and WESLEYAN METHODISTS to be distributed to prospective Wesleyan families as a missionary project of the Sunday school.

4. In order to help promote this we also recommend that some special attention be given through Pages 15 and 16 of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST.

5. That our Sunday-school Teacher's Quarterly be enlarged to include extra research material.

6. We favor item 56-A; but because of limited facilities and costs involved we recommend that a suitable book be selected which may be imprinted.

7. Whereas, this is a day of prevailing jazz and swing in the music of the radio, the music hall and the general music program, and, whereas, this type of melody seems to set the pattern for so many of our present day song writers even within the Holiness Movement, therefore, we, the General Conference of 1947 do hereby petition the newly elected Board of Administration to appoint a special committee which shall compile and edit within the quadrennium a Wesleyan Methodist Hymnal which will contain hymns and gospel songs suitable for use in worship services, young people's meetings, camp meetings and other religious services.

8. We recommend that recommendation No. 6 be referred to the same committee as provided for in recommendation No. 7.

Respectfully submitted,

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HOLLIS C. STEVENSON,
F. R. EDDY,
A. M. JACKSON,
E. L. SHIGLEY,
WILLIAM A. SMITH,
CURTIS KNIGHT,
W. W. KISER, Committee.

Report No. 26

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Your Committee on Foreign Missions reports as follows:

Today we are facing a vastly expanded field of operations for missionary endeavor. The great World War with its suffering and disturbance has passed into victory and a great demand for "tidings of peace" is ringing through the land. The peoples of other lands rising from the aftermath of conflict are ripe subjects for the reception of gospel truth. If they are not presented with the true gospel, their trusting minds will be receptive to other religious teachings or other ideologies that may be presented to them. It is our own time to avail ourselves of this great opportunity.

Much advancement has been made during the quadrennium, ever against the heavy odds occasioned by war and its restrictions, and since the cessation of actual combat every possible effort has been made to

enter open doors, but world conditions call for ever-increasing endeavor. Therefore we recommend:

1. The re-affirmation of Item No. 1 of the report of the last General Conference as follows: "That there be a persistent effort on the part of the missionaries to develop self-propagating, self-supporting, indigenous churches on each of the fields, that the native Christians become more nearly independent of the Board in financing their work."

2. Because the opportunities for spreading the gospel of God are so outstanding today and because any sound expansion of our efforts to save the lost depends on maintaining first of all the territory we have already gained for Christ, we therefore recommend the following points:

(a) That we as a Church bend our earnest effort to the early provision of undesignated funds sufficient to care for the basic needs of our foreign missionary effort and that this object be considered as primary by each Conference and by each member.

(b) That we continue under divine guidance to buy up the opportunities which the Lord still continues to provide over and above the basic requirements. The Lord does not expect us to retain a "status quo" in these serious days, and we must expect Him to thrust out new reapers into the field and to present new opportunities for financial and other participation in an ever-growing missionary program. The problem of deciding what budget amount per member per annum should be requested has caused us some concern. It may seem to some that to ask largely will kill the flow of spontaneous giving. It will appear to others that a large budget would be an uneven burden, heavy for some mission fields and light for strong, established territory. These are valid considerations that cannot be lightly swept aside. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," and cheerfulness is apt to be affected by the suggestion of a "must" in the gift. However, those who are spontaneous in their giving are apt to forget the ordinary humdrum missionary operations which are not strongly presented to them and to favor more outstandingly outlined single projects. The Foreign Missionary Secretary may thus find himself committed by the designation of funds to specific objects and to a program of buying cake when there is not enough money to keep the missionary family supplied with bread, so to speak. In considering the budget estimates of funds needed to carry on the work we note that a giving per member of \$4.00 per annum will be necessary in order that our present position be maintained without retrenchment. The budget during the past quadrennium called for \$2.00 per member and the average actually given almost doubled that figure. For this splendid response we thank God and are encouraged to believe that His people will continue to support an advance during the coming quadrennium.

3. In view of the urgent invitation from our Christians in Japan we have instructed Brother Gibbs to make a thorough study of the situation there, primarily investigating the feeling of the native Christians toward permanently establishing work in their country and that he advise us of the possibility and advisability of sending out more missionaries to Japan in the near future.

4. In view of the crying need for a greatly enlarged staff of native evangelists and preachers on all our fields, we urge the Church to pray mightily that God will thrust forth many more of these laborers into His vineyard.

5. "Above budget items." "Above budget" is a fund raised for any item not incorporated in the original budget asking but approved by the Board, and is not to be applied to Budget Item VIII as per the Statistical Report until budget as approved by the General Conference is filled.

6. In view of the serious condition of financial inflation in the foreign fields today, we recommend that the Board give consideration to adjustments in the missionary income by means of cost-of-living allowances as the need may arise.

7. In view of the greatly extended foreign missionary program that we are carrying, we recommend that our missionaries in deputation work refrain from making appeals for special objects and that our people be urged to give for the general missionary program without designation of funds to special projects insofar as is possible.

Our hearts are full of praise to God for the victories of the past, for the new fields which He has enabled us to enter, and for the prospects and promises which are before us. With unwavering faith in Him we look forward to the new quadrennium which is beginning with hearts full of courage and a prayer that He may lead on to greater victories.

Respectfully submitted,

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FLOYD BANKER,
J. B. HILSON,
A. J. ARGO,
JOSEPH MARKEY,
R. S. BALDWIN,
OREN FELTON,
S. HUGH PAINÉ, JR., Committee.

Report No. 27

BUDGET

Your Budget Committee submits its report as follows:

After four years of all-time record breaking in the realm of material receipts and expenditures we pause to give praise to God. In material ways He has made "the wrath of man to praise Him." Our assets and facilities during troublous times have increased and enlarged in every department of our Church.

We should guard against a restrictive conservatism that fails to "strike while the iron is hot." A storm may be gathering but we need not become too zealous to spread our umbrella before it rains. Let us plan and work, with an increasingly selfless devotion. This may indeed be the day before the night when work will all stand still. Let us be mindful lest we step carefully into oblivion. Opposed to this is the principle, "There is that scattereth abroad that increaseth riches."

We recommend:

1. That the Storehouse Plan be urged upon all churches for the collecting and spending of tithes and offerings.

2. That the churches endeavor to pay assigned budgets monthly, with particular care being given to bring them to balance quarterly.

3. That Conference Treasurers remit General Conference askings monthly.

4. That budget assessments be as follows:

The General Conference Coordination Plan be \$.25 per member.

The Superannuate Pension Plan be \$1.50 per member.

The Educational Budget be \$1.50 per member, excepting Miltonvale and Central which shall be \$2.00 per member.

The Orphanage be \$.25 per member.

The General Conference Expense Fund be \$.20 per member.

Home Missions be \$1.00 per member.

Foreign Missions be \$2.00 per member.

Sunday-school apportionment be \$.05 per enrolled member in the Main School.

And that the Card Call Plan remain to count on Home Missions budget.

Signed: D. A. MANKER, Chairman;
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C. D. CRABILL,
RALPH ERNST,
J. L. STACK,
D. C. STONE, Secretary.

Report No. 28 HOME MISSIONS

The cause of Home Missions is a fundamental in Church development. If we do not care for the needy at our door, we shall never have the proper growth to meet the needs in other lands.

Our Home Missions Department faces a two-fold call—a call to help develop churches in centers of population, and a call to help those in isolated areas who otherwise may never hear the true Gospel Message. There is no escaping the fact that we have a responsibility to both classes of work. We believe there is an ever-increasing interest in the general Church, and a greater concern that we meet our obligations as far as we are able.

We believe that the work of the quadrennium has been progressive, even though hampered by war years. We are grateful to God for the support of a people who personally feel their responsibility in these great tasks.

We present the following recommendations:

I. That paragraph 123 of the Discipline be amended by removing the present statements and inserting the following:

Paragraph 123

Mission Annual Conference

"Part A

"(1) A Mission Annual Conference is a conference that is under the direction of the Parent Missionary Society through the supervision of one of the Missionary Secretaries. A Mission Annual Conference placed under the supervision of the Secretary of Home Missions shall be known as a Home Mission Annual Conference. A Mission Annual Conference placed under the supervision of the Secretary of Foreign Missions shall be known as a Foreign Mission Annual Conference, and shall consist of such national workers as are eligible according to our Discipline. All Foreign missionaries appointed by the Board shall also be members ex-officio of the Foreign Mission Conference to which they are sent. This ex-officio relationship shall not sever their fundamental relation to their home Conference. Delegates-at-large shall be elected for these missionaries in order to maintain in the Conference the ratio of laymen to ministers. These delegates-at-large shall be elected by the churches at which said missionaries are stationed.

"(2) As soon as a new conference organization has been officially approved by the Board of Administration, it automatically becomes a Mission Annual Conference, and shall be under the supervision of either the Home or Foreign Missionary Secretary until the next session of the General Conference.

"(3) The president of any conference organized during the interim of General Conference shall make official application for admission of said conference member-body of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America. He shall present such application to the General Conference session next following the date of organization. In any case where the President is not a delegate to said General Conference session, application shall be presented by the regularly elected ministerial delegate, provided however, that the General Conference may take original jurisdiction in all such matters, if it sees fit.

"(4) Any Conference may be designated a Home Mission Conference for the duration of one quadrennial period by action of the General Conference. This relationship shall be established through the recommendation of the Committee on Home Missions of the General Conference who shall review each case. Any Conference may instruct its President to request that it be designated a Home Mission Conference for the quadrennium. This relationship shall be established through the recommendation of the Committee on Home Missions of the General Conference who shall review each case. Any Conference may instruct its President to request that it be designated a Home Mission Annual Conference for the quadrennium following the rise of the General Conference, provided that the Committee on Home Missions shall have the privilege of original jurisdiction in these matters, and may take such action without the request of the Conference affected. In making its report to the General Conference, the Committee shall present a list naming the Conferences which it recommends to be Home Mission Annual Conferences during the next quadrennium. Upon adoption of this report by the General Conference, such conferences shall become Home Mission Annual Conferences, for the ensuing quadrennium. All conferences not thus listed shall be considered, as established Annual Conferences."

"Part B

"(1) When a number of persons desire to be organized into a Conference they shall all sign a petition for such an organization which shall be submitted to one of the respective Missionary Secretaries. This petition shall designate who of the signers are ministers and who are laymembers, and shall also state the number and names of churches which would be included in said organization, and the respective membership of each. Said petition shall also indicate the name desired by the new organization.

"(2) The above petition shall be presented to the Board of Administration by the Missionary Secretary to whom it was submitted. If the Board of Administration consider the prospects such as to justify the action, it shall instruct the proper Missionary Secretary to visit said petitioners and examine the said applicants in a meeting he shall call for that purpose. If the Missionary Secretary see fit, he may appoint some other person to carry out the instructions of the Board of Administration.

"(3) If the Missionary Secretary (or his appointed substitute) consider the prospects favorable, he shall proceed with the organization of a conference by conducting an official election of officers, and taking care of any other business necessary; said organization, however, shall not become effective in any way until a final approval is given by the Board of Administration.

"(4) The respective Missionary Secretaries may be made the President of any Annual Mission Conference if such is the desire of said conference.

"(5) The Secretary of Home Missions in his supervision of Home Mission Annual Conferences shall assist in developing the work within

each Conference financially and otherwise, provided plans have been submitted to him for his approval. An appeal from his decisions may be made at any time to the Board of Administration, whose decision shall be final.

"(6) It is recommended that the Home Mission Annual Conferences confer with the Secretary of Home Missions regarding their plans for the employment of Evangelists to conduct extension efforts; concerning the location and erection of churches and parsonages; and the launching of other projects with the Conferences. Where such is not done, the Board of Administration shall take this fact into account in considering appeals for financial aid for such items from those Conferences."

II. We further recommend that the following rules and regulations governing the Card Call Plan be adopted and placed in the Discipline under Section XX, and Numbered "Paragraph 379-A:

"(1) The Card Call Plan shall operate under the supervision of the Secretary of Home Missions, subject to the Executive Board.

"(2) Membership in the Card Call Plan shall consist of those who have signed the Card Call Pledge (revised) which shall be as follows:

"Until this Pledge is cancelled by me I shall endeavor to pay the sum of \$..... for each Card Call issued for the purpose of helping to build or buy church or parsonage property in needy fields. This pledge is further limited to calls annually.

This pledge is due and payable upon notice of the Secretary of Home Missions."

"(3) The benefits of the Card Call Plan shall be extended to all Conferences of the Connection, other than those under the Foreign Missionary Department. It shall be primarily for pioneer churches.

"(4) Money paid on pledges to the Card Call Plan may be given budget credit.

"(5) Application for aid from the Card Call Plan shall be made by the local pastor but must have the approval of the Conference President; they shall be submitted to the Secretary of Home Missions who shall file them in the order received.

"(6) Ordinarily, applications shall be processed in the order in which they are received, but the Executive Board may advance one application above another when it deems it best for the general and local interest of the Church to do so. Furthermore, several applications may be grouped in one Call at the discretion of the Secretary of Home Missions, and he is permitted to rearrange the order of applications in order to effect a proper grouping when, and as, he may see fit.

"(7) The amount of aid granted for any project shall not exceed \$1000.00 at any one time and may be limited to \$250.00 at the discretion of the Secretary of Home Missions. Either of these limitations may be suspended in any instance by the Executive Board, who shall also have authority to change any decisions of the Secretary of Home Missions as it may see fit.

"(8) Each Conference shall elect a Conference Card Call Secretary to promote the interest of the Card Call Plan and Home Missions.

"(9) There shall be an additional blank on the Pastor's annual statistical report under 'Number of Tithers' which shall be 'Number of Card Call Subscribers.'"

III. We recommend that an appeal be made for the new Australian Conference during the first year of the quadrennium.

IV. Paragraph 147 to be amended as follows: Add a new subparagraph (1) which shall read:

"(1) A Home Mission Annual Conference may elect the Secretary

of Home Missions as its President, and when such is done he shall perform the duties of President as outlined in the Book of Discipline. If he so desires and the Conference Missionary Board approves, the Secretary of Home Missions may designate one of the Ministers of the Conference to supervise the work of the Conference under his direction."

V. We recommend that Items 54 and 56 be not approved. (See Report No. 18.)

VI. We recommend that Item 55 be not approved. (See Report No. 18.)

VII. We recommend that these recommendations become effective upon the rise of the General Conference and that the Board of Administration shall fix the status of Home Mission Annual Conferences for the coming quadrennium.

Signed: J. R. SWAUGER, Chairman;
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HAROLD B. MILLER,
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W. C. GUNBY,
S. W. BLANCHARD,
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D. A. MANKER, Committee.

Report No. 29 MARION COLLEGE

To the Members of the General Conference:

Marion College is very happy to submit to you a brief quadrennial summary. The past four years have been an unusually significant period in the life of the college, but with all the blessings which have been ours, it has been a time when life did not flow through regular channels, and one did not know from one year to the next what to expect except that God's guidance and beneficent care were being extended to us.

Marion has been one of two or three schools in the state of Indiana which experienced a constant growth throughout this entire period. For the year 1943-'44 our total enrollment was 301; exclusive of summer school; for 1944-'45 we enrolled 332; in 1945-'46 our total registration was 394; while in 1946-'47 a total of 504 students were enrolled in the various departments of the college. None of these figures include registrations for the summer terms which were as follows: in 1944, 133; in 1945, 139; in 1946, 169; our present summer enrollment to date runs at 176 and there will be others registering for the last half of the term. I can look back to the days when Marion College did not register more students in a regular term than we are enrolling now during the summer. This year Marion College has graduated the largest class in her history with a total of eighty people graduating from all departments. During the quadrennium Marion has enrolled a total of 2148 students.

Back in 1941 we found ourselves with a growing student body and general conditions so badly crowded that we started to initiate a campaign for a new building. Our committees were just getting underway when Pearl Harbor happened, so the proposed campaign was dropped. The general prediction was that college enrollments would lessen, but when our student bodies continued to grow, it became evident that even in the midst of the war period, Marion must make preparations to enlarge her facilities. Consequently three years ago a building campaign drive was inaugurated. At that time we outlined a three-story administration

library building which was estimated to cost approximately \$100,000. It was the general belief at that time when the war ended, prices would drop and the building could be constructed for considerably less; consequently our campaign actually called for the raising of approximately \$75,000. The campaign has proceeded well and we have today approximately \$60,000 in the treasury for building purposes.

A year ago the Federal Congress passed the Mead Bill which provided that the Federal Government should provide buildings for colleges whose Statement of Need was approved by the U. S. Office of Education. Early in the fall Marion College was approved for a library and three classrooms to contain approximately 5900 square feet of floor space. After due deliberation the Local Board of Managers decided to enter into joint construction with the Federal Works Agency and double the allotment of floor space. When this program was inaugurated, the Government increased the amount of material which was being set aside for our use with the result that we are now in the construction of a two-story library and classroom building which will provide 12,500 square feet of floor space and give us a library and eight additional classrooms. The government's contracts call for the completion of this building by September 1st; however there have been so many delays due, in large part, to weather conditions that it does not seem humanly possible that such an objective can be reached within the given time. However if the building is not ready by the opening of school in September, it will be ready very shortly thereafter.

It is interesting to note that the originally-planned building would have provided 14,850 square feet of floor space and its present construction price would probably be at least \$150,000. Our joint construction with the Federal Government provides only 2,350 square feet of floor space less than the original building and the cost to the college apparently will not be greater than \$25,000 or \$30,000. We hope to complete this unit and still have some \$25,000 or \$30,000 left in the treasury for additional building purposes.

Our most pressing need today is for housing for both men and women but for many years the college has sorely needed a men's dormitory; consequently it is our present belief that that is the next unit which should be added on the campus. Plans are under consideration for its completion, but we are not at this time ready for official announcement. Last year the Government gave us a trailer camp under the Lanham Act, which has been of material assistance in the housing of married service personnel, but we have also been dependent upon the city of Marion for many such facilities. We had last year more than one hundred married men in the student body, which of course, necessitated that the greater percentage of them have apartments of some sort in Marion. An appeal to the city during the summer opened to us many homes which had never before rented rooms to students or anyone else. But for the fact that the people of Marion so cooperated, the college would have turned at least one hundred students away. We did not accept nearly all of the applications which were filed and we endeavored to screen the group that the college might minister particularly to the type of young person who is seeking a distinctly Christian education. A year ago at this time, G. I.'s were sending out applications, sometimes literally by the dozen, trying to make certain that they were able to enroll somewhere. Many of these people were interested only in finding a place where they might obtain college training under the G. I. Bill and the ethical standards of the institution meant little to them. I should say that we were reasonably successful in our screening process for we had a splendid group of service men and

women on the campus, the majority of whom made a positive contribution to the ideals and standards of the college. A very large percentage of such students also were preparing for definite gospel service. Our physical plant has been wholly inadequate within the last year to accept the strain put upon it. Both classrooms and faculty were hopelessly overloaded, but we were able nevertheless to accomplish a good year of work and both our facilities and staff have been enlarged for the coming year. Apparently we shall need such enlargements for we have more reservations in our files today than we had a year ago.

Marion College has endeavored to set for herself in recent years three definite goals, the first is being reached in the construction of the library-classroom building now in process of building; the second is the dormitory to which reference has already been made; the third is application for membership into the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It is useless for Marion to make such application until we have enlarged our plant facilities but that is in the process of being accomplished.

Certain procedures of the North Central Association within the last year have given us great encouragement. For three years we have participated in the study conducted by the association on the campuses of 72 colleges into the processes of teacher training in liberal arts colleges. Such participation has been at the invitation of the Association. From these contacts we have obtained information and suggestions which will prove of benefit in connection with our application. One problem which has always confronted us has been our college theological course. Through the years general accrediting agencies have completely ignored such courses and it has been my personal fear that when we came to make application for complete accreditation we should find ourselves compelled to perhaps make a separation between that and the other departments of the college; however within the last year, the North Central Association for the first time in its history has accredited a theological seminary. The Northern Baptist Seminary at Chicago maintains a college theological course as a part of its curriculum which is on a basis comparable to our own. Some time last year they asked the North Central to accredit this particular course and the Association not only accredited that course, but every other department of the Seminary, including its graduate school. This is the first act of its kind, I believe, taken by any general accrediting agency in the United States, and seemingly, it gives Marion College a pattern which we may hope to follow for the future.

Certain significant changes have occurred in our faculty and staff during the year. Two years ago Mrs. Blanche Goodwin, the head of the Art Department for a period of years, was compelled to retire because of ill health and her death occurred during the past year. Also during the past year came the death of Mr. Daniel Baker, commonly known on the campus for many years as "Uncle Dan." His period of service as custodian began in the middle of Marion College's first year and continued until the middle of this year. He gave to Marion long years of faithful, devoted service and the heritage of a genial Christian life which left its imprint upon every student who knew him. Also within this quadrennium came the resignation of Mr. J. D. Williams, who for so many years had charge of the business office. Everyone knows of his long and efficient service, not only to Marion College, but to the Church at large. A physical break necessitated his resignation. Marion College could see him go only with a feeling of sadness for through many uncertain years he had stood by the fortunes of the college and was always a guiding, steady influence. He remains active, however, on the Local Board of Mana-

gers and as a member of the Building Committee at the present time.

Marion College has been exceedingly fortunate, however, for in this situation, like in many others, God had prepared for us a man who could step in and take over the work of the business office in the person of the Rev. C. A. Letherer, who for a period of time, had assisted Mr. Williams in the office and was rather familiar with its details. Both by training and experience, he had been fitted for such a task as is his at the present time and he has carried on in a magnificent way. His problems have been tremendous due to the unusual amount of government business transactions which are necessary in connection with the operation of the trailer camp and in handling the records of those who come to college under the G. I. Bill. No one knows the multitudinous details connected with this great government program of education except one who has handled them. I bespeak for Mr. Letherer in his responsible position the complete confidence of the Church at large, their sympathetic understanding, and their prayers. Throughout this quadrennium Marion College has operated free from debt and with steadily growing income and assets. Also the college has obtained from the government a large amount of surplus materials upon which no evaluation has yet been placed, and in consequence, do not appear in our report.

Very few changes have occurred in the faculty during the quadrennium. Marion has today teaching upon her campus a loyal band of men and women, who are true to the doctrines of the Church and to the cause of Christian education. Their lives are being given in sacrificial service, the results of which the Church will see across the years in the lives of youth who are constantly going out from the campus to serve throughout a large area of the denomination. God has been very gracious in giving Marion College an opportunity to minister to youth who have come from the far reaches of our country. Within recent years our students have come from an area which has extended from the New England states to the Pacific Coast and from Canada to the Gulf.

It has been both a joy and a privilege to have served such youth. The Church has never produced a finer generation of young people than those who are to be found today on the campuses of our schools. They have ability, they have vision, they have a consecrated purpose to be of service to the Church and to the Kingdom of our Lord. May God grant that in the days which lie ahead the Church may have the vision to put this great host of youth into such places of responsibility that every resource of their lives will be challenged and every reservoir of ability will be harnessed and put into active service as we seek to build the Kingdom of Heaven into the lives of men.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. McCONN, President.

QUADRENNIAL FINANCIAL REPORT

May 1, 1943 to April 30, 1947

To the Board of Trustees and Members of the General Conference:

This is our first report to General Conference. After the resignation of Mr. Williams, a year ago last January, the business was temporarily in the hands of the President, Dr. McConn. In response to the action of the Local Board of Managers of Marion College and the approval of the Executive Board of the Book Committee, I assumed the duties of Treasurer and Business Manager as of March 1, 1946. I feel, however, that the labors of Mr. Williams have made such a definite contribution to the financial welfare of the school, and also since he served two years of this

quadrrennium as Treasurer, that he should be included in our thinking and expression of thanks to God for the splendid report possible at this time.

These past four years have been a period of development and growth. The demands of a large student body required additional equipment and facilities; worn-out equipment has been replaced and the requirements to adequately serve next year's student body have been given consideration.* This has made for heavy expense but these expenditures will continue to be of value for many years.

Our financial reserve is not large but we feel confident that with the continued blessing of the Lord, the faithfulness of our constituency, and a mutual vision of greater service to our youth and Church that the next quadrrennium will be one of progress and expansion.

Respectfully yours,

CLIFTON A. LETHERER.

To the Members of the Book Committee:

I have been asked by Mr. Letherer, Treasurer and Business Manager, to write a short message to you. I would have enjoyed meeting with you again, but the quadrrennium has brought its changes in our home and on account of the illness of Mrs. Williams it will not be possible for me to attend.

With a building program on and an increase in our enrollment, we will show some business gain in the financial report. Some repairs which have been needed so badly have been made during the past year. There is some progress being made on the construction of a new building. Our faculty have been most loyal with living costs so high and salaries so low. But if we are to move forward and meet the challenge of this age, there is much to be done. Yet, we are serving a great God who is able for every situation. Our prayer is that the melting power of God will rest upon the Book Committee as they meet, and upon each session of the General Conference.

Sincerely,

JOHN D. WILLIAMS.

Statement of Operating Income and Expense

May 1, 1943 to April 30, 1947

Receipts

Students:

Tuition	\$179,289.72
Registration Fee	15,030.07
Athletic Fee	1,144.33
Gymnasium Fee	1,176.59
Journal Fee	1,424.16
Lecture Course Fee	1,314.08
Library Fee	4,650.71
Hospital Fee	1,842.35
Film Fee	662.90
Electric Fee	1,566.09
Laboratory Fee	6,127.77
Room Deposits	1,756.66
Piano and Organ Rent	2,585.18
Late Registration	274.89
Special Examinations	146.38
Student Teaching Fee	1,428.83

Diploma Fee	1,410.30	
Placement Bureau	85.38	
Transcripts	341.20	
College Entrance Examinations	80.00	
Choir Letters	19.00	
Marionette	367.86	
Total		\$222,733.45
Capital Investment:		
Girls' Dormitory	\$27,450.37	
Boys' Dormitory	3,357.95	
Dining Hall	98,807.26	
Bookstore	800.00	
Total		\$130,415.58
Gifts:		
Contributions	\$4,953.78	
Educational Budget	39,129.99	
Dining Hall Equipment	1,184.85	
Memorial Scholarship	504.75	
Progress Fund	24.00	
Dormitory Furniture	2,065.99	
Total		\$47,863.36
Other Sources:		
Interest on Investments	\$5,641.10	
Interest on Endowment	1,675.59	
Notes Receivable	5,759.59	
Notes Payable	1,500.00	
Trailer Camp	7,535.84	
Postage	230.57	
Telephone and Telegraph	1,008.83	
Miscellaneous	2,514.38	
Fuel, Light and Water	426.20	
Office Supplies	127.90	
Student Loan	4,010.00	
Advertising	757.36	
Atkinson House	700.00	
H. D. Williams House	630.00	
Total		\$32,517.36
Total Receipts		\$433,529.75
Cash on Hand May 1, 1943		5,186.24
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		\$438,715.99
	Disbursements	
Capital Outlay:		
Trailer Lots	\$1,500.00	
Water Line (East Campus)	858.00	
Library Storeroom	101.16	
Teter Hall Bath Fixtures	96.00	
Teter Hall Rooms—Third Floor	5,821.32	
Fire Escape	2,473.00	
Total		\$10,849.48

General Control:

Adm. and Office Salaries	\$51,228.71
Board Meeting	911.36
General Conference Entertainment	100.00
Printing	4,385.32
Office Supplies	1,921.96
Postage	1,962.91
Advertising	9,117.19
School Supplies	640.23
Bank Service Charge	128.61
Telephone and Telegraph	2,429.60
Traveling Expense	3,476.64

Total \$76,302.53

Instructional:

Salaries	\$141,170.71
Library	5,206.84
Visual Education	269.53
Laboratory Supplies	4,326.92
Student Teaching	1,676.50
Speech Clinic	9.11

Total \$152,660.01

Equipment:

Classroom	\$1,451.27
Laboratory	341.57
Office	263.60
Library	8.00
Dormitory Furnishings	2,705.41
Dining Hall	2,051.78
Laundry	58.76
Gymnasium	1,085.53
Furniture and Apparatus	1,729.60

Total \$9,695.52

Annuities:

Annuity Interest	\$3,875.75	\$3,875.75
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Operation and Maintenance:

Janitor Salary	\$9,436.73
Dining Hall	79,153.56
Fuel, Light and Water	13,558.51
Janitor Supplies	3,180.58
Maintenance	3,297.73
Repairs	8,945.53
Express and Freight	1,428.14
Orchard Expense	67.60
Girls' Dormitory	6,491.89
Insurance	1,905.20
Boys' Dormitory	145.29
Gymnasium	445.25

Total \$128,056.01

Students:

Students Accounts Receivable	\$155.61	
Tuition	270.25	
Music Lecture	1,074.51	
Room Deposit Refunds	406.93	
Teachers Placement Fee	13.00	
Piano and Organ Repairs	1,031.55	
Diplomas	455.39	
Hospital Supplies	332.77	
Athletic Supplies	1,070.96	
Journal	1,184.00	
Radio Fee Refund	1.50	
Scholarships	3,779.80	
Marionette	107.00	
Student Loan	2,510.00	
Total		\$12,393.27

Miscellaneous:

Safety Deposit Box	\$24.00	
Taxes	297.57	
Bookstore	2,965.60	
Notes Receivable	9,620.00	
Reserve Fund	10,000.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	965.62	
Trailer Camp	7,601.19	
Contribution	1,500.00	
Total		\$32,973.98

Cash on Hand, April 30, 1947	\$426,806.55
	11,909.44
	<u>\$438,715.99</u>

Statement of Special Funds
(Gifts for Permanency)
Receipts

Gifts:

Student Foundation	\$12,607.01	
Building Fund	39,785.36	
Endowment	18,723.68	
* Total		\$71,116.05

Redemption of Investments:

Endowment	\$29,868.27	
Building Fund	15,663.00	
Student Foundation	13,741.63	
Total		\$59,272.90

Cash on Hand, May 1, 1943	\$130,388.95
	4,417.43
	<u>\$134,806.38</u>

Disbursements

Expenditures:

Endowment Investments	\$48,162.23
Student Foundation	15,409.44
Building Fund Investments	43,564.88
Building Expense	707.66
Total	<u>\$107,844.21</u>
Cash on Hand, April 30, 1947	26,962.17
	<u>\$134,806.38</u>

Recapitulation
Statement of Profit and Loss

Income:

Students	\$222,733.45
Capital Investments	130,415.58
Gifts	47,863.36
Other Sources	32,517.36
Total	<u>\$433,529.75</u>

Expenses:

Capital Outlay	\$10,849.48
General Control	76,302.53
Instructional	152,660.01
Equipment	9,695.52
Annuity Interest	3,875.75
Operation and Maintenance	128,056.01
Students	12,393.27
Miscellaneous	32,973.98
Total	<u>\$426,806.55</u>

Current Gain for Quadrennium \$6,723.20

Special Funds:

Gifts for Permanency \$71,116.05

Business Gain for Quadrennium \$77,839.25

Investments
(As Reported in 1947 Annual Report)

	Int. Rate	Principal
Indiana Conference Note (Anderson Church)	4%	\$500.00
Indiana Conference Note (Rochester Church)	4%	4,500.00
Charles Taylor Note	4%	355.00
John Main Note	4%	250.00
J. W. Elliott Note and Contract	4%	2,350.00
Pully, 1st Mtg. 100 acres, Wabash County	4%	2,500.00
Sheets, 1st Mtg. 3908 South Harmon Street, Marion, Indiana	4%	2,300.00
Rigsbee, 1st Mtg. 4016 South Harmon Street, Marion, Indiana	4%	1,500.00
William T. Williams, 1st Mtg. 1101 N. Railroad, Fairmount, Indiana	4%	1,830.00
Kenneth Dunn, 1st Mtg. 1617 W. 4th, Marion	4%	3,000.00
Home Corners Parsonage, Marion	4%	3,000.00

Evart Bond, 1st Mtg. Nelsonville, Ohio	4%	2,979.85
Campground Stock and Cottage		300.00
Gifford Estate, Royal Savings Loan, Portsmouth, Ohio		60.42
Marion Building and Loan Association	2¼%	6,744.92
Government Bonds		40,775.00
First National Bank	1½%	38,599.96
Total		<u>\$111,545.15</u>

	Assets	
	May 1, 1943	April 30, 1947
Capital Outlay:		
Campus	\$ 8,348.00	\$10,706.00
College Building	86,000.00	88,473.00
Gymnasium	8,000.00	15,000.00
Teter Hall	88,072.79	94,091.27
Boys' Dormitory	17,000.00	17,000.00
Equipment:		
Library	\$15,989.93	\$18,794.03
Furniture and Apparatus	15,192.04	18,572.27
Office	3,238.47	3,502.07
Dormitory Furnishings	10,128.56	12,833.97
Dining Hall Furnishings and Equip....	5,389.80	6,904.08
Hospital Room	690.16	690.16
Gymnasium	1,313.99	2,399.52
Tools	374.80	374.80
Investments:		
Endowment Notes	\$31,914.21	\$14,896.94
Endowment Investments	19,237.37	29,531.33
Student Foundation	3,566.32	10,525.00
Building Fund	3,566.33	22,816.85
Student Loan	6,335.64	5,000.00
Atkinson House and Lot	1,444.80	
Stagg Farm Mortgage	2,084.81	
Bills Receivable	259.03	
Cash:		
Special Funds	\$4,417.43	\$26,962.17
Current Fund	5,186.24	11,909.44
	<u>\$337,750.72</u>	<u>\$410,982.90</u>
Net Gain for Quadrennium	73,232.18	
	<u>\$410,982.90</u>	<u>\$410,982.90</u>

Report No. 30

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL COLLEGE

For the Quadrennium From June, 1943 to June 25, 1947

To the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church:

Dear Co-Laborers in God's Kingdom:

It is with joy and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father that we today present to you a report of the progress and events of Central College during the past quadrennium. In the beginning of this report we again

remember that during the quadrennium the institution lost one of the best friends and servants it ever had. We pause again to thank God for the life and service of the late President John Frank Childs, and for all that he meant to the school. He accomplished a great work. His name and work will ever stand high in the life and history of the institution. We say again that it was the good foundation which he had built that made possible the subsequent expansion program which we are experiencing. He was a great man and we have much appreciation for him, his life and work. It has been difficult in many ways to follow him, but we have done our best and thank God for the degree of success He has given.

In the beginning of this report, permit me to be personal enough to give a heart-felt testimony regarding my relations to the school. It was approximately twenty-two years ago that I came to Central College from southern Alabama, a wayward boy, but with a hungry heart for my soul's salvation, to begin my second year of high school work. The second night I was at the school found me at an altar of prayer seeking God. During this first year of school work at Central, I settled it that, regardless of the cost, I was going all the way with God, dedicating my life to His service wherever He called. The school, having meant so much to me, has been a very vital part of my life from that day to this. Having such a heart-interest as I have felt in the school for these twenty-two years, I have always been ready to serve for its advancement in any way that I could. However, I did not know that as the late President Childs was to lay down his earthly task, the present responsibility would become mine. But since my consecration to God and His work years ago, I have never said "No" to the call of the Church, regardless of what it has been. During my two and one-half years of service at Central, the work has been strenuous, the responsibilities heavy and the tasks hard, but in the midst of it I have felt His Spirit which has encouraged me along the way and I am glad to testify to you today that I have done my best to properly execute the responsibilities the Church has placed upon me.

We want to ever keep before us the fact that the purpose of the school is to train Christian young people for service in God's Kingdom. This should definitely be kept before us in all our planning. It is not in our thinking to build a larger school just for the sake of the name or prestige it would bring to the institution, but for the sake of the Church and the salvation of the lost we want to ever enlarge the usefulness and sphere of influence of Central College. I am not so much interested in sending our young people out to make big salaries as I am in sending them out to live lives of service to God and the Church.

We praise the Lord that the progress of the school has been evident in most every respect. During the past year we had an enrollment of 208 as compared with 106 two years ago. The highest previous enrollment in the history of the school was 112. That was during the school year 1925-1926 when the Rev. A. E. Wachtel was president. In making this comparison, of course, we are not counting the grammar grade students that were registered at that time, but only the departments as compared with the present organization of the school. The theological department is the largest it has ever been. Also the college department is the largest it has ever been. We thank the Lord for this enlarged opportunity of serving Him by helping to train a larger number of the young people of our Church, for we had one of the finest groups of young people during this past year ever assembled on our campus. The commencement this spring was one of great blessing. The graduating class was the largest we have ever had. We granted seventy-one diplomas and certificates.

There is considerable desire to again make Central College a four-year college. Though we must not be too hasty about such a step, I feel very definitely that this should be in our long range planning. We are, however, making immediate plans to enlarge our program. The Local Board of Managers has instructed the president to make investigations regarding the possibility of beginning a commercial department. If we can locate a proper teacher for this work, I see no reason why we should not be able to begin such a department this fall.

One great need of the school is to be able to better pay its teachers. Though we have increased teachers' salaries by 25% during the last two years, that is not sufficient to take care of their needs. We are working toward better payment of our staff as soon as possible.

The expansion program of the school has gone forward at a rapid pace for which we thank the Lord. During the past two and one-half years we have raised over \$48,000 in cash and we have hopes of getting some five or six thousand more in annuities within the near future; one thousand of this is definitely promised during the month of July.

One of the great handicaps of the school has been an inadequate water supply. It is indeed a great relief that we now have a sufficient water supply. We have a six-inch water main attached to the city water system according to a contract which we were previously able to work out between the city and Board of Trustees. It certainly is a relief to us as the water system has been a growing problem and was extremely difficult to handle. The cost of installation of this water line was approximately \$12,000. We have received \$6,300 of this in annuities and \$400 in gifts. We hope to get at least \$5,000 more in annuities to take care of the balance. We are now supplying twenty-four families from our water line and expect to take on a few more customers soon.

As has been advertised through THE WESLEYAN METHODIST we are erecting a boys' dormitory in memory of the late President Childs. Progress on this building has in general been good, though we were delayed in the spring for lack of materials. The work is now advanced to the place that the crew is probably plastering the inside of the building this week. When this building is completed, it will supply sufficient room for from seventy to one hundred forty boys, depending on how much we may need to crowd them. It is a four-story building including basement. It also includes a nice five-room apartment for the dean of men. So far we have raised above \$36,000 in cash on this building and we are endeavoring to raise about \$15,000 more so as to erect it free of debt. Everyone who has seen the building is well pleased with its structure and appearance. It will supply a great need and will probably be the best building on the campus.

The Bridwell Building, which is to house our library, has been going forward with good progress during the spring with the superstructure having been completed, and the roof will perhaps be put on this week. This building was made possible by the gift of \$8,000 by Mr. R. W. Bridwell of Greer, S. C. This is going to be a great asset to the work in providing ample library space and making possible more classroom space. This building is well built and has a very nice appearance, one that I think we shall all be proud of. We are hoping to have it ready for use in September.

The first wing of the McDonald Hall, a dormitory for the girls, was erected during the administration of President Childs. We are glad to report that the excavating has been done and the foundation poured for the adding of the other wing. This project must of necessity go slowly as all others must have priority. However, it is very much needed and I

hope we can soon be able to complete it also. It might be of interest to know that we have already cut timber on our own property sufficient to provide most of the lumber necessary for this building.

We thank God for His help in securing aid from the government. The new dining hall which is a project of the Federal Works Agency is nearing completion. We had to build the basement walls of this building as we wanted a basement for use. The excavating and building of the basement walls was done at an approximate cost of \$3,000. This building contains a floor space area of 5,775 square feet, with an equal area in the basement, making a total floor space area of 11,550 square feet. It is erected in such a way that we can brick-veneer it later. We feel that the securing of this building is a major accomplishment in the taking care of our work. It really exceeds our expectation. Again, we praise God for His help and blessings.

Another important project completed on our campus during the past year is that of the veterans housing which contains twelve reasonably nice, temporary apartments. They are all occupied and we are needing more.

We are also securing considerable equipment from the government. In all, according to government spending, we have received in government projects a total of about \$65,000. Though some government officials tell us that we got much more than our proportional share, we have been promised and are expecting considerably more yet. The government has approved for us a gymnasium building if a proper building can be found where we feel that we can, at our own expense, move and erect it. We had one such building available which was the best of its kind that we have seen on government property, but the War Assets Administration would not release it to the Federal Works Agency. We hope to get such a building as soon as possible.

The congestion in our administration building will be greatly relieved by the erection of the dining hall and library buildings. It will take both of these activities out of the administration building and make more space available for class-rooms, offices and other needs.

The interest of the community and immediate vicinity in the school is very encouraging. Recent remarks from leading business men have made us feel good as it indicated their knowledge and appreciation of the advancing steps of the school. It will be of interest to the conference to know that seven business men of our county have contributed \$500 each toward the building program, several have given \$100, and others smaller amounts. We are all aware of the fact that this is the first time in the history of the school such an interest has been manifested among the people of our community. It seems to be their attitude that a new day is dawning for the school and they want to have a part in the realization of its progress. Frankly, I feel that a great deal more will soon be accomplished among our local business men.

During our efforts to make these needed improvements, people have urged that we just raise the money and wait until building costs were lower. My answer to this is that the Christian training of the young people that would have to be turned away is of more value than the extra dollars needed for building now. Then too, it is a wellknown fact that if something is being done, people will give more. Time has proved that immediate action was wise. As building costs have continued to mount instead of drop, those who had received their money to build at a later date find themselves still unable to do much while Central College has come forward and will soon have the use of several new buildings. We praise the Lord for His help. Again I would say it has not been easy. It has been extremely strenuous and especially has this been so with

limited help and under circumstances that we would like to have seen more favorable.

I believe with all my heart that God has a still greater work for Central College to do and assure you that with all our might we shall go forward as fast as possible.

The crowded conditions of the past year created many problems. Some of them were most acute and sometimes we did not know which way to turn. However, God helped as He always does and we were able to work out of them in a fairly good manner. We hope to be better able to handle such matters during the coming year. I am very much aware of the fact that the tasks before us are tremendous, but I feel that nothing should cause us to waver. God has shown His approval of what we are doing. Therefore, we should go forward with courage and a determination that will not be defeated.

I think I am not visionary when I say I believe Central College needs be second to none among our holiness colleges. We have a great field, and I think no school has a greater opportunity than does Central College. In view of the fact that there are so few holiness schools in the South, certainly there is a greater opportunity before us than we have been using. I pray God to help us use every opportunity He gives us.

There has been a great cry for increased educational recognition for our school. Immediately after assuming the administration of the work I began a limited study of the needs and found that some basic conditions must be improved before we could make any showing at all. A good number of them have been improved and it is now our plan to seek some inspection and advice from the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools this fall. We are aware of the fact that there is yet a great deal to be done. However, having discussed the matter with other school men, it seems that it might be wise to get the attention of the association and let them give us some advice. When they see that we are making the progress that they have indicated, it will in all probability give us more favor with them.

Though we are grateful for God's material blessings upon the school, we praise Him most of all for His spiritual blessings. During the quadrennium we have had a good number of gracious revival seasons. The past year was one of great spiritual blessings even in the midst of strenuous circumstances. We take courage and look forward to the future with the expectation of greater blessings from the Lord. We have prospects of an even larger enrollment for the next school year. We want to be prepared to receive every young person possible who wants a Christian education. By God's help we are determined to keep the school spiritual and desire that it will continually send forth young people who are deeply spiritual and full of evangelistic zeal.

We look forward to another year of progress and victory, and pray that God will guide in every step of the work.

We present herewith the financial report for the quadrennium feeling that it, in some degree, is indicative of God's blessings upon the work.

**Financial Report of the Wesleyan Methodist College of Central,
Central, South Carolina
Receipts and Disbursements
Receipts**

Student Tuition and Fees	\$53,962.70
Income from Investments	91,768.63
Gifts for Current Expense	38,962.49

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Gifts for Improvements	45,025.20
Miscellaneous	9,787.79
Annuities	6,300.00
Loans	34,700.00

Total Receipts	\$280,236.81
Cash on Hand, May 1, 1943	3,755.08

Total to Account for	\$283,991.89
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Disbursements

General Control	\$21,289.08
Instructional	55,669.08
Operational	7,561.83
Maintenance	7,060.98
Debt Service	1,635.44
Capital Outlay	67,107.67
Investments	73,990.26
Liabilities	100.31
Miscellaneous	21,325.34

Total Disbursements	\$255,739.99
Cash on Hand, April 30, 1947	28,251.90

Total to Balance	\$283,991.89
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Profit and Loss Statement

Total Receipts for Current Expense	\$197,143.33
Total Disbursements for Current Expense	194,311.74
Operating Gain for the Quadrennium ...	\$2,831.59

Assets and Liabilities

Total Assets April 30, 1947	\$176,259.40
Total Liabilities April 30, 1947	46,749.69

Net Assets April 30, 1947	\$129,509.71
Total Assets May 1, 1943	\$60,854.04
Total Liabilities May 1, 1943	5,000.00

Net Assets May 1, 1943	55,854.04
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Net Gain for Quadrennium	\$73,655.67
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Liabilities April 30, 1947	
Annuities	\$11,300.00
Notes	35,449.69

Total	\$46,749.69
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Appreciation and Depreciation

Neither Appreciation nor Depreciation have been taken into account in this report.

Signed: J. B. HILSON, President and Treasurer.

Report No. 31

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF HOUGHTON COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

For the Quadrennium from June, 1943 to June, 1947

Mr. President and Brethren of the General Conference:

Again in the rich providence of God we are privileged to bring you a quadrennial report concerning the affairs of your school at Houghton. When we present annual reports to the Book Committee, our Board of Trustees, it seldom occurs to us to thank God just for the privilege of making the report. But in the case of a quadrennial report we are more conscious of the span of time and are impelled to thank our Father for the simple fact that He has brought us through another four years—twenty-fifth part of a century. Our very continuation as a school to this day speaks of God's continuing mercy and care.

Enrollment Summary

First we call your attention to a couple of simple tables which will reveal quickly the trends of the past four years as to the student enrollment and the financial position of the school. The first is a summary of enrollment figures for each of these years as of the beginning of the school year. It follows:

Year	College	High School	Bible School	Total	College Grads
1943-4	292	70	24	386	61
1944-5	333	104		437	41
1945-6	449	103		552	57
1946-7	720	72		792	84

Concerning the caliber of our students, we feel that more and more God is sending to us young people who are attracted by the school's standards and witness for God. For some reason no record of the denominational representation on our campus was made for the year 1943-4. But the figure for three years following showed a group of Wesleyan Methodist students which grew successively from 75 to 115 to 145. During 1944-5 and 1945-6 the Wesleyan group was the largest in the school. This past year, with the tremendous increase in students, the group of Wesleyan Methodist students lacked 22 of being the largest group. In this time of crowded facilities all possible consideration is being given to applications of our own young people, for we desire as much as in us lies to serve adequately the Church. But we need the cooperation of our people in getting the applications in to us as early as possible. Particularly in the case of married students, the situation is very close and demands early application.

Perhaps we might also comment briefly upon the faculty. There has not been a time in my recollection when we have had a more devoted and spiritual group on our faculty and staff. The number on the teaching staff of the college was 32 during the first year of the quadrennium and 40 in the year just closed. There were five of our faculty with earned doctor's degrees at the beginning of the quadrennium as compared with ten last year. Thirty-two of our forty teachers are members of our own Church. The faculty are whole heartedly concerned with maintaining a spiritual program in the school.

Financial Position Each Year

Next we cite a summary of the financial condition of the school year

by year as indicated by value of land, buildings, and equipment; the amount of endowment other than plant; the total obligations of the school in notes, mortgages, and bonds payable; the excess of plant and endowment assets over our liabilities; and also an accounting of the current income and expense with the loss or gain for each year. These figures are taken from the annual reports, and are as follows:

Year	Land, Bldgs. & Equipment	Endowment Except Plant	Notes, Mtgs. & Bonds Payable	Excess of Plant & Endowment Assets Over Liab.
1943-4	\$552,178.17	\$26,906.02	\$29,869.41	\$549,220.78
1944-5	559,171.64	24,620.97	29,069.41	505,481.26
1945-6	578,339.00	44,422.69	34,069.41	588,692.28
1946-7	633,108.10	50,009.65	81,269.41	601,848.34

Year	Current Income	Current Expense	Current Net Loss	Current Net Gain
1943-4	\$165,521.84	\$165,946.24	\$ 424.40	\$
1944-5	176,777.55	173,944.61		2,832.94
1945-6	230,635.71	233,774.22	3,138.51	
1946-7	391,808.52	356,415.37		35,393.15

These summaries are given in order to indicate yearly progress. A more complete financial accounting will be presented following the President's report.

The War-Time Slump in Enrollment

We now mention briefly some of the more important happenings of the quadrennium. The year 1943-44 found us in the trough of our war-time enrollment slump with a college student body of 292, a large proportion of these being girls. The preceding year had brought a running deficit of \$10,744.00, and it had been necessary to reduce the teaching staff. The student income for 1943-44 was \$12,000.00 less than the preceding year, but the Lord helped us to close the year with a deficit of only \$424.40. Part of this was through rigid economies. Part of it was through the loyal cooperation of our people with our drive for new memberships in the Life Support Union, in order to help with current expenses.

Inauguration of Christian Workers' Course

During this year we brought the Bible School within the structure of the college. It had been a frequent source of disappointment to young people who had completed the Bible School course and who desired to take the ministerial course in the college, that no college credit could be granted for the Bible School work. This was because the Bible School did not require high school graduation for entrance. Thus the work could not be accorded the status of college work receiving college credit. Thus there was a growing feeling on the part of the Bible School students that they were taking an inferior course. Furthermore, we were offering in the ministerial course in the college, courses which very closely paralleled those being given in the Bible School.

Consequently, after consulting the conference presidents of our area, we established in the college a two year Christian Workers' Course at reduced tuition, leading to a diploma, and with a provision allowing the student to use this credit toward a college degree if he desires.

The year 1943-44 was signalized by the breaking out of revival fires in places served by our young ministerial students. God gave us two helpful revival meetings on the campus, under the leadership of our Connectional Editor, Dr. Roy S. Nicholson and the Rev. B. N. Miner.

The Upward Curve Resumed

The school year 1944-45 saw an increased student body and an atmosphere of increasing optimism as the tides of battle in Europe and in the Pacific began to turn in favor of the United Nations. The spring brought to a victorious conclusion the European conflict. Applications for the following school year made us realize that we must make extra provision for rooms for students for the fall semester.

Rooms in the women's dormitory had already been assigned. We asked the girls in single rooms to volunteer to share them with others. Twenty-six new places were made available in this way. Steese house was remodeled to accommodate ten more. Arrangements were made with Houghton Camp Meeting Association to permit us to winterize and furnish one of the dormitories on the campground, thus providing places for forty-eight more girls. At the same time, plans were commenced for a new permanent dormitory for women.

The school year 1945-46 started with 542 students in the college and seminary. It was our first post-war year, hostilities with Japan having ceased on August 14. This year we started a Christian Education department in the college for the preparation of young people wishing to serve in Christian education programs in local churches, in the Sunday schools and daily vacation Bible schools, or in released-time Bible instruction. Students enrolled in this department were able to get actual field experience in connection with a movement to provide Bible instruction for the boys and girls of Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties. This work employed a Houghton alumnus as a full-time missionary. By the end of the year, this program was reaching about 1,000 children each week. Some twenty to twenty-five students have had a part in this program during the past year.

"Growing Pains"

The year 1946-47 started with the record enrollment of 792. Housing was at a tremendous premium. The thirty-eight apartments for married veterans which were to have been completed by the Federal Government were nowhere in evidence. Students had to commute from Hume and Rushford, Canadea and Belfast. The recreation hall was turned into a temporary barracks. The students thus inconvenienced accepted it with good grace, realizing the demands which were being made upon the school. During the early part of the second semester the veterans units began to be turned over to us and by the middle of the semester all were in use.

One source of increasing hardship, as our school population has increased, has been the inadequate water system. Last fall there were not a few days when families living on the campus level had to carry all water used in their homes.

Last spring the Trustees authorized the construction of a new water distribution system at a cost of some \$55,000, the project to be financed by the issuance of bonds to be liquidated progressively by the income from the system. By the definite help of the Lord we have been enabled to find the pipe for this project and the new 8-inch and 6-inch mains are now installed, with regulation fire hydrants which should reduce our insurance rates by about 30%. A water-softening plant will be installed this summer, the Lord willing.

Houghton's Place in the Work of the Church

The quadrennium has been one of spiritual blessing and advancement, we believe. God has blessed our regular church ministry greatly through the labors of our pastor, Dr. C. I. Armstrong. As the Lord Jesus has

been lifted up there have been frequent seekers in our services.

In our times of special revival effort, in addition to those already mentioned, we have had the services of our Connectional Sunday School Secretary, Brother O. G. Wilson, of the Rev. H. Gilbert Williams, the Rev. George Failing, the Rev. Dwight Ferguson, and the Rev. Rufus D. Reisdorph. God has given us many seasons of gracious victory through these servants of His.

This past year our student mission study group has compiled a missionary honor roll comprised of former Houghton students who have served or are now serving on the foreign mission field. Sixty-six names are on this list, which records in its earlier portion such names as those of the Boardmans, Mary Lane Clarke, John Ayres, Hattie Crosby, Florence Yorton, Lulu Tanner, the Elliotts, and the Gibbs and in its recent portion names like those of Hazel Jones, the Bankers, the Starks, Alice Hampe McMillen, Ione Driscall, the Liddicks, the Crosbys, the Lytles, the Huffs, and Marion Birch. Several of our senior class are looking forward to missionary service.

This past year a visiting missionary asked me, "Do you find that the young people going from your school into missions are of your best, or do they tend to be those who would not be likely to succeed in some other calling?" As I thought quickly of some of those mentioned above, I could say without hesitation that our very best young people have been given to missions.

We have desired that the annual conferences of our area might realize as much help as possible in the way of ministerial recruits from our graduating classes. To this end we have inaugurated the custom this year of inviting each of the seven Annual Conference Presidents in this area to spend one or two days on the campus, meeting and counseling with the young people of the conference who are in school, and bringing to the entire student body a chapel message outlining the projects of the conference and the needs for workers. It is felt that this program will result in increased dividends to the church in talent from our school.

We praise God for the continuing help of His countenance, and solicit your prayers that Houghton College and Seminary may have an ever increasing part in the advancement of the cause of Christ and scriptural holiness.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN W. PAINE, President.

Report of the Treasurer of Houghton College and Seminary

From June, 1943 to June, 1947

Balance Sheet As At April 30, 1947

Assets

Current Fund Assets:

Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$55,640.63
Notes Receivable	500.00
Accounts Receivable—Students	\$83,434.92
Accounts Receivable—Sundry Debtors	7,024.06
Accounts Receivable—Gross	90,458.98
Less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts	12,508.47
	<hr/> 77,950.51

Inventories:

Building Materials	\$1,000.00
Book Store Supplies	3,500.00

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Tools	700.00	
Automobile	500.00	
Trucks	900.00	
		6,600.00
Prepaid Charges:		
Dow Hall Lease	\$6,818.25	
Lumber and Logging Enterprise	6,589.59	
Barracks Project	4,803.63	
		18,211.47
Total Current Fund Assets		\$158,902.61
Endowment Fund Assets:		
Cash in Banks		\$32,219.57
Debit Balance—Advances Payable—Current Funds		5,784.69
Stocks—Various	\$3,449.26	
Stocks—Ingham Scholarship Funds	3,045.00	
		6,494.26
Bonds—Various		1,606.30
Mortgages		1,600.00
Notes Receivable		2,304.83
Investments in Plant Assets (Ex. "B")		262,144.48
Total Endowment Fund Assets		\$312,154.13
Plant Fund Assets:		
Accounts Receivable—Operating Fund (Water Bond Proceeds)		9,855.00
Land, Buildings and Equipment (Ex. "B")	633,108.10	
Less: Investment of Endowment Funds in Plant	262,144.48	
		370,963.62
Total Plant Assets		380,818.62
Total Assets		\$851,875.36
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities and Funds:		
Credit Balance—Advances Receivable, Endowment Funds		\$5,784.69
Accounts Payable—Plant Fund (Water Bonds Proceeds)		9,855.00
Credit Balances—Accounts Receivable: Students	\$12,863.99	
Sundry Debtors	89.22	
		12,953.21
Prepaid Fees		68,955.88
Designated Funds		1,573.04
Taxes Withheld From Salaries and Wages		780.10
Operating Fund Surplus (Ex. "C")		59,000.69
Total Current Fund Liabilities and Funds ...		\$158,902.61
Endowment Funds and Liabilities:		
General Purpose Funds (Ex. "D")	203,103.01	
Special Purpose Funds (Ex. "D")	109,051.12	
Total Endowment Funds and Liabilities ...		\$312,154.13

Plant Liabilities and Funds:

Notes Payable (Ex. "E")	\$31,069.41
Mortgages	3,000.00
Water Bonds Payable	47,200.00
Land, Buildings and Equipment Funds (Ex. "F")	299,549.21

Total Plant Liabilities and Funds 380,818.62

Total Liabilities and Funds \$861,875.36

**Houghton College Statement of Land, Buildings, and Equipment
at April 30, 1947**

	Value at May 1, 1943	Invested During Quadrennium	Redemption of Investments	Value at Apr. 30, 1947
Land:				
Campus	\$15,452.16			\$15,452.16
Village Lots	6,924.39		\$367.71	6,556.68
Farm Land	2,153.34			2,153.34
Total Land	\$24,529.89		\$367.71	\$24,162.18
Buildings:				
College	\$60,000.00			\$60,000.00
High School	55,449.71			55,449.71
Gymnasium	50,230.94			50,230.94
Community Hall	1,715.82			1,715.82
Music	21,691.30			21,691.30
Hospital	7,300.00			7,300.00
Girls' Dormitory	83,095.68	\$1,250.00		84,345.68
College Inn	7,300.00			7,300.00
Luckey Memorial	37,108.30	27.81		37,136.11
New Girls' Dormitory		10,235.71		10,235.71
Village Property:				
President's House	7,687.50			7,687.50
Heating Plant	1,815.97			1,815.97
Markey Cottage	4,024.76			4,024.76
Greensburg Cottage	4,781.44			4,781.44
Jennings Cottage	6,500.00			6,500.00
Francis House	1,000.00		\$1,000.00	
W. J. Houghton House	1,100.00			1,100.00
Houghton Hall	7,500.00			7,500.00
Washbon House	3,500.00			3,500.00
Silsbee House	3,327.97			3,327.97
Whitaker House	4,500.00			4,500.00
Daniels Dormitory	26.12			26.12
Dormitory Garage	259.04			259.04
Miller House	4,500.00		4,500.00	
Pryor House		2,850.00		2,850.00
Steese House (and athletic field)		11,731.40		11,731.40
Sprague House (Woodhead Property)		3,334.00		3,334.00
Mary Lane Clarke Property		4,000.00		4,000.00
Total Buildings	\$374,414.55	\$33,428.92	\$5,500.00	402,343.47

Improvements Other Than**Buildings:**

Water Works	\$8,950.00	\$38,698.59	\$47,648.59
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(Forward)	\$407,894.44	\$72,127.51	\$5,867.71	474,154.24
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Equipment:

Gymnasium	\$ 961.72		\$ 961.72
Heating Plant	4,500.00		4,500.00
School Furniture	21,924.89	\$2,706.53	24,631.42
Office	2,012.67	1,429.83	3,442.50
Library Books	23,876.90	5,120.94	28,997.84
Library Equipment	620.96	1,298.77	1,919.73
Apparatus	17,807.71	3,106.23	20,913.94
Electrical	820.31	110.00	930.31
Branch Dormitory	1,698.35	361.73	2,060.08
Girls' Dormitory	18,251.89	5,511.61	23,763.50
Printing Plant	11,310.11	392.60	11,702.71
Hospital	2,082.50		2,082.50
Museum (Specimen)		120.00	120.00
Saw Mill		975.00	975.00

Total Equipment	\$105,868.01	\$21,133.24	\$127,001.25
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Farms:

School Farm	\$20,882.64	\$ 625.00	\$21,507.64
School Farm Stock	2,649.40		2,649.40
School Farm Equipment ..	3,313.17		3,313.17
Rushford Farm	349.50		349.50
Leonard Houghton Farm ..	5,500.00	\$1,367.10	4,132.90

Total Farms	\$32,694.71	\$ 625.00	\$1,367.10	\$31,952.61
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Total Land, Buildings and

Equipment	\$546,457.16	\$93,885.75	\$7,234.81	633,108.10
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Analysis of Endowment Funds as of April 30, 1947

	May 1, 1943	Apr. 30, 1947
General Purpose Funds	\$209,057.70	\$203,103.01

Special Purpose Funds:

Ingham Scholarship	\$8,488.72	\$9,942.04
Luckey Memorial	16,713.42	17,860.66
McKee Scholarship	2,500.00	2,600.00
Moses Scholarship	3,545.23	5,242.42
Meeker Scholarship	125.00	536.07
New Dormitory		34,652.74
Building Fund		
Kenneth Hill		50.00
Glazier Loan Fund		
George Presser		2,427.34
Loan Fund		
Annuities	26,740.00	35,674.00
Trust Funds	3,052.50	65.85

Total Special Purpose Funds	61,164.87	109,051.12
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Total Endowment Funds	\$270,222.57	\$312,154.13
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Statement of Notes, Bonds and Mortgages Payable—Plant Fund at April 30, 1947

Notes Payable	Unpaid Balance at May 1, 1943	Payments During Quadrrennium	New Notes	Unpaid Balance at Apr. 30, 1947
David Anderson	\$5,500.00	\$1,000.00		\$4,500.00
S. G. Dietrich	1,000.00			1,000.00
Anna Elliott	700.00			700.00
Alta M. Gabriel	800.00	800.00		
Frieda Gillette	500.00			500.00
Robert Luckey	969.41			969.41
Ruth Lucky Welch	5,000.00			5,000.00
E. R. McCarty	7,000.00		\$4,000.00	11,000.00
D. Lee Owlett	1,000.00		5,000.00	6,000.00
Gertrude Richardson	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Superannuated Ministers'				
Aid Society	600.00			600.00
George Washbon	2,100.00	2,100.00		
J. S. Willett Estate	1,000.00	500.00		500.00
Florence Yorton Estate	300.00			300.00
Mortgage Payable			3,000.00	3,000.00
Water Bonds Payable			47,200.00	47,200.00
Total	\$27,969.41	\$5,900.00	\$59,200.00	\$81,269.41

Statement of Income and Expense May 1, 1943—April 30, 1947

Income:

Educational and General

Fees Received from Students

Tuition	\$331,992.31	
Laboratory	8,925.19	
Gymnasium	5,164.54	
Medical	13,124.80	
Library	7,211.37	
Breakage	631.58	
Miscellaneous	11,994.25	
	<hr/>	\$379,044.04

Activities (Net Gain)

Benefit Concerts	\$2,576.07	
Houghton Star	986.51	
Debate Club	631.45	
Student Body	456.96	
Athletic Association	302.57	
A Capella Choir	594.39	
	<hr/>	5,547.95

Endowment Investments

Rental Property Income	\$13,276.28	
School Farm Income	11,966.13	
Stocks and Bonds	992.20	
Mortgage Income	320.00	
Sundry Interest	813.41	
Water Works	78.97	
	<hr/>	\$27,446.99

Houghton Farm—Loss \$ 333.05

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Appropriation for Annuity Pay. . .	5,929.59	6,262.63	21,184.36
Gifts for Current Operations			
Campaign—Church and Citizens ..	\$	343.50	
Harvest Day		5,441.77	
Young Missionary Workers' Band		6,533.99	
Church Contributions		21,163.60	
Life Support Union		25,128.42	
Miscellaneous Contributions		12,986.27	
			71,597.55
Total Educational and General			
Income			\$477,373.90
Auxiliary Enterprises			
Dormitory Board	\$343,356.22		
Dormitory Rooms	48,182.40		
Dormitory Miscellaneous	1,476.70		
Bookstore Income	58,758.31		
Printshop Income	26,741.99		
Barracks Income	2,730.02		
			481,245.64
Non-Educational			
Appropriation for Annuities from En-			
dowment Income			5,929.58
Total Income (Forward)			\$964,549.12

Expense:**Educational and General**

Administrative	
Salaries	\$56,489.89
Student Help	6,258.05
Catalogs and Bulletins	6,860.82
Advertising	14,075.85
Field Work	2,385.02
Postage	3,514.31
Travel	6,694.51
Board Meetings	1,351.58
Office Supplies	4,140.97
Telephone and Telegraph	1,497.90
Legal and Professional	1,735.74
Replacement of Equipment	925.64
New Equipment	2,091.25
Bad Debts—Reserve	325.80
Publicity	1,863.97
Miscellaneous	3,114.51
	\$113,325.81

Instruction

Salaries	\$249,132.47
Student Help	4,923.88
Music Department	2,316.11
Supplies	7,767.44
Hospital	12,770.23
Group Insurance	557.79
Retirement	8,125.19
Replacement of Equipment	2,287.89

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New Equipment	4,803.56	
Miscellaneous	17.00	
		292,701.56
Library		
Salaries	\$8,789.82	
Student Help	6,744.23	
Books	4,049.51	
Supplies	4,074.88	
		23,658.44
Operation and Maintenance of		
Physical Plant		
Salaries—Janitors	\$15,948.59	
Student Help	7,275.77	
Fuel and Light	17,047.35	
Supplies	6,456.57	
Repairs	18,758.24	
Replacement of Equipment	1,114.50	
New Equipment	4,198.56	
Upkeep of Grounds	3,914.28	
Insurance	7,401.31	
Miscellaneous	668.34	
		82,783.51
Total Educational and General		
Expense	\$512,469.32	
Totals (Forward)	\$512,469.32	964,549.12
Auxiliary Enterprises		
Dormitory		
Food	\$171,282.92	
Salaries	87,694.77	
Maintenance	50,030.33	
		\$309,008.02
Bookstore Expense	60,036.77	
Printshop Expense	28,275.61	
F. P. H. A. Project	4,202.50	
Barracks Expense	3,156.85	
Radio Project	118.46	
		404,798.21
Non-Educational		
Annuity Payments	\$5,929.58	
Interest on Indebtedness	6,688.83	
		12,618.41
Total Expense		929,885.94
Net Gain for Quadrennium		\$34,663.18
Summarized as follows:		
Educational and General		
Income	\$477,373.90	
Expense	512,469.32	
Net Loss		\$35,095.42
Auxiliary Enterprises		
Income	\$481,245.64	

Expense	404,798.21	
Net Gain		76,447.43
Non-Educational		
Income	\$ 5,929.58	
Expense	12,618.41	
Net Loss		6,688.83
Net Gain for Quadrennium, as above		\$34,663.18
STEPHEN W. PAINE.		

Report No. 32

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF MILTONVALE WESLEYAN COLLEGE

To the Members of the General Conference:

We appear before you at this time to bring a quadrennial report concerning the work of Miltonvale Wesleyan College. You who were present at the last session of the General Conference will recall that Professor C. Floyd Hester, then serving as president of the institution, gave the report. Professor Hester continued to serve as president of the school for more than three years of the past quadrennium. One year ago he offered his resignation to the Local Board, it was accepted and became effective September 1, 1946.

It is impossible to overestimate the value of the service rendered to the College by Professor Hester during the fourteen years that he served as its president. He gave unsparingly of his energy and his means to promote the welfare of the institution which he led so efficiently. During his administration the entire indebtedness which had burdened the school for many years was liquidated. During his administration a large group of young people benefitted by the services of the school and the institution sent into the church many capable Christian workers.

When the present administration took over the first of last September the institution was looking forward to a year of expansion and progress.

You who are acquainted with the history of the institution recall that for some years efforts have been made to launch a building program. The field has been canvassed on several occasions, but certain conditions made it unwise or impossible to begin construction. The present administration began with a thorough survey of the field and the various possibilities, then on the strength of an order of long standing began construction.

Already three barracks purchased from the W. A. A., each 20 by 100 feet, have been set in place to provide added facilities for classrooms, the music department, and a library. Another building 30 by 150 feet in dimensions has been purchased from the W. A. A. and is now being moved to the campus. This will provide housing for sixty girls and ample room for kitchen and dining hall. A fifth building, 88 by 148 feet, was purchased and dismantled, and the material is being used in construction of the gymnasium.

This building is to be 58 by 112 feet and built of cement blocks and brick veneer. It will provide a basketball court, bleachers and showers, and an auditorium which will meet the College's need for special concerts and programs.

There is also under construction at present another building 20 by 60

feet which will be used as bookstore and lunchroom. Nearly all the material in these buildings with the exception of the insulation, partitions, brick and cement was purchased from the W. A. A.

During the year the school has enjoyed a great measure of divine favor. The faculty and students have done everything in their power to advance the interests of the school. Two very gracious revival meetings were conducted during the year and many of the other services were especially marked by the Spirit's power.

The outlook for the coming year is good. Forty persons were graduated but applications are coming in rapidly from those who desire to attend the College.

The housing situation constitutes one of our greatest problems; several married couples desire to take advantage of the school's services, but to provide living quarters places a great responsibility on the institution.

Four additional members will be added to the staff next year; three instructors and one to serve as Director of Public Relations.* However, two former members will not be serving, hence the staff will be increased by only two members.

It is the purpose of the administration to complete as soon as possible the buildings now under construction and at the same time to raise funds for the construction of two more permanent buildings; namely, girls' dormitory and administration building.

It is believed by those who are in a position to judge that Miltonvale Wesleyan College is moving in to a new day. It has served the Church faithfully and efficiently in the past, but with the present expansion program it is believed we will be more capable of meeting the demands placed upon us and that the school will be able to make a greater contribution to the Church by offering Christian education to the young people of the District and by sending more trained workers into the ranks of the Church and the Kingdom. To this end we solicit your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS D. REISDORPH, President.

Quadrennial Report of the Treasurer

May 1, 1943 to April 30, 1947

Item I. Receipts

Cash on Hand, May 1, 1943	\$3,712.26
L. S. U.	2,613.99
Y. M. W. B.	4,117.78
W. H. & F. M. S.	9,428.66
W. Y. P. S.	2,228.84
Stabilization Pledges	161.20
Contributions	21,692.42
Books and Music	2,766.21
In and Out	1,710.69
Income from Investments	3,704.59
Redemption of Investments	931.35
Endowment Interest	1,012.70
Quartet and Trio	4,694.29
Tuition	39,327.11
Buildings purchased from W. A. A.	3,414.00
Chorus	359.89
Miscellaneous	1,054.51
Cash Long	52.36

Total Receipts

\$102,982.85

Item II. Disbursements

Investments	\$1,125.85
Buildings purchased from W. A. A.	3,414.00
President's Salary and Office Help	9,241.26
Teachers' Salaries	38,850.54
Supplies for Instruction	1,193.63
Office Supplies and Express	1,218.78
Janitor's Salary	1,290.28
Expense of Operation	6,340.35
Repairs and Improvements	12,759.02
Travel Expense	1,102.77
Annuity Interest	742.00
Interest on Loans	68.27
Principle on Loans	480.00
Tuition Refund	976.46
Taxes	526.37
Insurance	627.63
Library and Other Work	1,283.32
Books and Music	4,540.74
In and Out	1,952.63
Board Meeting Expense (Local)	1,160.39
Book Committee	99.90
Miscellaneous	4,019.01
Catalogs	383.51
Bulletins and School Paper	325.07
Quartet and Trio	6,955.30
Advertising	96.00
Chorus	465.46
Expense of moving Reisdorph's	284.00
Equipment	477.75
Summer School Expense of Teachers	600.00
Cash on Hand, April 30, 1947	382.56

 \$102,982.85

Assets

College Building	\$14,000.00
Abbott Hall	6,000.00
Hill Crest	2,000.00
Hill House	2,000.00
Henney House	2,000.00
President's House	2,000.00
Jones House	1,500.00
Campus Ground 10 Acres	400.00
Furniture	3,000.00
Library	1,500.00
Apparatus	1,900.00
Kansas Power Company	100.00
Telephone Stock	50.00
L. S. U. Pledges	650.00
Stabilization Pledges	400.00
Indebtedness Fund Pledges	1,000.00
Victory Campaign Fund Pledges	238.00
Building Fund Pledges	25,000.00
Building Fund Cash	12,318.64
Tuition Notes	4,000.00
Tuition, Open Account	1,500.00

Non Productive Annuity	1,500.00	
Productive Endowment	3,000.00	
Endowment Interest	500.00	
Endowment Principle, Cash on Hand	2,111.43	
Land Deeded to College in Lieu of Endowment		
Principle as follows:		
Dietrick Property, Miltonvale	500.00	
Beals Property, Miltonvale	2,124.14	
Bills Receivable	112.66	
Loans on First Mortgages	22,861.77	
Cash on Hand, April 30, 1947	382.56	
Total Assets		\$114,649.20
Respectfully submitted,		
RUFUS D. REISDORPH, Treasurer.		

Report No. 33

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF GENERAL EVANGELISM

To the Members of the General Conference, I wish to make the following report:

After the resignation of the Rev. J. A. Clement as Secretary of General Evangelism, I was appointed by the Book Committee to finish his unexpired term.

We all appreciate Brother J. A. Clement and the very splendid work done by him.

I wish to thank our editor, Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, for his cooperation. He has been very gracious in making certain issues of our Church's paper to deal exclusively with evangelism. This, in my judgment, is a splendid idea.

I am fully convinced that there is no substitute for the work of evangelism.

Evangelism has a far broader meaning than we one time thought. This work is not that of a committee or of a group known as evangelists, but is a divine commission by Christ Jesus to the whole Church when He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." In this great commission He takes in every believer, church and organization.

In Acts 1:8, we are told that when the Holy Spirit comes upon an individual, he is to witness of Christ to the whole world. Revivals, our religious periodicals, and educational institutions are channels of taking this gospel to the whole world. The aim of all preaching should be the salvation of the lost.

We would urge our people to harness all the consecrated talent available and put it to work in the local churches and conferences. If we do not use our young folks, others will.

We should insist that those who are taking work as preachers, missionaries and evangelists have divine calls to such work and show evidences of graces as well as gifts.

Owing to the growing feeling reported by twenty-one presidents of conferences, many pastors and thirty-three evangelists, we are faced with a great need of strict caution and close observance as to whom we send out as general evangelists.

Evangelism should have a definite aim through all channels of making a wicked world God-conscious. Any other spirit or motive fails to meet the demands of Christ. The whole world was never in a greater

need for the message of salvation than now. Spiritual men who are torch bearers for Christ were never worth more than at the present time. Let us major on soul winning by preaching Christ and Him crucified.

Our opportunity to go forward is here. Let us not fail in this great task!

Sincerely yours in Him, W. D. CORRELL.

Report No. 34

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Evangelism is one of the most important activities of our Church. It is the activity which gathers and conserves the results of what has been attempted through years of labors, and then passes on to the teaching and edifying ministry of the Church those who are brought into the Kingdom through it. Evangelistic activities are of tremendous importance and deserve the most earnest consideration. We therefore submit these recommendations:

1. We recommend that the praying of our people be directed with greater intensity toward a Connection-wide revival. To this end we recommend that the "Chain of Prayer" plan, instituted by the Rev. John Clement, be authorized as an official program of the Church, and that a Director for this work of Evangelism be elected by this body. We further recommend that each Annual Conference be asked to elect an Annual Conference Director of Evangelism who shall cooperate with the General Director in matters pertaining to the promotion of more aggressive evangelistic efforts, and that the Annual Conference Director be instructed to report to the General Director at least quarterly on the progress of the work within the bounds of his Conference. The General Director shall promote the work as he sees fit, shall solicit funds for the work as there may be need, and shall appoint such other assistants as he may desire.

2. We earnestly urge that all personal workers shall carefully cling to the old paths in dealing with seekers at the altar of prayer. We deplore the tendency to avoid the crucifixion of the old self-life by substituting for it an easier path called "consecration," which in reality is not consecration. Seekers should be instructed to truly repent and to travel the pathway of old-fashioned restitution which leads to that definite experience known as praying through. We recommend that we faithfully instruct and encourage our laity in the responsibility and gracious privilege of personal soul-winning.

3. We recommend that all our officials, evangelists, and pastors be urged to promote a deeper life of devotion in our people, by guarding well their own personal devotional life, by preaching more on the devotional themes, by the distribution of more and better devotional literature, and by special meetings which shall encourage deeper things spiritually among our people.

4. We recommend that each pastor have at least two special revival services each year, and that adequate preparation by prayer and fasting be made by both congregation and pastor. To expect the evangelist to precipitate a revival where little or no spiritual preparation has been made is, in our judgment, unfair to the evangelist and harmful to the congregation.

5. We recommend that our educational institutions continue an ever-increasing evangelistic emphasis. Education which leaves its students merely intellectual falls so far below the Bible conception of wisdom that it is to be avoided rather than sought. We urge the employment of

evangelists who shall bring to the students messages of inspiration, conviction and instruction, given under the anointing and wisdom bestowed by the blessed Holy Spirit, and that the proper emphasis be given the student's spiritual life throughout the year.

6. We recommend that our churches employ evangelists who are Wesleyan Methodists so far as this is possible. Our own workers are loyal to our doctrines and to our organization. When others are employed for evangelistic meetings, care should be taken to see that they fully conform to our doctrinal stand, to our standards as regards worldliness, and are friendly to our Church as an organization.

7. We recommend that we go on record as favoring a doubling of our efforts in the field of a more constructive work of evangelism. This is no time to cool off in our evangelistic fervor. Let us take a fresh start at the task of evangelizing the world.

8. We recommend that the Annual Conferences refuse to permit or endorse any person as an evangelist or evangelistic worker who may go from section to section speaking against or condemning any of our men or institutions or churches when they are not present to defend their position or actions.

9. We recommend that we add a new paragraph in the Discipline number 447, under Section XXXVI reading:

"Paragraph 447. Recommendation of Special Worker.

"To the members of the A..... Conference next to be held at on the day ofnext.

The Quarterly Conference (or Church of being acquainted with the gifts, graces, and usefulness of do hereby recommend (him or her) as a suitable person to be appointed as (state type of special work) and to travel under your direction.

Done this day of 19.... by the aforesaid Quarterly Conference (or Church) and signed in its behalf.

A..... B....., Chairman;
C..... D....., Secretary."

Also, add a new paragraph to be known as Paragraph 448, reading:

"Paragraph 448. Appoint to Special Work.

"This certifies that A..... B....., the Bearer, and acceptable member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, feeling called to serve in the field of (state sphere of service), and having met the provisions of Paragraph (this is Item 45 in the handbook) in the Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, is appointed thereto for a period of one year from this date.

Done by the Annual Conference in session at on the 19....

....., President;
....., Secretary.

Also, add a new paragraph to be known as Paragraph 449, which shall read:

"Paragraph 449. Appointment to General Evangelism.

"This certifies that A..... B....., the Bearer, is an Elder in good standing in the Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America and was appointed to General Evangelistic work for a period of one year from the

date hereto affixed, under the provisions of Paragraphs 167 and 168 of the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline. This certificate must be renewed annually.

....., President;
 Secretary.

Date

10. We recommend that the following be adopted as found on pages 38 and 39 of the General Conference Handbook with these changes:

Item 45. Evangelistic Singers and Chalk Artists.

Item 1. When there are members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church who feel called to the special ministry of song evangelism or chalk drawing, they shall be certified as such for one year by the Annual Conference provided: they have been recommended for such work by the local church of which they are members; have been questioned on the same basis and under the same procedure as the local preachers (Discipline Paragraph 89); give evidence of grace, gifts and usefulness; conform to the standards of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in the matters of dress and deportment; have had some experience in song evangelism or chalk drawing; and have been carefully examined by the Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders of the Conference of which they are members, regarding their spiritual, intellectual, and other fitness for such work.

Item 2. The Certificates of evangelistic singers and chalk artists may be renewed each year by the Annual Conference of which they are members provided: they are regularly engaged in such work; have taken the evangelistic singers course (two years) or its equivalent or comparable work in chalk drawing in one of our Colleges (two years) or an acceptable course from another school, or the Evangelistic Singer's or Chalk Artist's course or its equivalent under the direction of the Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders; and have been recommended by the Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders.

Candidates taking the course under the direction of the Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders must pass at least one book per year and the entire course must be completed within five years from the time of the granting of the first certificates by the Annual Conference.

Item 3. The Annual Conference may assign certified singers and chalk artists to travel provided: they have completed one of the courses recommended; are properly qualified for general work; and are properly endorsed by the said Conference for such work.

Item 4. The certified singer and chalk artist shall be amenable to the annual conference from which their certificates are received, shall report to their conferences annually, but shall have no vote in the annual conference, and for conduct out of harmony with the Bible and Church Discipline shall be dealt with by the same disciplinary methods that govern local preachers and Elders in the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

11. We recommend that Item 46 in the handbook be adopted.
EVANGELISTIC SINGERS' AND CHALK ARTISTS' COURSE.

I. First Year

1. Galilean Fisherman—Witmer.
2. Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.
3. History of the Wesleyan Methodist Church—McLeister.
4. Third Year Bible (In Ministerial Course).

Reading Course

1. Passion for Souls—Jowett.
2. The Preacher and Prayer—Bounds.

Second Year

1. Foundation of Doctrine—Jessop.
2. Hymnology—Story of 40 Gospel Hymns, Pub. Rodeheaver and Mack.
3. All About the Bible—Collett.
4. Fourth Year Bible (In Ministerial Course).

Reading Course

1. Plain Account of Christian Perfection.
2. Revival Lectures—Finney.

Brethren, in these days when the Wesleyan message of full salvation from all sin, and the attendant blessings in heart and soul, is the only hope of millions who are now dying in sin, let us not rest on past accomplishments, or because of present difficulties, but let us go forth as never before to evangelize the world about us and to spread "scriptural holiness" over the land.

Signed by the Committee:

W. D. CORRELL, Chairman;
T. A. ROBERTSON,
B. L. CLARK,
ELWOOD KACHEL,
F. R. EDDY,
W. C. LOVIN,
J. W. SHATFORD,
DAVID P. DENTON, Secretary.

Report No. 35

**RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINARY REVISIONS AFFECTING THE
RELATIONSHIP OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
TO THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH**

Insert a new paragraph after paragraph 282 as follows:

"Paragraph 282A—Article 3. Meetings. Quadrennial Sessions: There shall be a quadrennial session of the Society, composed of the Executive Board, District Organizers, Conference Society Presidents, and duly elected delegates from the Conference societies, in order to promote the purpose of the Society as above stated, and for the election of officers and the transaction of business in harmony with this constitution."

Following this, insert a new paragraph renumbering the succeeding paragraphs, the new paragraph to read as follows:

"Paragraph 283—Article 4. Relationship to the Church. The Woman's Missionary Society, although separately incorporated, shall work as an integral part of and in harmony with the Missionary Society of the Church, and shall make a full financial report annually and quadrennially."

Renumber the succeeding articles.

In Paragraph 258 omit the last sentence.

In Paragraph 261 omit the portion: "may enter into contracts with . . . in order to be valid."

Paragraph 284 (renumbered 285). Article 4 (renumbered 6). Section (1) omit: "It shall also be duly . . . Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America."

Replacing this portion as follows:

"The President shall be a member of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America. The

President shall present an annual general and financial report to said Board of Managers, and a quadrennial report to the General Conference." (Conclude the Sect. as at present.)

Ibidem, Section (5). At the close of the present section, add the following:

"She shall prepare annual and quadrennial financial reports for presentation by the President in her reports to the Board of Managers and to the General Conference."

Ibidem, following Section (5). Add a new section, numbering it (6) and renumbering the succeeding sections, the new section to read as follows:

"The Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Society shall have power to administer the affairs of the Society during the interim between the quadrennial meetings. Four members shall constitute a quorum."

Ibidem, Section (8) (renumbered 9).

After the words, "Foreign Missionary Secretary" add the following: "with the exception of the offerings for Home Missions, which shall be sent to the Home Missionary Secretary, and the educational offerings, which shall be sent to the designated institution." (Conclude the section as at present.)

Paragraph 285 Delete this paragraph as such.

Paragraph 277 After the first sentence insert the following:

"The President of the Conference Woman's Missionary Society shall by virtue of her office be a member of the Missionary Board of the Annual Conference." (Continue as at present.)

Paragraph 292 Article 6. Section (1) At the close of the present section, add the following:

"She shall bring to the Annual Conference each year a general and financial report and shall by virtue of her office be a member of the Missionary Board of the Annual Conference."

Paragraph 222 After the words, "Superannuated Ministers' Aid Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America" add: "the Woman's Missionary Society, the Wesleyan Young People's Society."

Paragraph 275 After paragraph 275 insert a new part, renumbering the following parts of the chapter on Missionary Societies, the new part to read as follows:

"IV. Advisory Council for Missions.

There shall be a central Advisory Council for Missions which shall be composed of the Foreign Missionary Secretary, the Home Missionary Secretary, the President of the General Woman's Missionary Society, the Editor of the Wesleyan Missionary, the General Superintendent of the Young Missionary Workers' Band, the General Secretary of the Wesleyan Young People's Society, and one other member elected by the Board of Administration from its own membership. This council shall elect annually its own chairman. It shall meet semi-annually, once at the time of the annual meeting of the Board of Administration and at the time of one of the meetings of the Executive Board, and at other times by the call of the chairman, to discuss the problems of the Home and Foreign Missionary work and projected plans and policies for this work in order that the members of the Council may share the prayer burden of these matters and that there may be a full sharing of information among the members of the Council. Each department shall bear the expense of its representation on this Council."

Paragraph 281, Article 1. Delete this paragraph, inserting a new paragraph to read as follows:

"Name: This organization shall be known as the Woman's Mission-

ary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America."

Re-Editing: Authorize the re-editing of those portions of the Discipline by the above changes, without otherwise changing the sense of such portions.

Amend Paragraph 284. Article 4. Duties of Officers: Sub-paragraph (4) by inserting the following words in the third line after "Executive Board," "or any business transacted by them during the interim," making it read:

"The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the quadrennial session, and of the meetings of the Executive Board or any business transacted by them during the interim, and prepare a full report of the work of the Society quadrennially, which summary shall be spread upon the Society's records."

Amend Paragraph 293. Article 7. Funds: by inserting the word "Society" after "General Conference" in the fourth line; after "Conference" in the sixth line; after "Conference" in the tenth line twice; and after "General Conference" in the twelfth line twice. Also by inserting the words "quarterly or oftener" after the word "funds" in the tenth line; and after the word "funds" in the twelfth line; also that the following words be added to the above: "And that she in turn shall remit all Educational, Home and Foreign Missionary funds monthly to the Treasurers of the Schools, Home and Foreign Departments, respectively," making it read as follows:

"It is required that twenty-five cents per member of the Local Society dues be forwarded through the Conference Society Treasurer to the Treasurer of the General Conference Society for the general fund. Also that twenty-five cents be retained in the Conference Society Treasury, and that the remaining fifty cents be used directly for missionary work and be applied on local church budget.

The Local Societies shall disburse all Conference Society and General Conference Society funds, quarterly or oftener, to the General Conference Society Treasurer. The General Treasurer shall remit all Educational, Home and Foreign Missionary funds monthly to the Treasurers of the Schools, Home and Foreign Departments, respectively."

Signed: RUBY REISDORPH, President;
STELLA WOOD,
AILEEN SHEA,
HELEN P. STUCKEY,
ELLA M. BRADLEY.

RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINARY REVISIONS AFFECTING THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE Y. M. W. B. TO THE W. Y. P. S.

Paragraph 307. Article 3. Membership. Revise this paragraph to read as follows:

"(1) Active membership shall include all children of age 13 or younger who pay the membership dues of not less than one cent per week.

"(2) Honorary membership shall be open to all persons over age 13 who pay the membership dues above specified."

Paragraph 312. Following paragraph 312, delete Part IX consisting of paragraphs 314 through 327.

Signed: RUBY REISDORPH, President.