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Kachel Bateman	Huron South Dakota
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H. B. Engel	Ipswich. South Dakota

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Mrs. S. J. McIntyre	
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Alma Richey	
Voreta Simpson	Mitchell, South Dakota
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Mrs. William Ward	

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

OPENING OF CONFERENCE

Minutes of the sixty-second session of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America for the year of 1942 and 1943 was held in Aberdeen, South Dakota, June 1-7, 1943.

Conference Sermon—The opening service was held in the tabernacle on the campground at eight o'clock in the evening. The service was opened with congregational singing, followed by prayer. Rev. S. J. McIntyre, pastor of the Redfield, South Dakota church, brought the message, speaking from Matt. 16: 18, "On this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The theme of the sermon, "THE CHURCH."

The Lord richly blessed in this opening service and in the sermon.

There were a goodly number of ministers and delegates present for this initial service, and more came later. It was very encouraging to note the number present in spite of gas rationing and other conditions unfavorable to such a gathering.

Wednesday Morning

Devotions—Devotions were conducted by Rev. L. D. Harris, reading and commenting on 2 Timothy, the second chapter.

Roll Call—The roll was called with 23 ministers and 19 delegates responding.

Report—The Program Committee read their report and it was accepted.

Motion prevailed that we seat W. H. Nieuinhuis, Delegate from Mission, South Dakota in the Conference.

Election—A Nominating Committee of five members was elected as follows: L. D. Harris, J. F. Simpson, W. D. Shelor, Charles W. Reisdorph, Mrs. C. J. G. Larson.

Recess-President declared a recess to give time to the Nominating Committee to prepare their report.

Called to Order—President called the session to order for election of Conference Committees.

Report—The Nominating Committee read their report and it was accepted. (See Report Number 1.)

Election—The committees were elected as nominated.

Conference Bar—Motion carried that the first ten seats from the front of the tabernacle in the middle section constitute the Bar of Conference.

Motion-Motion prevailed that three copies of the report of the Nomi-

nating Committee be typed and placed in conspicuous places on the grounds.

Motion—Motion carried that the Secretary be allowed \$10.00 for his labors during Conference, and \$5.00 for stenographic help.

Courtesies—Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Howard of Mt. Vernon, South Dakota were introduced to the Conference. They gave brief testimonies.

Rev. William Ward of Mitchell was introduced and spoke a few words of greeting and testimony.

Rev. T. S. Lee of Medicine Rocks was introduced and spoke a few words.

Adjournment-Adjourned for Committee work.

Wednesday Afternoon

Devotionals—Rev. R. J. Sausoman read and commented on James 4:14.

Motion—Motion prevailed that we have 350 copies of the minutes printed.

Time of Next Conference—Motion carried that Conference begin the evening of June 6, 1944.

Motion—Motion prevailed that every pastor in the Conference preach a sermon on the Superannuated Ministers' Fund sometime during the coming year, stressing the amount that should be raised for this purpose.

Thursday Morning

Devotions—Devotions were conducted by Rev. John Hunter reading from Exodus, the fourth chapter and Hebrews 11, and commenting on several verses.

Roll Call—The roll was called to which 24 ministers and 18 delegates responded.

Report—The Conference President read his report and it was accepted, and the Conference was led in a prayer of thanksgiving for the splendid report, by Rev. L. D. Harris. (See Report No. 3.)

Rev. Roy S. Nicholson offered prayer for the boys in the armed services.

Courtesies—Rev. Roy S. Nicholson was introduced to the Conference and brought words of greeting from the Connection. Mrs. William Ward of Mitchell was introduced and spoke briefly.

Adjournment—Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

Memorial Service—A Memorial service was held in memory of our departed brother, Rev. Julius Miller, who went to be with Jesus just a few weeks before the Conference convened.

Thursday Afternoon

Connectional Address—Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, the Home Missionary Secretary, gave the Connectional Address. Theme of the address was, "WHY I AM A WESLEYAN METHODIST." We were made to rejoice in our heritage as our brother ably gave reasons for being "Wesleyan Methodist Christians."

Reports—The Auditing Committee gave their report and it was accepted. (See Report No. 5.)

The Committee on Church and Parsonage Building and Location read their report and it was accepted. (See Report No. 6.)

Change in Orders of Day—Motion prevailed that we set aside the Orders of the Day in regard to the Pastors' Reports because of lack of time. Reports were made however by the pastors of two of our new works; Rev. Arthur Reisdorph, pastor of the Rapid City church reporting on that work; and Rev. H. W. Cretsinger, pastor of the Butte church relating the progress of that church.

Motion and Election—Motion prevailed that Mrs. Frank Martin be elected to the Resolutions Committee to take the place of Rev. J. C. McGovern.

Adjournment-Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

Friday Morning

Devotionals—Devotions were led by Rev. William Ward, reading from Matthew 3: 1-11, and commenting on the same.

Roll Call—The roll was called with 22 ministers and 20 delegates responding.

Courtesies—Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Knapp were introduced to the Conference and spoke a few words of testimony.

Orders of the Day—Election of Officers—The election of officers resulted as follows:

President-J. F. Simpson.

Vice-President—W. C. Brannon.

Secretary-Marvin E. Jones.

Treasurer-Frank Martin.

Trustee-Frank Martin.

1st Alternate Delegate to General Conference-Miss Kathryn Fessenden.

2nd Alternate Delegate to General Conference-Will Wegner.

Sunday-school Secretary—W. J. Leyh.

Tithing Secretary—H. W. Cretsinger.

Transportation Secretary-J. F. Simpson.

Educational Secretary-William Fessenden.

Ministerial Relief Secretary-Treasurer-Thomas Bailie.

Representative to Miltonvale-W. D. Shelor.

Motion—Motion prevailed we accept the resignation of Rev. R. D. Reisdorph from the Board on Itineracy and Orders.

Election—Rev. Gordon Goodsell was elected to the Board of Itineracy and Orders to fill out the unexpired term of R. D. Reisdorph.

Report—The report of the Nominating Committee on Standing Committees was read and accepted. (See Report No. 11.)

Nominations—The President nominated W. J. Leyh and H. B. Engel as members of the Advisory Board.

Election—They were elected.

Friday Afternoon

Education—The Educational program was in charge of Professor C. Floyd Hester. The College Quartet and several former students from the college had a part also in the program.

Service Flag Presented—At the conclusion of the Educational program a beautiful service flag was presented to the Conference. This flag has one large star and the number 180 in blue on a white background, with a wide red border. The number on the flag, 180, represents the number of Dakota Conference men in the armed forces of "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Motion—Motion prevailed that we accept the resignation of Mr. Frank Martin from the office of Conference Treasurer.

Motion—Motion carried that the amount sent for General Conference Delegates expenses be used for that purpose and that any deficit be made up from the Treasury.

Motion—Motion prevailed that all monies raised through the various channels and from various individuals be sent to the Conference Treasurer.

Adjournment-Adjourned for Committee work.

Saturday Morning

Devotions—Devotions were led by Rev. Kenneth Shelley reading and commenting on Exodus 4:1-5.

Reports—Report of Ministerial Relief Fund Treasurer was read and accepted. (See Report No. 4.)

Report of Railroad Expense Committee was read and accepted. (See Report No. 7.)

Motion—Motion prevailed that the recommendation contained in above report be changed from July 1st to read "August 1st."

Reports—Report of the Committee on Passage of Character was read and accepted. (See Report No. 8.)

Report of the Camp Meeting Treasurer was read and accepted. (See Report No. 2.)

Motion—Motion prevailed that recommendation be given to the Camp Meeting Board that Children's Workers of recent years be remunerated fittingly. Especially in regard to the amounts paid to Mrs. Paul Kindschi, Mrs. Thomas Bailie, Miss Marie Brannon and Miss Gladys Sime.

Motion—Motion prevailed that Tithing service be postponed to Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

Adjournment—Adjourned for Committee work.

Saturday Evening

Report—A partial report of the Board of Itineracy and Orders was given recommending Marion Koth be elected to Elder's Orders and that the Ordination service be held Sunday morning, June 6th, at 10:00 a. m., with Rev. R. D. Reisdorph delivering the sermon. This report was accepted.

Motion-Motion carried that Conference Treasurer's Report be made to the President and his Advisory Board. (See Report No. 14.)

Adjournment.

Monday Afternoon

Reports—Report was read by the Board of Itineracy and Orders and it was accepted. (See Report No. 9.)

Report of the Statistical Committee was read and accepted. (See Statistical Report.)

Report of Committee on Resolutions was read and accepted. (See Report No. 10.)

Report of Camp Meeting Board regarding amounts to pay Children's Workers mentioned above. This report recommended that we pay for the materials used by all the workers, and that \$5.00 each be paid to Miss Marie Brannon and Miss Gladys Sime.

Report of the Pastoral Relations Committee was read and accepted. (See Report No. 12.)

Report of the Missionary Board was read and accepted. (See Report No. 13.)

Election—The nomination by the Missionary Board of Rev. S. J. McIntyre for the office of Conference Treasurer was voted upon and he was elected to that office.

Greetings Received—Greetings to the Conference were received from C. W. Calhoon and Mrs. Calhoon, and from Rev. R. J. Eling.

Motion—Motion prevailed that the Secretary send greetings from the Conference to the above mentioned and to Rev. J. C. McGovern.

Motion—Motion prevailed that the Conference Funds be moved to the First National Bank of Redfield, South Dakota.

Nomination—The Camp Meeting Board accepted the resignation of Rev. J. E. Spry as Camp Meeting Secretary-Treasurer and nominated Rev. W. J. Leyh to that office.

Election—Rev. W. J. Leyh was elected Camp Meeting Secretary-Treasurer.

Adjournment—The sixty-second Annual Conference of the Dakota Conference was adjourned, and Rev. L. D. Harris closed with prayer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating Committee-L. D. Harris, J. F. Simpson, W. D. Shelor,

C. Reisdorph, Mrs. C. J. G. Larson.

Pastoral Relations Committee—J. F. Simpson, W. C. Brannon, H. W. Cretsinger, W. J. Leyh, Mrs. S. J. McIntyre, Charles Reisdorph, Mrs. Henry Knecht.

Committee on Passage of Character-Mrs. Laura Raymer, Mrs. W.

Drown, Arthur Reisdorph.

Auditing Committee—Marvin Jones, Kenneth Shelley, Thomas Hersey.
Railroad Expenses Committee—A. C. Buell, Lester Myers, Alice
Nellis.

Resolutions Committee-W. D. Shelor, J. C. McGovern, Mrs. Viola

Girard.

Committee on Courtesies-W. C. Brannon.

Conference Reporter-W. D. Shelor.

Statistical Committee-Kenneth Knapp, Robert McIntyre, Mathilda

Bruins, Irene Albright.

Committee on Itineracy and Orders—Board of Examiners—August Wegner, Will Palmer, Mrs. E. E. Reeve, A. M. Wiley, W. D. Shelor, S. J. McIntyre, Gordon Goodsell.

Report No. 2

CAMP MEETING TREASURER

Receipts		
Amount on hand June 1, 1942	\$ 148.51	
Total receipts from all sources	1306.65	
Total	-	\$1455.16
Disbursements		
Evangelists and children's workers	\$ 320.00	
Song Books	20.91	
Groceries, meat, butter, milk	360.86	
Railroad expense	17.50	
Ranroad expense	29.44	
Printing	7.96	
Grass seed and shrubbery	,.,,	
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Hardware	8.71	
Labor	10.00	
Sand	2.50	
Miscellaneous Items	8.82	
Building material and coal	32.34	
Lights	10.13	
Insurance	24,60	
Cooks	55.00	
Stove	15.00	
Telephone	5.88	
Ice	9.25	
Motor and Pump	5.00	
Paint	17.85	
Interest	42.00	
Exchange, etc&	3.10	
Cash to balance	448.31	
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Total		\$1455.16

Report No. 3

PRESIDENT

Doubtless June 1943 will go down in history as a historic date, momentous issues are at stake, which will affect the destinies of families, Churches and nations.

The deciding factor in these issues, is how large a place man gives to God and how heavily he draws on Divine wisdom and power. It is very appropriate for us to pause long enough in our busy deliberations to sing, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

During the past year the territory comprising the Dakota Conference has been blessed with the greatest harvest in a quarter of a century. This has caused an increase in giving on the part of our people to all arms of the work. A number of new fields have been opened to us this year and some of them have been entered; churches are in the process of being erected, two parsonages have been bought, indebtedness which has been standing on some of our properties for some time has been reduced.

The spiritual morale of our people is good. God has visited our Conference with fruitful revivals.

With the war has come some problems which may affect our churches and ministry deeply, unless we draw heavily on the Divine power and wisdom. We may need to learn anew how to plead the Blood of Christ over our homes and the work of God.

Though the hand of affliction and death has rested on our Conference this year, yet we are grateful that God has grace and comfort in these times of stress and strain.

Our government is calling on its citizens for more careful spending of their funds, also for a more ready response to the country's call to purchase Bonds, which will help make possible the victory we desire.

The Dakota Conference is calling on its members and constituency for larger giving this year to help make it possible for our Conference to answer the Macedonian calls which are coming to us on every hand.

Many of our young men from our churches and some of our fathers have left us to sacrifice all if need be to help preserve this nation's honor and the American way of life. We have on our Honor Roll 180 who are serving in the Air, on Land, on the Sea and under the sea, in India, Africa, "Australia, Panama, England, Ireland, Solomons, and Hawaii. These boys appreciate the Dakota Conference and the work she is attempting to do. Many of them have sent greetings and the assurance that their prayers are with us, as well as substantial offerings for the new works. Some have expressed the determination to preach the gospel when they return. God forbid that we should fail to pray for them! We are counting on these young men to be the pillars in our churches tomorrow.

We feel like saying, Go forward, Dakota Conference, Go forward, and be as sacrificing and heroic as our soldier boys, and achieve the success today which will be an asset to our post-war program when our boys return to us. If the Conference shall so authorize, I shall be glad to send greeting to our boys in the armed forces in the name of the Conference.

Official Acts

July 20th, received Rev. William Ward, an Elder from the Faith Hephzibah Mission, and Mrs. William Ward as a licensed minister.

August 9th, organized a church at Rapid City, South Dakota, and re-

ceived same into the Conference.

Appointed Rev. T. S. Lee as pastor of the Medicine Rocks Church. September 1, accepted the resignation of Rev. Ralph Helle from the pastorate of the church at Mission, South Dakota.

September 27, organized a church at Mt. Vernon, South Dakota, and

received same into the Conference.

September 30, granted a letter of transfer to Rev. Arthur Calhoon to the Ohio Conference.

Received a letter of standing for Rev. Ralph Howard from the Iowa

Conference.

December 10th, organized a church at Forsyth, Montana, and received same into the Conference.

Appointed Rev. Arthur Reisdorph as pastor of the church at Rapid City.

April 7th, reorganized the church at Mobridge, S. D.

May 18th, organized a church (or Mission) at Conner, Montana. Accepted the resignation of Rev. J. E. Spry from the pastorate of Artesian Church. Appointed Rev. W. O. Howard to pastorate of Artesian Church as supply.

May 1st, appointed Rev. John Kerns as supply of the Mission Church. Through the help of God we have been able to raise several hundreds of dollars for the Conference work from friends of our Conference.

Granted a letter of transfer to Miss Kathleen Kelvsven to the Oregon Conference.

Financial Statement

Received from revivals, Quarterly Meetings \$ 428.00

Salary:

Received nom revivals, Quarterly meetings	Þ	872.00	
Total salary received			\$1300.00
rent	\$	195.00	
Received on expense from the Conference Treas-	-		
urer on meals, hotel, telephone, telegraph,		•	
bus fare, postage and some railroad fare	\$	190.65	
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Report No. 4			
MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND TRE	AST	IRER	
Receipts			
Cash on hand June 1, 1942	æ	119.33	
Received on 1st assessment	Ψ	33.00	
Received on 2nd assessment		46.50	
Received on 3rd assessment		35.00	
Received on 4th assessment		39.00	•
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Total receipts			\$ 273.33
Disbursements			
To. W. O. Ward	\$	28,40	
To R. J. Sausoman	•	10.00	
To J. E. Spry		25.00	•
To W. C. Brannon		19.60	
To W. D. Shelor		36.80	
To Julius Miller		25.00	
To Julius Miller		50.00	•
Postage and cashing checks		. 50	
Total disbursements		 .	\$ 195.30
14			7 270,00

Balance on hand, June 1, 1943

78.03

Total receipts to June 1, 1943

\$ 273.33

THOMAS BAILIE, Secretary-Treasurer.

Report No. 5

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the Conference Treasurer, the Camp Meeting Treasurer, and the Ministerial Relief Fund Treasurer and find them to be correct.

MARVIN E. JONES, KENNETH SHELLEY, THOMAS HERSEY.

Report No. 6

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH AND PARSONAGE BUILDING AND LOCATION

July 23, approved request for the Artesian Church to purchase a parsonage and remodel the old parsonage into a church.

July 23, approved request of Britton to purchase a lot.

August 31, approved request of Rapid City to purchase lots.

September 21, approved request from Rapid City Church to secure a loan from the Home Mission Department of \$500.00 to be repaid in monthly installments of \$25.00.

January 16, approved the plan of the Mobridge Church to purchase a church to be placed on their basement.

January 16, approved the proposed building plan at Rapid City of a church 28 by 50 feet. Approved the purchase of the frame school building at Wasta, S. D., to be wrecked to build the church at Rapid City.

Approved the purchase of a church for Britton, S. D.

J. F. SIMPSON,
R. D. REISDORPH,
J. E. SPRY,
L. KINDSCHI,
FRANK MARTIN.

Report No. 7 RAILROAD EXPENSE COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Railroad Expense, have found the amount sent in from the various charges to be \$87.59, while the amount to be paid out is \$180.03, causing a deficit of \$92.44.

This amount added to the expense and equally divided among the charges makes an apportionment of \$11.84.

We recommend that this amount be raised by August 1st and sent in to the Treasurer.

A. C. BUELL, LESTER MYERS, ALICE NELLIS.

Report No. 8

COMMITTEE ON PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

We, your Committee on Passage of Character, have examined the reports of the pastors to the Annual Conference and their characters were passed.

Report No. 9

ITINERACY AND ORDERS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Itineracy and Orders, recommend the following:

That Ralph Howard, T. S. Lee, Pauline Eisenbeis be placed in the first year Course of Study and granted a license to preach.

That Isla Knight and Romeo Baronia be continued in the first year and their license renewed.

That George Gore be continued in the studies of the first year.

That W. H. Nieuinhuis and Emil Hansen be received to study, pre-paratory to travel.

That Audry Olson and Edith Jones be received to travel under Conference direction and granted a license to preach.

That the license of Kenneth Shelley and Thomas Hersey be renewed. That Archie Buell and L. L. Knapp be advanced to the second year and their license renewed.

That Mrs. C. W. Calhoon be continued in second year studies, and that C. W. Calhoon, Leslie Smith and Frank Traver be continued in the second year and their license renewed.

That Beulah Hughes be continued in the third year course, and that Mrs. William (Elsie) Ward be placed in the third year and granted a license to preach.

That the following persons be continued in the fourth year studies and their license be renewed; Wilbur Drown, Mrs. Wilbur Drown, Elvie Turner, Hazel Carter and Chester Reed.

That William Ward be received into the Conference as an Elder from a sister denomination.

That James Harris and Ellis Sollie be granted a license to preach, they having completed the theological course at Miltonvale College.

That Robert McIntyre and Walter Simpson, having completed the theological course at M. W. C., be graduated from the Course of Study and their license renewed.

That Marion Koth be graduated from the Course of Study and or-

dained at this session of Conference.

W. D. SHELOR,
A. M. WILEY,
S. J. McINTYRE,
GORDON GOODSELL,
AUGUST WEGNER,
WILL PALMER,
MRS. E. E. REEVES.

Report No. 10

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report: Resolved, That we offer praise to our Heavenly Father for His mercy and sustaining grace which have upheld us through another year, and for His manifest presence and blessing upon this annual session.

Resolved, That we express our thanks and appreciation to our Connectional Representative, Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, for his visitation, valuable instruction, and encouraging messages during this Conference session.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to President C. Floyd Hester and the Miltonvale College Quartet for their presence and service in our Conference, and that we renew our pledge of loyalty and support to Miltonvale Wesleyan College.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to our Conference President, Rev. J. F. Simpson, for his leadership and faithfulness in ministering to our needs as a Conference in these anxious, heart-testing days; that at the threshold of a new year, we determine to support him with our prayers.

Resolved, That we thank all those who have assisted in any way toward the entertainment of Conference Delegates, especially to those who have made generous contributions of food and sacrificial labor.

Resolved, That we express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to Rev. Rufus Reisdorph for his kindly, Christ-like spirit, and abundant labors among us these many years; and also to our dear sister Ruby Reisdorph for her faithful and inspriring ministry in leading our song services, and in many other capacities.

Resolved, That we send a letter of thanks to the various railroads that have extended free transportation to our Conference officials. This cour-

tesy and favor on the part of these companies is greatly appreciated by the Conference.

Resolved, That we as a Conference, constantly remember in prayer, the young men and women from our congregations who are serving their country at war; pleading His tender mercy, guidance and protection to be as a wall of fire about them.

Be it also resolved, That we honor those in the armed forces from our Conference by preparing and displaying a service flag at our annual gatherings.

Resolved, That we give thanks to the Carpenter of Nazareth who guided His faithful ministers and co-workers in the erection of new churches and the opening of new and promising fields, and for the liberal response of all who contributed financially and by prayer to the establishment of these new fields.

Resolved, That we by God's grace go forward to acceptance of the glorious challenge that is ours in standing for and promoting the fundamental truths of God's Holy Word; that we recognize we are living in perilous times when we must seize every opportunity to shine for God and holiness and win precious souls to Him; that to this end we labor with renewed strength and courage.

Resolved, That the local churches of this Conference give all possible moral support to any and all proposed legislation intended to supress intoxicating liquor in and around the camps where our armed forces are located; such as House Bill No. 2082 recently introduced in the House of Representatives at Washington by the Hon. Joseph R. Bryson of South Carolina.

W. D. SHELOR, MRS. FRANK MARTIN, MRS. VIOLA GIRARD.

Report No. 11

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT ON STANDING COMMITTEES

Camp Meeting Board—W. D. Shelor, J. F. Simpson, J. E. Spry, L. D. Harris, W. J. Leyh, Albert Hillen, President of the W. H. & F. M. S., President of the W. Y. P. S.

Conference Program Committee—Conference President, President of W. H. & F. M. S., Pastor of Aberdeen Church.

Missionary Board—J. F. Simpson, R. J. Sausoman, W. D. Shelor, S. J. McIntyre, Charles Reisdorph, Frank Martin, President of W. H. & F. M. S.

Judiciary Committee—L. D. Harris, Marvin E. Jones, William Shelor, W. J. Leyh.

Vacancies Committee—J. E. Spry, Marvin E. Jones, John Winterberg, R. E. Jaquith, Harold Dufloth.

Sunday-school Board—W. J. Leyh, John Hunter, George Thomas. Board of Committee on Itineracy and Orders—S. J. McIntyre, Gordon Goodsell.

Committee on Church and Parsonage Building and Location—J. F. Simpson, W. J. Leyh, H. B. Engel, W. D. Shelor, Frank Martin.

Report No. 12

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Pastoral Relations, submit the following relations:

Aberdeen-W. D. Shelor.

Almont-A. M. Wiley.

Artesian-J. E. Winterberg.

Avon-In hands of President.

Baker-A. C. Buell.

Billings-W. C. Brannon and wife.

Bradlev-In hands of President.

Brentford-Grace S. Miller.

Buffalo-John Hunter.

Bushnell and Flandreau-In hands of President.

Butte-H. W. Cretsinger.

Conner-In hands of President.

Forsyth-Thomas Bailie and wife.

Houghton and Britton-R. J. Sausoman.

Huron-George Thomas.

Ipswich-W. J. Leyh and wife.

Knobs and Mill Iron-In hands of President.

McIntosh-In hands of President.

Medicine Rocks-T. S. Lee.

Mission-Minnie Knecht.

Mitchell-Marvin E. Jones.

Mt. Vernon-Ralph Howard.

Mobridge and Pollock-Kenneth Shelley.

Northville-Lester Myers.

Redfield and Calvary—S. J. McIntyre.

Richland-William Ward and wife.

Rapid City-Arthur Reisdorph.

Strool-W. O. Howard, supply.

Sturgis and Vale-In hands of President.

Watertown-Gordon Goodsell and wife.

Watford City and Johnson Corners-L. D. Harris.

Webster-In hands of President.

Willow Lake (Missionary work)-Donald Gerriets.

We also recommend that the name of High Prairie be removed from the roll, its remaining members having placed their membership in the Billings Church.

Conference President-J. F. Simpson.

Missionary Evangelists-J. C. McGovern, W. W. Jeffers.

Unstationed Elders-C. K. Thompson.

Missionary Work—Isla Knight, C. W. Calhoon and wife, Marion Koth, Mrs. Frank Traver, Wilbur Drown and wife, Elvie Turner, Leslie Smith, Ralph Helle, Romeo Baronia, J. E. Spry, Pauline Eisenbeis, George Gore, W. H. Nieuinhuis, Emil Hansen, Audry Olson, Edith Jones, Beulah Hughes, and Hazel Carter.

Song Evangelists and Children's Workers—Mrs. Alberta Kindschi. Supply in Holiness Mission—Mrs. Laura Raymer.

Theological School—Frank Traver, Walter Simpson, Robert McIntyre, Ellis Sollie and Thomas Hersey.

Pastor in Oklahoma Conference-James Harris.

American Sunday-school Union-L. L. Knapp, Chester Reed, Otto Jensen and wife.

Teaching at Miltonvale-Wesleyan Knapp.

Teaching at Tabor, Iowa-George Robbins.

General Sunday-school Secretary-R. D. Reisdorph.

General Evangelists-W. O. Howard, Paul Kindschi, Kenneth Knapp, Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph.

J. F. SIMPSON,
W. C. BRANNON,
H. W. CRETSINGER,
MRS. S. J. McINTYRE,
MRS. H. C. KNECHT,
C. W. REISDORPH.

Report No. 13

MISSIONARY BOARD

The Missionary Board met on the Campgrounds at Aberdeen, June 5th, 1943, with the following members present: J. F. Simpson, S. J. McIntyre, W. D. Shelor, Raymond Sausoman, Frank Martin and Charles Reisdorph. We recommend the following appropriations:

That \$10.33 monthly be paid on the parsonage rental at Forsyth, Montana.

That \$10.00 monthly be paid on parsonage rental at Watertown, S. D.

That \$40.00 be paid as final payment on church building at Mission, South Dakota.

That \$25.00 per month be paid to our church at Rapid City, S. D. on their note.

That the Conference Treasurer pay Charles Schreibeis \$50.00 on note now, and another \$50.00 later in the year.

That \$50.00 be paid toward expenses of a revival meeting at Forsyth, and \$50.00 toward meeting at Conner, Mantana.

That \$50.00 be paid on the note of the Butte Church.

That the \$150.00 due the Home Mission Department on note of the Butte Church be paid.

We further recommend:

That Conference President's salary be set at \$27.50 per week and traveling expenses, also that the Conference pay \$15.00 per month on his parsonage rent.

That each charge raise as much money as possible to be credited on Conference President's salary when he visits or holds special meetings on the charges.

That S. J. McIntyre be elected Conference Treasurer.

J. F. SIMPSON,
S. J. McINTYRE,
W. D. SHELOR,
RAYMOND SAUSOMAN,
FRANK MARTIN,
CHARLES REISDORPH

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Report No. 14

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Conference Fund

Receipts

Cash on hand beginning of year	\$ 320.65
Received from Conference W. H. & F. M. S	504.13
Received from churches and individuals	2209.54
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Disbursements		
Ministers' carfare	\$ 80.88	
Gordon Goodsell (Rent)	120.00	
Forsyth Church (Building account)		
Thomas Bailie (On salary)	135.00	
J. F. Simpson (President's salary)	872.00	
J. F. Simpson (Expenses)	190.65	

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Thomas Bailie (Moving expenses)	25.00	
W. D. Shelor (Printing Conference Program)	2.50	
McKeever Press (Typewriter rental)	2.00	
L. D. Harris (Secretarial assistant)	5.00	
Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association for print-		
ing minutes	96.86	
Publishing House for ordination parchments	4.50	
Publishing House for statistical blanks	1.50	
J. F. Simpson, special offering for evangelism	30.47	
Charles Schreibeis, payment on principal and interest.	116.00	
Thomas Bailie, special offering for evangelism	25.64	
Artesian Church (Church Extension money)	23.00	
Gordon Goodsell, special offerings for Watertown	47.74	
R. J. Sausoman, (Church Extension Fund)	148.84	
J. F. Simpson, expense as Transportation Secretary	5.00	
J. F. Simpson, house rent	180.00	
Interest on loans, from the Superannuated Ministers'		
Fund	57.26	
Bank exchange	4.05	
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Total		\$2287.74
June 1st, 1943, cash on hand to balance		746.58
Home Mission Fund		
Receipts		• • • • •
Total receipts from church offerings		\$ 91.26
Disbursements		
Paid Roy S. Nicholson, Home Missionary Secretary		\$ 91.26
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Foreign Missions		
Receipts		
Total receipts from churches		\$ 242.95
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Disbursements		
Paid E. F. McCarty, Foreign Missionary Secretary	• •	\$ 242.95
Education		
Receipts		
Total receipts from churches		& 155 EE
Disbursements		\$ 155.55
Paid C. Floyd Hester, Treasurer of Miltonvale College.		\$ 155.55
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Superannuated Ministers' Fund		
Receipts		
Cach on hand at beginning of year	\$ 370.72	

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Total receipts from churches	189.97	,
From Billings Church, final payment on note	130.00	•
From Buffalo Church, payment on \$100.00 note	50.00	
Interest on loans to Conference	57.26	•
Total receipts		\$ 797.95
Disbursements—None		
Cash on hand to balance, June 1, 1943	:	\$ 797.95
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Statement of Assets		
Loan No. 1 to Conference	\$ 289.49	
Loan No. 2 to Conference	349.39	•
Loan No. 3 to Conference	105.48	
Loan No. 4 to Conference	210.00	•
Loan to Buffalo Church	50.00	
Cash on hand June 1, 1943	797.95	
Total assets	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$1802.31
Orphanage Receipts		
Total receipts from churches		\$ \$22.87
Disbursements		
Paid Roy S. Nicholson, Home Missionary Secretary		\$ 22.87
FRANK MA	RTIN, T	reasurer.

CONFERENCE STANDING RULES AND RESOLUTIONS Financial Plan for Conference Work

Money for Conference Fund shall be obtained by each local church paying 7½% of all money raised for all purposes, this to include local treasury, Sunday school, W. H. & F. M. S., W. Y. P. S., and Y. M. W. B., with the exception of finance for building and repairs. One-third of this fund shall be used for Church Extension within the boundaries of the Dakota Conference, and the balance, two-thirds, shall constitute the regular Conference Fund.

This amount is to be sent in to the Conference Treasurer once a month. The amount for Railroad Expense is \$11.84 per charge, and it is recommended that this amount be sent to the Conference Treasurer not later than August 1, 1943.

By-Laws

Presidents of the W. H. & F. M. S. and of the W. Y. P. S. are members of the Camp Meeting Board by virtue of office.

Characters of pastors will NOT be passed unless the Superannuated Ministers' Fund has been raised.

All churches will be instructed at the beginning and again at the close of the Conference year, regarding their obligations to the Conference, relative to Budget and indebtedness.

All officers hold office until the close of the Conference session in which they are retired.

The Conference Treasurer is authorized to close his books seven days before the date of opening of Conference.

See Resolutions under Report No. 10.

Budget Apportionment

Foreign Missions	\$2.00 per member
Home Missions	.50 per member
Orphanage	.25 per member
Education	1.50 per member
Superannuated Ministers' Fund	.52 per member
(See paragraph 146 in Discipline.)	

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS

Examining Board

A. M. WileyTerm	expires	1944
W. D. ShelorTerm	expires	1945
Gordon GoodsellTerm	expires	1946
S. J. McIntyreTerm	expires	1947
List of books and examiners:		

Gordon Goodsell—

First Year, Study of Bible by Books, Sell; and Applied Business English.

Second Year, Bible and Homilectics, by Kearns.

Third Year, Bible and Christian Evidences.

Fourth Year, Bible and Bible Geography.

S. J. McIntyre-

First Year, Robert's Rules of Order.

Second Year, How to Prepare on Expository Sermon.

Third Year, System of General Ethics.

Fourth Year, Psychology.

A. M. Wiley-

First Year, Theological Compend; Perfect Love.

Second Year, Teacher Training and Theology.

Third Year, Theology.

Fourth Year, Theology.

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(All reading books and grades are to be reported to A. M. Wiley.) W. D. Shelor—

First Year, Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.

Second Year, Philosophy of Plan of Salvation.

Third Year, Church History and System of Christian Evidence.

Fourth Year, Church History and All About the Bible.

(Books in the course on which examination is to be taken, can be secured by writing to the examiner. Please send a fee of ten cents when asking for any book.) The books in the reading course will be in the hands of the Secretary, Marvin E. Jones, 700 West 7th Ave., Mitchell, S. D. The fee will be charged on these books also.

STATISTICAL REPORT

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Charges	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodist taken	Wesleyan Missionarys taken	W. Y. P. S. Journal	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart	Pupils Lesson Stories, etc.	Bible Lesson Stories, etc.
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Baker Billings Brentford Britton Buffalo Bushnell Butte Calvary Conner Flandreau Forsyth Houghton Huron Ipswich Johnson Corners Knobs and Mill. Iron McIntosh McIntosh Medicine Rocks Mission Mitchell Mobridge Mt. Vernon Northville Pollock Rapid City Redfield Richland Watertown Watford Webster	121 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12	1 1 2 1 1 2 	11 12 11 11 12 11 11 12 11 11 11 11 11 1	4 33 85 20 5 5 1 1 4 33 2 2 4 4 3 3 6 17 6 6 1 9 3 7 7 5 5 1 1 2 9 9 10 7 13	133 588 222 55. 133 34 55. 100 211 100 211 100 277 267 77 275 122 200 151 151 151 151 151 151 151 1	110 112 111 10 11 10 11 10 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	155 155 1745 455 6200 100 1778 8 153 27166 188 100 244 14200 200 400 200 400 240 400 240 400 240 400 240 400 40	100 400 400 400 400 400 400 400 400 400	12 12 13 13 13 13 15 12 20 20 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1	13 · · · · 8 · · 3 3 4 4 5 3 3 3 4 4 5 1 0 · · · · 5 1 1 0 5 5 5 3 4 6 5 · · 6 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	20 45 6 10 6 8 25 12 15 14 20 45 8 10 35 5 22 25 30 45 	15 1223 10 1228 86 1288 10	30 77 422 31 221 38 84 410 66 66 55 12	8 6 4 12 10 12	112	15 15 6 15 6 	7 10 8 10 2 14 5 5 9 4 20 10 	1 1	10	120
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Charges	Received	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	No. Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss	Gain	No. under 14 years of age	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Local Preachers	Membership Tithing
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Baker Billings Bradley Brentford Britton Buffalo Bushnell Butte Calvary Flandreau Forsyth High Prairie Houghton Huron Lpswich Johnson Corners Knobs and Mill Iron McIntosh Medicine Rocks Mission Mitchell Mobridge Mt. Vernon Northville Pollock Rapid City Redfield Rckiland Wattertown Watford City Webster	13	2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3	33 3 1 1 2 1 1 2 2 1 6 6	56 27 53	49 69 14 10 19 17 77 13 13 55 55 76 20	22 1 8 2	19	3 3 3 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	8 7 1 2	11		211	9 66 640 10 10 10 227 5 13 33 22 33 32
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Charges	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers	Whole No. of Teachers	Whole No. of Scholars	Total No. in Main School	Average Attendance	No. Scholars in Home Dept.	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	No. Scholars Converted	No. Scholars Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts.	No. in Teacher's Training	No. of Organized Classes	No. Books in Library	No. W. Y. P. Societies	Membership of Societies
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Baker Billings Brentford Britton Buffalo Bushnell Butte Calvary Conner Flandreau Forsyth Houghton Huron Ipswich Johnson Corners Knobs and Mill Iron McIntosh Medicine Rocks Mission Mitchell Mobridge Mt. Vernon Northville Pollock Rapid City Redfield Richland Watford City Webster	11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	8755497 623338425544442 528245 833	l	35 37 25 160 18	35 47 33 181 28 49 17	20 211 300 3133 133 16 310 422 31 27 31 27 15 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27	6	10	69 39 53 43 212 73 17	2	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	8	4	125		
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Item V. Church Property													
Charges	No. Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Cash on Other Values on Hand						
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Item VI. Amount Contributed for Pastor													
Charges	Pastor's Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts								
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Baker Billings Brentford Britton Buffalo Bushnell Bushnell Butte Calvary Flandreau Forsyth Houghton Huron Loswich Cohnson Corners Knobs and Mill Iron McIntosh Mitchell Mobridge Mt. Vernon Northville Pollock Rapid City Redfield Redfiel	\$ 1560 690 471 657 423 1316 487 319 766 400 554 400 554 400 5562 1040 357 449 178 962 309 270 552 1033 119 655 1033 119 655 1033 1500 289 890	\$ 3000 80 108 3000 105 60 300 180 180 180 50 50 60 60 60 60 60 60	\$ 200 79 411 155 200 100 8 25 311	15 58 62	188 188 189 100 100 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120								
Totals	\$18887	\$2829	\$316	\$3487	\$255								

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Charges				Conference President's Salary	Conference Evangelist's Salary	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Total for Church
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Item VII	I	Amou	nt Co	ntrib	ited	for B	елеч	olene	es			
Charges	Undivided Budget	Home Missions	Foreign Missiins	Education	Church Extension	Conference Work	Superannuated Ministers'	Connectional S. S. Work	W. Y. P. S.	Orphanage	Other Benevolent Objects	Total for Benevolences
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Baker Billings Brentford Britton Buffalo Bushnell Butte Calvary Flandreau Forsyth Houghton Huron Ipswich Johnson Corners Knobs and Mill Iron McIntosh Medicine Rocks Mission Mitchell Mobridge Mt. Vernon Northville Pollock Rapid City Redfield Richland Watertown Watford Waterown Watford Waterown Watford City Webster	\$215 23 9 25 12 5	30 8 15 7 21 8 63 5 39 15	128 41 26 85 208 24 7 88	49 12 5 29 92 17 52 6 12 32	18	122 36	7 3 10 5	2 1 8 2 1 1 5 1 	\$ 744 33 33 33 34 34 34	19	25 123 3992 600 399 395 23 50 41 51 44 44 44 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40	\$118: 38: 133: 120: 300: 1202: 188: 103: 339: 119: 166: 418: 175: 238: 844: 113: 84: 113: 113: 113: 113: 113: 113: 113: 11
Totals	\$296	\$943	\$2329	\$939	\$88	\$2880	\$156	\$44	\$122	\$274	\$1475	\$9546

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Charges	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
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Charges	Undivided Budget Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Home Missions Raised	Foreign Assigned	Foreign Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised	Conference Assigned	Conference Raised	Total Assigned	Total Raised
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Baker Billings Brentiord Britton Buffalo Bushnell Butte Calvary Flandreau Forsyth Houghton Huron Ipswich Johnson Corners Knobs and Mill Iron McIntosh Medicine Rocks Mission Mitchell Mobridge Mt. Vernon Northville Pollock Rapid City Redfield Richland Watertown Watford City Webster	\$ 5	344	\$ 30 16 12 143 11 26 61	134	\$ 128 766 544 539 7	32	35	5		\$52	\$ 78 72 51	141	\$226
Totals	\$ 5	\$89	\$311	\$350	\$1121	\$262	\$389	\$44	83	82	\$265	\$371	\$871

Minutes of the Thirty-Eighth Annual Session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of the Dakota Conference, June 1—5, 1943

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

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Y. M. W. B. Superintendent-Mrs. Louise Goodsell, Watertown, S. D.

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Richland-President, Lucy Wolter, Ipswich, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Mable Sione, Cresbard, S. D.

Sandstone—President, Mrs. Frank Myers, Berg, N. D.; Secretary, Edna M. Wheeler, Berg, N. D.

Watertown-President, Mrs. Gordon Goodsell, 501 E. Kemp, Watertown, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Nora Goodsell, 10th St., W., Watertown, S. D.

Watford City-President, Mrs. L. D. Harris, Watford City, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Olaf Muri, Arnegard, N. D.

Woodland-President, Rev. Donald Gerriets, Willow Lake, S. D.; Secretary, Miss Grace Hill, Willow Lake, S. D.

DELEGATES

Aberdeen-Mrs. Harold Dufloth. Almont-Artesian-Mrs. J. Turner. Avon-Mrs. Marie Winterberg. Baker-Violet Sheuler. Billings-Mrs. Erma S. Brannon. Brentford-Britton-Mrs. Nellie Sausoman. Buffalo-Mrs. Amy Hunter. Bushnell-Butte-Calvary-Mrs. Marie Kegler. Cresbard-Beulah Boston. Houghton-Mrs. Nellie Sausoman. Huron-Rachel Bateman. Ipswich-Johnson Corners-Mrs. Judith Olson. Knobs-Medicine Rocks-Mitchell-Mrs. Marvin E. Jones. Mobridge-Mrs. Viola Girard. Northville-Mrs. Ruby Cox. Mission-Pollock-Miss Hilda Hesselroth. Rapid City-Mrs. Arthur Reisdorph. Redfield-Mrs. Charles Schmidt. Richland-Mae Palmer. Sandstone-Mrs. L. D. Harris. Watertown-Mrs. Elizabeth Traver. Watford City-Mrs. Carl Melby. Woodland-

Daily Proceedings

Wednesday, 9:30 a. m.

Call to Order-The President called the session to order.

Devotionals—Mrs. Drown led the body in singing, "Since the Fullness of His Love Came In," after which devotions were led by Mrs. Erma Brannon of Billings. Prayers were offered by Mrs. Amy Hunter and Mrs. Raymer.

Credentials—Mrs. Viola Girard and Mrs. Arthur Reisdorph were appointed Committee on Credentials.

Welcome—The President spoke a few words of welcome and exhortation to the body.

Roll Call—Roll was called to which 18 responded.

Election—A Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Brannon, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Kegler, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Dufloth.

Conference Body—Motion carried that Delegates, Presidents, Pastors' wives and Y. M. W. B. Superintendents be included in the Conference Body.

Adjournment-Adjourned to meet again in fifteen minutes.

Wednesday, 11:15 a. m.

Call to Order-The President called the session to order.

Bar of Conference—Motion prevailed that the first six rows on either side of the tabernacle be called the Bar of Conference.

Report—Report of Nominating Committee read and accepted. (See Report No. 1.)

Election—Election of committees was made as reported by Nominating Committee.

Quadrennial Statistical Committee—Moved and carried a second Statistical Committee be elected to make up the Quadrennial Statistical Report.

Election—The following Committee for the same was elected: Mrs. Viola Girard and Mrs. A. Reisdorph.

Election—Beulah Boston was elected as a Reporter to prepare a report for the local city newspaper, and also act as a reporter for the Wesleyan Missionary.

Adjournment—Following prayer, we were adjourned to meet again at one o'clock.

Wednesday, 1:00 p. m.

Call to Order-Called to order by President.

Roll Call—Following several testimonies, roll was called to which 17 responded.

Substitution—Motion carried that Mrs. A. Reisdorph act as Delegate for Rapid City, substituting for their Delegate who was unable to come.

Minutes-Minutes were read and approved.

Election—Motion carried that Mrs. Miller act as Wesleyan Missionary Solicitor.

Courtesies-Mrs. Ralph Howard presented to Society and responded with testimony.

Election—Beulah Boston handed in resignation as Reporter. Resignation accepted. Mrs. Amy Hunter elected to fill vacancy.

News from South America—Late news from the Phinneys in South America received personally by Mrs. Hunter, was given to the Society.

Adjournment-Following prayer we were adjourned.

Wednesday, 4:00 p. m.

Call to Order-Called to order by President.

Roll Call—Roll call to which 18 responded.

Report—Report on Orders of the Day was read and accepted. (See Report No. 2.)

Reports—The following local reports were given: Aberdeen, Artesian, Avon, Baker, Billings, Britton, Buffalo, Butte, Calvary, Cresbard, Houghton, Ipswich, Johnson Corners, Knobs and Medicine Rocks.

Adjournment-Adjourned with prayer.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING

Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, accompanied by Rev. Sausoman at the piano, led us in singing several inspirational hymns, after which Mrs. Brannon led us to the throne of grace. A duet followed by Misses Edith Jones and Irene Albright. Brother Nicholson, our Connectional Representative, brought the message of the evening, speaking from the text, "A great door and effectual is opened unto me," 1 Cor. 16:9. Rev. William Ward, returned missionary from Africa, took up the offering of the evening, which amounted to \$97.60 in cash and \$445.50 in pledges, to be equally divided between Conference and Home Missions. Following a congregational song, motion pictures of Hephzibah Orphanage were shown by Rev. Sausoman and commented upon by Brother Nicholson. Rev. Marvin Jones pronounced the dismissal.

Thursday, 9:30 a. m.

Call to Order—Called to order by President.

Devotionals—Following song, led by Mrs. Dufloth, devotions were conducted by Mrs. Marvin Jones.

Roll Call—Roll was called to which 20 responded.

Minutes—Minutes were read and approved.

Reports—The following reports were given: Mitchell, Pollock, Redfield,

Richland, Sandstone, Watertown, Watford City, Woodland (Willow Lake), Brentford, Rapid City, Mobridge.

Greetings—Mrs. Viola Girard brought greetings to the body from Mrs. Vanderlain of Mobridge.

Adjournment-Adjourned with prayer.

Thursday, 3:00 p. m.

Call to Order—Called to order by President.

Roll Call-Following prayer, roll was called to which 20 responded.

Minutes—Minutes were read and approved.

Report-Huron local report was read.

Election—Accepting Mrs. Shelor's resignation as Chairman of Plan of Work Committee, Mrs. Goodsell was elected to fill the vacancy.

Courtesies—Rev. and Mrs. William Ward of Mitchell presented to body and responded with testimonial talks.

Report—Auditing Committee Report read and accepted. (See Report No. 3.)

Report—Treasurer's Report read and accepted. (See Report No. 4.)

Appointment—Mrs. Dufloth and Mrs. Sausoman appointed as Committee to help plan and prepare a poster for General Conference from our Conference Society.

7½% Plan—Motion prevailed that in making out annual reports, the 7½% amount be included under Conference Fund, and not as a specific item, and statement also written to the effect that the 7½% has been paid in full.

Adjournment-Adjourned with prayer.

Friday, 10: 45 a. m.

Devotionals—Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph opened the service in singing, "I Love to Tell the Story," after which devotions were conducted by Mrs. Amy Hunter.

Orders of the Day—Orders of the Day called for a one-act play, entitled "Dr. Sure-Cure," to be presented by the Aberdeen Missionary Society.

Adjournment-We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. A. Reisdorph.

Friday, 3:30 p. m.

Call to Order—Called to order by President.

Opening—After joining in song, we were led in prayer by Mrs. Girard. Roll Call—Roll was called to which 19 responded.

Minutes—Minutes were read and approved.

Report—Resolutions Committee report read and accepted. (See Report No. 5.)

Report—Plan of Work Committee report read and accepted. (See Report No. 6.)

Vote of Thanks—A rising vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Shelor, in behalf of the work she has done for the camp buildings during the past Conference year.

Cleaning Camp Buildings—Motion prevailed that each local society be assessed 10 cents per member (the Camp Meeting Board to equal same in amount) toward hired help to prepare and clean the buildings for Conference and camp in 1944.

Election—Orders of the Day called for election of officers which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Viola Leyh; Vice-President, Mrs. Erma Brannon; Secretary, Mrs. LaVerne Jones; Treasurer, Mrs. Blanche Larson; Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, Mrs. Louise Goodsell. Because of inability of Y. M. W. B. Delegate to attend General Conference, Mrs. Simpson was elected to fill this vacancy.

Love Gift—Motion prevailed we present Mrs. Larson a love gift of \$10.00 from the treasury, for her faithful service during the past years.

Election—Mrs. Shelor was elected to oversee kitchen needs and determine the amount which has come in this year.

Missionary Travel—Motion carried that the President be authorized to take steps toward securing a missionary to travel the Conference this coming year.

Appointment—Mrs. Larson and Mrs. Traver were appointed by the President as a Committee to form a list of things to do and not to do to take back to local societies.

Y. M. W. B.—Mrs. Goodsell spoke concerning the Conference Y. M. W. B. work of the past year.

Adjournment-Dismissed with prayer.

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Called to Order—Called to order by President.

Opening-After a song, prayer was offered by Mrs. Judith Olson.

Roll Call-Roll was called to which 18 responded.

Prayer—In answer to an urgent request, prayer was offered by Mrs. Drown for Mrs. Schmidt of Redfield.

Minutes-Minutes were read and approved.

Report—Statistical Report read and accepted. (See Report No. 8.)

Suggestion for Local Treasurers—The suggestion was made for each local society to purchase treasurer's books from Mrs. Perrine for the coming quadrennium to facilitate the keeping of financial records.

Courtesies—President Hester introduced to Society, bringing greetings from Miltonvale College and from the Kansas Conference Missionary Society. Forming words from the first letter of each name of Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, he spoke briefly from the words, willing, hopeful, friendly, merciful, sacrifice.

Instruction to Delegates—The Treasurer will close her books on May 25, 1944.

Disbursements—Moved and carried that disbursements be made out of the Conference treasury as follows: \$25.00 for minutes printed; \$4.34 for printing of pledge cards by Treasurer; gifts for the two new brides within the Conference.

Delegates' Expenses—Motion carried that we leave the balance in treasury against the expenses for General Conference Delegates.

Report—The committee to form a list of things to do and not to do gave their report and it was accepted with corrections.

Greetings—Mrs. Bennie Veeder from Watford City sent greetings and love to Society through Mrs. Olson. Mrs. T. Bailie from Forsyth sent greetings to Conference Society through Mrs. Leyh.

Appointment—President appointed the following District Organizers: Southern District, Mrs. Traver; Aberdeen District, Mrs. McIntyre and Northwest District, Mrs. T. Bailie.

Adjournment-Adjourned with prayer.

Saturday, 1:00 p. m.

Call to Order—Called to order by President.

Minutes-Minutes read and approved.

Roll Call-Roll was called to which 18 responded.

Courtesies—Rev. Simpson introduced to body and spoke briefly.

Courtesies—Brother Nicholson presented to body and spoke concerning the Home Mission work.

Forsyth and Connor—Motion made that each society pay the sum of \$1.67 toward sponsoring revival meetings in Forsyth and Connor, Montana. Amendment to above motion to read \$2.00 instead of \$1.67. Passed as amended.

Report—President read her message as a report of the past year's work, and it was accepted. (See Report No. 7.)

Expenses of President—Moved and carried that the expenses for our Conference President in traveling throughout the Conference this coming year be met by an offering from the respective churches visited, and where expenses are not met, same to be taken from Conference treasury.

Instructions to Secretary—Motion prevailed that letters of greetings be sent by the Secretary to Mrs. Cretsinger, Mrs. Bailie, Mrs. Spry, Mrs. Buell and Mrs. Thomas.

Adjournment-Adjourned after prayer was offered by Mrs. Dufloth.

Reports of Committees

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following report:

Statistical-Mrs. Sausoman, Mrs. Dufloth.

Auditing-Mrs. A. Reisdorph, Mrs. Girard.

Orders of the Day—Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Brannon, Mrs. Kegler, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Winterberg.

Resolutions—Mrs. Drown, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. A. Reisdorph. Courtesies—Mrs. Brannon.

Plan of Work—Mrs. Goodsell, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Schmidt.

Signed: ERMA S. BRANNON,
MARIE KEGLER,
FLORENCE DUFLOTH,
AMY HUNTER,
HARRIET HARRIS.

Report No. 2

ORDERS OF THE DAY

We, the Committee on Orders of the Day, submit the following report: Wednesday morning, Treasurer's Report. Wednesday afternoon, Local Reports. Wednesday evening, 8:00 o'clock, Public Missionary Meeting, with Home Missionary Secretary, Rev. Roy S. Nicholson as speaker, followed by motion pictures, "Helping Hephzibah," by Rev. Raymond Sausoman. Thursday morning, 9:30 o'clock Local Reports concluded. Thursday afternoon, 3:15 o'clock, Rev. and Mrs. William Ward to address Society. Friday morning, 1:00 o'clock, the Aberdeen society to present missionary play, "Dr. Sure-Cure." Friday to be observed as "Tag Day." Friday afternoon, 3:30 o'clock, Election of Officers. Saturday morning, 8:15 o'clock, President Hester to address Society. Saturday afternoon, 1:00 o'clock, Rev. J. F. Simpson to speak to Society; 1:15 o'clock, Rev. Roy S. Nicholson to address Society.

Signed: BLANCHE A. LARSON,
VIOLA C. LEYH,
ERMA S. BRANNON,
MARIE KEGLER,
MARIE WINTERBERG.

Report No. 3

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the Treasurer's books and found them correct.

Signed: LILLIAN REISDORPH, VIOLA GIRARD.

Report No. 4

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary Report for the Year 1942-1943

On hand at the beginning of the year	
Total	
Balance on hand	•

Report No. 5

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

Inasmuch as our nation is involved in the greatest conflict of arms ever recorded in human history and our Christian faith is being tested whether it be able to weather this mighty temptest, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, dedicate ourselves anew to gird on the whole armor of God and stand against the powers of darkness to prove that our God hears and answers prayer.

Be it also resolved, that we call mightily on God to direct the leaders of the Allied Nations, that the free course of the Word of God be not hindered.

Be it further resolved, that a great volume of prayer be sent up for our men and women in the armed forces that the Holy Spirit will keep those whom are His, and bring to Christ the unsaved ones.

Be it resolved, that as Christian women, we prove our sympathy for the suffering mothers and children of both Allies and enemies, by our continual prayers and labors in their behalf.

Be it resolved, also, that as we make intercession for our missionaries, we remember those of all nations who have been interned by our enemies, that through their suffering, God may be glorified and unbelievers shall be convinced of the reality of our Christ.

Be it resolved, that we express our appreciation to Brother Nicholson for his stirring message on Home Missions, and to Brother and Sister Ward for their inspiration to further missionary endeavor.

Be it resolved, that we express our gratitude to the pastors and wives on our pioneer fields for their faithful labors in building new missionary societies.

Be it resolved, that we offer our thanks to the Camp Meeting Committee and their helpers for the fine entertainment in this difficult war year.

Be it further resolved, that as Christian women, we set before this rising generation, such an example of holy living in all manner of conversation, home life and intercessory prayer, as shall lead them to turn from the things of this world to serve the Lord.

Signed: KATHERINE DROWN, LILLIAN REISDORPH, AMY HUNTER.

Report No. 6

PLAN OF WORK

We, the Committee on the Plan of Work, urge each Society to observe at least one night of prayer each month in the Conference Prayer Program, also that each local society coöperate with the Connectional Prayer Program, in addition to the following plan of work outlined by the General Conference:

- 1. Arrange with the pastor for one missionary prayer service each month.
- 2. A minimum of ten meetings during the year in which prayer service is held and business transacted.
 - 3. Red Letter Days:
 - (a) Harvest Day for Educational work.
 - (b) Easter-program, gifts and offerings for Home Mission work.
- (c) World Day of Prayer—that we cooperate in observing the World Day of Prayer.
- (d) May Day—to be known as gift day, bandages and such gifts as can be sent out with outgoing missionaries or used on our Home field.

- (e) Wesleyan Missionary Day—with program to secure subscriptions for our official organ.
 - 4. One public meeting.
 - 5. Correspond with missionaries.
- 6. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and 50% of membership to be subscribers to the Wesleyan Missionary.
- 7. A solicitor elected for the Wesleyan Missionary gaining not less than two new subscribers a year.
- 8. A delegate elected to the Annual Conference of the W. H. & F. M. Society.
 - 9. Report blanks properly filled out on time.
- 10. At annual meeting instruct delegate the amount to pledge at Conference session for the Society.
 - 11. Officers elected at last meeting of Conference year.
- 12. All monies received as dues be sent to the Conference Treasurer, designating where 50% of same shall be applied on missions. (See par. 293 of Discipline.)
 - 13. A Superintendent and fully organized Y. M. W. B.
- 14. Every woman of the church a member of the Society, or a 20% gain in membership.
 - 15. Money sent to Conference Treasurer on time. Ten points each.

In conclusion:

- 1. We recommend that each local society especially remember our service men in prayer and the need of distributing Bibles among them.
- 2. We likewise recommend the formation of prayer circles in each local society, also the reading of the Efficiency Standard quarterly. All societies making a grade of 100 points be placed on the Honor Roll. How will your society be rated at the Annual Conference session?

Signed: LOUISE GOODSELL,

MRS CHARLES SCHMIDT,

MRS. RALPH HOWARD.

Report No. 7

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters of the Dakota Conference W. H. & F. M. Societies: Another year has pessed and we have gathered for our annual session. The past year has been one of battles and accomplishments. It has been the best year financially that we have had. We praise God! Many duties and responsibilities rest upon us now, due to war conditions, and the evil day. Jesus said, "Fear not, little flock, it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." May Kingdom interests find first place in our hearts and lives this new year.

Official Acts

On September 6, organized a Missionary Society at Rapid City.

In October, authorized Mrs. Viola Girard to organize a Missionary Society at Mobridge.

On March 12th, World Day of Prayer, met with the Watford City district in an all-day service.

Other societies visited are: Aberdeen, Billings, Artesian, Flandreau and Mission.

Other duties and correspondence attendant to the office have been cared for.

Respectfully submitted,

VIOLA C. LEYH.

W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

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Re	ceip	ts								
Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Members Gained	Members Loss	Regular Meetings Held	Special Meetings Held	Do You Use Missionary Programs?	Wesleyan MissionarysTaken	Cash on Hand From Last Vear	Membership Dues
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Baker Billings Brentford Britton Buffalo Bushnell Butte Calvary Cresbard Houghton Huron Ipswich Johnson Corners Knobs Medicine Rocks Mitchell Mobridge* Northville Pollock Rapid City* Redfield Richland Sandstone Watford City Willow Lake	288 89 100 117 188 55 99 218 99 17 6 122 166 91 161 155 88 129 17 6 120 165 186 120 166 17 8 120 17 8	8 64 11 77 12 5 4 3 3 4 10 11 22 5	2 8 2 1 1 4	4	244 133 111 115 244 100 122 9 4 11 122 201 122 121 122 111 122 111 122 111 122 111 122 111 122 111 123 111 124 111 112 112 112 112 112 112 112	1 2 6 1 2 2 1 1 2 2 1 1 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1	Yes No Yes Yes Yes Yes No Yes No	23 44 55 88 211 52 13 24 55 61 1 136 26 77 72 125 125 138 51 125 125 125 125 125 125 125 125 125	1.22 1.00 .47 2.50	\$ 36.00 8.00 16.00 18.00 25.00 9.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 13.00 20.00 14.00 12.00 12.00 12.00
Totals	334	88	51	18	369	53		229	\$47.18	\$410.20

^{*}New Societies

W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued

Aberdeen		Receipts					
Artesian 37.75 8.00 39.65 10 Avon 73.73	Societies	Offerings	Labor	Other Vork	Other Work	Other Sources	Total
Sandstone 62.53 5.00 40.67 15.90 13 Watertown 29.77 30.20 7 Waterd City 150.36 117.05 28 117.05 28	Almont Artesian Avon Baker Baker Billings Brentford Britton Buffalo Bushnell Butte Calvary Cresbard Houghton Huron Opswich Ohnson Corners Knobs Medicine Rocks Mitchell Mobridge Northville Pollock Rapid City Redfield Richland Sandsone Watertown	62.78 37.75 73.73 137.38 219.56 134.80 20.64 80.21 25.97 76.50 160.98 58.42 39.70 83.22 38.08 119.88 16.28 50.00 71.55 22.85 34.20 40.46 39.76 354.89 62.53 29.77 150.36	5.00 12.60 1.80 77.67 16.00	34.00 20.60 15.00 34.00 20.00 14.00 12.00 2.00 18.60 2.00 2.00 2.00 14.00 2.00 5.00 2.00 5.00 2.00 5.00 2.00	4.50 151.68 268.32 77.79	39.65 24.75 34.24 31.00 15.39 133.31 54.03 68.00 2.50 67.76 10.00 33.55 38.94 15.90 30.20 117.05	81.5: 103.88 113.88 176.38 275.00 143.88 27.61 164.11 47.92 110.00 184.99 102.44 203.66 111.22 106.88 367.00 48.5 306.81 193.00 61.88 78.7.27 27.5: 130.1: 177.88

W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued

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Societies	Undjvided	Home, Cash	Home, Clothing and Other Gifts	Hephzibah, Cash	Hephzibah, Provisions	Foreign, Cash	Foreign, Bandages and Other Gifts	Medical Students	Cash
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Baker Billings Brentford Britton Bushnell Buffalo Bushnell Butte Calvary Cresbard Houghton Huron Ipswich Johnson Corners Knobs Medicine Rocks Mitchell Mobridge Northville Pollock Rapid City Redfield Richland Sandstone Watertown Watford City Willow Lake	\$23.34 	19.66 8.67 11.67 29.65 5.51 18.59 5.00 24.09 14.00 16.43 8.80 9.26 6.31 7.22 6.00 5.50 6.00 17.42 6.00	10.15 8.00 20.60 15.00 22.80 17.00 12.00 12.00 23.41 2.00 10.73 3.32 23.35 14.00 17.00	5.00 8.00 5.00 10.00 7.50 5.00 10.00 7.50 8.75 5.00 24.00 5.00 5.00 5.00	\$3.00	33.86 62.12 46.81 5.00 15.49 69.33 29.84 77.33 35.00 54.03 156.68 2.00 87.79 87.79	158.97 24.84 7.03 4.50		10.0 8.0 22.0 6.0 14.0 6.0 51.5 6.0 29.8 5.0 4.4 3.0 2.1
Totals	\$46.97	\$568.60	\$401.76	\$195.75	\$3.00	\$1208.43	\$505.04	\$3.00	\$338.4

W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued

		Disburs	ements					
Societies	Education, Provisions	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Conference 71/2%, Pledges, New Work	Cash on Hand	Total	Efficiency Standard Rank, %
Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Baker Billings Brentford Britton Buffalo Bushnell Butte Calvary Cresbard Houghton Huron Ipswich Johnson Corners Knobs Medicine Rocks Mitchell Mobridge Northville Pollock Rapid City Redfield Richland Sandstone Watford City Willow Lake	\$4.00	14.75 4.50 13.70 .50 .23 100.00 3.94 10.71 1.67	8.00 9.00 25.00 4.50 2.00 6.00 7.50 12.00 6.50 9.00 6.60 7.00 13.20 6.50 6.60 6.60 6.60 6.60	3.67 4.93 5.63 29.74 20.32 3.11 4.548 15.08 21.250 17.89 6.68 7.22 8.06 6.00 25.21 23.96 11.03 11.03 11.03 11.03	4.546 10.00 12.05 12.05 16.56 16.56 29.95 5.37 3.80 6.43 69.35 3.01 8.02 10.63 2.53 9.52 10.73	2.53 	81.53 103.84 113.83 176.38 295.02 143.80 27.64 164.18 47.77 110.00 184.98 102.43 203.61 111.22 106.86 367.08 48.54 306.88 193.04 61.85 78.75 27.56 130.13 177.89 384.30	100 100 95 90 124 110 110 110 110 130 1110 110 1110 1110
Totals	\$5.80	\$262.66	\$249.90	\$355.40	\$392.40	\$120.19	\$4597.05	

Y. M. W. B. STATISTICAL REPORT

Bands		ļ	No. of Members No. of Meetings Held		Offerings	Education	Total
Northville Pollock Rapid City Redfield Richland Sandstone Watertown Watford City			6 1 21 3	3 3.12 66 10.92 66 2.08 00 9.36 4 7.28 4 7.28 2 4.68 0 7.62 7.80 2 2.60 3 2.60	1.00 6.75 7.38	1.64 4.00 5.00 10.00	\$ 20.95 9.00 9.85 19.94 9.48 21.36
Totals	•••••	 2	22 277	\$142.39	\$250.36	\$64.02	\$462.13

Minutes of the Dakota Conference W. Y. P. S.

Young People's Day commenced on June 11, by a prayer hour at 6:30 a.m. At 9:00 a.m. started the program which featured reports of progress of the three districts. The various speakers were as follows: Rev. L. D. Harris for the Northwest District; Rev. W. D. Shelor, Aberdeen District; and Rev. John Winterberg, Southern District. Rev. C. I. Armstrong concluded these reports by bringing a general report of the Connectional W. Y. P. S.

In the 10:30 a. m. service a nominating committee was elected: Elvie Turner, Southern District; Kenneth Shelly, Aberdeen District; Edith Jones, Northwest District. Brother Roy S. Nicholson, young people's worker for the camp, brought the morning message: "Youth Follows Christ," from Mark 14:51.

The annual business meeting convened at 1:30 p. m. with singing of "Blessed Assurance," and "Onward Christian Soldiers," followed by prayer by Marvin E. Jones.

The meeting was called to order by the President, John J. Hunter.

The minutes of the last session were read and adopted.

The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted.

It was moved and seconded that 10 cents per member be an annual assessment for General Conference Delegate.

The Report of the Journal Solicitor was made and accepted. For the month of May, 1943 there were 111 subscriptions to the young people's Journal. It was suggested the Journal be sent to our boys in the service.

Report of the Nominating Committee:

President-John J. Hunter.

Vice-President-G. W. Goodsell.

Executive Committee:

Southern District-Dorothy Nellis, Elvie Turner.

Aberdeen District-Pauline Eisenbeis, Grace Knapp.

Northwest District-Edith Jones, Bernice Kunkel.

Journal Solicitor-Marvin E. Jones, Raymond Sausoman.

Assistant Solicitors:

Southern District-Dorothy Traver.

Aberdeen District-Gladys Sime.

Northwest District—Ruth Klamm.

Reporter to Journal-Mrs. Louise Goodsell.

The report was adopted.

The motion was made and seconded that if there be no opposition,

that if no other candidate is nominated, that the candidate in the report be elected. It was carried.

The following Executive Committee was elected:

Southern District-Dorothy Nellis.

Aberdeen District-Pauline Eisenbeis.

Northwest District-Edith Jones.

Marvin E. Jones was elected Journal Solicitor.

It was moved and seconded that the reporter to the Journal report on the general work throughout the Conference and the program carried out through camp and young people's day.

It was moved and seconded that young people's day come on Tuesday of camp. The vote was: Yes, 13; No. 5. It was carried.

It was moved and seconded that the second Sunday in September be observed as Church Extension Sunday. This to be a standing rule.

It was moved and seconded that two weeks before Church Extension Sunday the W. Y. P. S. President send to each of the local societies a list of needy projects from which they may choose an objective for their Church Extension Program. Said funds raised to be sent to Treasurer for disbursement.

The meeting was adjourned.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts		
Balance brought forward		\$ 74.50
Dues		
Redfield	\$ 5.00	
Artesian	1.25	
Houghton	1.75	
Watford City	3.25	
Billings	4.25	
Richland	5.25	
Almont	3.50	
Buffalo	1.75	
Northville	1.50	
Johnson Corners	6.25	
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·		\$ 33.75
Church Extension		
Buffalo	\$ 2.00	
Houghton	4.50	
Billings	3.00	
Almont	3.67	
54		

Baker		2.00	
Aberdeen		3.00	
Watford City		7.00	
Richland		5.00	
Johnson Corners		5.00	
			\$ 35.17
General Conference Assessment for De	leg	ate	
Houghton	\$.70	
Artesian	•	.50	
Billings		1.70	
Richland		2.10	
Almont		1.40	
Buffalo		.85	
Northville		.60	
Watford City			
Tohnson Comore		1.30	
Johnson Corners		2.50	
Special Offering		30.35	
			\$ 42.00
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Expenditures General Conference Delegate Fransfer of Connectional dues Postage Record book		40.00	
Expenditures General Conference Delegate Fransfer of Connectional dues Postage Record book Meeting at Story		40.00 2.00 1.00	
Expenditures General Conference Delegate Fransfer of Connectional dues Postage Record book Meeting at Story Meeting at Forsyth		40.00 2.00 1.00 .82	
Expenditures General Conference Delegate Fransfer of Connectional dues Postage Record book Meeting at Story Meeting at Forsyth		40.00 2.00 1.00 .82 10.00	
Expenditures General Conference Delegate Fransfer of Connectional dues Postage Record book Meeting at Story Meeting at Forsyth Meeting at Rosebud		40.00 2.00 1.00 .82 10.00 25.00 15.00	
Expenditures General Conference Delegate Fransfer of Connectional dues Postage Record book Meeting at Story Meeting at Forsyth Meeting at Rosebud Printing of Minutes		40.00 2.00 1.00 .82 10.00 25.00 15.00 6.86	
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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Executive Committee of the Dakota Conference W. Y. P. S. convened June 9, at the call of the President, John J. Hunter.

Discussion ensued relative to expenses of the W. Y. P. S. Delegate to General Conference. A motion was made and adopted that the sum of \$40.00 be given to Delegate, the difference of what we had on hand and the amount appropriated to be raised by a special offering on young people's day.

Plans also were mapped out for the program of young people's day. The motion was made and adopted that Rev. J. F. Simpson and Rev. G. W. Goodsell be authorized to look into the matter of obtaining stencils as mentioned in the minutes of 1942, page 56, paragraph 2.

The motion to adjourn was adopted.

On June 11, another meeting of the Executive Committee was called. The motion was made and adopted that \$20.00 be applied towards a concrete floor in the young people's tabernacle.

It was moved and seconded \$10.00 be applied toward a pew at Watertown.

It was moved and seconded we place Church Extension Funds in the hands of the Conference President and his Advisory Committee.

Rev. G. W. Goodsell was elected Treasurer, whose address is 501 E. Kemp. Watertown, South Dakota.

By common consent it was agreed that statistical blanks be furnished to the local societies for annual reports.

It was moved and seconded that next year's program be worked out by the Conference W. Y. P. S. President. Also, that we carry out next year for camp a program similar to that carried out this year, i. e., two local societies from each district reporting upon the progress made in their W. Y. P. S. the past year. These societies and speakers to be selected by the District Presidents. These reports are to be a daily feature in the young people's services. Also, for the program on young people's day, the District Presidents are to report upon conventions held in their district the past year.

The meeting was adjourned.

STANDING RULES

- 1. That the second Sunday in September be observed as Church Extension Sunday.
- 2. That 10 cents per member be assessed annually for General Conference Delegate.