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TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE  
**Dakota Conference**

OF THE  
Wesleyan Methodist Connection,  
or Church, of America

HELD AT  
NORTHVILLE, SPINK CO., S. DAKOTA,  
SEPTEMBER, 22-25, 1909.

REV. W. J. EDGAR, President.  
REV. C. H. HAYWARD, Secretary.

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## THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

### CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

**President:**—W. J. Edgar.

**Vice-President:**—C. K. Thompson.

**Secretary:**—C. H. Hayward.

**Treasurer:**—A. W. Currie.

**Advisory Board:**—E. B. Leisenring, J. F. Jinkings.

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### COMMITTEES.

**Presidency:**—C. K. Thompson, E. B. Leisenring, C. H. Hayward, W. S. Reed, J. K. Williams.

**Credentials:**—E. B. Leisenring.

**Religious Services:**—E. B. Leisenring, E. J. Roberts.

**Pastoral Relations:**—**Ministerial:**—C. K. Thompson, A. W. Currie, A. J. Tifney; **Lay members:**—Mrs. W. S. Reed, Mrs. D. Roberts, Bessie Edgar.

**Resolutions:**—A. W. Currie.

**Statistics:**—C. H. Hayward.

**Camp-Meeting:**—W. J. Edgar, Chairman, E. B. Leisenring, A. J. Tifney, J. A. Linsley, Brother Anderson.

**Itinerancy and Orders:**—C. K. Thompson, 3 years; E. B. Leisenring, 2 years.

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### CONFERENCE ROLL.

#### Ministerial.

A. W. Currie.	C. K. Thompson.
A. J. Tifney.	T. H. Partch.
W. J. Edgar.	J. E. Andrews.
E. B. Leisenring.	J. C. McGovern.
M. R. Baldrige.	E. J. Roberts.
E. C. Edgar.	C. H. Hayward.

Hattie Crosby.

#### Lay Delegates.

Daisy Roberts.	Bessie Edgar.
Geo. Blake.	J. A. Ensley.
Mrs. W. S. Reed.	Emma Currie.

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### JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

#### First Day. Afternoon Meeting.

The Dakota annual conference convened for its twenty-eight session Sept. 22, 1909, at Northville, Spink Co., S. D. The conference was called to order by the President, Rev. W. J. Edgar, at 2 P. M., after devotional services by Rev. W. J. Edgar.

The roll was called.

Brother E. B. Leisenring was elected Committee on Credentials.

The conference elected E. B. Leisenring and E. J. Roberts Committee on Religious Services.

Rev. A. W. Currie was elected Committee on Resolutions and C. H. Hayward Committee on Statistics.

The Committee on Credentials reported the names of D. Roberts as lay delegate from Avon charge, also Geo. Blake and Mrs. W. S. Reed from Northville charge and Bessie Edgar of Bushnell. Their names were enrolled.

The Committee on Credentials reported a communication from Avon charge recommending E. J. Roberts to Elder's Orders. The report was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

The conference fixed the time of sessions as follows: Morning meeting open at 9 and close at 12; afternoon meeting open at 2 and close by vote.

The bar of the conference was fixed at the first three rows of seats.

A. W. Currie and Geo. Blake were elected Committee on the Examination of Pastor's Reports.

The Committee on Pastoral Relations was elected and stands as follows:—Ministerial:—C. K. Thompson, A. W. Currie, A. J. Tifney; Lay members:—Mrs. W. S. Reed, Mrs. D. Roberts, Bessie Edgar.

Adjourn by vote.

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### Second Day. Morning Meeting.

The conference was called to order by the President. Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. C. K. Thompson.

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

Rev. C. K. Thompson was elected a member of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, for the term of three years and E. B. Leisenring for the term of two years.

The conference voted that all visiting brethren and sisters be invited to advisory seats.

The conference voted that all Licentiates be admitted to full membership, except to vote for permanent officers and electing delegates to General Conference.

On motion fifty dollars of Conference money was to be transferred to the Superannuated Fund.

The conference voted to approve the action of the President in paying fifty dollars of the Conference Money to T. H. Partch, of Roberts, Wis., he being on the superannuated list.

By vote the characters of E. C. Edgar, T. H. Partch, J. E. Andrews, Hattie Crosby were passed, they being not present.

The order of the day was fixed at Friday afternoon, after devotional services, for Brother Teter to present Connectional interests.

It was left to the Committee on Religious Services to determine the time to have the missionary meeting conducted by Sister Ayers and Brother Teter.

A motion that we elect permanent officers Friday afternoon, after Brother Teter's report, carried.

The conference listened to the report of the Camp Meeting Committee. The report was accepted by vote.

It was moved and carried that we have a camp meeting.

The conference elected the following Camp Meeting Committee: W. J. Edgar, Chairman, E. B. Leisenring, A. J. Tifney, J. A. Linsley, Brother Anderson.

By vote the camp meeting is to be held at Richland church if possible, if not to be held at Bushnell, S. D.

Adjourn by vote.

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### Second Day. Afternoon Meeting.

The conference was called to order by the President. Devotional services by A. W. Currie.

Roll called. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials presented the name of J. A. Linsley of Richland as lay delegate from said charge. The name was enrolled by the Secretary.

Sister Ayers, representing Foreign Missions, was introduced to conference.

A question service was conducted by Brother Teter.

Adjourn by vote.

### Third Day. Morning Meeting.

Conference called to order by the President. Devotional services by E. J. Roberts.

All the delegates having arrived the roll was called and is as follows: A. W. Currie, A. J. Tifney, W. J. Edgar, E. B. Leisenring, M. R. Baldrige, C. K. Thompson, E. C. Edgar, T. H. Partch, J. E. Andrews, J. C. McGovern, E. J. Roberts, Hattie Crosby, C. H. Hayward. Lay delegates: Daisy Roberts, Geo. Blake, Mrs. W. S. Reed, Bessie Edgar, J. A. Ensley, Emma Currie.

Minutes read and approved.

The conference voted that they rescind the motion carried the first day in regard to the committee elected for the examination of pastor's reports and that we proceed to the passage of characters the old way.

The names of the following pastors were called and characters passed: C. K. Thompson, M. R. Baldrige, C. H. Hayward, E. B. Leisenring, W. J. Edgar, A. W. Currie, E. J. Roberts.

Adjourn by vote.

### Third Day. Afternoon Meeting.

Conference called to order by the President. Devotional services by M. R. Baldrige.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The order of the day was then taken up and Brother Teter presented Connectional interests.

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The order of the day was called for and the conference proceeded to the election of permanent officers. The election resulted as follows: W. J. Edgar, President; C. K. Thompson, Vice-President; C. H. Hayward, Secretary; A. W. Currie, Treasurer.

By vote C. K. Thompson, E. B. Leisenring, C. H. Hayward, W. S. Reed and J. K. Williams were elected a Committee on Presidency.

The Advisory Board was elected by the conference and consists of E. B. Leisenring and J. F. Jinkings.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders reported that E. J. Roberts be elected to Elder's Orders. The conference adopted the report.

Adjourned.

### Fourth Day. Afternoon Meeting.

Conference called to order by the President. Devotional exercises by W. J. Edgar.

Minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Statistics made their report and it was adopted. (See report.)

The conference voted to have their minutes in the Year Book.

On motion the money to pay for publishing the minutes be drawn from the conference treasury.

On motion the conference minutes be sent direct to pastors to distribute as they please.

The report of the Committee on Pastoral Relations was read. (See report.)

J. C. McGovern's character passed by vote, he being absent.

A. J. Tifney's character passed.

On motion the place of holding the next annual conference be left to the President and Secretary.

Adjourned by vote.

## THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

### SUNDAY SERVICES.

The conference had three services.

Preaching at 11 A. M. by W. J. Edgar, followed by the Lord's Supper.

An ordination sermon was preached by Brother Teter at 2:30 P. M. after which E. J. Roberts was ordained.

In the evening at 7:30 Sister Ayers delivered a missionary address and made an appeal for funds to carry on the work in Africa.

C. H. Hayward, Secretary.

### REPORTS.

#### Statistics.

Time employed, 3 years and 7 months; Appointments, 6; Number of churches, 5. Membership: Received, 41; Died, 1; Granted letters, 5; Present number, 211; Baptized, 15; Unstated elders, 1; Licentiates, 1. Wesleyan Methodists taken, 34; Children's Banner, 90; Lesson Helps, 220. Sunday-schools: Number of, 5; Superintendents, 5; Teachers, 23; Scholars, 260. Church property: Number of meeting houses, 4; Value of, \$11,000; Parsonages, 4; Value of, \$3,100. Amounts contributed: Pastors' salary, \$2,229.75; Evangelist's receipts, \$326.10; Superannuated Ministers, \$22.40; Home Missions, \$78.90; Foreign Missions, \$141.90; Educational enterprises, \$128.50; Sunday-schools, \$112.14; Building and repairs, \$898.90; Incidental expenses, \$307.97; Other benevolent objects, \$455.

#### Pastoral Relations.

We the Committee on Pastoral Relations, beg leave to submit the following report:

Aberdeen, A. W. Currie; Avon, E. J. Roberts; Bushnell, Left in the hands of the President; Northville, E. B. Leisenring; Richland, Left in the hands of the President.

The following members of the conference were left to choose their own field of labor: C. K. Thompson, E. C. Edgar, J. E. Andrews and C. H. Hayward.

Webster, in hands of President.

T. H. Partch left on the Superannuated list.

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Hattie Crosby, missionary in Africa; A. J. Tifney, working for Sunday Union; J. C. McGovern and M. R. Baldrige, holding letter of standing; W. J. Edgar, Conference Evangelist.

The following was adopted by the committee:

We recommend to our people that the salaries of the pastors be materially increased and that no charge fall below six hundred dollars.

W. J. Edgar, A. W. Currie, A. J. Tifney, C. K. Thompson, Mrs. W. S. Reed, Daisy Roberts, Bessie Edgar, Committee.