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THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

OFFICERS

President—Rufus Reisdorph.

Vice-President—J. C. McGovern.

Secretary—L. D. Harris.

Treasurer—Frank Martin.

Trustees—J. C. McGovern, Frank Martin, A. Cummings,
Frank Thompson, R. J. Eling.

Field Secretary—J. F. Simpson.

Sunday School Secretary—W. D. Shelor.

Tithing Secretary—W. J. Leyh.

Transportation Secretary—J. F. Simpson.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Advisory Board—J. C. McGovern, Frank Martin.

Camp Meeting Board—Rufus Reisdorph, W. C. Brannon, J. E. Spry, Frank Martin, J. C. McGovern.

Board of Examiners—J. C. McGovern, A. M. Wiley, L. D. Harris, Rufus Reisdorph.

Judiciary Committee—L. D. Harris, J. C. McGovern, A. M. Wiley, J. F. Simpson.

Missionary Board—J. C. McGovern, J. F. Simpson, R. J. Eling, L. D. Harris, Rufus Reisdorph, Frank Martin, A. A. Truax, J. F. Jenkins, A. Cummings, August Wegner, H. H. Turner.

Vacancies—R. J. Eling, Charles Reisdorph, Thos. Bailie, Frank Martin.

Representative to Miltonvale College—J. C. McGovern.

Secretary-Treasurer of Ministers' Relief Fund—R. J. Eling.

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MEMBERSHIP ROLL

ELDERS

Thomas Bailie	Watford City, N. Dak.
Arthur Calhoun	Artesian, S. Dak.
Gertrude Clocksin	Mobridge, S. Dak.
R. J. Eling	Mitchell, S. Dak.
L. D. Harris	Almont, N. Dak.
Otto Jensen	Yankton, S. Dak.
Mrs. Otto Jensen	Yankton, S. Dak.
Minnie Knecht	Bismark, N. Dak.
W. J. Leyh	Mina, S. Dak.
Mrs. W. J. Leyh	Mina, S. Dak.
O. E. McCrackin	Fargo, N. Dak.
J. C. McGovern	Mitchell, S. Dak.
Rufus Reisdorph	Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Mrs. Rufus Reisdorph	Aberdeen, S. Dak.
W. D. Shelor	Billings, Mont.
J. F. Simpson	Avon, S. Dak.
J. E. Spry	Houghton, S. Dak.
C. K. Thompson	Northville, S. Dak.
A. J. Tiffany	Portland, Oregon
H. H. Turner	Pollock, S. Dak.
A. M. Wiley	Jamestown, N. Dak.

LICENTIATES

Archie Buell	Schafer, N. Dak.
Mrs. Thomas Bailie	Watford City, N. Dak.
C. W. Calhoun	Mission, S. Dak.
Hazel Carter	Mitchell, S. Dak.
Roy Cox	Carpenter, S. Dak.
W. C. Brannon	Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Mrs. W. C. Brannon	Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Arthur Gugin	Bushnell, S. Dak.
L. L. Knapp	Houghton, S. Dak.
C. C. Pilkinton	Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Mrs. L. Raymer	Bradley, S. Dak.
Arthur Reisdorph	Baker, Mont.

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Membership Roll—Continued

LICENTIATES—Continued

Chester Reed	Miller, S. Dak.
Frank Strong	McIntosh, S. Dak.
George Thomas	
F. J. Traver	Northville, S. Dak.
Mrs. F. J. Traver	Northville, S. Dak.
Wayne Cretsinger	Plevna, Mont.

DELEGATES

Clara Anderson	(Richland) Mina, S. Dak.
Beatrice Bowers	(Richland) Mina, S. Dak.
Mrs. Lydia Clemenson	Brentford, S. Dak.
Thomas Edwards	Houghton, S. Dak.
Barton Enos	Plevna, Mont.
Evelyn Hall	Northville, S. Dak.
Mrs. Walter Hinze	Pollock, S. Dak.
Wesley Knapp	Houghton, S. Dak.
Frank Martin	Northville, S. Dak.
Margaret McLean	Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Arthur Millage	Mitchell, S. Dak.
Orvie Miller	(Minnesota Valley) Baker, Mont.
Mrs. Albert Moore	Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Arthur Nelson	Artesian, S. Dak.
Mrs. C. L. Osbourne	Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Robert Scandrett	Northville, S. Dak.
Mrs. J. E. Spry	Houghton, S. Dak.
Mrs. Fritz Trovik	Almont, N. Dak.
Bertha Tomsha	(Crandon and Redfield) Crandon, S. Dak.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Conference convened June 2, 1931, at 8 P. M.

Conference Sermon—On the evening of June 2, a good number had gathered at the tabernacle for the opening of Conference. The service was opened by a good song service led by Sister Ruby Reisdorph. Revs. J. M. Hames and R. J. Eling led in prayer. Rev. W. D. Shelor of Billings, Mont., was introduced as preacher of the evening. He read from Acts the Second Chapter and brought us a message from the same; mentioning the fact, that, this being the fiftieth annual conference he thought it fitting and proper that it should be a Pentecostal conference. A timely and inspiring message was delivered to the pastors, delegates and friends gathered together for this first service. It was well delivered and well received. May its influence long be felt in our midst.

Business Sessions—The business sessions opened Wednesday morning at eight o'clock. Rev. O. E. McCrackin led the devotionals; reading and commenting from the fourth chapter of Zechariah; stressing the thought, "Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit, saith the Lord."

Business—The meeting was called to order by President Rufus Reisdorph; the roll was called, to which most of the pastors and delegates responded.

Election—A Nominating Committee was elected as follows: J. F. Simpson, J. E. Spry, R. J. Eling, Arthur Millage, Lydia Clemenson.

Bar of Conference—On motion the first eight rows of seats in middle of tabernacle were made bar of Conference.

Time of Sessions—Time was fixed at eight A. M. to eleven-thirty, and 1:30 P. M. to adjournment.

Recess—President declared recess for Nominating Committee to work.

Called to Order—President called Conference to order to receive report.

Reports—Nominating Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 1.)

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Appointments—President appointed Mrs. J. E. Spry and Mrs. C. L. Osbourne to Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

Courtesies—Rev. Oliver Wilson, representative from Miltonvale, was introduced to the Conference. Rev. W. D. Shelor, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Billings, and Rev. and Mrs. Frank Strong, were also introduced.

Adjournment—On motion Conference adjourned.

Wednesday Afternoon

Opening—J. F. Simpson led the devotional service; reading and commenting on Psalm 37.

Roll called and Minutes read and approved.

Report—Committee on Religious Services and Orders of the Day read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 2.)

Change of Members on Committee—On account of there being a conflict relative to Rev. Rufus Reisdorph being on the Pastoral Relations Committee and the Itineracy and Orders Committee, a motion prevailed to elect Rev. J. F. Simpson to act as proxy for him on Itineracy and Orders Committee.

Election—Motion prevailed that we elect a Budget Committee of two members.

L. D. Harris and Frank Martin were elected to said committee.

Adjournment—Conference adjourned for committee work.

Thursday Morning

Opening—The devotional service was conducted by Rev. W. D. Shelor, reading from John 4:14 and John 9:37, 38.

Roll called and Minutes read and approved.

Report—President read his report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 3.)

Adjournment—Conference adjourned for committee work.

Thursday Afternoon

Opening—The devotional service was conducted by Rev. A. M. Wiley, reading from the first chapter of Joshua.

Roll called and Minutes read and approved.

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Report—The Auditing Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

Secretary of Ministerial Relief Fund read his report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

Budget Committee read their report and it was tabled for future consideration.

Adjournment—On motion Conference adjourned for committee work.

Friday Morning

Opening—The devotional service was conducted by Rev. H. H. Turner, reading passages from 1 Peter.

Roll called and Minutes read and approved.

Report—Committee on Itineracy and Orders read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 6.)

Camp Meeting Treasurer read his report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

Recess—President declared a recess for Nominating Committee to work.

Orders of the Day—Orders of the day were called for, which was the election of officers.

Officers were elected as follows:

President—Rufus Reisdorph.

Vice-President—J. F. Simpson.

Secretary—L. D. Harris.

Treasurer—Frank Martin.

Trustee—R. J. Eling.

Field Secretary—J. F. Simpson.

Sunday School Secretary—W. D. Shelor.

Tithing Secretary—W. J. Leyh.

Transportation Secretary—J. F. Simpson.

Report—Nominating Committee read their report of nominations for Standing Committees.

Motion prevailed that, as committees were read, if no names were added, committees be elected as a whole.

Committees were elected according to report. (See Report No. 8.)

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Nomination—President nominated J. C. McGovern and Frank Martin to Advisory Board and they were elected by the Conference.

Report—Treasurer's report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

Minutes—Secretary was instructed to have 300 copies of the minutes printed at the Publishing House.

On motion Secretary was instructed to get such help as needed in order to get minutes prepared for General Conference on account of limited time.

Adjournment—On motion Conference adjourned.

Friday Afternoon

Orders of the Day—Orders of the day were called for, which were to hear Rev. E. F. McCarty on Connectional interests.

Tithing—Following Brother McCarty's address, orders of the day was a discussion of tithing, and different phases and results were discussed.

Saturday Morning

Opening—Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Frank Traver; reading from Phil. 2: 1-15.

Minutes read and approved.

Report—Committee on Passage of Character read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 10.)

Resolutions—Committee on Resolutions read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 11.)

Budget—Motion prevailed that the report of the Budget Committee be taken from the table. Report was considered and adopted.

On motion the pastors were asked to give a word of testimony and a few words relative to the condition of their work.

Passage of Character—The names of the following preachers who were absent were called and their characters passed: Thomas Bailie, Otto Jensen, Mrs. Otto Jensen, Miss Minnie Knecht, O. E. McCrackin, C. K. Thompson, A. J. Tiffany, Archie Buell, Mrs. Thomas Bailie, C. W. Calhoun, Roy Cox, W. C. Brannon, Mrs. W. C. Brannon, L. L. Knapp, Chester Reed and George Thomas.

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Time of Next Conference Session—Motion prevailed that we begin our next Conference session with the preaching of the Conference sermon on the evening of June 7, 1932.

Adjournment—Motion prevailed that Conference adjourn.

· Saturday Afternoon

Opening—Devotionals were conducted by Rev. J. E. Spry; reading from 2 Tim. 3:4.

Report—Pastoral Relations Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 12.)

Resignation—Rev. J. F. Simpson resigned as Vice-President; motion prevailed that we accept his resignation.

Election—Rev. J. C. McGovern was elected to fill vacancy.

Report—Missionary Board read their report and its recommendations were adopted. (See Report No. 13.)

Finance—Motion prevailed that we pay Brother Simpson \$125.00 for the use of his car and expense in taking delegates to General Conference.

Report—Statistical report read and adopted.

Motion prevailed that all pastors prepare statistical reports and send to the Secretary before Conference convenes.

Motion prevailed that all pastors' reports and finances be closed on June 1, and that all finance received after that apply on next year's work.

Adjournment—On motion Conference adjourned to call of the chair.

Special Call of President—On motion Conference confirmed the election of last year delegates to the General Conference.

Motion prevailed that we elect a second alternate for J. C. McGovern. Mrs. Reisdorph was elected by ballot.

Motion prevailed that as J. F. Simpson was unable to go to General Conference, we pay Rufus Reisdorph \$50.00 toward expenses to General Conference.

Adjourned on motion.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report No. 1

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pastoral Relations Committee—J. C. McGovern, H. H. Turner, R. J. Eling, Frank Martin, Arthur Millage, Mrs. Lydia Clemenson.

Religious Services and Orders of the Day—Arthur Calhoun, Mrs. Rufus Reisdorph, Arthur Gugin.

Passage of Character—J. F. Traver and Arthur Nelson.

Statistical Committee—W. J. Leyh, Clara Anderson and Frank Strong.

O. K. Committee—Mrs. J. F. Traver, Bertha Tomsha.

Auditing Committee—Arthur Reisdorph, W. D. Shelor.

Railroad Expense Committee—J. E. Spry.

Resolutions Committee—A. M. Wiley, Gertrude Clocksin.

Conference Reporter—Margaret McLean.

Courtesies—J. C. McGovern.

Signed,

J. F. SIMPSON,

J. E. SPRY,

R. J. ELING,

Committee.

Report No. 2

RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

Your Committee on Religious Services and Orders of the Day wish to submit the following report:

That the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society hold their annual public service on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

That Rev. Oliver Wilson, representative from Miltonvale College, present the Educational interests Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

That the election of Conference Officers be held Friday morning at 9:45.

That Rev. E. F. McCarty, Connectional representative, present the Connectional interests Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

That the subject of Tithing be discussed Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Discussion directed by W. J. Leyh.

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That the ordination service be held Monday morning at 10:30, Rev. J. F. Simpson preaching the ordination sermon.

Signed,

ARTHUR CALHOUN,
RUBY REISDORPH,
ARTHUR GUGIN,

Committee.

Report No. 3

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

July 7, received the Mission Wesleyan Methodist Church into the Conference.

July 8, appointed Rev. Arthur Calhoun pastor of the Artesian Church.

July 28, granted Rev. J. F. Gugin a letter of standing.

August 25, received Rev. Arthur Calhoun, a licentiate of the Ohio Conference, into the Dakota Conference.

November 16, organized the Riverside Wesleyan Methodist Church and received it into the Conference.

December 7, organized church at Billings, Mont., and received it into the Conference.

December 8, received Rev. W. D. Shelor, an elder from the Nazarene Church, into the Dakota Conference and appointed him pastor of the Billings Church.

Financial Report

Salary—

Received from Conference Treasurer	\$300.00
Received from Churches	459.00
	\$759.00

Expenses—

Meals and hotel	\$ 9.30
Telephone, telegrams and postage	21.19
Traveling expense	99.02
	\$129.51
Received from Conference Treasurer for expense	\$129.51

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Report No. 4

AUDITING

We, your Committee, have examined the books and reports of the Conference Treasurer, and also the financial reports of the Conference President, and have found them to be correct.

Signed,

ARTHUR REISDORPH,
W. D. SHELOR,

Committee.

Report No. 5

MINISTERS' RELIEF FUND

Three assessments have been made this year.

Received on first assessment	\$23.00
Received on second assessment	26.80
Received on third assessment	29.04
	\$78.84
Balance on hand at beginning of year	3.00
	\$81.84
Paid out to L. D. Harris, July 22	\$12.00
Paid out to W. D. Shelor, February 10	30.80
Paid out to W. D. Shelor, March 4	10.00
Paid out to Thos. Bailie, April 17	27.04
	\$79.84
Balance on hand	\$ 2.00

Signed,

R. J. ELING.

Report No. 6

ITINERACY AND ORDERS

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

We recommend that Frank Strong, having been recommended in quarterly conference of Aberdeen charge, be received to travel under the direction of the Dakota Conference and be granted a license to preach and be placed in the first year of study.

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That C. C. Pilkinton, having been recommended by the quarterly conference of the Aberdeen charge, be received to travel under the direction of the Dakota Conference and be granted a license to preach and be placed in the first year of study.

That H. W. Cretsinger, having been recommended by the quarterly conference of the Medicine Rocks charge, be received to travel under the direction of the Dakota Conference and be granted a license to preach and be placed in the first year of study.

That Miss Hazel Carter, having been recommended by the quarterly conference of the Mitchell charge, be received to travel under the direction of the Dakota Conference and be granted a license to preach.

That Mrs. L. Raymer, George Thomas, C. W. Calhoun, Roy Cox, L. L. Knapp, Frank Traver and Archie Buell be continued in the first year of study.

That Arthur Gugin be advanced to the second year of study.

That Chester Reed be continued in the second year of study.

That Mrs. Frank Traver, Mrs. Thomas Bailie and Arthur Reisdorph be continued in the third year of study.

That W. C. Brannon and Mrs. W. C. Brannon be continued in the fourth year of study.

That Arthur Calhoun, having completed the course in Theology at Marion College, be ordained at this session of Conference.

That Mrs. Chester Reed and Marcus Johnson be returned to their quarterly conference.

Signed,

J. F. SIMPSON,
J. C. McGOVERN,
A. M. WILEY,
L. D. HARRIS,
MRS. C. L. OSBOURNE,
MRS. J. E. SPRY,

Committee.

Report No. 7

CAMP MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand	\$ 41.76	
Received from pledges	317.00	
From other sources	15.49	
Disbursements		\$206.13
Balance on hand		168.12
	\$374.25	\$374.25

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Report No. 8

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Camp Meeting Board—Rufus Reisdorph, W. C. Brannon, J. E. Spry, Frank Martin and J. C. McGovern.

Itineracy and Orders and Board of Examiners—Rufus Reisdorph.

Judiciary Committee—L. D. Harris, J. C. McGovern, A. M. Wiley and J. F. Simpson.

Missionary Board—J. C. McGovern, J. F. Simpson, R. J. Eling, L. C. Harris, Rufus Reisdorph, Frank Martin, A. A. Truax, J. F. Jenkins, A. Cummings, August Wegner and H. H. Turner.

Vacancies—R. J. Eling, Charles Reisdorph, Thomas Bailie and Frank Martin.

Representative to Miltonvale College—J. C. McGovern.

Secretary-Treasurer of Ministers' Relief Fund—R. J. Eling.

Signed,

J. F. SIMPSON,

J. E. SPRY,

R. J. ELING,

Committee.

Report No. 9

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand at beginning of year	\$ 69.74
Received from churches and individuals	1050.60
From Home Mission fund	5.62

Total receipts \$1125.96

Disbursements

Ministers carfare	\$ 88.30
Mrs. Gertrude Clocksin	50.00
Traveling expenses to Cincinnati	25.00
H. H. Turner	50.00
Rufus Reisdorph, salary and expense	429.50
J. F. Simpson, expense	12.00
J. F. Gugin, payment on Conference tent	50.00
Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association	77.21
L. D. Harris, postage	1.75
Serle Bros. Printing Co.	8.70
J. F. Simpson, expense to Miss. Board Meeting ..	10.00

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R. J. Eling, expense to Miss. Board Meeting	2.00
Insurance Premium on Mobridge Church	6.05
Almont Church	50.00
Melette Bank, Rent for Safety Deposit Box	3.00
J. C. McGovern, fee for deed to Mobridge property	2.00
J. F. Simpson, expense	3.00
Serle Bros. Printing Co.	7.94
Interest on Loan from Superannuated Ministers' Fund	44.66
Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association	1.25
W. D. Shelor for Billings Church	114.90
Bank exchange	.35

Total disbursements	\$1037.62
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Balance on hand	\$ 88.34
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Home Mission Fund

Received	\$8.03
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Disbursements

To T. P. Baker	\$2.41
To Conference Fund	5.62
	\$8.03 \$8.03

Superannuated Ministers' Fund

Balance on hand at beginning of year	\$142.24
Received from churches	16.02
Received on interest from loans	44.60
Balance on hand	\$202.92
Assets: Loan No. 1 to Conference	289.49
Loan No. 2 to Conference	349.49
Loan No. 3 to Conference	105.49
Cash in bank	202.92
Total assets	\$947.29
Conference liability to Superannuated Ministers' Fund	\$744.36

Billings Church Fund

Received	\$560.10
Paid to W. D. Shelor	\$560.10
	\$560.10 \$560.10

Signed, FRANK MARTIN, Treasurer.

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Report No. 10

PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

We, your Committee on Passage of Character, have examined the reports of the following pastors and passed their characters:

J. F. Simpson, W. C. Brannon, L. D. Harris, W. J. Leyh, R. J. Eling, Arthur Reisdorph, Gertrude Clocksin, J. C. McGovern, J. E. Spry, Mrs. L. Raymer, Frank Traver, W. D. Shelor, H. H. Turner, Arthur Calhoun, Mrs. W. J. Leyh and Claire Harris.

Signed,

F. J. TRAVER,

J. A. NELSON,

Committee.

Report No. 11

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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

Realizing that the powers of darkness are entrenched in the world today, probably stronger than ever before; and that the power of the Holy Ghost alone can successfully prevail against them, as He works through God's cleansed, Spirit-filled children, led by Him to lives of faith, prayer and service;

And realizing that the presence of God is with us in a peculiar way, urging us on to greater efforts for the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

Be it Resolved, first, That we, the ministers and laymen of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, do pledge ourselves to God and to each other, that by His help we will devote ourselves more faithfully to prayer, fasting and service during the coming Conference year, confidently looking to Him for certain victory.

Resolved, second, That since within our borders the spiritual fields are white already to the harvest we will work, believe and pray for a real forward movement during the year that will mean the strengthening materially and spiritually of every charge within the bounds of the Conference.

And realizing that God's children must go forward or backward, we will, by His help, heed the injunction of the prophet Isaiah, "Enlarge the place of thy tent and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations. Spare not! lengthen thy cords—and strengthen thy stakes, for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left."

Resolved, third, That whereas our beloved President is contemplat-

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ing another field of activity for a season, we hereby express our appreciation of his life and labors among us in the past and bid him God-speed as he enters this open door.

While we shall greatly miss his presence and ministrations, let us pray that the months of his absence shall fit him for larger and more efficient service for God and the Church; and that he will return to us again to resume the work he has so ably done among us in the battle against sin and for Holiness unto the Lord in the great Northwest.

Respectfully submitted,
A. M. WILEY,
GERTRUDE P. CLOCKSIN,
Committee.

Report No. 12

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee, recommend that the pastors and charges sustain the following relations:

- Aberdeen—W. C. Brannon and Wife.
- Almont—L. D. Harris.
- Artesian—Arthur Calhoun.
- Avon—J. F. Simpson.
- Billings—W. D. Shelor.
- Bradley—Mrs. L. Raymer.
- Bushnell and Pleasant View—Arthur Gugin.
- Houghton—J. E. Spry.
- Medicine Rocks—In hands of President.
- Minnesota Valley and Knobs—Arthur Reisdorph.
- Mission—C. W. Calhoun.
- Mitchell—R. J. Eling.
- McIntosh—Frank Strong.
- Mobridge—Mrs. Gertrude Clocksin.
- Northville and Brentford—F. J. Traver and Wife.
- Pollock—H. H. Turner.
- Richland—W. J. Leyh and Wife.
- Redfield and Crandon—Fred Hunt.
- Watford City and Johnson Corners and Riverside—Thomas Bailie and Wife.
- Webster—In hands of President.
- President of Conference—Rufus Reisdorph.
- General Evangelist—A. J. Tiffany.
- Song Evangelist—Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph.

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Field Secretary—J. F. Simpson.

Unstationed—C. K. Thompson.

Superintendent of Fargo Union Mission—O. E. McCrackin.

Principal of Jamestown Holiness Academy—A. M. Wiley.

Granted Letter of Standing—Claire Harris.

Conference Evangelist—J. C. McGovern.

Mountain Mission Work—Miss Minnie Knecht.

Assistant Pastor Watford City Charge—Archie Buell.

American Sunday School Union Missionaries—L. L. Knapp, Otto Jensen, Mrs. Otto Jensen, Chester Reed.

Missionaries to Africa—Charles Carter, Hazel Carter.

Conference Missionary Workers—C. C. Pilkinton, H. W. Cretsinger, Roy Cox.

To seek his own field of labor—George Thomas.

Signed,

RUFUS REISDORPH,

J. C. McGOVERN,

R. J. ELING,

H. H. TURNER,

ARTHUR MILLAGE,

MRS. LYDIA CLEMENSON,

FRANK MARTIN,

Committee.

Report No. 13

MISSIONARY BOARD

Missionary Board wishes to make the following recommendations to Conference:

We recommend that we continue the plan of 5% of pastor's salary and equal amount raised by the churches to meet the needs of the Conference Fund. That a meeting be held at Buffalo, Wyo., under the direction of the Conference President. That the President continue to work the Conference on the same basis as heretofore, receiving from the Conference \$25.00 per month and traveling expenses.

Report No. 14

RAILROAD EXPENSE

Serving as your Railroad Expense Committee, we find that the total amount of railroad expense amounts to \$56.10, which apportioned among the charges amounts to \$4.32. This amount to be raised and sent to the Conference Treasurer as soon as possible.

Signed,

J. E. SPRY.

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BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

Charges	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Superannuated Ministers' Fund	Conference Fund	General Conference Expense	Total
Aberdeen	\$267.50	\$172.50	\$172.50	\$57.50	\$160.00	\$16.00	\$861.50
Almont	40.00	24.00	24.00	8.00	84.00	1.60	173.60
Artesian	150.00	90.00	90.00	30.00	68.00	6.00	434.00
Avon	157.50	94.50	94.50	31.50	85.00	6.30	469.30
Billings	77.50	46.50	46.50	15.50	68.00	3.10	257.10
Bradley	25.00	15.00	15.00	5.00	.....	1.00	61.00
Brentford	47.50	28.50	28.50	9.50	55.00	1.90	169.90
Bushnell	52.50	31.50	31.50	10.50	32.00	2.10	160.10
Crandon and Redfield	92.50	55.50	55.50	18.50	65.00	3.70	290.70
Houghton	107.50	64.50	64.50	21.50	80.00	4.30	342.30
Knobs	42.50	25.50	25.50	8.50	27.50	1.70	130.20
McIntosh	25.00	15.00	15.00	5.00	.....	1.00	61.00
Medicine Rocks	75.50	51.50	51.50	17.00	28.00	3.40	226.90
Minnesota Valley	95.00	57.00	57.00	19.00	40.00	3.80	271.80
Mitchell	237.50	142.50	142.50	47.50	120.00	9.50	697.50
Mobridge	30.00	18.00	18.00	6.00	17.50	1.20	90.70
Northville	135.50	81.00	81.00	27.00	66.00	5.40	395.90
Pollock	92.50	55.50	55.50	18.50	58.00	3.70	283.70
Pleasant View	30.00	18.00	18.00	6.00	.....	1.00	73.00
Richland	135.50	81.00	81.00	27.00	102.00	5.40	431.90
Watford City	152.50	91.50	91.50	30.50	78.00	6.10	450.10

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

STATISTICAL REPORT

Charges	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. of Societies	Wesleyan Methodists	Sunday School Banners	Junior Class Papers	Teachers' Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Lesson Leaflets	Little Folks Cards	Lesson Charts
Aberdeen	12	1	1	12	40	30	10	75	25	20	55	75	45	1
Almont	12	2	1	4	12	6	8	15	...	6	7	...	8	...
Artesian	11	3	1	13	18	8	5	18	15	8	...	...	10	1
Avon	12	1	1	10	35	30	7	50	15	30	15	...	20	1
Billings	6	1	1	16	30	40	8	30	8	40	...	30	15	1
Bradley	12	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brentford	12	1	1	13	16	10	4	20	10	10	6	6	6	...
Bushnell	4	1	1	1	20	10	5	10	...	20	...	6	12	1
Crandon and Redfield	12	2	2	8	22	24	8	8	...	23	...	8	18	...
Houghton	12	1	1	15	24	24	5	24	6	24	5	10	10	1
Knobs	12	1	1	1	10	6	3	10	...	7	5	...	11	...
McIntosh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	10½	1	1	2	12	...	8	12	...	8	...	6	10	1
Minnesota Valley	12	1	1	8	28	...	4	28	...	...	...	6	18	...
Mission	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mitchell	12	1	1	13	30	28	7	50	12	16	...	6	10	1
Mobridge	12	1	1	2	15	15	4	2	10	10	10	...	10	...
Northville	12	1	1	5	30	7	5	25	9	6	...	5	7	2
Pollock	12	1	1	13	18	8	4	5	6	6	8	10	6	1
Pleasant View	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Richland	12	3	1	10	50	25	10	45	8	10	10	25	25	1
Riverside	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Watford City	12	4	1	2	44	44	16	65	10	15	18	37	39	2
Webster	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo	...	...	...	1	17	16	9	12	...	14	3	8	21	...
Ronan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	211½	28	21	119	471	331	130	504	124	273	142	238	301	14

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Charges	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Reported Last Year	Actual No. Beginning Year	Present Number	Loss	Gain	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Local Preachers	Membership Tithing
Aberdeen	11	...	...	1	...	105	105	115	...	10	18	4	...	3	20
Almont	6	...	...	1	1	10	11	16	...	5	...	...	...	...	6
Artesian	16	...	...	1	...	45	45	60	...	15	...	...	...	...	12
Avon	5	...	...	...	...	58	58	63	...	5	...	8	...	...	10
Billings	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	31	...	...	...	...	12
Bradley	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Brentford	...	...	...	...	2	21	21	19	2	...	6	...	...	1	3
Bushnell	...	...	7	...	...	28	28	21	7	...	...	...	...	...	...
Crandon and Redfield	1	...	1	...	1	38	38	37	1	...	...	...	...	1	10
Houghton	4	...	...	...	...	39	39	43	...	4	2	...	...	...	27
Knobs	5	...	...	...	...	12	12	17	...	5	...	1	...	...	4
McIntosh	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	...	...	...	...	...	34	34	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Minnesota Valley	1	...	...	...	...	37	37	38	...	1	6	7	...	...	4
Mission	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	11	...	...	...	...	...
Mitchell	4	...	19	...	3	113	113	95	18	...	...	...	...	1	30
Mobridge	...	...	1	...	...	13	13	12	1	...	1	...	...	...	7
Northville	4	...	...	...	2	52	52	54	...	2	...	...	1	...	4
Pollock	11	...	8	...	2	36	36	37	...	1	...	4	...	...	6
Pleasant View	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Richland	10	...	2	...	...	46	46	54	...	8	...	...	...	...	7
Riverside	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Watford City	1	...	...	1	1	62	62	61	1	...	1	...	...	...	17
Webster	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ronan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	135	...	38	3	12	800	801	883	30	112	35	24	1	6	194

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Charges	No. of Sunday Schools	No. of Officers	No. of Teachers	No. Officers, Teachers and Scholars in Main School	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. Converted	No. Joining Church	No. of Departmental Supts.	No. of Organized Classes	No. of Books in Library
Aberdeen	1	8	9	159	18	189	84	6	3	9	140	
Almont	1	6	4	44	...	44	28	2	6	...	...	...
Artesian	2	6	8	64	...	64	48	9	16	...	...	...
Avon	1	5	7	86	6	92	54	17	5	2	7	...
Billings	1	4	5	110	...	110	90	...	...	...	...	...
Bradley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brentford	1	4	4	40	5	45	25	...	...	1	...	...
Bushnell	1	5	4	55	...	55	36	...	...	...	4	...
Crandon and Redfield	2	6	8	58	20	78	45	3	...	...	...	...
Houghton	1	6	5	55	...	55	47	...	2	...	...	...
Knobs	1	3	4	28	...	28	25	...	1	...	...	...
McIntosh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	1	5	3	27	...	27	26	...	...	...	...	20
Minnesota Valley	1	5	3	40	...	40	35	...	1	...	...	...
Mission	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mitchell	1	7	7	85	...	85	55	8	4	...	...	...
Mobridge	1	3	4	35	...	35	30	10	...	...	...	...
Northville	1	6	5	40	...	40	28	...	2	...	...	...
Pollock	1	8	5	70	...	70	40	8	...	...	...	...
Pleasant View	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Richland	2	6	8	106	13	109	69	...	5	...	...	...
Riverside	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Watford City	3	6	16	165	...	165	130	...	...	...	...	...
Webster	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo	2	5	2	40	10	50	25	...	...	1	...	...
Ronan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	25	104	111	1307	92	1399	920	63	42	7	20	160

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Charges	No. of Church Buildings			No. of Parsonages			Cash or Other Values on Hand
		Value	Indebtedness		Value	Indebtedness	
Aberdeen	1	\$2000.00		1	\$4500.00		
Almont	1	4500.00	\$619.00	1			
Artesian							\$1.59
Avon	1	5000.00		1	1500.00		
Billings	1	5500.00	3000.00				
Bradley							
Brentford	1	675.00					
Bushnell	1	800.00		1	500.00		
Crandon and Redfield	1	1200.00					
Houghton	1	4000.00		1	1400.00		
Knobs							
McIntosh							
Medicine Rocks	1	2000.00		1	800.00		
Minnesota Valley	1	2500.00	293.32				280.00
Mission							
Mitchell	1	5500.00	1500.00				
Mobridge	1	1500.00					
Northville	1	2500.00		1	1000.00		700.00
Pollock	1	5000.00	800.00				
Pleasant View							
Richland	1	3000.00		1	3000.00		131.17
Riverside							
Watford City	1	3500.00					
Webster							
Buffalo							
Ronan							
Totals	16	\$67173.00	\$6212.32	7	\$12700.00		\$1112.76

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Charges	Pastor's Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Aberdeen	\$1600.00	\$600.00	\$25.00	.....	\$2225.00
Almont	840.00	216.00	54.00	\$150.00	1260.00
Artesian	686.00	114.00	.....	26.95	826.95
Avon	851.00	180.00	10.00	40.00	1081.00
Billings	685.00	.....	10.00	180.00	875.00
Bradley	15.00	.....	.....	.....	15.00
Brentford	550.00	144.00	25.00	15.00	869.00
Bushnell	316.11	.....	.....	38.75	354.86
Crandon and Redfield	649.63	216.00	12.00	60.00	937.63
Houghton	805.00	120.00	.....	25.00	950.00
Knobs	275.00	.....	.....	15.00	290.00
McIntosh .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medicine Rocks	285.44	.....	5.00	2.00	302.44
Minnesota Valley	406.52	.....	10.00	18.00	434.52
Mission .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell	1300.00	.....	20.00	.....	1320.00
Mobridge	175.00	.....	.....	179.00	354.00
Northville	660.35	120.00	.....	100.00	880.35
Pollock	574.40	220.00	18.00	507.20	1319.60
Pleasant View .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richland	1026.80	150.00	.....	125.00	1301.86
Riverside .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Watford City	755.00	150.00	35.00	200.00	1140.00
Webster .....	.....	.....	.....	45.00	45.00
Buffalo .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ronan .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	\$12651.31	\$2230.00	\$224.00	\$1726.90	\$16781.77

THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Charges	Conference President's Salary	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expenses	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expense	Total For All Purposes
Aberdeen	\$10.00	\$200.00	\$109.53	\$139.87	\$178.50	\$637.90
Almont	10.00	35.00	34.53	721.85	46.44	847.82
Artesian	19.70	114.71	39.56	.....	58.68	232.65
Avon	15.00	75.00	98.04	88.04	163.49	439.57
Billings .....	.....	112.50	23.00	540.00	25.00	750.00
Bradley .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brentford	5.00	23.00	40.00	.....	30.00	98.00
Bushnell .....	.....	31.60	33.78	.....	188.07	253.45
Crandon and Redfield	7.70	79.00	60.00	.....	110.75	257.45
Houghton	10.65	131.03	32.34	12.25	107.60	193.97
Knobs .....	.....	15.00	22.00	.....	.....	37.00
McIntosh .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medicine Rocks .....	.....	95.00	25.00	.....	.....	120.00
Minnesota Valley	3.85	70.00	24.26	153.00	3.00	254.11
Mission .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell	90.25	172.10	77.21	124.85	244.15	708.56
Mobridge	1.50	91.45	26.94	.....	30.21	151.10
Northville .....	.....	27.50	50.00	74.50	132.23	284.23
Pollock	23.50	.....	36.00	1500.00	284.44	1687.94
Pleasant View .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richland .....	.....	50.00	57.62	20.00	118.23	245.85
Riverside .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Watford City	35.00	165.00	145.00	.....	35.00	380.00
Webster .....	.....	.....	36.28	.....	.....	36.28
Buffalo .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ronan .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	\$232.15	\$1487.89	\$971.09	\$3374.46	\$1599.79	\$7676.38

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Charges	Undivided Budget	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Conference Work	Superannuated Ministers' Fund	Connectional Sunday School Work	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences
Aberdeen		\$191.40	\$264.51	\$27.00	\$294.00	\$3.00		\$45.02	\$824.93
Almont			156.49	10.00	50.00	4.69		95.00	316.18
Artesian		60.97	119.80	68.85	79.48	3.66			332.76
Avon		134.00	181.00	23.00				190.00	528.00
Billings			5.50					35.00	40.50
Bradley								16.00	16.00
Brentford	5.00		49.85		41.50			8.15	105.50
Bushnell	5.00	54.15	13.15	17.00	8.12			10.00	107.42
Crandon, Redfi'd		29.00	131.75	10.00	45.65			87.29	303.69
Houghton		5.00	86.08	7.50	45.00	2.25		35.00	180.83
Knobs		258.47	46.29	23.50	14.15			103.85	446.26
McIntosh									
Medicine Rocks		45.70	46.60					3.60	95.90
Minnesota Valley		27.60	58.11		13.30			55.87	154.88
Mission									
Mitchell		2.50	298.00	26.00	215.00	4.00		125.00	670.50
Mobridge			20.00		10.00				30.00
Northville		28.00	94.37	11.00	18.00	3.52	\$2.00	61.82	218.71
Pollock	19.20	10.22	50.25	80.00	12.00			21.90	193.57
Pleasant View									
Richland		65.21	338.90	4.38	53.08	1.00		91.65	554.22
Riverside									
Watford City	17.00		209.45	4.00	19.00			70.00	319.45
Webster								7.25	7.25
Buffalo									
Ronan									
Totals ..	\$117.20	\$912.22	\$2170.10	\$312.23	\$918.28	\$22.12	\$2.00	\$1062.39	\$5746.55

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Charges	Total Pastor's Receipts	Total for Church	Total for Benevolences	Total For All Purposes
Aberdeen	\$2225.00	\$637.90	\$824.93	\$3787.83
Almont	1260.00	847.82	316.18	2424.00
Artesian	826.95	232.65	332.76	1390.36
Avon	1081.00	439.57	528.00	2255.57
Billings	875.00	700.50	40.50	1616.00
Bradley	15.00	.....	16.00	31.00
Brentford	869.00	98.00	105.50	1072.50
Bushnell	354.86	253.45	107.42	715.73
Crandon and Redfield	937.63	257.45	303.69	1498.77
Houghton	950.00	193.97	180.83	1390.72
Knobs	290.00	37.00	446.26	773.26
McIntosh .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medicine Rocks	302.44	120.00	95.90	518.34
Minnesota Valley	434.52	254.11	154.88	842.50
Mission .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell	1320.00	708.56	670.50	2696.56
Mobridge	354.00	151.10	30.00	535.10
Northville	880.35	284.23	218.71	1383.29
Pollock	1319.60	1687.94	193.57	3201.11
Pleasant View .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richland	1301.86	245.85	554.22	2029.13
Riverside .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Watford City	1140.00	380.00	319.45	1864.22
Webster	45.00	36.28	7.25	88.53
Buffalo .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ronan .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	\$16946.71	\$7676.38	\$5746.55	\$30114.22

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

QUADRENNIAL SUMMARY

	1928	1929	1930	1931
PASTOR'S LABORS				
Time Employed (Months)	181	187	218	211½
Appointments	21	24	29	28
Number of Church Societies	20	19	21	21
PERIODICALS				
Wesleyan Methodists taken	109	80	89	119
Wesleyan Missionaries taken	65	75	94	47
Wesleyan Lesson Helps taken:				
Sunday School Banner	359	348	405	471
Junior Class Paper	236	267	292	331
Children's Friend				
Teachers' Quarterly	131	90	111	130
Senior Quarterly	392	398	464	504
Intermediate Quarterly	158	158	150	124
Junior Quarterly	213	164	230	273
Primary Quarterly	180	181	170	142
Home Department Quarterly	238	194	195	238
Lesson Leaflet	12	15	16	14
Bible Lesson Chart				
Pupil's Lesson Stories with Hand Work				
Our Little Folks Cards	237	242	232	301
MEMBERSHIP				
Received	76	80	80	135
Expelled			1	
Discontinued	9	9	28	38
Died	4	4	4	3
Granted Letters	23	26	26	12
Number reported last year	685	725	778	800
Number at beginning of year	683	723	779	801
Present number	725	779	800	883
Gain	42	56	21	82
Associate Members	43	38	30	35
Baptized	20	15	53	24
Unstated Elders	1	3	1	1
Local Preachers	11	13	7	6
Membership Tithing	192	178	192	194
SUNDAY SCHOOLS				
Number of Sunday Schools	22	22	24	25
Whole Number of Officers	94	84	102	104
Whole Number of Teachers	107	100	117	111
Whole Number of Officers, Teachers and Scholars in Main School	1116	1063	1198	1307
Average Attendance	783	747	833	920
Number of Scholars in Home Department				
Number on Cradle Roll	103	105	64	92
Total Number in Sunday School	1257	1168	1125	1399
Number of Scholars Converted	67	29	38	63
Number of Scholars Joining Church	53	29	37	42
Number of Departmental Superintendents	8	8	8	7
Number in Teachers' Training Course				
Number of Organized Classes	12	13	7	20
Number of Books in Library	200	140	160	160

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QUADRENNIAL SUMMARY—Continued

	1928	1929	1930	1931
CHURCH PROPERTY				
Number of Church Buildings	14	14	16	16
Value of Buildings	\$51300.00	\$52800.00	\$60275.00	\$61173.00
Amount of Indebtedness	1950.00	1000.00	3000.00	6213.32
Number of Parsonages	7	7	7	7
Value of Parsonages	13000.00	20000.00	12800.00	12700.00
Amount of Indebtedness	300.00			
Cash or Other Values on Hand	112.98	114.16	1860.26	1012.76
AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED				
For Pastor:				
Salary	\$12064.62	\$12027.77	\$11476.52	\$12651.31
Parsonage Rent	2034.00	2050.00	2162.00	2230.00
Marriage and Funeral Fees	118.00	94.50	162.50	224.00
Gifts	1368.15	1866.64	1405.83	1726.90
Total Pastor's Receipts	\$15604.00	\$16114.91	\$15206.85	\$16946.71
AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED				
For Church:				
Conference President's Salary	\$ 267.80	\$ 546.47	\$ 434.52	\$ 232.15
Conference Evangelist's Salary	790.13	608.50		
Other Evangelistic Help	1517.48	598.94	1748.35	1487.89
Sunday School Expense	1003.73	957.48	847.38	971.79
Building and Repairs	2509.30	1413.14	5607.35	3374.46
Incidental Expenses	1867.12	1679.57	2071.92	1599.79
Total for Church	\$ 8037.11	\$ 5841.91	\$ 1709.52	\$ 7676.38
AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED				
For Benevolences:				
Undivided Budget	\$ 114.00	\$ 141.96	\$ 126.37	\$ 117.20
Missions	1980.46	2597.93	2333.05	3082.32
Education	583.64	672.91	358.94	313.23
Conference Work	534.05	925.11	687.68	918.20
Superannuated Ministers' Fund	76.21	41.50	35.78	22.12
Connectional Sunday School Work	46.15	18.00	29.85	2.00
Other Benevolent Objects	3349.51	930.44	783.37	1062.39
Total for Benevolences	\$ 6169.30	\$ 5252.40	\$ 4355.04	\$ 5746.55
TOTALS				
Total for Pastor	\$15604.77	\$16114.91	\$15176.85	\$16946.71
Total for Church	8055.76	5841.91	10888.60	7676.38
Total for Benevolences	6169.30	5252.40	4361.90	5746.55
Total For All Purposes	\$30324.83	\$27509.12	\$30426.64	\$30114.22

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Avon—President, Mrs. Walter Bangert, Avon, S. Dak.; Secretary, Mrs. Laura Vauk, Avon, S. Dak.

Billings—President, Mrs. J. D. Brittain, R. 3, Billings, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. E. E. Reeve, 209 Ave., E., Billings, Mont.

Brentford—President, Mrs. Lydia Clemenson, Conde, S. Dak.; Secretary, Mrs. Harry Gant, Brentford, S. Dak.

Bushnell—President, Mrs. J. D. McMillen, Bushnell, S. Dak.; Secretary, Mrs. Fred Mittan, Bushnell, S. Dak.

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Crandon and Redfield—President, Mrs. W. O. Strang, Redfield, S. Dak.; Secretary, Miss Bertha Tomsha, Crandon, S. Dak.

Hilltop—President, Mrs. W. J. Leyh, Mina, S. Dak.; Secretary, Miss Beatrice Bowers, Cresbard, S. Dak.

Knobs—President, Mrs. O. H. Knipfer, Knobs, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. George W. Most, Knobs, Mont.

Minnesota Valley—President, Mrs. Arthur Reisdorph, Baker, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. Andy Kreager, Baker, Mont.

Mitchell—President, Mrs. A. M. Goodsell, 1001 W. Fourth Ave., Mitchell, S. Dak.; Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Millage, Box 469, Mitchell, S. Dak.

Mobridge—President, Mrs. Ross, Mobridge, S. Dak.; Secretary, Mrs. Chris. Prisch, Mobridge, S. Dak.

Northville—President, Mrs. Frank Martin, Northville, S. Dak.; Secretary, Mrs. Herbert Blake, Northville, S. Dak.

Pleasant Valley—President, Mrs. John Olson; Secretary, Mrs. Roy Jones, Berg, N. Dak.

Pollock—President, Mrs. R. H. Peterson, Pollock, S. Dak.; Secretary, Mrs. Walter Hinz, Pollock, S. Dak.

Richland—President, Mrs. Dan Palmer, Mina, S. Dak.; Secretary, Mrs. Doris Wolter, Cresbard, S. Dak.

Riverside—President, Mrs. Thos. Bailie, Watford City, Box 285, N. Dak.; Secretary, Mrs. W. R. O'grady, Watford City, N. Dak.

Watford City—President, Mrs. W. L. Lillibridge, Schafer, N. Dak.; Secretary, Mrs. Jacob Klamm, Schafer, N. Dak.

DELEGATES

Aberdeen—Mrs. M. Keeney.

Artesian—Mrs. Anna Goodnow.

Brentford—Mrs. M. A. Gould.

Crandon and Redfield—Mrs. R. J. Eling.

Houghton—Mrs. C. Reisdorph.

Hilltop—Mrs. Edna Hill.

Knobs—Miss Edith Knipfer.

Minnesota Valley—Mrs. Orvie Miller.

Mitchell—Mrs. Arthur Millage.

Northville—Mrs. Herbert Blake.

Pollock—Mrs. F. Solomonson.

Richland—Mrs. W. J. Leyh.

Watford City, Riverside, and Pleasant Valley—
Mrs. Bailie.

Daily Proceedings

Wednesday, 9 A. M.

First session opened in the parlor.

Mrs. Moore led in prayer.

Motion carried that the President appoint Nominating Committee. Mrs. R. Reisdorph was appointed chairman, Mrs. Spry and Mrs. Moore on this committee.

Our Magazine Reporter to be Mrs. Millage.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

Wednesday, 10 A. M.

Song, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow."

Mrs. Spry led in prayer.

Reports were read:

Mitchell by Mrs. Millage.

Brentford by Mrs. Gould.

Northville by Mrs. Blake.

Aberdeen by Mrs. Keeney.

Minnesota Valley by Mrs. Miller.

Hilltop by Mrs. Hill.

Crandon and Redfield by Mrs. Eling.

Artesian by Mrs. Goodnow.

Knobs by Miss Knipfer.

Bushnell by Secretary.

Pollock by Mrs. Solomonson.

Avon by Mrs. Simpson.

Nominating report read as follows:

Statistical Report—Lillian Reisdorph, Mrs. Gugin later changed to Mrs. Solomonson.

Auditing—Mrs. Keeney, Mrs. Hinz.

Orders of the Day—Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Simpson.

Resolutions—Mrs. Harris, Miss Knipfer.

Courtesies—Mrs. Leyh.

Richland report read by Mrs. Leyh.

Mrs. Spry presented a Chinese scarf to be sold and money given to Society.

Mrs. Eling appointed Magazine Solicitor.

President presented "Gleason's Parliamentary Digest Booklet No.

1." Can be purchased at W. C. T. U. headquarters, Evanston, Ill.

Mrs. Harris asked prayers for a Society at Almont.

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Wednesday, 3 P. M.

Mrs. Harris read 1 Cor. 12. Mrs. Larson prayed.

Motion passed that Mrs. Solmonson take Mrs. Gugin's place on Statistical Committee.

Orders of the Day read report and adopted.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Mobridge report read by Mrs. Leyh.

Houghton report read by Mrs. C. Reisdorph.

Adjourned to Thursday morning.

Thursday, 9 A. M.

Session opened with singing, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Scripture verses were quoted. Mrs. Eling led in prayer.

Minutes read.

Election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Larson.

Vice-President—Mrs. Brannon.

Treasurer—Mrs. Leyh.

Secretary—Mrs. Harris.

Y. M. W. B. Superintendent—Mrs. Reisdorph.

Dormitory Superintendent and Treasurer—Mrs. Jenkins.

Assistant Dormitory Superintendent—Mrs. Reed.

Mrs. Eling and Miss Knipfer, tellers.

Voted that any member of a local Society may vote.

Quadrennial report books asked for.

Mrs. Eling asked for subscriptions to Magazine.

Adjourned.

Thursday, 3:30 P. M.

Meeting opened with singing, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Brother Blake led in prayer.

Mrs. Traver gave a splendid talk on the convention at Charles City, Iowa. Prayer being the theme.

Rev. E. F. McCarty addressed us in regard to missions, stressing the fact that we interest the men in our work.

Leaflets of the history of our African, Indian and Japanese work were sold for one cent apiece.

January Y. M. W. B. bulletins sold for 15 cents, also other leaflets given away.

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Friday A. M.

Song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Rev. Sister Clocksin prayed.

Miss Isla Knight, our missionary from India, spoke of the needs of India and how we may assist.

Can use cut quilt blocks for girls to sew, any article one uses in a home, rugs, cotton table cloths, bedding for single beds, best pieces out of old underwear, pillows. Have plenty of bandages and comforters.

Statistical report read.

Auditing Committee read report.

Saturday A. M.

Next session opened with singing, "Revive Us Again."

Mrs. Peterson led in prayer.

Open discussion of questions for Mrs. Reisdorph delegate to General Conference to ask while there. First, "How should boxes of second hand clothing for the mountain work, orphanage, quilts, etc., be listed in our report blanks?" Second, "Just what money is placed in item named General Fund?"

Resolutions Committee report read and adopted.

Committee on Orders of the Day reread as completed and adopted.

President told of her privilege of visiting at the home of Sister Hattie Crosby Manyon, one of our former missionaries to Africa. Though Sister Manyon is now pastor of the Free Methodist Church at Boulder, Colo., she still has an interest in her early home Conference.

President brought up matter of entertainment of delegates. She said they are taken care of and Conference is taking over the meals and rooms.

Election of Mrs. Jenkins to Dormitory Superintendent and Treasurer and Mrs. Reed, her assistant.

Voted Mrs. Bailie send word of consolation to Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Brannon in their absence at Conference.

Mrs. Bailie read Watford City, Riverside and Pleasant Valley reports, which were adopted.

Adjourned until 4:30 P. M.

Saturday P. M.

Session opened with singing, "Revive Us Again."

Rev. Sister Raymer led in prayer.

Mrs. R. Reisdorph elected Y. M. W. B. delegate to General Conference. She spoke in behalf of the Band and asked any one wishing questions to be sent in to give them to her.

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Rev. E. F. McCarty spoke again in general of missionary conditions. He asked us to pray that there may be raised up a young couple for the Japan field, also for funds and the native workers and missionaries.

Anything that any one can use is acceptable on the foreign field for either men or women.

Motion carried that Treasurer be authorized to pay our delegate's expense to General Conference, and any other items.

Adjourned.

Monday, 9 A. M.

Meeting called to order by Secretary in the absence of both the President and Vice-President. Mrs. Leyh acting as Secretary.

Song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Prayer by Mrs. Jenkins.

Question of running dormitory for another year discussed.

Question of time to be settled.

Motion passed that matter of supervision of buildings be turned over to the Conference permanently.

Discussion as to cleaning dormitories. Action deferred until Conference was consulted.

Adjourned until after dinner.

Monday, 1 P. M.

Mrs. Harris, as chairman, having taken the matter up with the Conference President in regard to cleaning dormitories. Voted to have dormitory superintendent set the date for this and notify the nearby Societies.

Motion carried that Treasurer pay delegate to General Conference the sum of ten cents a member, fee for delegates expense to said Conference.

Motion passed that Treasurer pay delegate \$50.00 for expense to General Conference.

Motion passed that Treasurer pay \$25.00 to Conference to pay for our part of the Minutes.

Motion carried that Treasurer give to Conference \$100.00 with understanding that they pay our President on the note she so kindly took over in the past.

Motion carried that Treasurer pay Mrs. Clocksin \$30.00 as a gift from the Society.

Song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Mrs. Eling dismissed us by prayer.

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PUBLIC MEETING

Held service in tabernacle Wednesday evening at 8 P. M. Mrs. Reisdorph, song leader, opened service with "Jesus Saves." Song, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." Mrs. J. F. Simpson led the devotionals. Miss Isla Knight, missionary from India, gave an address. Song, "Take Your Burdens to the Lord and Leave Them There," by Mrs. H. H. Turner. Rev. Oliver Wilson gave an address and took up the offering, which amounted to \$320.00 in pledges, and \$20.36 plate offering to be divided to Home and Foreign Missions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY REPORT

We, the Committee on Orders of the Day, submit the following report:

Wednesday, 1 P. M.—Hearing reports of Committees and of the local Societies.

Wednesday, 8 P. M.—Annual* public meeting will take place in the tabernacle.

Thursday A. M.—Election of officers.

Thursday P. M.—Mrs. Traver to give a report of the convention held at Charles City, Iowa.

Friday A. M.—Miss Isla Knight to speak to the ladies on the needs of India, and ways in which the missionary societies can assist.

Saturday P. M.—Mrs. Reisdorph present the interest of the Y. M. W. B., also Rev. E. F. McCarty to address the Society.

MRS. LARSON,
MRS. SIMPSON,
MRS. MOORE,

Committee.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Auditing Committee has examined the Treasurer's book and find the same to be correct.

MRS. MABEL KEENEY,
MRS. WALTER HINZ,
Committee.

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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Resolutions Committee, submit the following report:

Be it Resolved, That we hereby express our sympathy to our Dormitory Superintendent, Mrs. Jenkins in the time of sickness and express our gratitude to her Assistant, Mrs. Reed, and the different Societies, namely, Richland, Houghton, Aberdeen and Northville, also Mrs. Girard and her assistants who labored untiringly for the entertainment of the Conference and Camp.

Be it Resolved, That we express our appreciation to those who are contributing so liberally towards the meals and other articles for the dormitory.

Be it Resolved, That we express our thanks to Miss Knight, Rev. Wilson and Rev. McCarty for their splendid messages.

May we ever as a Society profit by these good things and move forward zealously and prayerfully to make this coming year one of victory and power because the blessed Holy Ghost is honored and our Christ having His way in our hearts and lives.

MISS EDITH KNIPFER,
MRS. L. D. HARRIS,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total received during year	\$1852.11	
Total disbursed during year	1675.94	
Cash on hand	\$ 176.17	
Cash on hand, dues one-half		\$ 151.55
Delegates' Expense Fund		24.60
On hand from last year		36.09
Total		\$ 212.26
Disbursed at Conference		208.80
Cash on hand		\$ 3.46

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STATISTICAL REPORT

Societies	W. H. & F. M. S.							Y. M. W. B.	
	Active Members	Honorary Members	Total Members	Gain	Loss	Using Missionary Programs	Wesleyan Missionary	Amount Raised During Year	
									No. of Members Amount Raised
Aberdeen	23	2	25	...	10	Yes	7	\$181.68	13 \$32.95
Almont	10	3	13	...	1	No	5	160.22	10 67.89
Artesian	14	1	15	...	...	Yes	12	230.23	10 29.95
Avon	12	...	12	...	...	Yes	5	46.42	20 55.36
Billings	9	4	13	...	2	Yes	2	118.74	13 11.53
Brentford	7	...	7	...	4	No	1	115.77	20 13.15
Bushnell	10	5	15	...	6	Yes	6	149.54	16 19.46
Crandon and Redfield	14	2	16	...	...	Yes	7	59.56	2 1.04
Hilltop	12	...	12	...	1	Yes	8	57.53	20 53.00
Houghton	19	4	23	2	...	Yes	2	439.76	5 9.60
Knobs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 70.70
Medicine Rocks	13	2	15	...	6	Yes	5	95.07	8 36.50
Minnesota Valley	20	...	20	...	3	No	11	310.25	14 5.00
Mitchell	8	...	8	...	2	Yes	2	26.23	...
Mobridge	14	...	14	1	...	Yes	4	119.31	15 46.87
Northville	6	...	6	...	...	No	2	41.51	...
Pleasant Valley	9	4	13	...	...	Yes	4	78.56	20 25.00
Pollock	14	9	23	...	...	Yes	5	391.47	22 51.70
Richland	5	...	5	...	...	Yes	1	33.47	...
Riverside	13	...	13	3	...	Yes	3	74.06	26 91.64
Watford City									
Totals	232	36	268	6	35	...	92	\$2929.38	236 \$621.44