MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

OF THE

Wesleyan Methodist Church of America

HELD AT

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CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President - Rufus D. Reisdorph.

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Representative to Miltonvale-A. M. Wiley.

Trustees—Frank Martin, 1940; J. E. Spry, 1941; J. C. McGovern, 1941; Frank Thompson, 1942; W. C. Brannon, 1942.

Secretary-Treasurer of Ministerial Relief Fund-Thomas Bailie.

STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Camp Meeting Board—Rufus Reisdorph, W. D. Shelor, J. E. Spry,
L. D. Harris, Dan Palmer, J. C. McGovern, Frank Martin,
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Conference Program Committee—Rufus Reisdorph, L. D. Harris, W. D. Shelor.

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

Missionary Board—Rufus Reisdorph, J. C. McGovern, J. F. Simpson, J. E. Spry, Mrs. Laura Raymer, L. D. Harris, August Wegner, R. E. Jaquith, Frank Martin, Charles Reisdorph, H. B. Engel, William Fessenden.

Vacancies Committee-W. C. Brannon, J. E. Spry, Charles Reisdorph, Frank Martin.

Sunday-school Board-W. D. Shelor, W. J. Leyh, Rufus Reisdorph.

Examining Board-Rufus Reisdorph, S. J. McIntyre, A. M. Wiley, W. D. Shelor.

CONFERENCE ROLL

ELDERS

| Thomas Bailie | Almont, N. D. |
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| Mrs. Thomas Bailie | Almont, N. D. |
| W. C. Brannon | Billings, Mont. |
| Mrs. W. C. Brannon | Billings, Mont. |
| Arthur Calhoon | India |
| Charles Carter | Fairmount, Ind. |
| Wayne Cretsinger | Marion Ind. |
| R. J. Eling | Kansas City. Mo. |
| L. D. Harris | Ipswich, S. D. |
| Fred Hunt | Nehalen, Oregon |
| John Hunter | Buffalo. Wvo. |
| Otto Jensen | Vankton S D |
| Mrs. Jensen | Vankton S D |
| Marvin Jones | Houghton S D |
| Paul Kindschi | Aberdeen, S. D. |
| Minnie Knecht | St. Helens. Kv. |
| W. J. Leyh | Mina S. D. |
| Mrs. W. J. Leyh | Mina S D |
| J. C. McGovern | |
| S. J. McIntyre | Redfield S D |
| Mrs. Laura Raymer | Bradley S. D. |
| Allen Regan | Faulkton S. D. |
| Arthur Reisdorph | Woodland Cal |
| Rufus Reisdorph | Aberdeen S D |
| Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph | Aberdeen S. D. |
| George Robbins | Mt. Tabor. Ia. |
| W. D. Shelor | Aberdeen, S. D. |
| Harry Shreve | Willard. Mont. |
| J. F. Simpson | Mitchell S. D. |
| J. E. Spry | Northville, S. D. |
| George Thomas | Huron, S. D. |
| C. K. Thompson | Northville, S. D. |
| A. M. Wiley | Hanna, N. D. |
| John Winterberg | Avon. S. D. |
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| LICENTIATES | |
| Romeo Baronia | Cincinnati. Ohio |
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|--------|---------|-------------|------|
| Archie | Buell | Baker, M | ont. |

| C. W. Calhoon | Ekalaka, Mont. |
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| Mrs. C. W. Calhoon | |
| Hazel Carter | Olean, N. Y. |
| Ben Findley | Miltonvale, Kans. |
| Donald Gerriets | |
| Gordon Goodsell | Ballantine, Mont. |
| L. L. Knapp | |
| Wesley Knapp | Ipswich, S. D. |
| Işla Knight | India |
| Chester Reed | St. Paul, Neb. |
| F. J. Traver | Bushnell, S. D. |
| Mrs. F. J. Traver | Bushnell, S. D. |
| Raymon Sousoman | Watford City, N. D. |
| Mrs. Charles Wilson | Miltonvale, Kans. |
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| DELEGATES | and to head |
| Carl Bangert | |
| Mrs. Loren Betz | |
| William Bryant | Artesian, S. D. |
| Mrs. Bernard Bucklin | Keene, N. D. |
| Ruth Cloud | Ipswich, S. D. |
| Gilbert Clocksene | Willard, Mont. |
| Mr. Virgil Fuller | Ballantine, Mont. |
| Mrs. Carl Gerriets | Redfield, S. D. |
| Mrs. C. E. Griffith | Houghton, S. D. |
| Liberty Griffiths | Houghton, S. D. |
| William Fessenden | Aberdeen, S. D. |
| Earl Fessenden | Aberdeen, S. D. |
| Phyllis Hyde | Almont, N. D. |
| Wilfred Johnson | Mitchell, S. D. |
| Marion Kelsven | Almont, N. D. |
| Mr. C. J. G. Larson | Athol, S. D. |
| Frank Martin | Northville, S. D. |
| Dan Palmer | |
| Alta Reisdorph | Houghton, S. D. |
| Mrs. E. Reeve | Billings, Mont. |
| Walter Simpson | Mitchell, S. D. |
| Mrs. Kate St. Helen | Bradley, S. D. |
| Joe Troud | Buffalo, Wyo. |
| August Wegner | Mina, S. D. |

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

OPENING OF CONFERENCE

Conference Sermon—The Conference session opened Tuesday evening, June 6, with the preaching of the Conference sermon by Rev. W. J. Leyh. He used as the basis for his message 2 Cor. 6: 1-10. The blessing of the Lord rested upon the speaker and upon a goodly number of hearers in this initial service of the Conference.

Wednesday Morning

Devotionals—The devotionals were conducted by Rev. J. E. Spry, reading and commenting from Mark 1: 1-14. A season of prayer followed.

Call to Order—The President called the Conference to order.

Roll Call—The roll was called to which sixteen ministers and thi

Roll Call—The roll was called to which sixteen ministers and thirteen delegates responded.

Report—The Program Committee read their report and it was adopted. The election of officers had been overlooked so it was decided to place it on the program to follow the President's report on Friday morning.

Election of Committee—A Nominating Committee was elected as follows: A. M. Wiley, J. F. Simpson, Wilford Johnson, and Dan Palmer.

Conference Bar—The first ten seats in the middle section of the tabernacle was made the Bar of Conference.

Recess—The President declared a recess for Nominating Committee to prepare their report.

Call to Order—The President called the meeting to order.

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

Election—Conference Committees were elected as nominated.

Appointments—The President appointed Frank Martin and Mrs. E. E. Reeve to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

Special Action—The motion prevailed to elect an elder to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders to substitute for W. D. Shelor. S. J. Mc-Intyre was elected.

Roll Call—On motion it was decided to call the roll at the opening of the devotional period.

Adjournment—The Conference adjourned for committee work.

Thursday Morning

Roll Call—Roll was called to which 18 ministers and 19 delegates responded.

Devotionals—Devotionals were conducted by Rev. John Hunter reading and commenting from Matthew 5: 1-11.

Courtesies—Rev. Howard, Rev. Nicholson (Connectional Representative), Rev. and Mrs. Charles: Wilson were introduced and spoke a few words of greeting.

Conference Boundary—On motion of Rev. John Hunter, pastor of the church at Buffalo, Wyo., it was decided to ask the General Conference to add the state of Wyoming to the Dakota Conference.

Assessments—The motion carried that we make quarterly assessments for the Ministerial Relief Fund instead of waiting for a need to arise, and to provide for other assessments if necessary.

Order of the Day—Orders of the Day were called for, which was the Connectional address by Rev. Roy Nicholson. Brother Nicholson gave us a very enlightening and inspiring address, and we were all made to feel a greater appreciation for our beloved Zion.

Ministerial Relief Fund—The motion prevailed to elect a committee of three as a Ways and Means Committee for the Ministerial Relief Fund.

Election—Thomas Bailie, W. J. Leyh, and L. D. Harris were elected on the above committee.

Thursday Afternoon

Minutes—The Minutes were read and approved. The Secretary was instructed to have three hundred copies of the minutes printed at our Publishing House.

Finance—The motion carried that on the day of distribution of the Minutes, a special offering be taken and sent to the Conference Treasurer to defray the expense of printing.

Date of Conference—The date of the next Annual Conference was set for June 4, 1940.

Adjournment-On motion, the Conference adjourned.

Friday Morning

Roll—Roll was called to which 18 ministers and 17 lay members responded.

Devotionals—Devotions were conducted by Rev. Thos. Bailie reading and commenting from Eph. 6: 10-18. Rev. Wiley led in earnest prayer.

Minutes—The minutes were read and adopted.

Change of Committee—The motion was made and carried that W. J. Leyh act as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee instead of W. D. Shelor, who was absent, and J. C. McGovern's name was added to the committee.

Report—The partial report of the Auditing Committee was read and *adopted. (See Report No. 2.)

Ministerial Relief Fund—The Treasurer of the Ministerial Relief Fund read his report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 3.)

Report—The report of the Conference President, Rev. R. D. Reisdorph, was read and adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

Report—The Camp Meeting Treasurer read his report, and it was

adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

Report—The Conference Treasurer read his report and it was adopted. Finance—The motion prevailed that we pay 10% of the note to Mr. Charles S. Schreibeis this year.

Election—The following officers were elected for the next year; President, R. D. Reisdorph; Vice-President, J. F. Simpson; Secretary, L. D. Harris; Treasurer, Frank Martin; Trustees: Frank Thompson, 1942; W. C. Brannon, 1942. Sunday-school Secretary, W. J. Leyh; Tithing Secretary, W. D. Shelor; Educational Secretary, William Fessenden; Transportation Secretary, J. F. Simpson; Ministerial Relief Fund Secretary-Treasurer, Thomas Bailie; Representative to Miltonvale, A. M. Wiley.

Report-The Nominating Committee read their report on the Stand-

ing Committees, and it was adopted. (See Report No. 6.)

Election—They were elected as nominated except that S. J. McIntyre was elected on the Itineracy and Orders Committee to take the place of J. C. McGovern.

Election—A motion was carried to the effect that one member be added to the Missionary Board, and William Fessenden was elected to serve in that place.

Camp Meeting Board-The Presidents of the W. Y. P. S. and the W. H. & F. M. S. were elected to the Camp Meeting Board.

General Conference—A motion prevailed that we elect another lay alternate to General Conference.

Election—Dan Palmer was elected to the above position.

Railroad Transportation-On motion it was requested that all ministers make request for passes through the Railroad Transportation Secretary.

Traveling Expense-A motion carried that we elect a Committee on Traveling Expense to General Conference.

Election.-J. C. McGovern, L. D. Harris, and R. D. Reisdorph were elected to the above committee.

Finance—On motion it was decided to continue the 71/2 % finance plan for the Conference Fund.

Instruction to Treasurer—The motion prevailed to have the Treasurer send a notice, and collect interest on notes to the Superannuated Ministers'

Building Committee-The President and the Advisory Board were made the Building Committee.

Report-The Committee on Itineracy and Orders read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

Adjournment—The Conference adjourned.

Saturday Afternoon

Roll Call—The roll was called by the Secretary.

Minutes—The Minutes were read and approved.

Orders of the Day—An Educational Program was given by Professor Hester, and members of the student body of Miltonvale College.

Report—The Railroad Expense Committee read their report, and it was adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

Report—The Resolutions Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

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

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

Report—The Conference Treasurer's report was adopted after the Auditing Report was read. (See Report No. 15.)

Report—The Statistical Report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 16.)

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

Report—The Ministerial Relief report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 13.)

Report—The Committee on Traveling Expense to General Conference read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 14.)

Finance—The motion prevailed that we pay \$5.00 for typing the minutes. The Conference contributed to the Secretary for work done, \$10.

Mobridge Property—The motion prevailed that the Missionary Board take under advisement the selling of the Mobridge property with power to act.

Adjournment—The Conference adjourned.

COMMITTEE REPORTSWAND TO SE

Report No. 1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pastoral Relations Committee—Rufus Reisdorph, J. F. Simpson, W. C. Brannon, J. E. Spry, Mrs. Loren Betz, Mrs. Bernard Buchlin, August Wegner.

Passage of Character Committee—A. T. Reisdorph, Thomas Bailie, Carl Bangert.

Statistical Committee—Marvin Jones, William Fessenden, Ruth Cloud, Marian Kelsven.

Auditing Committee-John Hunter, Liberty Griffiths.

Railroad Expense Committee—A. C. Buell, George Thomas, Wilford Johnson.

Resolutions Committee—W. D. Shelor, W. J. Leyh, Alta Reisdorph. Conference Reporter—W. D. Shelor.

Committee on Courtesies-S. J. McIntyre.

Report No. 2

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited the books of the Conference President, of the Conference Treasurer, of the Treasurer of the Camp Meeting Board, and of the Treasurer of the Ministerial Relief Fund and have found them to be correct.

JOHN J. HUNTER, LIBERTY GRIFFITHS.

Report No. 3

MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND

| \$ 6:42 |
|---------|
| 35.00 |
| 25.00 |
| 24.00 |
| |

Total \$90.42

| Disbursements | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Paid to Rev. W. C. Brannon | \$16.00 | |
| Paid to Rev. W. J. Leyh | 8.00 | |
| Paid to Rev. J. F. Simpson | 10.00 | |
| Paid to A. M. Wiley | 50.00 | |
| Paid for carving charges | .20 | |
| Paid for printing of cards | 4.55 | |
| Total disbursements | | \$88.75 |
| Balance on hand June 1, 1939 | | \$ 1.67 |
| THOMAS BAILIE, Se | cretary-Tr | easurer. |
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| | are en eve | 1.77 |
| Report No. 4 | | |
| CAMP MEETING TREASURE | | |
| Receipts | | |
| Amount on hand June 1st, 1938 | \$ 170.74 | |
| Total receipts from all sources | 1033.81 | |
| | ere to the | |
| | 4 16 1 17 | \$1204.55 |
| Disbursements | | |
| Building material and coal | \$ 175.08 | |
| Printing | 44.75 | |
| Meat and groceries | 308.10 | |
| Milk and eggs | 29.40 | |
| Shavings | 8.40 | |
| Plowing | 3.00 | |
| Soft water | 2.00 | |
| Evangelists | 250.00 | |
| Ice | 6.18 | |
| Paint | 8.85 | |
| Cots | 11.75 | |
| Stove | 75.00 | |
| Interest | 49.00 | |

\$1204.55

J. E. SPRY, Treasurer.

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Cash on hand 110.66

Cooks

Lights

Insurance

Report No. 5

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Another year has passed and we have gathered for our annual session. The past year has been one of battles and accomplishments. God has given much help on the field; many souls have been brought into the Kingdom and the Church.

Some have suggested a change in our financial plan, but it appears that our present plan is the best we have had. The Conference Treasurer has been able to meet his obligations throughout the year.

Official duties for the year include the following:

On April 23 we received the High Prairie Wesleyan Methodist Church, which was organized by Rev. W. C. Brannon, into the Conference.

On April 30 we assisted in the dedication of the Ipswich church.

On June 8 we accepted the credentials of Rev. W. O. Howard, an Elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Financial Statement

Salary:

| From | Conference Treasurer churches for evangelistic services churches for Conference visitation | \$339.54 151.26 200.10 | |
|---------------|--|------------------------------|----------|
| March 141 | Total salary | or mark | \$690.90 |
| Expense: From | Conference Treasurer | all to be 1 have | \$ 92.97 |
| | Total received | And the | \$783.87 |

Report No. 6

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ON STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Camp Meeting Board—Rufus Reisdorph, W. D. Shelor, J. E. Spry, L. D. Harris, Dan Palmer, J. C. McGovern, Frank Martin, President of W. Y. P. S., Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph.

Conference Program Committee—Rufus Reisdorph, L. D. Harris, W. D. Shelor.

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

Missionary Board-Rufus Reisdorph, J. C. McGovern, J. F. Simpson, J. E. Spry, Mrs. Laura Raymer, L. D. Harris, August Wegner, R. E.

Jaquith, Frank Martin, Charles Reisdorph, H. B. Engel, William Fessenden.

Vacancies Committee—W. C. Brannon, J. E. Spry, Charles Reisdorph, Frank Martin.

Sunday-school Board—W. D. Shelor, W. J. Leyh, Rufus Reisdorph. Examining Board—Rufus Reisdorph, J. C. McGovern, A. M. Wiley, W. D. Shelor.

Report No. 7

ITINERACY AND ORDERS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Itineracy and Orders, submit the following recommendations:

We recommend that Romeo Baronia, L. L. Knapp, and Isla Knight be continued in the studies on the first year and that their licenses be renewed.

That A. C. Buell, C. W. Calhoon, and Frank Traver be continued in the second year and their licenses be renewed.

That Leslie D. Smith be advanced to studies of the second year.

That Ben Findley be continued in the third year.

That Wayne Cretsinger, Paul Kindschi, John Winterburg, be elected to Elders Orders, they having completed the Course of Study.

That Hazel Carter and Mrs. Frank Traver be continued in the fourth year, and that both their licenses be renewed.

That Chester Reed be advanced to fourth year studies, and his license he renewed

That the license of Wesley Knapp be renewed.

That the licenses of Gordon Goodsell, and Mrs. Loretta Raymer Wilson be renewed.

That Miss Louise Traver be received to travel under Conference direction and that she be granted a minister's license as she has completed the Theological Course at Miltonvale College.

That Raymond Sousoman and Donald Gerriets be received to travel under Conference direction, and that they be granted minister's licenses.

That Rev. Roy Nicholson preach the Ordination Sermon on Sunday morning, June 11, 1939.

A. M. WILEY, RUFUS REISDORPH, J. C. McGOVERN, W. D. SHELOR, MRS. E. E. REEVE, FRANK MARTIN, S. J. McINTYRE.

Report No. 8 RAILROAD EXPENSE COMMITTEE

We, the Railroad Expense Committee, have found the amount to be paid for Railroad expense this year to be \$50.06, leaving a deficit of \$14.06 from last year, making the total amount raised \$64.12. This apportioned among the 16 charges, makes the amount of \$4.00 per charge to be raised and sent to the Conference Treasurer as soon as possible.

GEORGE THOMAS, WILFORD JOHNSON, A. C. BUELL.

Report No. 9

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Be it Resolved, That we, the members of the Dakota Conference, express our gratitude to God for His manifold blessings both temporal and spiritual, and that we humbly petition Him for continued mercies, that wars may cease, and that destruction by pests and plagues may be stopped.

Be it Resolved, That we render sincere thanksgiving and gratitude to God for the fine rains being sent upon the territory covered by our Conference.

Be it Resolved, That we, His people who are called by His name, do humble ourselves and do our utmost to shape our lives and conduct in full conformity to His will.

Be it Resolved, That we, His people do humbly pray that God by the quickening power of the Holy Spirit send a spiritual revival into the midst, and upon people of this nation of which we are a part.

That we heartily support all legislation designed for moral reform within the state and nation by ballot, precept, and example.

Be it Resolved, That we as Wesleyan Methodists do our utmost for the salvation of souls already within our churches and within our Sunday schools, and that we endeavor prayerfully and aggressively to reach the unsaved in territories adjacent to our respective charges by launching spiritual campaigns, schoolhouse meetings, tent meetings, prayer meetings, Sunday schools, house to house visitations, and the general work of a missionary pastor-evangelist.

Be it Resolved due to the marked efficiency of our present financial plan, namely, the seven and one-half per cent plan, That each church and pastor fully coöperate in working this present plan.

Be it Resolved, That this Conference request the Conference Secretary to collect all Conference Rules and Resolutions now valid and have

same printed in Conference Minutes of this year and each succeeding year, under section known as "Conference Standing Rules and Resolutions."

Be it Resolved, That we express our thanks to our Connectional Representative, Rev. Roy Nicholson, for services rendered during Conference sessions, and to our Conference officers for their faithful and efficient services of the past year, and to all who labored on the grounds previous to this Conference, and to the kitchen and dining room help who minister daily to our bodily needs.

Be it Resolved, That the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church which comprises the states, North and South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming, express its appreciation to the Chicago-Milwaukee, Great Northern, and Northern Pacific Railway Companies for their courtesy in granting passes to our Conference officials for their work.

Be it Resolved, That we urge the members and constituency to patronize their roads in our district.

W. D. SHELOR, MISS ALTA REISDORPH, REV. J. C. McGOVERN, REV. W. J. LEYH.

Report No. 10

PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

We, your Committee on Passage of Character, have examined the reports of the pastors and preachers, and have passed their character.

> ARTHER REISDORPH, THOMAS BAILIE, CARL BANGERT.

Report No. 11 AUDITING COMMITTEE

See Report No. 2.

Report No. 12

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee, recommend the following appointments:
Aberdeen—W. D. Shelor.
Almont—Thomas Bailie and wife.
Artesian—J. C. McGovern.
Avon—John Winterburg.
Billings—W. C. Brannon and wife.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

Bradley-Mrs. Laura Raymer.

Buffalo—John J. Hunter.

Bushnell-Frank Traver and wife.

High Prairie—Gordon Goodsell.

Houghton-Marvin Jones.

Huron-George Thomas.

Ipswich-L. D. Harris.

McIntosh-In hands of President.

Medicine Rocks, Minnesota Valley, Knobs, Mill Iron-A. C. Buell.

Mitchell-J. F. Simpson.

Mobridge-In hands of President.

Northville, Brentford-J. E. Spry.

Pollock-In hands of President.

Redfield, Calvary—S. J. McIntyre.

Richland-W. J. Leyh and wife.

Watford City—Raymond Sousoman.

Webster-In hands of President.

Conference President-Rufus Reisdorph.

Conference Evangelist-Ruby Reisdorph.

Unstationed elder-C. K. Thompson.

Missionary Work in India-Arthur Calhoon, Isla Knight.

Missionaries on Furlough—Charles Carter, Hazel Carter.

Mountain Missionary Work-Minnie Knecht.

Missionary Work—C. W. Calhoon, Ben Findley, Donald Gerriets, Louise Traver.

Missionary Evangelist—W. O. Howard, Arthur Reisdorph, Paul Kindschi, Wayne Cretsinger.

Teaching—George Robbins.

Song Evangelist and Children's Worker-Loretta Raymer Wilson.

Supply Methodist Episcopal Church—Fred Hunt, Allen Regan, A. M. Wiley.

American Sunday-school Union.—L. L. Knapp, Chester Reed, Rev. and Mrs. Otto Jensen.

RUFUS REISDORPH,
W. C. BRANNON,
J. E. SPRY,
MRS. LOREN BETZ,
MRS. BERNARD BUCKLIN,
J. F. SIMPSON.

Report .No. 13

MINISTERIAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Ministerial Relief Fund read their report and it was adopted.

(See By-laws under Conference Standing Rules and Resolutions.)

THOMAS BAILIE,

W. J. LEYH,

L. D. HARRIS,

Committee.

Report No. 14

CONFERENCE TRAVELING EXPENSE REPORT

We, your Committee, recommend that we pay each delegate \$15 for traveling expense to General Conference.

J. C. McGOVERN, L. D. HARRIS, RUFUS REISDORPH.

Report No. 15 TREASURER'S REPORT

Home Missions Fund

| Receipts | | | |
|---|-----------|-----|--------|
| Received from churches and Sunday schools | | \$ | 33.05 |
| Disbursements | | | |
| Paid to W. L. Thompson, Home Missionary Secretary | | \$ | 33.05 |
| Superannuated Ministers' Fund | | | |
| Receipts | | | |
| Cash on hand at beginning of year | \$ 249.43 | | |
| Total receipts from church offerings | 39.26 | | |
| Interest on loans to Conference | 44.66 | | |
| Total | | \$ | 333.35 |
| No Disbursements | | | |
| Cash on hand to balance June 7, 1939 | | \$ | 333.35 |
| 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 to Billings Church | 200.00 | | |
| Cash on hand, June 7, 1939 | 333.35 | | |
| Total | | \$1 | 277.71 |

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

| Conference Fund | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Receipts | | |
| Balance on hand at beginning of year | \$ 161.86 | |
| Received from Conference W. H. & F. M. Society | 196.88 | |
| Received from Churches, individuals, etc | 876.17 | |
| Total | | \$1234.91 |
| Disbursements | | |
| Ministers' Carfare | \$ 63:08 | |
| To Huron work | 405.00 | |
| Searle Brothers Printing Co., letterheads | 9.27 | |
| Charles Schreibeis, interest on loan | 30.00 | |
| J. E. Spry, Study books | 1.50 | • |
| Wesleyan Meth. Publishing Association, Conf. Min. | 80.19 | |
| Wesleyan Meth. Publishing Association, Conf. blanks | 8.03 | |
| Mellette State Bank, safety deposit box, 4 years | 13.20 | |
| R. D. Reisdorph, salary | 339.54 | |
| R. D. Reisdorph, expenses | 92.97 | |
| R. D. Reisdorph, flowers | 3.00 | |
| Bank exchange charges | 2.60 | |
| Superannuated Ministers' Fund, Interest | 44.66 | • |
| Total | | \$1093.04 |
| Cash on hand, June 7, 1939, to balance | | \$ 141.87 |

FRANK MARTIN, Treasurer.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF MISSIONARY BOARD

We recommend that the President of the Conference be paid \$100 and expenses for time spent within bounds of the Conference.

We also recommend that the Conference pay the rent on the hall used for the services, at Huron.

RUFUS REISDORPH, J. F. SIMPSON, AUGUST WEGNER, L. D. HARRIS, WILLIAM FESSENDEN.

CONFERENCE STANDING RULES AND RESOLUTIONS

Financial Plan for Conference Fund

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, Y. M. W. B., W. Y. P. S., and the W. H. & F. M. S.; one-third of which shall be used for Church Extension within the Dakota Conference, the balance, two-thirds, to constitute the regular Conference Fund.

This money is to be sent to Conference Treasurer monthly.

Railroad Expense

The amount for Railroad Expense is \$4.00 per charge, this money to be raised and sent to Conference Treasurer as soon as possible.

Ministerial Relief Fund By-Laws

Purpose: To provide financial assistance for Elders and Conference Preachers in times of serious illness or death in their families.

All Ministers and Licentiates of the Conference shall become members on payment of first assessment. Those who desire to become members later, may do so by paying up all assessments made previous, of the Conference year.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall make four assessments each year, or more if emergency arises, in the following manner: Each Minister on the Conference Roll shall be assessed one dollar on due notice from the Secretary, excepting both husband and wife are preachers. In such case, only one is assessed. Each pastor shall collect one dollar from his church or charge each time an assessment is made, except ministers not serving as pastors in the Conference. These are to pay \$1.50 for each assessment.

Disbursements: The Secretary shall, on receipt of the worthiness of a case, pay out of said fund forty per cent of the amount of the expense incurred, provided the expense is more than twenty dollars, and furthermore providing that no payment shall exceed fifty dollars. (Normal maternity cases excepted). In case of death the maximum of \$50 will be paid to the beneficiaries.

Members who are delinquent in the payment of the last two or more assessments prior to claims for help, shall be ineligible. In case one is delinquent two or more payments, no benefits will be paid in emergencies, by paying of delinquent assessments.

If assessments are paid by check, please add service fee.

In case the Secretary is in doubt as to the worthiness of a case he shall advise with the Conference President.

Postage and necessary expense shall be deducted from said funds.

Resolutions

See Resolutions under Report No. 9

Budget Apportionment

| | \$2.00 | per | member |
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| Home Missions | .50 | per | member |
| Orphanage | .25 | per | member |
| Education | 1.50 | per | member |

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Information

| A. M. WileyTerm | expires | in | 1940 |
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| W. D. ShelorTerm | expires | in | 1941 |
| Rufus ReisdorphTerm | expires | in | 1942 |
| S. J. McIntyreTerm | expires | in | 1943 |

List of books and examiners as follows:

Rufus Reisdorph-

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

Second Year, Bible and Homeletics, by Kearns.

Third Year, Bible and Christian Evidences.

Fourth Year, Bible and Bible Geography.

S. J. McIntvre-

First Year, Robert's Rules of Order.

Second Year, How to Prepare an Expository Sermon.

Third Year, System of General Ethics.

Fourth Year, Psychology.

A. M. Wiley, Registrar-

First Year, Theological Compend; and Perfect Love.

Second Year, Teacher Training and Theology.

Third Year, Theology.

Fourth Year, Theology.

(All reading books and grades to be reported to A. M. Wiley.)

W. D. Shelor-

First Year, Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.

Second Year, Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.

Third Year, Church History and All About the Bible.

Fourth Year, Church History and System of Christian Evidence.

Any of the books can be had by sending to Secretary L. D. Harris, sending also a fee of ten cents and paying postage.

Other books may be had from examiners of same on same terms.

L. D. HARRIS, Secretary.

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| Item I. Pastor's Labors. Item II. Periodicals. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Minutes of the Annual Session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of the Dakota Conference, June 7—10, 1939

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President—Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, 212 Eighth Ave., N. E., Aberdeen, S. D. Vice-President—Mrs. Erma Brannon, 306 So. 32nd St., Billings, Mont. Secretary—Mrs. Lillian Bailie, Almont, N. D.

Treasurer-Mrs. Blanche Larson, Athol, S. D.

Y. M. W. B. Superintendent-Mrs. Harriet Harris, Ipswich, S. D.

LOCAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES AND ADDRESSES

Aberdeen—President, Mrs. Robt. T. Hollingsworth, 901 Eighth Ave., N. E. Aberdeen, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. A. E. Hatton, 212 N. Kline St., Aberdeen, S. D.

Almont—President, Miss Marjorie Olin, Almont, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. F. L. Trovick, Almont, N. D.

Artesian—President, Mrs. Jacob Turner, Artesian, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. John W. Peir, Letcher, S. D.

Avon-President, Mrs. Marie Winterberg, Avon, S. D.; Secretary, Miss Alice Nellis, Avon, S. D.

Billings—President, Mrs. Erma Brannon, 306 So. 32nd St., Billings, Mont.; Secretary, Miss Pauline Eisenbiesz, 306 So. 32nd St., Billings, Mont.

Bradley-President, Mrs. Kate St. Helen, Bradley, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Leola Raymer, Bradley, S. D.

Brentford—President, Mrs. J. E. Spry, Northville, S. D., Secretary, Mrs. L. Overby, Conde, S. D.

Buffalo-President, Mrs. Josephine Mitten, Buffalo, Wyo.; Secretary, Mrs. Amy Hunter, Box 921, Buffalo, Wyo.

Bushnell—Mrs. Elizabeth Traver, Bushnell, S. D., Secretary, Mrs. Fred Mittan, Bushnell, S. D.

Calvary—President, Mrs. Blanche Larson, Athol, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Ada Kissner, Athol, S. D.

Cresbard-President, Mrs. Edna Hill, Cresbard, S. D.; Secretary, Miss Beulah Boston, Cresbard, S. D.

Houghton-President, Mrs. Charles Reisdorph, Houghton, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Marvin Jones, Houghton, S. D.

Huron—President, Mrs. George Thomas, 143-5th St., N. E., Huron, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Angus Saunders, Huron, S. D.

Ipswich—President, Mrs. L. D. Harris, Ipswich, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Pearl Cloud, Ipswich, S. D.

Johnson Corners—President, Mrs. Bennie Veeder, Watford City, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Herbert Veeder, Schafer, N. D.

Knobs—President, Mrs. Nora Knipfer, Mill Iron, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. George Most, Knobs, Mont.

Medicine Rocks-President, Mrs. A. C. Buell, Baker, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. Winifred Clocksene, Willard, Mont.

Minnesota Valley-Mrs. Louis Blazer, Baker, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. Blanche A. Cate, ----.

Mitchell—President, Mrs. Lola Johnson, 1209 South Duff St., Mitchell, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Martha DeJong, Mitchell, S. D., General Delivery.

Northville—President, Mrs. Myrtle Spry, Northville, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Herbert Blake, Northville, S. D.

Pollock-President, Mrs. Amanda Hinz, Pollock, S. D.; Secretary, Miss Lucia Rose, Pollock, S. D.

Redfield-Mrs. S. J. McIntyre, Redfield, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Erwin Bailey, Redfield, S. D.

Richland-President, Mrs. Alva Wolter, Ipswich, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Wolter, Cresbard, S. D.

Sandstone—President, Mrs. Howard Mosholder, Berg, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Frank Jones, Berg, N. D.

Watford City—President, Mrs. Henry Hystad, Arnegard, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Leslie Smith, Watford City, N. D.

DELEGATES

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Aberdeen-Mrs. W. D. Shelor. Almont-Mrs. Lillian Bailie. Artesian-No Delegate. Avon-Miss Alice Nellis. Billings-Mrs. Harry Ray. Bradley-No Delegate. Brentford-Mrs. Hazel Overby. Buffalo-Mrs. Chris Johnson. Bushnell-No Delegate. Calvary-Mrs. Marie Kegler. Cresbard-Mrs. Louisa Hunter. Houghton-Mrs. Lillian Griffith. Huron-Mrs. Myrtle Thomas. Ipswich-Mrs. H. B. Engle. Johnson Corners-Mrs. Lillian Reisdorph. Knobs-No Delegate. Medicine Rocks-Miss Susie Clocksene. Minnesota Valley-Mrs. Eliza Young. Mitchell-Mrs. Lola Johnson. Northville-Mrs. Herbert Blake. Pollock-No Delegate. Redfield-Mrs. Chas. Schmidt. Richland-Mrs. Lorraine Palmer. Sandstone-Mrs. Emma Olson. Watford City-Mrs. L. L. Smith.

Daily Proceedings

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

The opening session of the W. H. & F. M. S. of the Dakota Conference was called to order by the President, Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph. A goodly representation united in the meditative hymn, "A Charge to Keep."

By request of Mrs. Vander Laan, of Mobridge, we sang as a united

testimony "My Jesus I Love Thee," in her memory.

Mrs. John Winterberg, led the devotional hour using a portion of the 20th chapter of Matthew, as a wonderful preface to the Missionary Conference. Mrs. Harris led us in prayer, after which we sang prayerfully, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

Our President in her own warm way, gave us some inspiring remarks and urged us to walk under the Spirit's leadership. As the Secretary called the names of the local societies, all the ladies present from these societies were introduced.

Mrs. Lillian Griffith was appointed to collect the credentials.

Motion prevailed that the Presidents of the local societies, the pastors wives, delegates, and the Y. M. W. B. Superintendents constitute the bar of Conference.

Mrs. Reeve from Billings gave greetings and praise for a safe journey and then Mrs. Reisdorph made special mention of gratitude for the safe arrival of various groups who had traveled under difficult circumstances.

Mrs. Larson, Conference Treasurer, was introduced and gave greetings, and also presented Mrs. Marie Kegler, the new President of the Calvary Society.

The Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Myrtle Spry, Mrs. Harriet Harris, Mrs. Blanche Larson, Mrs. Lillian Reisdorph, Mrs. Lillian Griffith.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet at 1:30 p. m.

Mrs. Louisa Hunter, of Cresbard, dismissed us with prayer.

Wednesday, 1:30 p. m.

Song, "Take the Name of Jesus With You."

Prayer by Mrs. Cretsinger, followed by the scripture lesson, Romans 8: 20, which was brought to us by Mrs. Jones.

By request a quilt, made by the Cresbard society for the evangelist room, was placed on display and it was indeed worthy of merit.

Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Partial roll call.

The Nominating Committee read their report and it was accepted. (Report No. 1.)

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Mrs. La Verne Jones was elected to serve as Conference Reporter.

Mrs. Harriet Harris was elected as Conference Wesleyan Missionary Solicitor, with understanding that she act as supervisor of this work throughout the entire year.

Nominating report was reread by the Secretary.

Mrs. Lillian Reisdorph was elected as pianist.

Mrs. Hazel Overby was elected as chorister.

A communication from Mrs. N. Mae Clark was read by the Secretary. Motion carried that the Secretary respond to this letter with greetings from the Society.

Reports from the following societies were read and various items of interest and questions were discussed: Calvary, Northville, Brentford, Mitchell, Johnson Corners.

Motion prevailed that we adjourn.

Mrs. Lola Johnson gave the benediction.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING

Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

The President of the W. H. & F. M. S. called us to worship, and we paused in a moment of silent prayer.

Rev. Charles Wilson, conducted the congregational singing as we sang, "Saved, Saved," and "Jesus Saves."

Rev. J. F. Simpson led us in prayer, and softly the congregation breathed in prayer the chorus "Spirit of the Living God."

A reading entitled "Lassy Nell" was effectively given by Mrs. Charles Wilson.

Announcements were made by Rev. Rufus Reisdorph.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Stalker were presented to the congregation, and responded with personal greetings, making mention in particular of their warm appreciation of our missionaries which they contacted while on their missionary tour.

Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, our Connectional Representative, gave the main address, which was unique in thought and challenging in spirit.

The Aberdeen Chorus and Mrs. Reisdorph, blessedly rendered the much loved hymn, "The Ninety and Nine."

An offering which totalled around \$350 in pledges and cash was taken, the same to be divided equally between Foreign and Conference Missions, unless otherwise stated.

Closing song, "A Charge to Keep I Have."

Benediction, Rev. W. C. Brannon.

Thursday, 8:00 a.m.

Mrs. Overby, chorister, directed the opening exercises by singing "I Love to Tell the Story," and "Work for the Night is Coming,"

Mrs. Blanche Larson led us in devotions this morning, using 2 Tim. 2: 1-19. She emphasized the striking clause, "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." Mrs. Griffith led us in voluntary prayer.

Roll call. Minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. Hazel Overby impressively gave us a reading entitled, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus, Again."

The Spirit drew especially near as we lingered in praise and testimony.

Committee on Orders of the Day read a partial report and it was deferred until later.

Upon courtesy, Mrs. Catherine Stalker, was introduced, and responded graciously with such a warm and encouraging message.

Reports were read from the following local societies: Watford City, Sandstone, Minnesota Valley.

Mrs. Charles Wilson a Conference bride, was introduced, and responded briefly with a few words of deep appreciation for the Dakota Conference which has mothered her since childhood.

Motion prevailed that we adjourn, to attend the Connectional address given in main tabernacle.

Mrs. Brannon dismissed us with prayer.

Thursday, 1:00 p. m.

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

Mrs. Ella Buell read us the lesson from the Word, and gave us opportunity to magnify the Lord in relating some of the blessed experiences that come to us as we walk the Christian pathway of life.

Mrs. Larson led our thoughts in prayer.

Minutes of the Public Missionary Meeting were read and approved.

Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

A poem entitled "Why," which Mrs. Opal Gibbs sent to Mrs. Reisdorph, was read by Mrs. Overby. Mrs. Reisdorph then shared with us a portion of Mrs. Gibbs' letter.

Report on Orders of the Day was read and deferred.

Mrs. Winters from Huron, S. D., was introduced and added her testimony to those that had been given earlier.

Miss Hallie Brannon, one of the Children's Workers, was introduced and bore witness to the saving grace of God.

Misses Hallie and Marie Brannon sang a duet, "He's Mine," accompanied with the piano accordian.

The reading of local reports was continued, the following being read: Houghton, Avon, Pollock, Billings.

Motion carried to adjourn until four o'clock.

Thursday, 4:00 p. m.

Session opened with prayer by Mrs. Griffith.

Reports by the following local societies were read: Medicine Rocks, Aberdeen, Ipswich.

Report of Orders of the Day was read and accepted. (Report No. 2.) Auditing Report was read and adopted. (Report No. 3.)

The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted with a standing vote of thanks. (Report No. 4.)

Motion for ajournment carried.

Together we sang the Doxology.

Friday, 1:00 p. m.

Mrs. Reisdorph called the meeting to order by singing "The Solid Rock."

Mrs. Harry Ray, from Billings, came before us for the devotions, reading and commenting with earnest spirit upon the 10th chapter of Romans.

Mrs. Young directed our hearts to the throne in prayer.

Roll was called and the Minutes were read and approved.

The President suggested that we try to get our dues in as soon after Conference as possible.

The following local reports were read: Knobs, Cresbard, Huron, Almont.

Mrs. Stalker spoke to us basing her earnest and warm remarks on 2 Peter 3:2.

Motion carried that Mrs. Stalker be admitted within the bar of Conference and be given a voice in it's deliberations and discussions.

The following local reports were read: Richland, Redfield, Buffalo.

Orders of the Day called for election of officers which was as follows:

President-Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph.

Vice-President-Mrs. Erma Brannon.

Secretary-Mrs. Lillian Bailie.

Treasurer-Mrs. Blanche Larson.

Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, Mrs. Harriet Harris.

Delegates were instructed to order their four year or quadrennial books from Mrs. Mabel Perrine.

The following local reports were read: Bushnell and Artesian.

Motion prevailed that we adjourn.

Saturday, 9:00 a. m.

Mrs. Brannon, Vice-President called the meeting to order. In unison we sang "In the Cross."

Mrs. Harris led us in meditation on a passage of scripture found in

Nehemiah, emphasizing the verse, "the joy of the Lord is your strength." Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Kegler led us in prayer.

Roll call. Minutes were read and approved.

Upon courtesy and Order of the Day Rev. Roy S. Nicholson was presented to the society and gave us our Connectional message. He lifted the verse, "She hath done what she could" out of the ordinary use and presented us with a practical and thought-provoking application.

The report from Bradley was read.

The Committee on the Plan of Word read their report and it was accepted. (Report No. 5.)

Motion carried that we adjourn.

Mrs. A. C. Buell dismissed us with prayer.

Prayerfully we sang, "Fill Me Now."

Mrs. Laura Raymer called our attention to 1 Peter 4:12, 13. Again we were made to see a new beauty in a passage of scripture, that has been read so oft by God's children, yet without it's deepest meaning.

Our President brought before us the physical needs of the parsonage homes. We were made to fear lest the enemy use this strategy to thwart the cause of God's kingdom in our Conference.

The motion prevailed that we set aside an early morning hour, each Saturday morning to pray concertedly and in faith, for not only our parsonage homes, but for the homes of our constituency.

Motion carried that the Secretary write Mrs. Traver an expression of

sympathy for her absence caused by affliction in their home.

Moved and seconded that the Chairman of the various Conference Missionary Districts, call group meetings and elect their respective organizers.

Motion prevailed that the expenses of the Secretary, which amounted to \$1.49, be met.

Motion prevailed that the Treasurer be allowed expense to cover the printing of cards, that the handling of her correspondence be made more convenient.

Motion carried that \$20.00 of our balance be paid on the kitchen stove.

Motion carried that the Conference Society present Mrs. Charles Wilson a bridal gift.

Mrs. Wedin, of Billings, was presented to the Conference. In the presence of deep sorrow she bore praise unto Him who hath so wonderfully sustained her. In sorrow she pledged herself anew to walk before God in consecrated service.

The Committee on Resolutions read their report and it was accepted (Report No. 6.)

The Statistical Committee read their report and it was accepted. (Report No. 7.)

The Wesleyan Missionary Solicitor reported that she had received eleven renewals, and two new subscriptions to the Missionary magazine.

We spent a few moments relating ways and means to occupy our time during work meetings. Some very interesting suggestions were given on various types of gifts, clothing, provisions, etc. that could and have been sent to different branches of our home work.

The following articles were recommended to be sent to the dormitory: dish towels, sheets, pillow slips, scatter rugs, pitchers, wash bowls, buckets, food for the dining room, and articles of furniture for the rest room.

Mrs. Spry gave a review of several Missionary Rallies which were

held in the Aberdeen District.

A motion for final adjournment carried.

In closing we sang the much loved song, "Blest be the Tie That Binds."

Mrs. Lola Johnson dismissed us with an earnest supplication for divine quickening and special blessing as we enter upon the work of a new Conference year.

MRS. LILLIAN BAILIE, Secretary.

Reports of Committees

NO. 1-NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following report:

Statistical-Mrs. L. Reisdorph, Mrs. Harriet Harris, Mrs. Ella Buell, Mrs. Hazel Overby.

Auditing, Mrs. La Verne Jones, Mrs. Marie Kegler.

Orders of the Day-Mrs. Blanche Larson, Mrs. Amy Hunter, Mrs. Marie Winterberg, Mrs. Bessie Ray, Mrs. Susie Shelor.

Resolutions-Mrs. Myrtle Spry, Mrs. Lillian Griffith, Mrs. Lolo Johnson.

Courtesies-Mrs. Viola Leyh, Mrs. Erma Brannon.

Plan of Work-Mrs. Erma Brannon, Mrs. Verna Simpson, Mrs. Lorraine Palmer.

Signed: MRS. MYRTLE SPRY,

MRS. HARRIET HARRIS, MRS. BLANCHE LARSON, MRS. LILLIAN REISDORPH, MRS. LILLIAN GRIFFITH.

NO. 2-ORDERS OF THE DAY

We, the Committee on the Orders of the Day, submit the following: Wednesday evening the Public Missionary Meeting with Rev. Roy Nicholson as speaker. Thursday from eight to nine-thirty devotions and local reports. Thursday afternoon following the devotions presentation and a special number by Miss Hallie Brannon. At one-thirty the continuing of reports, with the Treasurer's Report at two o'clock. Friday afternoon at two Mrs. Catherine Stalker will address the Society. At three o'clock, election of officers. Saturday afternoon Rev. Roy Nicholson will be introduced to the Society. Professor Hester of Miltonvale will also address the Society.

Signed: MRS. BLANCHE LARSON,
MRS. AMY HUNTER,
MRS. MARIE WINTERBERG,
MRS. BESSIE RAY,
MRS. SUSIE CLOCKSENE

NO. 3-AUDITING COMMITTEE

The Auditing Committee have examined the books of the Treasurer and found them to be correct.

Signed: MRS. LAVERNE JONES,

MRS. MARIE KEGLER.

NO. 4—TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary

| The Treasurer of the Annual Conference W. H. & F. M. Dakota Conference submits the following report: | S. | of the |
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| On hand at the beginning of the year | \$ | 27.03 |
| Received from all sources | | 1207.27 |
| Disbursed to all sources | | 1168.18 |
| Balance | \$ | 66.12 |

MRS. BLANCHE LARSON, Treasurer.

NO. 5-PLAN OF WORK

We, the Committee on Plan of Work, recommend that our local societies refer to the August issue of the Wesleyan Missionary for the Plan of Work as revised by General Conference.

> Signed, MRS. ERNA BRANNON, MRS. J. F. SIMPSON, MRS. LORRAINE PALMER.

NO. 6-COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:
Be it Resolved, That we as a Missionary Society express our appreciation to God who hath daily loaded us with benefits and blessings. He has in His all wise providence called some of our members to lay down their armor, therefore let us work with more earnest fervor and diligence, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Resolved, That we as a band of missionary workers go forth with renewed strength and grace from our heavenly Father, taking the Word as our guide to enable us to put on, as the elect of God, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, and charity which is the bond of perfectness.

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Resolved, That we express to our Connectional Representative, Rev. Roy Nicholson, our appreciation for his inspiring messages and practical information concerning Christ's great commission "go ye."

Resolved, That we express our heart-felt thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Stalker for their cordial greetings from the mission fields and for their

faithful ministry among us.

Resolved, That we express our sincere gratitude to all who have so kindly added their ministry in song and helpful readings, especially to our dear Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph for her godly counsel and sacrificial labor throughout the year.

Resolved, That we express thanks to those who had part in planning and providing for our comfort and entertainment during Conference and

camp.

We further Resolve, That our Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society adopt for their motto for the coming year, "Souls for Christ, and Christ for Souls." May we earnestly pray and faithfully labor to reach this exalted goal.

Signed, MRS. MYRTLE SPRY, MRS. LILLIAN GRIFFITH, MRS. LOLA JOHNSON.

NO. 7-W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

| | Rece | ipts | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------|---|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|
| Societies | Active Members | Honorary Members | Members Gained | Members Loss | Regular Meetings Held | Special Meetings Held | Do You Use Missionary Programs? | No. Wesleyan Missionaries | Cash on Hand From Last Year | Membership Dues |
| Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Billings Bradley Brentford Buffalo Bushnell Calvary Hilltop Ipswich Houghton Johnson Corners Knobs Medicine Rocks Minnesota Valley Mitchell Northville Pollock Redfield Richland Sandstone Watford City Huron | 14 2 7 13 13 5 7 | | 5 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 2 4 4 1 | 21 5 11 24 7 | ··· ; | **** | 100 55 31 33 133 133 135 66 133 77 18 22 27 7 13 3 1 | 11.26 | 7.00 3.00 12.00 13.00 6.00 13.00 6.00 9.00 6.00 6.00 2.20 2.20 8.00 |
| Totals | 210 | 16 | 21 | 27 | 309 | 26 | | 188 | \$25.89 | \$225.50 |

^{*} Yes. ** No. *** Part.

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| Societies | Offerings | Labor | Clothing and Other Gifts to Home Work | Bandages and Other Gifts to Foreign Work | Other Sources | Total |
| berdeen Imont rtesian von illings radley rentford utfalo ushnell alvary filltop pswich foughton ohnson Corners nobs tedicine Rocks finnesota Valley fittchell forthville orlock deficiel colleck decket dichland andstone Vatford City | 6.44 | 1.00 | \$9.50 3.00 4.50 4.50 48.02 9.80 9.80 10.90 19.00 7.00 4.00 | 4.00 | 80 | \$88.88.89 74.89 74.89 93.11 22.03 33.31 152.88 43.66 62.55 106.33 81.11 25.55 73.00 60.4 24.88 42.0 146.13 32.7 37.0 |

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|---|-------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Societies | Undivided | Home, Cash | Home, Clothing and Other Gifts | Hephzibah, Cash | Hephzibah, Provisions | Bethshan, Cash | Bethshan, Provisions | Foreign, Cash | Foreign, Bandages and Other Gifts | Medical Students |
| Aberdeen Almont Artesian Artesian Avon Billings Bradley Brentford Buffalo Bushnell Calvary Hilltop Ipswich Houghton Johnson Corners Knobs Medicine Rocks Minnesota Valley Mitchell Northville Pollock Redfield Redfield Richland Sandstone Watford City Huron | 5.00 10.00 6.00 9.00 | 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 12.30 9.00 3.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6 | \$3.00 1.25 53.00 9.80 10.90 21.00 2.50 4.00 | 4.00 5.00 3.00 5.00 5.00 | 2.30 | | \$5.00 | \$16.45 46.00 16.00 67.00 26.15 1.45 1.00 47.05 18.00 27.05 28.95 33.45 34.60 52.00 14.18 8.15 40.00 21.56 6.56 6.56 6.71 55.30 9.25 4.00 5.11 | \$3.50 | |
| Totals | \$41.03 | \$140.30 | \$123.25 | \$107.60 | \$17.80 | \$15.65 | \$9.00 | \$570.37 | \$30.15 | \$5.00 |

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| Societies | ion, Cash | , Provisions | ch Work | Dues | | General Conf. | Plan | | | Efficiency n Per Cent |
|---|--|--------------|---|--|---|-----------------|--|--------------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| | Education, | Education, | Local Church Work | Membership Dues | Other Objects | Delegate to Gen | 71/2 Per Cent P | Cash on Hand | Total | Rank Under Effi |
| Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Billings Bradley Brentford Buffalo Bushnell Calvary Hilltop Ipswich Houghton Johnson Corners Knobs Medicine Rocks Minnesota Valley Mitchell Northville Pollock Redfield Richland Sandstone Watford City Huron | 1.0 16.2 10.0 3.0 8.7 8.7 8.0 15.0 1.0 1.0 2.1 1.0 4.5 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 | 6 | 16.28 1.00 5.00 6.55 6.44 1.00 6.95 | 2.00 3.50 4.00 14.00 8.00 3.00 4.50 10.00 | 1.50 .27 1.50 30.30 3.16 2.00 7.23 11.72 9.66 6.77 9.03 2.03 | | 1.50 1.18 2.50 4.38 3.62 1.83 4.00 1.23 | | 32.79 | 100 100 100 100 100 90 |

Y. M. W. B. STATISTICAL REPORT

| Bands | No. of Members | No. of Meetings Held | Dues | Offerings | Education | Total |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--|-----------|----------------------|
| Aberdeen Almont Artesian Avon Billings Bradley Brentford Buffalo | 14 12 21 22 | 15 26 | 6.31 | 6.28 15.00 11.14 | 3.74 | 12.5 15.0 26.3 |
| Bushnell Calvary Hilltop Joswich Houghton Johnson Corners Knobs | 10 6 | 17 17 10 | 3.26 1.04 | 8.69 24.70 3.00 35.00 7.93 2.00 | 3.00 | |
| Medicine Rocks Minnesota Valley Mitchell Northville Pollock Redfield | 6 | 12 | 3.12 1.04 | 32 12.33 16.72 | 3.00 | 7.0 18.4 |
| Sandstone Watford City Huron | 18 | 12 | 9.36 | \$173.19 | | 38.4 |

ANNUAL MEETING DAKOTA CONFER-ENCE W. Y. P. S.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. Marvin Jones, at 1:30 p.m. in the tabernacle June 16, 1939.

The opening song was led by the President and Rev. Brannon led in prayer.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

The Nominating Committee's Report was read and adopted as follows:

President-Marvin Jones.

Vice-President-L. D. Harris.

Executive Committee: Eleanor Shoemaker, Walter Simpson, Thelma Buell.

Journal Solicitor, William Fessenden.

The plan was again followed of electing two Journal Solicitors from each district to assist William Fessenden.

Northwest District: Gordon Goodsell, Thelma Buell.

Southern District: Frank Traver, Faith Simpson.

Aberdeen District: Robert McIntyre, Ruth Cloud.

A report of the status of the Y. P. Journal was given by William Fessenden.

A motion was made and carried that we recommend to the Committee at General Conference that a change be made in the by-laws that election of officers be held thirty days before the Annual Conference.

A motion was made and carried that the Y. P. Delegate expenses be paid out of the Y. P. treasury, and the amount paid to be \$15.00 the same as for Conference Delegate.

Motion was made and carried that \$10.00 be set aside for the mimeograph fund to pay for the various materials needed. \$5.23 out of this fund was to be paid back to the Aberdeen District for mimeograph expense.

A motion was made and carried that thirty dollars be set aside for material to make benches for the Y. P. Tabernacle.

A motion was made and carried that we raise fifty dollars for Church Extension, twenty dollars to be given by Y. P. treasury and thirty dollars by subscriptions in charge by Rev. L. D. Harris.

PAULINE EISENBEISZ, Secretary pro-tem.