

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF

The Iowa Conference

OF THE

Wesleyan Methodist Connection,
or Church. of America

HELD AT THE

HOOVER CHURCH, NEAR WALKER, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 7-11, 1909.

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THE IOWA CONFERENCE.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President:—Rev. Frank J. Wilson, Marengo, Iowa.

Vice-President:—Rev. Frank A. Butterfield, Walker, Iowa.

Secretary:—Rev. R. Wesley Mack, Miltonvale, Kansas.

Treasurer:—Rev. Waldo R. Emerson, Bristow, Iowa.

Statistical Secretary:—Rev. Mrs. Amy Breneman, Laporte City, Iowa.

Sabbath-school Secretary:—Rev. Mrs. Amy Breneman.

Tithing Secretary:—Rev. Laura Everett.

Advisory Board:—Rev. Geo. S. Fry, J. D. Frick.

Missionary Board:—Rev. Frank J. Wilson, Rev. R. Wesley Mack, Rev. Frank A. Butterfield.

Committee on Presidency:—Rev. R. Wesley Mack, Rev. Frank A. Butterfield, Rev. Geo. J. Cameron, J. C. Wilson, G. W. Ebeling.

Camp-Meeting Committee:—Rev. Frank A. Butterfield, Rev. A. B. Gould, Rev. Waldo R. Emerson, Rev. Frank J. Wilson, Rev. Mrs. L. A. Bishop.

Judicial Committee:—Rev. Geo. S. Fry, Rev. A. B. Gould, Rev. Frank A. Butterfield, Rev. Waldo R. Emerson.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders:—Rev. Mrs. L. A. Bishop, Rev. Frank A. Butterfield, Rev. A. B. Gould.

Student Committee:—Rev. Frank J. Wilson, Rev. Frank A. Butterfield, Rev. Waldo R. Emerson.

Trustees.

Rev. John T. Platt, Scranton, Iowa, term expires 1910.

Rev. A. B. Gould, Hammond, Minn., term expires 1911.

Rev. Geo. S. Fry, Marengo, Iowa, term expires 1912.

Frank Ballou, Clarence, Iowa, term expires 1913.

Wm. M. Gipe, La Porte City, Iowa, term expires 1914.

PROHIBITION RALLY.

A Prohibition Rally was held at the seat of conference in the Hoover church on Monday evening, Sept 6th, in charge of the conference president, the Rev. Frank J. Wilson, who, assisted by his wife, rendered a number of spirited prohibition and temperance songs. Rev. A. B. Gould, of Hammond, Minn., gave a rousing address which was greatly appreciated by the large and attentive audience. An offering amounting to \$4.14 was presented to Rev. A. B. Gould.

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DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

According to previous announcement the Iowa conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America met for its fifty-sixth annual session, Tuesday, Sept 7th, 1909, at 10:45 A. M., at the Hoover church, eight miles north of Walkér, Iowa.

The President, Rev. Frank J. Wilson, opened the conference by devotional services, reading 1 John, 2nd chapter, and prayer.

In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. R. Wesley Mack, the Rev. Frank A. Butterfield was elected secretary pro tem.

Rev. A. B. Gould was elected Committee on Credentials, and reported the names of John D. Williams, Jr., Mary Wilson and James C. Wilson as delegates from the Marengo church. The report was adopted and the delegates seated.

Rev. George J. Cameron reported the name of Fred Klotz as delegate from the Hoover church. He was seated by vote as a member of the conference.

The President announced the bar of conference as the first four rows of seats across the church: also announced that all visiting brethren and sisters in harmony with our doctrines and principles were invited to honorary seats in the conference.

By suggestion of the President a Committee on Nominations was elected as follows: Geo. J. Cameron, Frank J. Wilson, Fred Klotz. The time of opening and closing the meetings was announced by the President as follows: Forenoon meetings to open at 9:30 and close at 11:30; afternoon meetings to open at 1:00 and close at the discretion of the conference. It was voted to change the time of opening the afternoon meeting to 1:30.

Voted to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. Ira E. Bradley.

Tuesday, First Day, Afternoon.

Conference called to order by the President at 1:45 P. M. Devotional services conducted by Rev. A. B. Gould.

Motion made that Wm. Gipe, from Emmanuel, and E. V. Teany, from Guthrie Center, be received as delegates from those churches. Motion prevailed.

Minutes read and approved.

Rev. Ira E. Bradley, of the Kansas conference, was presented to the conference by Rev. A. B. Gould and introduced by the President.

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The transfer of Rev. Ira E. Bradley from the Kansas conference was read and by vote referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report: Lay members to be added to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, Mrs. Bright and J. C. Wilson; Committee on Examination of Character, Rev. A. B. Gould and J. D. Williams, Jr.; Committee on Statistics, Austin P. Breneman and Amy Breneman. Report adopted.

Moved that the Committee on Religious Services be requested to arrange religious services for each afternoon in harmony with the regular conference business. Carried.

Rev. A. B. Gould requested information regarding the purchase of the tent which proved unsatisfactory. The information was furnished by the President. A general discussion followed.

Voted to give Tuesday afternoon to the Woman's Missionary Society for their annual session.

Voted that the election of conference officers be the order of the day for 10 A. M. Thursday.

A. B. Gould presented a resolution regarding the purchase of the tent which was destroyed. Resolution adopted. It was moved and carried to reconsider the action just taken. Moved that the following resolution be substituted therefor: Resolved, that it is the sense of this conference that the Brother who sold us the tent which had been ruined by his oiling it, when it was supposed to be in good condition, is morally bound to take back the tent and reimburse its price less a fair rental for the use we got from it. Motion to substitute prevailed. Moved that the conference president communicate to the Brother a copy of the above resolution and continue negotiations relative to final settlement.

Brother Teany made statement regarding expenses necessitated by the contemplated building of cement walks and repairing barn connected with the Guthrie Center church and parsonage.

Moved that a sufficient amount of money be loaned to the Guthrie Center church from the building fund for the repairs mentioned above. Moved as an amendment that the repairs above specified be done under the supervision of the president of the conference. Motion prevailed. Motion as amended prevailed.

Moved that it is the sense of this conference that the building

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fund should not be used for the repair and purchase of tents. Motion prevailed.

Subscription started to pay debt of tent fund to building fund which resulted as follows: Geo. Cameron, \$2; A. B. Gould, \$1; Fred Klotz, \$3; F. J. Wilson, \$1; Brother Teany, \$1; Brother Gipe, \$1; Brother A. P. Breneman, \$1; Brother Sams, \$1; W. R. Emerson, \$1; C. S. Weigel, \$1; F. A. Butterfield, \$1; J. C. Wilson, \$1; making a total of \$15 which was sufficient to meet the obligation. F. A. Butterfield was made a committee to receive the money subscribed and turn it over to the conference treasurer.

Motion made to start subscription to top one of our old tents or buy a new one, subscriptions to come due within one year. Motion prevailed.

Moved that Brother Sams be received into the conference as a delegate from Albaton.

Committee on Credentials presented credentials of Brother Weigle as a delegate from the Rosalie church. By vote he was admitted.

Voted to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. George Cameron.

Wednesday, Second Day, Forenoon.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Amy Breneman who read from the Psalms and offered prayer.

The minutes of Tuesday afternoon meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials read credentials of delegates as follows: Mrs. Wm. Bright, delegate from South Troy, Minn.; E. V. Teany, Guthrie Center; Cameron S. Weigel, Rosalie, Neb.; Jonas Sams, Albaton; J. F. Clark, Benezette. Report adopted.

Recommendation of C. S. Weigel to travel under the direction of the conference was read and by vote referred to the Committee of Itinerancy and Orders.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made partial report recommending the reception of the Rev. I. E. Bradley from the Kansas conference on his credentials as presented at yesterday's afternoon meeting. Report adopted.

The Committee on Nominations named the following persons to the respective committees: Itinerancy and Orders, Mrs. Wm. Bright and J. C. Wilson; Examination of Characters, A. B.

Gould and J. D. Williams, Jr.; Statistics, A. P. Breneman and Amy Breneman; Pastoral Relations, R. W. Mack, G. J. Cameron, Mrs. L. A. Bishop, Fred Klotz, W. M. Gipe and C. S. Weigel, Missions, Miss May Lord and Mrs. Bertha B. Ellis; Sunday-schools, W. M. Gipe; Books and Periodicals, F. E. Fitch; Resolutions, A. B. Gould; Post-office Addresses, E. V. Teany; Auditing, C. S. Weigel and J. F. Clark; Disbursement of Superannuated Minister's Fund, R. W. Mack and Mrs. Mary Wilson.

At this juncture the Rev. F. A. Butterfield presented the Rev. W. J. Seekins, Connectional Agent, who was introduced to the conference and made fitting remarks. Rev. E. Teter, General Missionary Secretary, was also introduced; also Mrs. Jennie Ayres, representing the Connectional Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and Miss May Lord, returned missionary from Africa.

On motion it was made the order of the day at 2:30 P. M. today to hear the Rev. Seekins, Connectional Agent.

On motion of Rev. F. A. Butterfield the surplus funds raised at yesterday's afternoon meeting for payment of balance due on conference tent was ordered placed in the tent fund for future use.

The following motion prevailed: Whereas the amount of money received from the sale of the County Line church was placed in the building fund contrary to the wishes of the donors, Resolved, that the same be withdrawn from said fund to be used in the purchase of a tent for use in Minnesota, according to the wish of the original donors, and that Rev. A. B. Gould be instructed to purchase said tent.

The passage of characters was taken up and the following names called: Revs. W. H. Riley, T. F. Blair, Thos. Hartley, A. B. Wilkinson, L. W. Easton, B. F. Logsdon, G. C. Houck and H. E. Buck. Characters passed.

The name of D. W. Scott was called and on motion the passage of his character was deferred.

Conference adjourned by limitation. Benediction by Rev. E. Teter.

Wednesday, Second Day, Afternoon.

Conference opened with sermon by Rev. Ira E. Bradley, from Rom. 1:4, after which the minutes were read and approved.

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In the absence of the Credential's Committee the credentials of Mrs. Clara Day as delegate from St. Charles church was presented and on motion the credentials were received and Sister Day seated as delegate.

On motion the conference President and Secretary were elected a committee to receive subscriptions for the purchase of a tabernacle for use in the conference.

In the passage of character the name of Laura Everett was called and in her absence, occasioned by her illness, she was reported by Rev. A. B. Gould and her character passed.

The order of the day was called for and the Rev. W. J. Seekins delivered an address in the interests of the corporate societies of our church.

At the conclusion of the above address on motion it was made the order of the day for Friday afternoon at 2:30 to hear Rev. R. W. Mack in the interests of the new college at Miltonvale, Kansas.

On motion it was made the order of the day for 2:30 Saturday afternoon to hear an address from Rev. E. Teter, General Missionary Secretary.

The conference president offered his official report. On motion the president's report was ordered considered item by item for adoption, and the financial part of the same referred to the Auditing Committee.

Conference adjourned on motion. Conference joined in singing the Doxology and benediction by the Rev. E. Teter.

Thursday, Third Day, Forenoon.

Devotional services conducted by the Rev. Edwin Ellis.

Roll call.

Committee on Credentials made partial report naming Mrs. Lucy Kirkpatrick, F. Ballou and Miss Bessie Kent as delegates from Dayton charge.

Conference proceeded to unfinished business and the Vice-President being in the chair the President re-read his report for consideration item by item.

The Auditing Committee made partial report upon the financial part of the President's report. The above partial report of the Auditing Committee was by vote, adopted. See report.

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On motion the President's report was adopted as a whole.

The order of the day being called, conference proceeded to the election of officers. Upon the first formal ballot Rev. F. J. Wilson received 16 of the 22 votes cast and was elected president. On motion the vote was declared unanimous. On first ballot for vice-president, F. A. Butterfield received 13 of the 21 votes cast and was thus elected. On first ballot for secretary, R. W. Mack received 20 of the 22 votes cast and was thus elected. On motion the tellers were instructed to cast the ballot of the conference for the Rev. W. R. Emerson for Conference Treasurer. This done he was declared elected.

For member of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, on motion, the tellers cast the ballot for Rev. A. B. Gould and he was thus elected to succeed himself for a term of three years.

For Conference Trustee on first ballot Wm. M. Gipe received 19 of the 22 votes cast and was thus elected for a term of five years.

For Advisory Board on motion the Rev. G. S. Fry and J. D. Frick were elected.

For Missionary Board, on motion, the present board was re-elected.

On motion the present Committee on Presidency was re-elected.

On motion the Camp-meeting Committee was re-elected.

On motion the Judicial Committee was re-elected.

Miss Laura Everett was re-elected Tithing Secretary.

On motion Mrs. Amy Breneman was elected Statistical Secretary.

On motion Mrs. Amy Breneman was elected Conference Sabbath-school Secretary.

A motion prevailed to request the Rev. W. J. Seekins, Connectional Agent, to confer with the Sabbath-school Secretary relative to the outlining of the duties of the Conference Sabbath-school Secretary.

At 11:30 A. M. conference adjourned by limitation. Benediction by F. E. Fitch.

Thursday, Third Day, Afternoon.

Devotions conducted by the Rev. W. R. Emerson, who read Psalm 81 and offered prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

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On motion Sister Amy Breneman was added to the Committee on Sabbath-schools.

On motion it was ordered to present to Rev. A. B. Gould the old tent.

On motion it was ordered to sell the Mt. Carmel church on the best possible terms. Motion prevailed that the Secretary be elected to assist the President in the sale of the Mt. Carmel church.

Motion prevailed that the necessary repairs be made on the College Springs parsonage property and pay expenses of same from the building fund. On motion the conference President and Secretary were elected as an Invoicing Committee to place valuation on the College Springs parsonage property, but that the property be not sold before the next annual session.

Motion prevailed that the necessary expenses incurred by the President and Secretary in the matter of sale of Mt. Carmel church and investigation relative to repairs and invoicing of College Springs parsonage property be drawn from the building fund.

On motion conference adjourned at 2:30 P. M.

Friday, Fourth Day, Forenoon.

Conference opened with devotions conducted by the Rev. C. S. Weigel.

Roll called and minutes read, corrected and approved.

A very encouraging letter from our aged brother the Rev. Thos. Hartley, was read.

At this juncture Miss Ruby Paine was presented by Mrs. Bishop and was introduced by the President to the conference. Conference joined in prayer led by the Conference Secretary in behalf of Brother Hartley.

A motion prevailed requesting the Conference Treasurer to write to Brother Hartley a letter of greeting from this conference.

A letter from the Rev. J. T. Platt was read. On motion the name of Rev. J. T. Platt was ordered placed upon the Superannuated Minister's list.

A motion prevailed to proceed to fix the place of holding the next annual session. Invitations were received from Benezette and Emmanuel churches. On motion it was ordered that the next session of conference and conference camp-meeting be held with the Benezette.

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A motion relative to changing of the time of holding the annual session was lost. Motion prevailed to authorize the President to purchase new books of record for use by the Treasurer and Secretary, and draw from the conference fund for payment of same.

Motion prevailed to instruct the Secretary to send the conference minutes to the Wesleyan Publishing House for publication and that the expense of same be drawn from the conference fund.

Motion prevailed that above motion be rescinded.

Moved that F. A. Butterfield be employed to prepare the conference minutes for publication by the Wesleyan Publishing House and that he be paid for his time at the same rate usually paid those employed by the conference, the expenses of this preparation and publication to be paid from the conference fund. Motion prevailed.

The following motion prevailed: That the conference appropriate an amount from the Building fund not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) to be paid upon the order of the conference President when called for by the pastor of the church at Union Ridge for the purchase of said church at Union Ridge; provided that the money be not paid if sufficient funds are raised without it.

At 11:30 conference adjourned by limitation. Benediction by the Rev. A. B. Gould.

Friday, Fourth Day, Afternoon.

Conference was opened with devotional services conducted by the Rev. C. M. Howe.

Minutes read corrected and approved.

The passage of character was taken up and the names of the following persons were called and characters passed: Revs. J. T. Platt, Albert Johnson, Bertha Ellis. When the name of Donald Deware was called the following motion prevailed: Inasmuch as the Rev. Donald Deware has not complied with the conditions necessary to become a member of this conference, therefore moved that his name be dropped from the roll.

The following names were called and characters passed: J. B.

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Omerod, F. J. Wilson, F. A. Butterfield, Mrs. L. A. Bishop, W. R. Emerson, A. B. Gould, R. W. Mack.

The order of the day was called for and Rev. R. W. Mack was given the time for presenting the interests of the Miltonvale College.

At the conclusion of the above address the examination of character was resumed and the names of the following persons were called and characters passed: A. P. Breneman, Mrs. Amy Breneman, C. S. Weigel, F. E. Fitch.

The Committee on Disbursement of Superannuated Minister's Fund made report, which was adopted. See report.

On motion the conference Treasurer was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to the Rev. J. T. Platt in this hour of his affliction in the prolonged serious illness of his wife. A free-will offering amounting to \$15 was contributed to assist Brother Platt, and prayer was offered in his behalf by Rev. A. B. Gould.

The Committee on Sabbath-schools made its report which was adopted. See report.

The Committee on Missions made report which was adopted. See report.

Conference adjourned by motion. Benediction by the Rev. C. S. Weigel.

Saturday, Fifth Day, Forenoon.

Devotional services led by F. A. Butterfield.

Roll called and minutes read and approved.

On motion the present Student Committee was continued for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders tendered its report which on motion was adopted as a whole. See report.

On motion the Rev. Ira E. Bradley and J. C. Wilson were elected a committee to draft resolution of thanks to the people of the Hoover church and community for entertainment.

On motion conference adjourned for committee work.

Saturday, Fifth Day, Afternoon.

Religious services conducted by the Rev. T. F. Blair. Scripture reading from Luke 16, and prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

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The Conference Treasurer tendered his report which was, by vote, referred to the Auditing Committee.

On motion it was ordered to turn into the conference fund the accrued interest on funds of the conference on bank deposits.

The order of the day being called for the Rev. E. Teter, General Missionary Secretary, delivered a very interesting address in the interests of missions.

In the passage of character, the Rev. Geo. J. Cameron was called and character passed.

The Committee on Resolution of Thanks made report which was unanimously adopted by standing vote and ordered read at the Sabbath morning meeting by the Conference Secretary.

The Committee on Resolutions made report which was by vote adopted and ordered sent to the Wesleyan Methodist for publication. See report.

The Auditing Committee made its report upon the Treasurer's books and accounts. Report adopted. See report.

The Statistical Committee made report. On motion the above report was ordered referred back to the committee for correction.

On motion it was ordered to publish the minutes of the W. H. F. and C. Missionary Society together with the minutes of this conference, they to pay their share of the expense.

The Student Committee made report, which was adopted. See report.

At 5:10 P. M. on motion conference adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

A collection was taken, amounting to \$10 for the Conference Treasurer, in recognition of efficient services rendered.

At 5:30 conference met at the call of the chair.

The Credentials Committee made partial report naming F. B. Andrews as delegate from Dundee. Report adopted.

The Statistical Committee again tendered its report which was, by vote, adopted.

The Pastoral Relations Committee made report. Report adopted. See report.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to send a letter of greeting to Sister Miriam Day, our student in Houghton, N. Y.

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A motion prevailed to recommend the various charges to hold at least one holiness convention during the year.

It was ordered that a collection be taken tonight for Conference Secretary.

The following motion prevailed: That the rule of the conference requiring its president to travel be modified so that he will be free to travel the conference for this year at his discretion, and receive remuneration for the time employed.

Motion prevailed to adjourn, and conference adjourned sine die at 6 P. M.

STANDING RULES AND RESOLUTIONS.

By an act of conference, the conference Secretary was instructed to include in the published minutes all standing rules and resolutions of this conference.

On page 3 of volume 3 of the conference records the following is found: "On motion of Rev. S. A. Gilley, all resolutions of this conference in annual sessions so far as adopted at previous meetings are hereby repealed."

Conference Journal, Vol. 3, page 117.—(1) The enrollment and not the average attendance shall be the basis of the statistical report of numbers in Sunday-schools. (2) That pastors report all salary, donations and parsonage rent separately and that the committee on statistics so record them. (Revised 1906.)

On the same page of the journal we find the following: "Resolved that it is the sense of this conference that the discipline requires that the license of every quarterly conference licentiate, whether or not recommended to the annual conference to travel under its direction or to be ordained as elder at its hands, shall be renewed once a year, and so reported to the annual conference, provided it is the mind and purpose of the quarterly conference to continue the licentiate in such relation."

Page 158, Vol. 3: "Ordered that, until further notice, annual conference shall convene on Tuesday instead of Wednesday, as heretofore."

Page 185, Vol. 3: "Resolved (1) that the conference President be required, authorized, and appointed to travel the conference as President, having general supervision of spiritual interests and be-

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nevolences thereof, holding at least one service at each of the churches during the year, under such dates as he may publish in advance. (2) He shall raise funds to meet the demands of the conference work, and receive contributions for missions, education and superannuated ministers, where there are no pastors, and assist the pastors in raising the same where desired. (3) He shall have general supervision of the church property within the bounds of the conference, and shall inquire into the titles of the same to see that no property is loosely held, and shall look after the rental of conference property and see that the rent is placed in the conference treasury, and shall investigate the feasibility and possibility of the sale of conference property not in use, and report his findings to the next session of the conference. (4) He shall devote as much time as possible and as occasion may afford in quarterly and other meetings. (5) He shall be paid from the conference fund the sum of \$500 and traveling expenses per year for his services, the same to be paid quarterly." (Revised 1905-1906.)

Page 272, Vol. 3: "Resolved (1) that the President of the conference be constituted permanent chairman of the Committee of Religious Services; (2) that the pastor and first delegate from the charge at which the next conference is to be held be constituted the remaining members of the committee for the session."

Page 274, Vol. 3: "Resolved that all Sunday-schools under the pastoral oversight of Wesleyan Methodist pastors may be included in the statistical report of the pastor having said school in charge."

Adopted 1906: "Resolved (1) that the fixing of the time of the sessions of the conference be hereafter left with the conference President and the Connectional officers; and that they be requested to fix the time before the first of September if possible; (2) That the time of opening and closing the meetings of the sessions be fixed as follows: Forenoon meetings open at 9:30 and close at 11:30, afternoon meetings open at 1:00 and close at the discretion of the body; (3) that the bar of the conference be fixed and announced by the conference President; (4) that all visiting brethren and sisters in harmony with our doctrines and principles are invited to honorary seats."

Adopted 1906: "Resolved that the reports of committees be made in writing, complete and ready for the printer, and handed

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to the Secretary before the one making the report leaves the floor."

Adopted 1906: "Resolved that the conference tents be in charge of the conference President, who shall see that they have proper care and storage. He may rent the same when not in use to outside parties as opportunity affords and his judgment directs, on such terms as he and the desiring parties may agree upon."

REPORTS.

President's Report.

With gratitude to God and the kindest of feeling toward all the ministry and membership of the Iowa conference we submit the following report.

(1) Sept. 6, 1908, received the resignation of Rev. R. Wesley Mack from the Guthrie Center and Guthrie circuit charge.

(2) Sept. 24, Inasmuch as we could not find any one who would give anything for the College Springs church building and clear the ground we gave it to W. M. Mendenhall on condition that he clear and properly level up the ground.

(3) Oct. 3, approved the arrangement for Rev. F. E. Fitch to serve the Dayton church as pastor.

(4) Oct. 15, accepted the resignation of R. W. Mack from the Student Committee and appointed Rev. F. A. Butterfield to fill the vacancy.

(5) Oct. 28, sold the Beaconsfield parsonage for \$265. Gave contract for and stipulating \$65 cash, \$100 in one year, and \$100 in two years. Paid \$15 commission to selling agent and turned the balance of the cash and the papers over to the conference Treasurer.

(6) Received from W. C. Boggs \$514.95 principal and interest on notes for Vinton church property and sent to the Treasurer

(7) Nov. 1, approved arrangements for Eva Carothers to serve as pastor Tuttle Grove charge.

(8) Nov. 20, arranged for J. B. Omerod of M'ami conference to serve as pastor on the Albaton and Pilot Rock charges.

(9) Nov. 23, received the recommendations of Austin and

STATISTICAL REPORT

CIRCUITS	PASTORS	Time Employed (Mon.)													
		Appointments	Number of Churches	Members Received	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Present Number	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Licentiates	Wesleyan Meth. taken	Sunday School Banners	Wesleyan S. S. Helps	No. of Sunday Schools
Dayton.....	F. E. Fitch	10	1	3		4		53	1	1	2	24	15	55	1
South Troy.....	A. B. Gould	12	1	2		66		28	2	1	15	15	125	1	3
Rossie, Neb.....	C. Weigel	12	1	18		28		2		1	6	6		1	5
Albion.....		1 1/2	2			16		2		1	7	4		1	3
Pilot Rock.....		1	1			12		2		1	4	6	32	1	4
West Union.....		1	1			12		12		1	4			1	4
Wayne.....	A. P. & A. M. Brennan	9	2	3		2		70	3	1	16	20	70	1	4
Emmanuel.....	W. R. Emerson	12	1	1		24		21		1	16	15	57	1	2
Union Ridge.....	W. R. Emerson	12	1	1		35		15		1	10	15	48	1	4
Bennezzette.....	Geo. J. Cameron	12	1	1		44		15		1	12	13	50	1	2
Hoover.....	L. A. Bishop	12	2	1		24		67		1	17	20	40	1	1
Dundee, Mt. Hope.....	F. A. Butterfield	12	2	2		7		7		1	1	2	25	1	2
St. Charles.....		12	2	1		13		13							
Bethel.....	G. C. Honck	12	1	1		23		23							
Maquoketa.....		12	1	1		10		19							
Elm Ridge.....		12	1	1		4		4							
College Springs.....	Eva Carothers	12	1	1		10		19							
Guthrie Center.....	Eva Carothers	12	1	1		8		8							
Ponca Mission, Neb.....	Eva Carothers	12	1	1		8		8							
Tuttles Grove.....	Eva Carothers	12	1	1		8		8							
Concord, Neb.....		12	1	1		8		8							
Diagonal.....		12	1	1		8		8							
Vinton.....	Geo. J. Cameron	12	1	1		8		8							
Masonville.....		12	1	1		8		8							
Howardville.....		12	1	1		8		8							
Beulah.....		12	1	1		8		8							
Homert, Neb.....		12	1	1		8		8							
Meringo.....	Donald Deware	12	1	1		8		8							
Total.....		123 1/2	22	19	37	9	13	650	24	14	160	131	573	17	17
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Amy Breneman to travel and arranged for them to serve the Emmanuel work

(10) Dec 3, received into the conference J. B. Omerod upon his letter of standing as an elder from the Miami conference.

(11) Dec. 7, received \$17.08 rent from the Beaconsfield parsonage, less \$7.08 repairs and 25cts. exchange and turned over to the conference Treasurer.

(12) Dec. 15, Gave the pastoral oversight of the entire Guthrie Center and Guthrie circuit charges to Eva Carothers.

(13) Jan. 4, received Rev. F. E. Fitch into the conference as an elder upon his letter of transfer from the Lockport conference.

(14) April 3, Issued letter of standing to Rev. C. P. Sage, who joined the Champlain conference.

(15) Sept. 7, received \$48.40 less \$5.50 collection fee from rent of College Springs parsonage and paid the same to conference Treasurer.

(16) Issued the following orders on the conference Treasurer:
No. 82, Sept. 21, 1908, to F. J. Wilson, for salary, conference fund, \$100.

No. 82, Sept. 21, 1908, to F. J. Wilsoon, for salary, conference fund, \$50.

No. 84, Nov. 7, 1908, to W. R. Emerson, insurance on Union Ridge church, building fund, \$13.75.

No. 85, Nov. 9, 1908, to W. J. Seekins, printing conference minutes, conference fund, \$34.49.

No. 86, Nov. 9, 1908, to F. A. Butterfield, postage conference minutes, conference fund, \$.50.

No. 87, Nov. 9, 1908, to W. R. Emerson, interest Hovey note, building fund, \$28.

No. 89, Feb. 16, 1909, to F. J. Wilson, for salary, conference fund, \$50.

No. 90, Sept. 8, 1909, to F. J. Wilson, for salary, conference fund, \$300.

No. 91, Sept. 8, 1909, to F. J. Wilson, traveling expenses, conference fund, \$206.33.

(17) Received in cash during the year on conference fund and turned over to the conference Treasurer, \$515.62.

Remarks. (1) Had an offer of \$50 for Mt. Carmel church.

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I feared the conference would not approve the sale for so small amount and did not close the deal.

(2) If the College Springs parsonage is to be retained by the conference it should be repaired and painted.

(3) The rent from the Guthrie Center parsonage has been applied on the property for its improvement. Considerable more is needed to put the property in good condition.

(4) Engaged Edwin and Bertha Ellis to do evangelistic work in the conference during the year as could be arranged for them. They desiring only the collections for their remuneration.

F. J. Wilson, President of Iowa Conference.

Pastoral Relations.

1. How many elders on the conference roll? 20.

2. Who are the elders on the stationed list? F. A. Butterfield, L. A. Bishop, Geo. J. Cameron, W. R. Emerson, Geo. S. Fry, A. B. Gould, R. W. Mack, Albert Johnson, F. J. Wilson, F. E. Fitch, J. B. Omerod, Ira E. Bradley, C. M. Howe.

3. Who of the elders are on the unstationed list? None.

4. Who are the elders on the supernumerary list? C. M. Howe.

5. Who are the elders on the superannuated list? W. H. Riley, T. F. Blair, A. B. Wilkinson, Thomas Hartley, L. W. Easton, B. F. Logsdon, J. T. Platt.

6. Who of the elders have been deposed this year? None.

7. Who of the elders have withdrawn this year? (1) By transfer? None. (2) By letter of standing? C. P. Sage.

8. Who have joined the conference this year? (1) By ordination? None. (2) By transfer? F. E. Fitch, Ira E. Bradley. (3) By letter of standing? J. B. Omerod.

9. Who of the elders died this year? None.

10. How many licentiates on the conference roll? 14.

11. Who of the licentiates are on the stationed list? A. P. Breneman, C. S. Weigel, Amy Breneman, Bertha Ellis, J. W. Leedy, Laura Everett, G. C. Houck, H. E. Buck.

12. What has been contributed on the several charges and stations for the support of: (1) Preaching? \$3297.65; (2) Evangelists? \$530.91; (3) Superannuated Ministers? \$48.49; (4) Home Missions? and (5) Foreign Missions, \$531.61; (6) Conference

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Missions? \$706.73; (7) Education? \$438.81; (8) Sunday-schools? \$274.07; (9) Building and Repairs? \$521.31; (10) Incidental Expenses? \$377.93; (11) Other Benevolent objects? \$238.97; Total, \$7565.20.

13. What number are in the Connection? (1) Full membership? 650. (2) Probationers? None. (3) How many churches on the conference roll? 19.

14. Sunday-schools: (1) Number of? 17. (2) Superintendents? 17. (3) Teachers? 66. (4) Scholars? 809.

15. How is the work supplied? Marengo, Geo. J. Cameron; Dayton, F. E. Fitch; Emmanuel, A. P. Breneman and Amy Breneman; South Troy, A. B. Gould; Rosalie, Cameron S. Weigel; Albaton, L. A. Bishop, conditionally; Pilot Rock, C. S. Weigel; Maquoketa, G. C. Houck; Bennezette and Union Ridge, W. R. Emerson; Guthrie Center and Guthrie circuit, Laura Everett; Hoover, F. A. Butterfield; Dundee, Ira Bradley; Wayne, Supplied by Joseph Clawson conditionally; Masonville, Ira Bradley; St. Charles, F. A. Butterfield; Bethel, West Union, Elm Ridge, College Springs, Homer, Neb., Diagonal, West Union, Neb., Vinton, Mt. Carmel, Howardville, and Beulah, Neb., In hands of President. Albert Johnson, Missionary in Nebraska; Bertha Ellis, General Evangelist; J. W. Leedy, Teaching in Central Holiness University and evangelist at will; H. E. Buck, Missionary in Orgeon; Geo. S. Fry, R. Wesley Mack, In the hands of the President.

16. Place of meeting of next conference. Bennezette. Time fixed by standing rule of conference.

17. Conference officers. President, F. J. Wilson; Vice-President, F. A. Butterfield; Secretary, R. W. Mack; Treasurer, W. R. Emerson.

F. J. Wilson, G. J. Cameron, L. A. Bishop, W. M. Gipe, Cameron S. Weigel, Fred Klotz, R. Wesley Mack, Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

Report of the Treasurer of the Iowa conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church from Sept. 5, 1908, to Sept. 10, 1909.

Superannuated Minister's Fund:—Cash on hand Sept. 5, \$191.74; receipts for year, \$48.49; total, \$240.23; disbursements \$75; cash on hand, \$165.23.

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Home Missions:—Cash on hand Sept 5, \$104.10; received during year, \$41.66; total, \$145.76; disbursements, \$145.76.

Foreign Missions:—Cash on hand Sept 5, \$124.88; receipts for year, \$35.04; total, \$159.92; disbursements, \$159.92.

Conference Fund:—Cash on hand Sept 5, \$142.23; receipts for year, \$906.75; total, \$1048.98; disbursements, \$1035.57; cash on hand, \$13.41.

Building Fund:—Cash on hand Sept. 5, \$489.92; receipts for year, \$1200.14; total, \$1690.06; disbursements, \$449.80; cash on hand, \$1240.26. Cash in Building Fund, \$1240.26; loan to Rev. J. T. Platt, \$49; total amount of funds, \$1289.26.

Camp-meeting Fund:—Cash on hand Sept 5, \$19.52; receipts for year, \$1.50; total, \$21.02; disbursements, none; cash on hand, \$21.02.

Educational Fund:—Cash on hand Sept 5, \$34.94; receipts for year, \$10.21; total, \$45.15; disbursements, \$45.15.

Conference Fund for Missionary Use in Minnesota:—Cash on hand Sept. 5, \$2.85; receipts for year, \$100; total, \$102.85; disbursements, \$24.29; cash on hand, \$78.56.

Tent Fund:—Cash on hand Sept 5, \$86.45; receipts for year, \$15; total, \$101.45; disbursements, \$100; cash on hand, \$1.45.

Iowa Conference Student Fund:—Total receipts for year, \$221.83; disbursements, \$215; cash on hand, \$6.83.

Publishing Association Fund:—Receipts, \$11.68; disbursements, \$11.68.

Total amount of cash on hand, \$1557.67.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Emerson, Treasurer.

Report of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Your committee recommends that: 1. Rev. Ira E. Bradley be received as an elder from the Kansas conference upon his letter of transfer from the president of that body.

2. That C. S. Weigel be received to study and to travel under the direction of the conference and that he be placed in the first year of the course of study.

3. That Rev. J. W. Leedy be continued in the course of study.

4. That Austin and Amy Breneman be received to study and

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to travel under the direction of the conference and that they be placed in the first year of the course of study.

5. We find in the case of Bertha Ellis, that she has passed in a course of study which we consider equivalent to our course of study excepting History of Wesleyan Methodism and Wesleyan Methodist discipline. We therefore recommend that she be continued in the course of study and required to bring up these studies.

6. That Laura Everett be continued in the course of study.

7. That J. J. Fell be continued in the course of study.

8. That D. W. Scott be returned to his quarterly conference.

A. B. Gould, L. A. Bishop, F. A. Butterfield, R. A. Bright, J. C. Wilson, Committee.

Disbursements of Superannuated Minister's Fund.

Your Committee on Disbursement of Superannuated Minister's Funds recommend that appropriations be made from the Superannuated Minister's Fund as follows: Sister John Balch, \$15; Sister S. A. Gilley, \$15; Rev. Thomas Hartley, \$15; Rev. J. T. Platt, \$15.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Wesley Mack,
Mary H. Wilson.

Auditing Committee.

We, the undersigned Auditing Committee, hereby certify that we have examined the books and papers of F. J. Wilson, President of the conference and find the books all straight and funds fully accounted for.

We, the undersigned Auditing Committee, hereby certify that we have examined the books, papers and vouchers of W. R. Emerson, Treasurer of the conference and we find the books properly balanced and funds fully accounted for..

C. S. Weigel. I. F. Clark.

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Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That the Iowa conference as a body do hereby heartily extend a vote of thanks to the brethren and sisters of the Hoover church and friends in the surrounding community for the way in which they have been so royally entertained. And in return may the God of all grace who maketh rich and addeth no sorrow with it be theirs continually.

Ira E. Bradley, Jas. C. Wilson, Committee.

Student Committee.

The Student Committee reports as follows: Pledges taken at last conference for Miriam Day's expense at Houghton for one year \$85.33; each year while in school, \$100; total, \$185.33. Received during year, \$221.83; paid out, \$215; leaving in treasury, \$6.83.

F. J. Wilson, Chairman,

F. A. Butterfield, Secretary,

W. R. Emerson, Treasurer.

Missions.

The assertion is often made that we are now living in the greatest missionary age the world has ever known. While this is true and we praise God for the increasing interest and zeal, there yet remains the fact that many of our individual churches have as yet scarcely opened their eyes to behold the whitened fields that await the laborers.

This condition means loss, not only to missionary work but likewise to these churches, for to labor, to give, and pray is not only a duty but a great privilege. What is more needed than anything else is greater interest. This can only be aroused by greater knowledge for knowledge and interest go hand in hand and are inseparable.

He who has been saved from ruin and despair by the Savior of the world cannot, when rightly informed, be otherwise than interested in souls to the extent that both prayers and means

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will be sent forth to those who do not enjoy the privileges of the gospel.

Whereas, there is felt the need of greater missionary interest among our churches, be it

Resolved, that we, as a church and as individuals pray more earnestly and more definitely the coming year.

Resolved, that we put forth a greater effort both to obtain and to give information.

Resolved, that we give of our means as God has prospered us and as we know will be pleasing to Him.

May Lord, Bertha Ellis.

Committee on Sunday-Schools.

We as your committee are agreed that the church cannot be separated from the Sunday-school. It is from the ranks of the Sunday-school that we must draw our boys and girls that in the future will go out to proclaim glad tidings of salvation to a lost world.

Accepting this as true, it certainly stands us in hand as ambassadors of our Christ to use all the energies of our being in creating greater interest along all lines connected with Sunday-school work.

Just as it is true that the church is dependent on the Sunday-school for its force of workers so also is it true that the Sunday-school cannot exist without the hearty co-operation of the church.

We believe that we as a denomination would take advanced ground if we would encourage the election of its officers by the church.

We cannot expect other denominations than ours to raise up boys and girls that will be ready to stand for the principles of Wesleyan Methodism at any cost.

Therefore let us as a body settle it with ourselves and God that we will use all our influence in raising high the standard of Sunday-school work.

That we see to it that our Sunday-school have the cream of workers; men and women fully consecrated to the work of winning souls.

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And we must do all in our power to use our own literature.

It must be done if our Sunday-schools are successful in building up our churches.

God grant that the prayers of this body may go up as the prayer of one man that "Holiness unto the Lord" may be inscribed upon the banner of the Sunday-school and let us push ahead leaving the failures of the past to be forever buried beneath the glorious victories of the future because our trust is in the God of the armies of Israel who has never lost a battle.

Wm. M. Gipe, Amy M. Breneman, Committee.

Committee on Resolutions.

Your last conference made me chairman of the Committee on Resolutions. It laid upon me the further duty to search the early records of the body for information concerning its attitude on questions of reform, reporting to you from time to time, with the view that this information might be preserved. I submit this partial report as a beginning to the carrying out of these combined instructions:

The Iowa conference was organized at Union school house in Poweshick county on Oct. 5, 1854, with N. C. Storrs as President and Wm. Abraham as Secretary. There were eleven ministers and six lay delegates upon the roll. Of these of course the greater number have long since fallen asleep; whether a single one remains to the present I do not know, but their works live after them, and the record of their deeds is a chapter from the Heroic Age. That was seven years before the war and slavery was the question that agitated men's minds. It was this question which brought forth our Connection. For while multitudes had come to believe that slavery was wrong, very few believed it could ever be abolished, and those who preached abolition were looked upon as impractical fanatics trying to accomplish the impossible and only stirring up strife by their useless agitation. The pulpits of their own churches were closed against them and to preach their convictions they must go out. This was the reason for the rise of our church and for the coming together of the men who organized the Iowa conference fifty-five years ago. The record of

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their deliberations and resolutions is colored by the times in which they lived. The first committee appointed was one on Moral Reforms composed of J. N. Ellsberry, N. C. Storrs, D. G. Cartwright, Isaac Bliss, Joel Harworth. The topics touched upon in their report were slavery, war, and intemperance. The report is not given in full but it included something about the wrong of fellowshiping with pro-slavery churches. It seems strange to us now that such resolutions marked them as extremists and made them unpopular. Less than a decade after that conference the march of events had brought public sentiment in the whole north up to their standard on the slavery question and they were no longer extremists but men honored as wiser than their generation. Today the civilized world acknowledges they were right in preaching abolition and their opinion is the law of our land. We live in days when the national conscience is swiftly awakening to send the saloon after slavery. On these two reforms the universal conscience of Christendom agrees with the fathers who founded this conference. On the two other reforms to which the men of these early conferences were devoted—those concerning war and secretism—we record our conviction that they were no less right whether the world be swift or slow to follow their judgment. We honor their memory and we pledge our devotion to their standards.

A. B. Gould.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES.

Ministers.

F. A. Butterfield, Walker, Iowa.
Mrs. L. A. Bishop, Sloan, Iowa.
George J. Cameron,, Marengo, Iowa.
W. R. Emerson, Bristow, Iowa.
Geo. S. Fry, Marengo, Iowa.
A. B. Gould, Hammond, Minn.
R. W. Mack, Miltonvale, Kansas.
J. T. Platt, Scranton, Iowa.
A. Johnson, Homer, Nebraska.
F. J. Wilson, Marengo, Iowa.
C. M. Howe, Elgin, Iowa.

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W. H. Riley, ————.
T. F. Blair, Vinton, Iowa.
Thos. Hartley, Mentor, Minn.
A. B. Wilkinson, Gueydan, La.
L. W. Easton, Adel, Iowa.
B. F. Logsdon, Ira, Iowa.
G. C. Houck, Maquoketa, Iowa.
H. E. Buck, Estacada, Oregon.
Bertha Ellis, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Laura Everett, Guthrie Center, Iowa.
J. W. Leedy, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
F. E. Fitch, Clarence, Iowa.
Ira E. Bradley, Dundee, Iowa.

Delegates.

E. V. Teany, Guthrie Center, Iowa.
Jonas Sams, Sloan, Iowa.
C. S. Weigel, Rosalie, Neb.
Fred Klotz, Winthrop, Iowa.
J. C. Wilson, Marengo, Iowa.
J. D. Williams, Jr., Marengo, Iowa.
Mary Wilson, Marengo, Iowa.
F. B. Andrews, Dundee, Iowa.
John Clark, Green, Iowa.
Frank Ballou, Clarence, Iowa.
Clara Day, Charles City, Iowa.
Mrs. Bright, Mazeppa, Minn.
Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Clarence, Iowa.
Bessie Kent, Clarence, Iowa.

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MINUTES OF THE WOMAN'S HOME, FOREIGN AND CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR 1909.

The Woman's Home, Foreign and Conference Missionary Society of the Iowa conference met Sept. 8, 1909, in the Hoover Wesleyan Methodist church near Walker, Iowa.

Mrs. L. A. Bishop, President, was in the chair.

A short song service was conducted by Brother and Sister Edwin Ellis. Mrs. Jennie Ayres led the devotionals.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The committee on writing a letter of sympathy to Sister Bowen reported and the report was adopted.

The committee on writing to Brother Teter in regard as to whether the General Conference Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society is incorporated, reported that in as much as they are an auxiliary body it is not necessary. Report adopted.

Report from Fairview society was read by Sister Lucy Williams and adopted. See report.

Report from St. Charles was read by Sister Clara Day, and adopted. See report.

Mrs. Bishop reported verbally from Dundee, which report was adopted.

Report from Bennezette was read by Sister Jennie Emerson, and adopted. See report.

Sister Ruby Paine gave the financial report of the Y. M. W. B. which was adopted. See report.

Motion prevailed that the local societies send their Y. M. W. B. money directly to Sister Hartson, the general superintendent of the Y. M. W. B.

Motion prevailed that we adjourn to meet again at the call of the President.

The Woman's Home, Foreign and Conference Missionary Society held its second meeting Thursday afternoon. Mrs. L. A. Bishop, President, was in the chair.

The congregation joined in singing, "Lo, the Call for Reapers." The scripture lesson was read by Sister Bishop; Brother Teter led in prayer after which Brother and Sister Ellis sang, "Oh Africa, Dark Africa."

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Sister May Lord was introduced and gave an address on foreign missions.

Sister Jennie Ayres was then introduced and presented the needs of the home missionary field and took a subscription to the amount of eighty-three dollars in cash and pledges.

A report from South Troy society was then read by Sister Bright and adopted. See report.

A report from Dayton was read by the Secretary and adopted. See report.

It was voted to elect our officers by acclamation. The result was as follows: Mrs. L. A. Bishop, President; Mrs. Ellis, Vice-President; Mrs. Clara Wilson, Secretary; Mrs. Jennie Emerson, Treasurer; Miss Ruby Paine, Superintendent of Y. M. W. B.

Carried that we leave our organizer's place vacant to be filled by our returned missionaries.

Motion to create a membership roll by paying a fee of fifty cents a year was carried.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. See report.

Sister Ruby Paine, our medical missionary student, gave a short account of her year's work in the University.

Brother Teter presented an offer made by Brother Besse, which was that he would give five of his books on Church History for every ten dollars given to the Southern School.

It was carried that we give ten dollars from our Home Mission Fund to the Southern School, and receive five books in return.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Society adjourned by motion.

Clara A. Wilson, Secretary.

Friday afternoon a special meeting was called and May Lord was elected chairman pro tem.

A report from Pilot Rock was read by the Secretary and adopted. See report.

The Society voted to give fourteen dollars and forty-six cents to Ruby Paine for clothing.

Voted to have our minutes published and paid for out of the general fund.

Adjourned by motion.

Clara A. Wilson, Secretary.

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Treasurer's Report.

Receipts:—On hand, \$3.50; Sept. 7, Bennezette, home and foreign missions, \$35.15; Sept. 9, Clarence, Ruby Paine fund, \$5.10; foreign missions, \$10.94; Sept. 9, St. Charles, home and foreign missions, \$5.70; Sept. 9, Marengo, home and foreign missions, \$20; Sept. 10, Pilot Rock society, \$14.46; total receipts, \$94.75.

Disbursements:—Paid Brother Teter out of home mission money for Southern School, \$10; paid Sister Ayres for home missions, \$20.42; paid Sister Ayres for foreign missions, \$41.37; paid Sister Ayres for Ruby Paine fund, \$5; paid Ruby Paine for clothing, \$14.46; total disbursements, \$91.25. Balance, \$3.50.

May Lord, Treasurer pro tem.

REPORTS OF LOCAL SOCIETIES.

Fairview.

Date of organization:—Has existed as a Society under various names for 15 or 20 years. Was last organized May 6, 1908.

Name and address of President:—Mrs. Geo. Fry, Marengo, Iowa.

Name and address of Secretary:—Mrs. W. W. Howlett, Marengo, Iowa.

Name and address of Treasurer:—Mrs. John Williams, Marengo, Iowa.

Name and address of Superintendent of Y. M. W. B.:—Mrs. W. W. Howlett, Marengo, Iowa.

Number of local societies:—One.

Members:—Active, 12; honorary, 3; total, 15.

Number of Y. M. W. B's.:—One.

Members:—21.

Amount of money raised since last report:—By membership dues, \$14; By free will offerings, \$1.40; Birthday offerings or other similar sources, \$3.17; Amount from Y. M. W. B. boxes, \$10.06; Amount received for work done, \$6; Total, \$34.63.

Amount disbursed since last report:—For benevolent or char-

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itable purposes, \$2.71; Amount for Foreign Missions, \$3; Total, \$5.71.

Amount in treasury:—\$27.92.

Mrs. W. W. Howlett, Secretary.

Fairview W. H. and F. M. S.

St. Charles.

Date of organization:—1891.

Name and address of President:—Mrs. Clara Day, Charles City, Iowa.

Name and address of Secretary:—Lorena Hunn, ———.

Name and address of Treasurer:—Mrs. James Hunn, Charles City, Iowa.

Number of local societies:—One.

Members:—Active, 22; honorary, 3; total, 25.

Increase in membership since last report:—6.

Amount of money raised since last report:—By membership dues, \$17.50; By free will offerings, \$2.50; Value of work done for needy, \$2.80; Amount received for work done, \$.50; Amount received for Limba Band, \$1.90; Value of work done for preparing missionaries, \$3; Total amount received, \$28.20.

Amount disbursed since last report:—For benevolent or charitable purposes, \$5.20; Value of work for needy, \$2.80; Amount for Foreign Missions, \$2.85; Amount for Home Missions, \$2.85; Amount for Limba Band, \$5.20; Amount given to preparing missionaries, \$9.25; For quilt material, \$1.05; Total disbursements, \$28.20.

Lorena Hunn, Secretary.

St. Charles Society.

Bennezzette.

Name and address of President:—Mrs. Lizzie Sniffin, Bristow, Butler county, Iowa.

Name and address of Secretary:—Mrs. Hannah Ayres, Bristow, Iowa.

Name and address of Treasurer:—Mrs. Bertha Ebling, Bristow, Iowa.

Name and address of Supt. Y. M. W. B.:—Mrs. Jennie Emerson, Bristow, Iowa.

Number of local societies:—One.

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Members:—Active, 16; honorary, 1; total membership, 17.

Increase of membership since last report:—Two.

Number of Young Missionary Worker's Bands:—One.

Number of members in Band or Bands:—26.

Increase in membership in Band or Bands:—13.

Amount of money raised since last report:—By membership dues, \$19.10; By free will offerings, \$14.30; For benevolent or charitable purposes, \$8.91; Money raised by pledges outside of membership, \$3.20; Value of work done for needy, \$1.75; Amount received for medical missionary, \$5; Amount received for work done, \$1.75; Y. M. W. B. money, \$10.05; Total amount received, \$62.31.

Amount disbursed since last report:—For benevolent or charitable purposes, \$12.11; Value of work for needy, \$1.75; Amount for Foreign Missions, \$17.58; Amount for Home Missions, \$17.57; Amount for Medical Missionary, \$5; Y. M. W. B. money, \$10.05; Total disbursements, \$62.31.

Hannah Ayres, Secretary.

Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Bennezzette.

South Troy, Minn.

Date of organization:—March 7, 1904.

Name and address of President:—Mrs. Peter Copp, Hammond, Minn.

Name and address of Secretary:—Miss Lottie Buttermore, Hammond, Minn.

Name and address of Treasurer:—Mrs. Mame Anderson, Hammond, Minn.

Number of local societies:—One.

Members:—Active, 15; Total membership, 16.

Increase in membership since last report:—One.

Amount of money raised since last report:—By membership dues, \$7.60; By free will offerings, \$.30; Birthday offerings or other similar sources, \$10.16; Amount from Y. M. W. B. boxes to the Limba mission work, \$5; Amount received for work done, \$.65; Total amount received, \$15.65.

Amount disbursed since last March:—For local church work, \$5; Amount for Foreign Missions, \$5; Amount for Home Missions, \$5.

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Amount of cash on hand:—\$16.50.

Number of bouquets sent to sick:—34.

Number of meetings held since last report:—13.

Mrs. Lottie Buttermore, Secretary.

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of South Troy, Minn..

Dayton Valley.

Date of organization:—About the year 1888.

Name and address of President:—Mrs. Lucy Kirkpatrick, Clarence, Iowa.

Name and address of Secretary:—Mrs. Esther Curren, Lowden, Iowa.

Number of local societies:—One.

Total membership:—32.

Amount of money raised since last report:—By membership dues, \$3.50; By free will offerings, \$18.38; In the treasury at last report, \$7.38; Total amount received, \$21.88.

Amount disbursed since last report:—For local church work, \$10; Amount for Medical Missionary, \$5; To Conference Missionary Society, \$10.94; Total disbursements, \$25.94.

Mrs. Esther Curren, Secretary.

Dayton Valley Society.

Pilot Rock.

Annual report of Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist church of Pilot Rock.

Number of members:—21.

List of officers for the following year:—President, Mrs. Anna Rogers; Vice-President, Mrs. L. H. Morrell; Secretary, Mrs. Myrtle Laner; Treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Athey.

Amount in treasury:—\$14.46.

Amount sent to Foreign Missions:—\$5.

Mrs. Ruth Athey, Treasurer.