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CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President—Rufus Reisdorph.
Vice-President—J. F. Simpson.
Secretary—L. D. Harris.
Treasurer—Frank Martin.
Sunday School Secretary—W. D. Shelor.
Tithing Secretary—W. J. Leyh.
Transportation Secretary—J. F. Simpson.
Trustees—Frank Martin, 1937; R. J. Eling, 1938; J. C. McGovern, 1939; Frank Thompson, H. H. Turner.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Advisory Board—J. C. McGovern, Frank Martin.
Camp Meeting Board—Rufus Reisdorph, J. C. Brannon, J. E. Spry, J. C. McGovern, August Wegner, Frank Martin, Charles Reisdorph, Marvin Jones, Mrs. R. D. Reisdorph.
Conference Program Committee—Rufus Reisdorph, W. C. Brannon, L. D. Harris.
Judiciary Committee—L. D. Harris, J. C. McGovern, A. M. Wiley, J. F. Simpson.
Missionary Board—R. D. Reisdorph, J. C. McGovern, J. F. Simpson, R. J. Eling, Mrs. L. Raymer, L. D. Harris, August Wegner, John Hoin, Frank Martin, Charles Reisdorph, H. B. Engel.
Vacancies Committee—W. C. Brannon, J. E. Spry, Charles Reisdorph, Frank Martin.
Representative to Miltonvale College—A. M. Wiley.
Secretary and Treasurer of Ministerial Relief Fund—Fred Hunt.
Sunday School Board—W. D. Shelor, W. J. Leyh, R. D. Reisdorph.
Examining Board—R. D. Reisdorph, 1938; J. C. McGovern, 1939; Fred Hunt, 1937; A. M. Wiley, 1940.

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CONFERENCE ROLL

ELDERS

Thomas Bailie	Almont, N. D.
Mrs. Thomas Bailie	Almont, N. D.
W. C. Brannon	Aberdeen, S. D.
Mrs. W. C. Brannon	Aberdeen, S. D.
Arthur Calhoun	Mitchell, S. D.
Charles Carter	Africa
R. J. Eling	Avon, S. D.
Arthur Gugin	Claremont, S. D.
L. D. Harris	Ipswich, S. D.
Fred Hunt	Redfield, S. D.
Otto Jensen	Yankton, S. D.
Mrs. Otto Jensen	Yankton, S. D.
Marvin Jones	Houghton, S. D.
Minnie Knecht .....	....., Ky.
W. J. Leyh	Mina, S. D.
Mrs. W. J. Leyh	Mina, S. D.
J. C. McGovern	Mitchell, S. D.
S. J. McIntyre	Aberdeen, S. D.
Mrs. Laura Raymer	Bradley, S. D.
Arthur Reisdorph	Watford City, N. D.
Rufus Reisdorph	Aberdeen, S. D.
Ruby Reisdorph	Aberdeen, S. D.
W. D. Shelor	Billings, Mont.
Harry Shreeve	Pieping, China
J. F. Simpson	Pollock, S. D.
J. E. Spry	Northville, S. D.
George Thomas	Artesian, S. D.
H. H. Turner	Mitchell, S. D.
A. M. Wiley	Jamestown, N. D.

LICENTIATES

Archie Buell	Willard, Mont.
C. W. Calhoon	Mill Iron, Mont.
Mrs. C. W. Calhoon	Mill Iron, Mont.
Hazel Carter	Africa
Wayne Cretsinger	Buffalo, Wyo.
L. L. Knapp	Ipswich, S. D.

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CONFERENCE ROLL—Continued

LICENTIATES—Continued

Isla Knight	Chicago, Ill.
Chester Reed	St. Paul, Neb.
Allen Regan	Athol, S. D.
George Robbins	Bushnell, S. D.
F. J. Traver	Bushnell, S. D.
Mrs. F. J. Traver	Bushnell, S. D.
John Winterberg	Pollock, S. D.

DELEGATES

Miss Ruth Bixler	Mitchell, S. D.
George Bruins	Watford City, N. D.
Gilbert Clocksin	Plema, Mont.
Miss Pauline Eisenbeize	Aberdeen, S. D.
Donald Engel	Ipswich, S. D.
Mrs. C. E. Griffith	Houghton, S. D.
R. E. Jaquith	Redfield, S. D.
Mrs. James Jensen	Artesian, S. D.
Mrs. Fred Johnson	Mitchell, S. D.
Miss Laura Judd	Bushnell, S. D.
Mrs. W. J. Regler	Athol, S. D.
John Klam	Schaffer, N. D.
Mrs. L. Kindschie	Houghton, S. D.
Donald Lewis	Buffalo, Wyo.
Miss Joyce Lutz	Mitchell, S. D.
Miss Violet Martin	Aberdeen, S. D.
F. A. Nillis	Avon, S. D.
Mrs. August Olin	Almont, N. D.
Mrs. John Ochs	Aberdeen, S. D.
Lyle Overby	Brentford, S. D.
Dan Palmer	Mina, S. D.
Mrs. Alla Peterson	Mill Iron, Mont.
Mrs. Warren Richett	Almont, N. D.
Mrs. Charles Reisdorph	Houghton, S. D.
Mrs. Skinner	Billings, Mont.
Miss Alma Sollie	Mina, S. D.
Fred Winterberg	Pollock, S. D.
August Wegner	Mina, S. D.
Mrs. Eliza Young	Baker, Mont.

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DAILY PROCEEDINGS

The Fifty-fifth Annual Session of the Dakota Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church opened with the preaching of the Conference Sermon by the President, Rev. Rufus Reisdorph, on the evening of June 3, 1936. A good number of the preachers and delegates were present at this first service. A stirring message was brought to us in contrasting the Church with and without the Holy Ghost Baptism.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

Thursday Morning

Devotionals—Devotionals were conducted by Rev. J. E. Spry.

Called to Order—President R. D. Reisdorph called the Conference to order at 8:30 a. m.

Roll Call—The roll was called and the most of our preachers and delegates answered the roll.

Election—A Nominating Committee, consisting of A. M. Wiley, Chairman; W. C. Brannon, J. F. Simpson, R. E. Jaquith and W. J. Leyh, was elected.

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

Bar of Conference—On motion, Conference Bar was made the first ten seats in middle section of the tabernacle.

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

Called to Order—The President called the session to order.

Report—The Nominating Committee read their report and it was adopted as read. (See Report No. 2.)

Appointments—President appointed Mrs. Fred Johnson and Miss Laura Judd as members of the Itineracy and Orders Committee.

Courtesies—Rev. W. L. Thompson, Home Missionary Secretary, was introduced to the Conference and spoke briefly as were Mr. Mc-

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Peak of Billings, Montana, and Miss Buntain, one of our Home Missionary workers.

Adjournment—Adjourned for committee work.

Friday Morning

Devotionals—Devotionals were conducted by Rev. R. J. Eling reading from 1 Cor. 2.

Roll Call—Roll was called.

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

Camp Meeting Treasurer's report was read and was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Instructions to Treasurer—Motion prevailed that hereafter W. Y. P. S. Tabernacle Fund and Camp Meeting Fund be reported separately.

Courtesies—C. Floyd Hester, President of Miltonvale Wesleyan College, was introduced and spoke briefly. Harold Hotchkiss and Jesse Lee, students, were also introduced.

Adjournment—Adjourned for committee work.

Friday Evening

Business—Called to order and minutes read and adopted.

Reports—Committee on Resolutions read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

Committee on Passage of Character read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

Pastors' Reports—The following Pastors gave their reports: W. C. Brannon, Thomas Bailie, George Thomas, R. J. Eling, W. D. Shelor, Laura Raymer, J. E. Spry.

Adjournment—Adjourned because of limitation of time.

Saturday Morning

Devotions—Devotionals were conducted by Rev. Allen Regan.

Business—Roll was called and minutes read and approved.

Reports—Committee on Railroad Expenses gave their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 6.)

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The President read his report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

Election of Officers—Officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. Rufus Reisdorph; Vice-President, Rev. J. F. Simpson; Secretary, Rev. L. D. Harris; Treasurer, Frank Martin; Trustee, Rev. J. C. McGovern; Sunday School Superintendent, Rev. W. D. Shelor; Tithing Secretary, Rev. W. J. Leyh.

Report—Standing Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

Election—The Standing Committees were elected as nominated.

Motion—Motion was made and carried that the Presidents of the W. H. & F. M. Society and the W. Y. P. S. be added to the Camp Meeting Board.

Resignation—Rev. Arthur Calhoun resigned as member of Examining Board. His resignation was accepted. Rev. Fred Hunt was elected to fill the vacancy.

Election—The President nominated Frank Martin and J. C. McGovern to Advisory Board; they were elected.

A motion to elect a Railroad Expense Secretary prevailed. J. F. Traver was elected.

Motion—Motion was made that the Secretary be remunerated for his labors as such. On motion this item was referred to the Missionary Board.

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

Motion—Motion prevailed that the item of taking an offering for railroad expense be placed on the same basis as items coming under the passage of character.

Instruction to Secretary—Conference Secretary was instructed to have 350 copies of minutes published at our Publishing House.

Time of Next Conference—Time of our next Conference was set at the first Tuesday of June, beginning that evening.

Report—The Statistical Committee read their report and it was adopted.

Motions—Motion prevailed that the Conference President be a committee of one to obtain advertisements for minutes.

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Motion prevailed that the Chairman of the Sessions Committee be elected by the Program Committee.

Adjournment—Adjournment by limitation of time.

Saturday Evening

Report—Auditing Committee read their report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 10.)

Pastors' Reports—The following Pastors gave their reports: Marvin Jones, L. D. Harris, F. J. Traver, Allen Regan, C. W. Calhoon, H. H. Turner.

Report—Committee on Itineracy and Orders read its report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 11.)

Adjournment—Motion to adjourn prevailed.

Monday Morning

Business—Minutes read and adopted.

Reports—Missionary Board report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 12.) Pastoral Relations Committee report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 13.)

Recess—Recess was called for dinner.

Monday Afternoon

Called to Order—Called to order by the President.

Election—Upon recommendation of the General Conference an Educational Secretary was elected, Rev. Wayne Cretsinger.

Young People—Young people are to receive the same concessions next year as this year to our Camp Meeting.

Motion prevailed that Pastors' children who are members of W. Y. P. S. groups be charged the same as others.

Recommendation—It was recommended that all preachers under Conference appointment be urged to pay half of their tithe to Conference Fund.

Instruction to Secretary—Secretary was instructed to send a letter to all outside the Conference including a copy of the Conference Minutes.

Adjournment—Motion prevailed to adjourn.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report No. 1

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 3

Conference Sermon, 8:00.

Thursday, June 4

Devotions, 8:00 a. m., J. E. Spry. Business Session of Conference, 8:30. Organization of Conference. Miscellaneous Business. Committee Work. Business Meeting of W. H. & F. M. S., 9:30 a. m. Missionary Program, 8:00 p. m.

Friday, June 5

Devotions, 8:00 a. m., R. J. Eling. Business Session, 8:30 a. m. Report of Treasurer of Relief Fund, Fred O. Hunt. Report of Treasurer of Camp Board, J. E. Spry. Report of Conference President, R. D. Reisdorph. Report of Treasurer of Railroad Expense Committee. Business Session of W. H. & F. M. S., 9:30 a. m. Miscellaneous Business. Connectional Address, 11:00, W. L. Thompson. Sunday School Rally, 2:30, W. D. Shelor. Report of the Resolutions Committee. Report of Committee on Passage of Character. Miscellaneous Business and Committee Work. Reports of the Ministers, 6:30 p. m. Evangelistic Service, 8:00 p. m.

Saturday, June 6

Devotionals, 8:00 a. m., Allen Regan. Business Session of Conference, 8:30 a. m. Election of Officers. Report of Conference Treasurer. Report of Auditing Committee. Report of Itinerary and Orders. Report of Statistical Committee. Report of Pastoral Relations Committee. Business Session of W. H. & F. M. S., 9:30 a. m. Educational Program, 2:30 p. m. Miscellaneous Business. Reports of Ministers, 6:30 p. m. Evangelistic Service, 8:00 p. m.

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Report No. 2

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee wishes to submit the following report:

Pastoral Relations Committee—W. D. Shelor, J. F. Simpson, W. C. Brannon, Dan Palmer, R. E. Jaquith, Mrs. Charles Reisdorph.

Committee of Passage of Character—A. M. Wiley, August Wegner.

Statistical Committee—Allen Regan, Marvin Jones, Lyle Overby.

Auditing Committee—Fred O. Hunt, H. H. Turner.

Railroad Expense Committee—Frank Traver, Wayne Cretsinger.

Resolutions Committee—R. J. Eling, J. C. McGovern, Thomas Bailie.

Conference Reporters—Arthur Reisdorph, H. H. Turner.

Committee on Courtesies—Arthur Calhoun.

Report No. 3

MINISTERIAL RELIEF TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

On hand at beginning of year	\$32.30	
Received on first assessment	29.10	
Received on second assessment	31.00	
Received on third assessment	27.00	
Received on fourth assessment	28.00	
Received on fifth assessment	25.00	
Total receipts		\$172.40

Disbursements

Paid to Rev. Arthur Calhoun	\$30.00	
Paid to Fred O. Hunt	38.00	
Paid to Rev. W. J. Leyh	50.00	
Paid to Mrs. W. H. Tullis	25.00	
Postage, etc.67	
Total disbursements		\$144.33
Balance on hand June 5, 1936		\$28.07

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Report No. 4

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Be it Resolved, That this Conference go on record as being unalterably opposed to the prevailing laxity of the observance of the Sabbath, such as buying and selling, planning social gatherings, attending political gatherings, etc., which we believe is a trend to the moral delinquency among professed Christians.

Resolved, That we urge our preachers and charges to pray and labor faithfully for an increased revival spirit throughout this Conference, looking to God for the greatest year of revival and soul saving in the history of the Conference.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to our Conference President, Rev. Rufus Reisdorph, for his faithful and untiring labors through the Conference the past year.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to our Conference President, Rev. Rufus Reisdorph, and Camp Meeting Board for their faithful assistance to our young people in their splendid building program.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation for the labors of all those who have helped to make such adequate provisions for the entertainment of the Conference and the Camp Meeting.

Resolved, That the foregoing Resolutions be incorporated in the Conference Minutes.

R. J. ELING,
THOMAS BAILIE,
J. C. McGOVERN,
Committee.

Report No. 5

COMMITTEE ON PASSAGE OF CHARACTER

We, your Committee on Passage of Character, have examined the reports of the pastors and preachers, and have passed the characters of all except the following, who have failed to take the offering for support of Superannuated Ministers. W. D. Shelor, W. J. Leyh, Wayne

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Cretsinger and H. H. Turner. Since everything else is clear we recommend that these brethren be passed by the Conference.

A. M. WILEY,
AUGUST F. WEGNER,
Committee.

Report No. 6

RAILROAD EXPENSE COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Railroad Expense, have found the total to be paid for pastors fare this year is \$60.25 and a deficit of \$14.65 from last year, making a total of \$74.90. This apportioned among the nineteen charges amounts to \$3.80. This amount is to be raised and sent to the Conference Treasurer as soon as possible.

F. J. TRAVER,
H. W. CRETSINGER,
Committee.

Report No. 7

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is a pleasure to give an account of my stewardship to the organization under who's auspices I have labored for the past year.

The work has moved in a forward direction; the great propelling force has been the Prayer League, one of the greatest obstacles has been the lack of finance.

Increased effort in raising the Conference Fund would aid greatly in opening new fields.

Our activities for the past year have taken us to four camps, two conventions, five revivals, and thirty-eight quarterly meetings or visitations. The year was spent within the bounds of the Conference with the exceptions of about three months.

Granted letter of standing to Rev. Arthur Gugin. Received the Mill Iron Wesleyan Methodist Church into the Conference.

Financial Statement

Salary from Conference Treasurer	\$478.38	
Salary from churches	344.49	
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Total		\$822.87

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Expense	
Transportation	\$87.47
Telegrams and telephone	3.42
Hotel and meals	15.30
Postage	5.38
Miscellaneous	6.29
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Total	\$117.86

RUFUS REISDORPH, President.

Report No. 8

STANDING COMMITTEES

Camp Meeting Board—R. D. Reisdorph, Pastor of the Aberdeen Charge; J. E. Spry, J. C. McGovern, August Wegner, Frank Martin, Charles Reisdorph, President of W. Y. P. Society, President of W. H. & F. M. Society.

Conference Program Committee—Conference President, Pastor of the Aberdeen Charge, L. D. Harris.

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

Missionary Board—Conference President, J. C. McGovern, J. F. Simpson, R. J. Eling, Mrs. Laura Raymer, L. D. Harris, August Wegner, John Hoiem, Frank Martin, Charles Reisdorph, H. B. Engel.

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

Representative to Miltonvale College—A. M. Wiley.

Secretary-Treasurer of Ministerial Relief Fund—Fred O. Hunt.

Sunday School Board—W. D. Shelor, W. J. Leyh, R. D. Reisdorph.

Examining Board—A. M. Wiley.

Report No. 9

TREASURER'S REPORT

Home Mission Fund

Receipts

Receipts from churches and Sunday Schools	\$67.44
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Disbursements

Paid to W. L. Thompson, Home Missionary Secretary	\$67.44
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Superannuated Ministers' Aid Fund

Receipts

Cash on hand at beginning of year	\$131.94	
Total receipts from church offerings	33.67	
Interest on loans to Conference	44.66	
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Total		\$210.27

No Disbursements

Cash on hand to balance, June 4, 1936	\$210.27
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Statement of Assets

Loan No. 1 to Conference	\$289.49	
Loan No. 2 to Conference	349.39	
Loan No. 3 to Conference	105.48	
Loan to Billings, Montana church	200.00	
Cash on hand June 4, 1936	210.27	
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Total		\$1154.63

Conference Fund

Receipts

Balance on hand at beginning of year	\$143.50	
Receipts from churches, individuals, etc.	701.56	
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Total		\$845.06

Disbursements

Ministers' carfare	\$59.25
Ipswich house rent	120.00
Searle Bros. Printing Co., letterheads	20.88
Rufus D. Reisdorph, salary	324.57
Rufus D. Reisdorph, expenses	117.86
Expenses to General Conference	59.40

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Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association, Statistical blanks	2.00
Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association, Conference Minutes	70.38
Mrs. Marvin Jones, stenographic work	5.00
Interest on loans from Superannuated Fund	44.66
Total	<hr/> \$824.00
Cash on hand to date	<hr/> \$21.06

FRANK T. MARTIN, Treasurer.

Report No. 10

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the Treasurer of the different departments and found them to be correct.

FRED O. HUNT,
H. H. TURNER,
Committee.

Report No. 11

ITINERACY AND ORDERS

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

We have carefully considered the several candidates which have been brought to our attention, according to the disciplinary requirements which direct the actions of this committee. The results of these deliberations are here given in four divisions, according to the candidates' compliance with standards in the Course of Study or under Conference direction.

I. Those whom we recommend to be received or continued only for study, no license being granted:

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We recommend that Leslie D. Smith, Lester Meyers, and Lawrence Countryman be continued in the studies of the first year.

We recommend that Ben Findlay be continued in the studies of the second year.

II. Those recommended for licenses or renewals of such:

We recommend that John Winterburg, having held an effective quarterly conference license for at least one year, be received to travel under the direction of the Annual Conference, and that he be granted a license, placing him in the studies of the first year.

We recommend that Isla Knight, L. L. Knapp, and A. C. Buell be continued in the studies of the first year and their licenses be renewed.

We recommend that Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Calhoon, and F. J. Traver be advanced to the studies of the second year and their licenses be renewed.

We recommend that Wayne Cretsinger and Chester Reed be advanced to the studies of the third year and their licenses be renewed.

We recommend that Mrs. F. J. Traver and Allen Regan be continued in the studies of the third year and their licenses be renewed.

We recommend that Hazel Carter be continued in the studies of the fourth year and that her license be renewed.

We recommend that George Robbins be received to travel under the direction of the Annual Conference, that a license be granted him and that he be placed in the studies of the fourth year.

III. Election of Elder's Orders.

We recommend that Marvin Jones, and Mrs. Laura Raymer, having in the mind of the committee met the disciplinary requirements for ordination, be elected by this session of Conference to Elder's Orders, and that they be ordained at an hour designated by the Conference.

We recommend that Rev. W. L. Thompson be chosen to bring the ordination address.

IV. Those having met sufficient standards for authorization by this Conference to administer the sacraments and to solemnize matrimony: Allen Regan, Wayne Cretsinger, Chester Reed, C. W. Calhoon, and F. J. Traver.

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V. We most urgently request that the books for the examiners and the reading books for the candidates, be immediately purchased as has been and still is demanded by a standing order of this Conference, and that they be purchased by the Conference Secretary drawing upon the Conference treasury for the needed funds. The reading books are then to be kept in his hands for distribution in accordance with the plan before passed upon, a charge of ten cents and postage being collected from the candidates.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. WILEY,
RUFUS REISDORPH,
J. C. McGOVERN,
A. J. CALHOUN,
MRS. FRED JOHNSON,
MRS. JUDD,

Committee.

Report No. 12

MISSIONARY BOARD

We recommend that relative to remuneration for Secretary that an offering be taken in Conference session.

We recommend that each pastor make a special effort at his earliest opportunity to send in an offering to make up the deficit in the Conference President's salary which amounts to approximately \$140.00.

We recommend that the Conference pay \$10.00 toward the parsonage rent in Ipswich.

We recommend that we pay the Conference President \$100.00 per month and traveling expenses for time spent on the field. Each church to take offering at each visit and that offering to be applied toward salary.

We recommend we continue the five per cent plan for Conference Fund. Also that this be sent in quarterly.

We recommend that we assist in getting workers to the field relative to holding a tent meeting in Ekalaka, Montana.

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Report No. 13

PASTORAL RELATIONS

Your Committee on Pastoral Relations recommend the following relations:

Aberdeen—W. C. Brannon and Wife.
Almont—Thomas Bailie and Wife.
Artesian—George Thomas.
Avon—R. J. Eling.
Billings—W. D. Shelor.
Bradley—Mrs. L. Raymer.
Brentford, Northville—J. E. Spry.
Buffalo—H. W. Cretsinger.
Bushnell—F. J. Traver.
Calvary—Allen Regan.
Houghton—Marvin E. Jones.
Ipswich—L. D. Harris.
McIntosh—In hands of President.
Medicine Rocks, Minnesota Valley and Knobbs—Archie Buell.
Mill Iron—C. W. Calhoun.
Mitchell—H. H. Turner.
Mobridge—In hands of President.
Pollock—J. F. Simpson.
Redfield—Fred O. Hunt.
Richland—W. J. Leyh and Wife.
Watford City—Arthur Reisdorph.
Webster—In hands of the President.
Conference President—Rufus Reisdorph.
Quarterly Conference Evangelist—J. C. McGovern.
Conference Evangelist—Ruby Reisdorph.
General Evangelists—Arthur Calhoun, S. J. McIntyre.
Missionary in China—Harry Shreve.
Missionaries to Africa—Charles Carter, Hazel Carter.
Mountain Missions—Minnie Knecht.
Missionary Work—George Robbins.
Attending School—John Winterburg.
American Sunday School Union Missionaries—L. L. Knapp, Chester Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jensen.

We recommend that the names of Firesteel and Isabel be removed from the Conference list of churches, there being no members at either place.

Fred O. Hunt—

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 reading books can be had by sending to Registrar, sending a fee of ten cents and paying postage.

Report No. 15

BUDGET APPORTIONMENTS

The Apportionments for Connectional Budgets are as follows:

Foreign Missions	\$2.00 per member.
Home Missions50 per member.
Orphanage25 per member.
Education	1.50 per member.

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Leon Briggs, withdrawn by reason of uniting with another body.

RUFUS REISDORPH,
W. D. SHELOR,
J. F. SIMPSON,
W. C. BRANNON,
DAN PALMER,
R. E. JAQUITH,
MRS. CHARLES REISDORPH,
Committee.

Report No. 14

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Fred O. Hunt Term expires in 1937
Rufus Reisdorph Term expires in 1938
J. C. McGovern Term expires in 1939
A. M. Wiley Term expires in 1940

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 Homiletics by Kearn.
Third Year, Bible and Christian Evidences.
Fourth Year, Bible and Bible Geography.

J. C. McGovern—

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 to be reported to A. M. Wiley.

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Report No. 16

STATISTICAL REPORT

Charges	Time Employed	Appointments	Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists	Wesleyan Missionaries	Sunday School Banners	Junior Class Papers	Children's Friend	Teachers' Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflets	Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Charts
Aberdeen	12	1	1	15	13	40	30	40	4	30	18	15	40	8	40	40	1
Almont	12	2	1	8	2	40	12	24	11	52	7	7	24	8	6	18	1
Artesian	12	1	1	3	3	10	5	4	3	21	6	4	4	4	5	1	
Avon	12	1	1	3	6	25	18	10	8	35	12	12	10	10	10	10	
Billings	12	1	1	6	8	20	20	20	10	25	12	28	15	14	20	15	1
Bradley	12	1	1	1	7	7	10	3	6	5	2	1	1	1	2	2	
Brentford	12	1	1	7	7	10	3	3	4	9	3	3	3	8	5	11	
Buffalo	12	2	1	3	6	24	14	20	7	16	10	14	7	5	10	20	
Bushnell	12	1	1	2	2	18	8	5	5	8	10	7	3	1	5	5	
Calvary	12	1	1	9	5	15	10	5	4	25	8	8	1	10	5	5	
Houghton	12	1	1	2	7	18	10	12	4	18	8	8	1	3	10	5	
Johnson Corners	12	2	1	2	5	28	20	24	9	45	22	24	10	8	27	1	
Ipswich	12	2	1	2	2	11	5	4	4	30	3	1	1	1	1	1	
Kinning	12	1	1	1	1	4	4	3	3	10	5	5	1	6	5	1	
Knobs	12	1	1	1	1	6	4	5	5	8	5	5	1	6	5	1	
Medicine Rocks	12	1	1	4	5	8	6	5	3	10	8	44	4	4	5	5	
Minnesota Valley	12	1	1	1	4	15	7	5	3	15	7	5	5	4	5	5	
Mitchell	12	1	1	5	11	30	20	20	45	15	10	15	10	10	10	10	
Mill Iron	12	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	3	6	10	8	8	12	12	12	
Northville	12	1	1	6	6	15	6	5	4	30	3	5	5	3	5	1	
Pollock	12	1	1	2	2	19	7	5	4	19	7	7	5	8	3	1	
Redfield	12	1	1	10	8	25	15	15	7	30	5	8	6	5	8	5	
Richland	12	2	1	7	10	30	10	10	6	30	10	10	10	20	10	1	
Watford City	12	1	1	2	2	14	14	14	7	13	10	11	11	11	14	14	1
Totals	288	29	24	95	113	437	245	234	124	529	149	176	92	36	198	224	10

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Charges	Received	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	No. Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss	Gain	Members Under 14 Years	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Local Preachers	Membership Tithing
Aberdeen	7	...	1	4	128	130	...	2	...	5	7	1	...	30
Almont	7	...	...	3	32	36	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	15
Artesian	6	...	...	...	74	80	...	6	7	...	...	...	...	14
Avon	...	...	...	4	53	49	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Billings	1	...	1	...	66	66	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	35
Bradley	2	2	...	...	19	17	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Brentford	2	...	...	...	29	31	...	2	1	5	2	...	2	6
Buffalo	12	2	...	...	15	25	...	10	...	...	4	...	...	15
Bushnell	13	5	...	...	15	23	...	8	2	...	...	...	...	5
Calvary	2	...	...	...	46	48	...	2	5	7	...	...	2	20
Houghton	1	...	...	4	42	39	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Johnson Corners	1	...	...	2	74	73	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	21
Ipswich	3	...	...	...	37	40	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	10
Kinning	...	...	1	9	16	6	10	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Knobs	...	...	...	...	13	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
McIntosh	...	...	...	...	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	...	...	...	...	16	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Minnesota Valley	...	...	2	...	39	37	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Mission	...	...	...	...	11	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mitchell	15	6	1	6	79	81	...	2	3	16	1	...	...	25
Mill Iron	9	...	...	...	9	9	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	5
Mobridge	...	...	...	...	9	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Northville	...	...	...	2	53	51	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	6
Pollock	3	...	...	2	37	38	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	21
Redfield	5	...	...	4	43	44	...	1	...	5	...	...	...	18
Richland	3	...	...	3	65	65	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	15
Watford City	9	17	26	...	9	2	15
Webster	7	7
Totals	99	15	4	45	1060	1095	24	59	22	44	37	3	8	316

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Charges	No. of Sunday Schools	No. of Officers	No. of Teachers	No. of Scholars	Total No. in Main School	Average Attendance	No. in Home Dept.	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	No. Scholars Converted	No. Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts.	No. Organized Classes	No. Books in Library	No. of W. Y. P. S.	Total Membership in Soc.
Aberdeen	1	7	9	120	129	77	8	40	168	10	4	4	...	156	1	24
Almont	2	8	9	90	107	55	18	9	133	10	4	4	...	1	30	1
Artesian	1	7	4	60	35	...	...	...	...	6	6	...	...	...	1	3
Avon	1	11	6	55	72	55	...	10	82	...	...	...	...	1	15	1
Billings	1	7	8	157	...	121	14	18	189	...	...	2	...	...	1	24
Bradley	1	4	4	...	20	15	...	...	20	3	...	...	...	...	1	12
Brentford	1	4	4	27	31	20	...	...	31	...	2	...	...	25	1	14
Buffalo	1	4	6	66	72	41	5	41	118	...	...	2	...	...	1	15
Bushnell	1	4	4	35	39	24	...	...	...	7	12	...	...	...	...	...
Calvary	1	3	8	...	40	30	...	...	40	6	2	...	4	...	1	4
Houghton	1	4	5	41	...	45	1	...	41	...	...	...	...	...	1	8
Johnson Corners	2	12	10	85	95	68	...	...	95	...	1	...	...	...	1	24
Ipswich	1	5	4	...	43	30	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	10
Kinning	1	4	3	12	15	15	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Knobs	1	2	4	25	29	18	...	...	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Medicine Rocks	1	5	3	24	32	20	...	...	40	...	...	...	...	89	...	...
Minnesota Valley	1	5	4	...	30	20	...	9	46	...	...	...	...	...	1	17
Mitchell	1	7	6	87	100	80	...	30	130	7	15	2	...	30	1	...
Mill Iron	1	3	3	24	30	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Northville	1	5	4	36	40	25	...	...	40	1	...	...	...	...	1	9
Pollock	1	5	4	48	...	31	...	15	52	6	4	...	...	...	1	...
Redfield	1	2	6	61	69	40	...	10	79	2	2	...	5	...	1	20
Richland	1	4	7	83	90	66	...	10	100	...	...	...	...	...	1	15
Watford City	1	3	4	36	40	25	40	1	8
Totals	26	125	139	1172	1158	926	46	192	1498	68	56	14	14	300	18	252

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Charges	No. of Churches	Value of Churches	Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Indebtedness	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Aberdeen	1	\$16000.00	.....	1	\$4000.00	.....	.....
Almont	1	4600.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Artesian .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Avon	1	5000.00	.....	1	1000.00	.....	.....
Billings	1	12000.00	\$1500.00	1	5000.00	\$3800.00	\$2000.00
Bradley .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brentford	1	750.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo	1	3150.00	380.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bushnell	1	800.00	.....	1	500.00	.....	.....
Calvary .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Houghton	1	4000.00	.....	1	1400.00	.....	.....
Johnson Corners	1	3000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ipswich	1	1500.00	130.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kinning .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Knobs .....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Medicine Rocks	1	1500.00	.....	1	1000.00	158.00	.....
Minnesota Valley	1	2000.00	325.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell	1	5000.00	965.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mill Iron .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northville	1	2500.00	.....	1	1000.00	700.00	.....
Pollock	1	5000.00	172.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Redfield	1	2000.00	105.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richland	1	2000.00	1	2000.00
Watford City
Totals	17	\$71800.00	\$3578.00	8	\$15900.00	\$3958.00	\$2700.00

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Charges	Pastor's Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Aberdeen	\$897.00	\$250.00	\$28.00	\$67.00	\$1242.00
Almont	745.00	228.00	20.00	59.00	1052.00
Artesian	317.00	.....	3.00	51.00	371.00
Avon	520.00	72.00	17.00	35.00	644.00
Billings	983.00	175.00	15.00	46.00	1219.00
Bradley	80.00	.....	.....	20.00	100.00
Brentford	243.00	.....	7.00	45.00	295.00
Buffalo	457.00	.....	17.00	175.00	649.00
Bushnell	314.00	60.00	2.00	80.00	456.00
Calvary	487.00	.....	5.00	50.00	542.00
Houghton	334.00	100.00	.....	44.00	478.00
Johnson Corners	520.00	120.00	11.00	50.00	701.00
Ipswich	509.00	144.00	.....	27.00	680.00
Kinning	60.00	19.00	10.00	12.00	101.00
Knobs	176.00	.....	7.00	4.00	187.00
Medicine Rocks	185.00	32.00	.....	.....	217.00
Minnesota Valley	131.00	.....	.....	38.00	209.00
Mitchell	1040.00	.....	5.00	51.00	1096.00
Mill Iron	174.00	50.00	5.00	22.00	251.00
Northville	323.00	60.00	26.00	.....	409.00
Pollock	454.00	150.00	.....	125.00	729.00
Redfield	534.00	.....	13.00	135.00	682.00
Richland	581.00	100.00	10.00	150.00	841.00
Watford City	265.00	41.00	2.00	45.00	353.00
Totals	\$10329.00	\$1569.00	\$177.00	\$1429.00	\$13504.00

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Charges	Conference President's Salary	Conference Evangelist's Salary	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expense	Total for Church
Aberdeen	\$7.00	\$35.00	\$70.00	\$87.00	\$107.00	\$193.00	\$499.00
Almont	26.00	.....	210.00	126.00	84.00	70.00	516.00
Artesian	10.00	.....	46.00	24.00	.....	9.00	89.00
Avon	12.00	51.00	19.00	49.00	35.00	66.00	232.00
Billings	5.00	.....	132.00	173.00	2727.00	380.00	3417.00
Bradley	3.00	.....	22.00	27.00	.....	.....	52.00
Brentford	9.00	.....	.....	20.00	59.00	8.00	96.00
Buffalo	12.00	57.00	.....	46.00	119.00	40.00	274.00
Bushnell .....	.....	52.00	.....	26.00	12.00	20.00	110.00
Calvary	26.00	28.00	.....	60.00	.....	25.00	139.00
Houghton	5.00	30.00	.....	33.00	.....	60.00	128.00
Johnson Corners	51.00	51.00	.....	66.00	.....	13.00	180.00
Ipswich	7.00	34.00	.....	46.00	820.00	109.00	1016.00
Kinning	3.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	8.00
Knobs .....	.....	.....	.....	19.00	.....	.....	19.00
Medicine Rocks	6.00	.....	.....	18.00	.....	30.00	54.00
Minnesota Valley	6.00	.....	.....	13.00	59.00	4.00	83.00
Mitchell	13.00	106.00	87.00	76.00	128.00	118.00	528.00
Mill Iron	23.00	37.00	.....	25.00	.....	.....	85.00
Northville	8.00	.....	.....	30.00	20.00	52.00	110.00
Pollock	8.00	.....	53.00	30.00	.....	44.00	135.00
Redfield	10.00	52.00	40.00	42.00	64.00	50.00	258.00
Richland	18.00	.....	70.00	49.00	25.00	31.00	193.00
Watford City	14.00	30.00	35.00	98.00	177.00
Totals	\$279.00	\$562.00	\$749.00	\$1119.00	\$4259.00	\$1430.00	\$8398.00

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Charges	Undivided Budget	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Conference Work	Superannuated Ministers' Fund	Connectional S. S. Work	Other Benevolent Objects	Orphanage	Total for Benevolences
Aberdeen		\$76	\$52	\$42	\$31	\$2	\$9	\$145		\$348
Admont			84	25	77	5	4	247		442
Artesian		21	82	12	17	4		81	\$7	224
Avon		20	36	25	20	30	4	38	5	151
Billings		2	43	6	7			116	1	175
Bradley		6	6	2	8	2	1	11	3	39
Brentford	\$10	14	31	14		3		43	5	119
Buffalo	55	72	3	8	26		10	15	5	194
Bushnell			13	2	29	1	2	4		50
Calvary	21	24	17	15	35	2		40	11	165
Houghton		6	35	17	5	2		35	5	105
Johnson Corners		29	27	9	9		5	20	5	104
Ipswich		24	57	17	27	1	2			128
Kinning							1			1
Knobs						1				1
Medicine Rocks		6	23	3	8	1		11	4	56
Minnesota Valley		10	14	9	4	1		8	6	52
Mitchell		40	74	120	100	2	5	54	5	400
Mill Iron										
Northville	18	9	50	18	32	5		18	5	155
Pollock		10	26	6	11		2	25	4	84
Redfield	2	17	59	27	30	3		20		158
Richland		26	110	18	98		4	27	12	295
Watford City		10	45	5	6		2	23	5	97
Totals	\$106	\$422	\$886	\$400	\$580	\$38	\$42	\$981	\$88	\$3543

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Charges	Total for Pastor	Total for Churches	Total for Benevolences	Total For All Purposes
Aberdeen	\$1242.00	\$499.00	\$348.00	\$2089.00
Almont	1052.00	516.00	442.00	2010.00
Artesian	371.00	89.00	224.00	684.00
Avon	644.00	232.00	151.00	1027.00
Billings	1219.00	3417.00	175.00	4811.00
Bradley	100.00	52.00	39.00	191.00
Brentford	295.00	96.00	119.00	510.00
Buffalo	149.00	274.00	194.00	1117.00
Bushnell	456.00	110.00	50.00	616.00
Calvary	542.00	139.00	165.00	846.00
Houghton	475.00	128.00	105.00	711.00
Johnson Corners	701.00	180.00	104.00	985.00
Ipswich	680.00	1016.00	128.00	1824.00
Kinning	101.00	8.00	1.00	110.00
Knobs	187.00	19.00	1.00	207.00
Medicine Rocks	217.00	54.00	56.00	327.00
Minnesota Valley	209.00	83.00	52.00	344.00
Mitchell	1096.00	528.00	400.00	2024.00
Mill Iron	251.00	85.00	.....	336.00
Northville	409.00	110.00	155.00	674.00
Pollock	729.00	135.00	84.00	948.00
Redfield	682.00	258.00	158.00	1098.00
Richland	841.00	193.00	295.00	1329.00
Watford City	353.00	177.00	97.00	627.00
Totals	\$13504.00	\$8398.00	\$3543.00	\$25445.00

L. D. HARRIS, Secretary.

**Minutes of the Annual Session of the Woman's
Home and Foreign Missionary Society
of the Wesleyan Methodist Church
of the Dakota Conference,
June 3—6, 1936**

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Calvary Wesleyan—President, Mrs. Blanche Larson, Athol, S. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Emma Riser, Athol, S. D.

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Medicine Rocks—President, Mrs. A. C. Buell, Willard, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. Winifred Clockene, Willard, Mont.

Minnesota Valley—President, Mrs. Louis Blazer, Willard, Mont.; Secretary, Mrs. Irvin Nopsker, Willard, Mont.

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Riverside—President, Mrs. Lillian Reisdorph, Watford City, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Leslie Smith, Watford City, N. D.

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DELEGATES

Aberdeen—Mrs. S. J. McIntyre.
Artesian—Mrs. William Bryant.
Avon—Mrs. Nellie Eling.
Billings—Mrs. Susie Shelor.
Bradley—Mrs. Velma Goodell.
Brentford—Mrs. L. Overby.
Buffalo—Miss Fannie Jo Mitten.
Calvary Wesleyan—Mrs. Allen Regan.
Hilltop—Miss Beatrice Bowers.
Houghton—Mrs. Ira Lord.
Ipswich—Mrs. E. W. Freiberg.
Johnson Corners—Mrs. Lillian Reisdorph.
Knobs—Mrs. Mae Calhoon.
Medicine Rocks—Mrs. A. C. Buell.
Minnesota Valley—Mrs. Louis Blazer.
Mitchell—Mrs. Alice Calhoun.
Northville—Mrs. Robert Scandrette.
Pleasant Valley—Mrs. Lillian Reisdorph.
Pollock—Mrs. W. P. Hinz.
Redfield—Mrs. Corman Thompson.
Richland—Mrs. Pettegrew.
Riverside—Mrs. H. L. Shelley.

Daily Proceedings

Thursday, 9:30 a. m.

The opening session of our Annual Conference was called to order by the President, Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph. Together we sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Mrs. Reisdorph read a portion of Scripture found in the 89th Psalm, making remarks that were very inspirational and formed a foundation for our future gatherings.

Mrs. Alice Calhoun led us in prayer, after which in prayerful attitude, upon our knees, we sang a verse of "Close to Thee."

A word of welcome and an exhortation to promote a friendly spirit was given by the President.

Mrs. Reeve and Mrs. Hinz were appointed as Committee on Credentials.

Motion carried that Delegates, Pastors' Wives, Presidents, Y. M. W. B. Superintendents, be admitted to bar of Conference.

Motion carried that we elect a Nominating Committee as in previous years. The Committee was elected as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Harriet Harris, Mrs. Blanche Larson, Mrs. Alice Calhoun, Mrs. Lillian Reisdorph, Mrs. Mae Calhoon.

Motion carried for adjournment. Mrs. Shelor dismissed us with prayer.

Thursday, 10:30 a. m.

Song—"Blessed Be the Name."

Promises from the Word were quoted by the ladies with brief remarks relative to the blessing these passages had brought to their lives.

Mrs. Blanche Larson led in prayer.

Minutes were read and approved.

Roll Call—accompanied by the introduction of the Presidents and Delegates to the body of women.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted. (Report No. 1.)

Mrs. Ruth McIntyre and Miss Mitten were elected as Magazine Solicitors.

Mrs. Lillian Bailie was elected as Reporter.

The afternoon session was set for 2 o'clock.

Upon request for another member to serve on the Resolution Committee, Mrs. Vena Simpson was elected to act as third member.

After vote for adjournment Mrs. Hinz dismissed us with prayer.

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Thursday, 2:00 p. m.

Devotionals opened by singing "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Mrs. Ruth McIntyre read the Scripture lesson from Isaiah 12.

Mrs. Young, from Montana, led us in prayer.

Roll Call.

Motion prevailed that first five seats in the Main Tabernacle serve as bar of the Conference.

Minutes were read and approved.

Motion prevailed that Friday be set aside as Tag Day for the Wesleyan Missionary.

Partial report on Orders of the Day was read and adopted. (Report No. 2.)

Motion prevailed that the Delegates read the reports from their local societies.

The Avon report was read by Mrs. Eling.

Mrs. Brannon introduced Mrs. Doty, returned Missionary from India, to the Conference. She responded with a word of greeting from the Missionaries on the mission field in India.

We continued reading of reports from the following societies by their respective Delegates: Pollock, Pleasant Valley, Riverside, Northville, Minnesota Valley, Houghton, Medicine Rocks, Calvary Wesleyan, Buffalo, Knobs, Redfield, Hilltop, Richland.

During the reading of reports a question arose concerning the partial payments of dues. It was agreed that we could only report on our blanks the actual number of paid up members. However, if the partial payments were sufficient to cover the membership dues of one or more, and it was agreeable to those concerned, it could be reported as so many paid members.

The Delegate from the Knobs Society emphasized the good which they had derived from the use of the Study Book, and it was recommended that all Societies avail themselves of this means which will assuredly bring inspiration to our ladies.

Mrs. Traver gave encouraging remarks about the Y. M. W. B. work on the Bushnell charge.

Question arose concerning the use of one-half of the dues to meet our missionary pledge. It was decided that this could be done.

Adjourned by vote of the Conference.

Public Missionary Meeting

Thursday Evening, 8 o'clock

The President opened the meeting, with the Local Presidents and Conference Officers on the platform. Rev. Allen Regan led the congrega-

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gational singing in accompaniment with his accordion. We exalted the Saving Power of Jesus by singing, "Jesus Saves," and "Saved by the Blood."

Rev. W. L. Thompson led us in prayer.

Miss Hughes, of Aberdeen, S. D., rendered a musical pantomime entitled, "Rock of Ages."

Mrs. Doty gave the address of the evening.

The Aberdeen Quartette sang, "Rescue the Perishing."

After a brief missionary demonstration, Rev. Harris took the evening offering of cash and pledges. The ease with which this offering of over two hundred dollars was given was an outstanding feature of the evening service.

The congregation joined in a hearty "Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow."

Rev. Brannon gave the Benediction.

Friday, 9:00 a. m.

Opened by singing, "Work for the Night is Coming," and "Close to Thee."

The Lord blessed us in a few moments of gracious testimony.

Scripture lesson was given by Mrs. Reeve from Montana. She used as the main portion 1 John 3. She spoke very definitely about a specific promise which was given to her while in prayer in behalf of the salvation of her household. This was a means of added encouragement to those who were of like passion.

Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Eling led us in prayer.

Roll Call. The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Floyd Hester, President of Miltonvale College, was introduced to the Conference, and brought word of greeting from the College, also a brief word of commendation in behalf of our representation of students there this year.

Rev. W. L. Thompson, Home Missionary Secretary, was introduced to us as Connectional Representative to our Conference. He spoke a few minutes in word of greeting and then rendered by word his appreciation of the help rendered by the Dakota Conference in clearing the indebtedness of the Hephzibah Orphanage.

Special Orders of the Day called for an address by Mrs. Doty.

Mrs. Doty addressed us on the subject, "A Call to Prayer for India's Mission Field."

Mitchell report was read by Mrs. Alice Calhoun.

She also gave a demonstration of the use of a bandage roller, which can be obtained of Mr. Wilfred Johnson, 1209 So. Duff St., Mitchell, S. D.

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Treasurer's report was read and by motion was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Adjourned by motion.

Friday, 1:00 p. m.

Meeting called to order by the President who led in a word of prayer.

Minutes were read and approved by correction relative to wording of record concerning the bandage rolling demonstration.

President requested that each Delegate contact the Statistical Committee and fill in the item of Efficiency rank on their report blanks.

The Delegates from the following societies read their local reports: Billings, Aberdeen, Ipswich, Brentford.

Orders of the day called for an address by Rev. Thompson.

Hephzibah Orphanage was the central theme of his address.

Adjourned by vote of the Conference.

Friday, 4:00 p. m.

Song—"Precious Name."

The Twenty-third Psalm was repeated in unison.

Prayer was led by Mrs. Vena Simpson.

Mrs. Reisdorph shared with us some of her experiences in visitation at the Carlsbad Mexican Mission just prior to Conference.

The Conference accepted by vote the Executive Board's decision to remunerate Mrs. Doty \$20.00 for traveling expenses.

Proceeded to Orders of the Day which called for election of officers.

Election of Officers 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. Susie Shelor.

After discussion the motion prevailed that we turn the supervision of the dormitory over to the Camp Meeting Board, thus eliminating the office of Dormitory Superintendent.

Motion prevailed that the Executive Board appoint the District Organizers.

The Aberdeen Society presented a Missionary Scrapbook to the body for review, with the suggestion that other societies compile one. The book was placed on the public book stand for observation.

Adjourned to meet Saturday morning, at call of the Chair.

Saturday, 11:00 a. m.

Meeting called to order by the Vice-President, Mrs. Brannon.

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

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Mrs. Larson read a message of Scripture from Galatians 6, and gave fitting remarks for us to meditate upon in the days to come.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Cretsinger.

Roll Call was followed by the reading of the minutes which were approved.

According to Orders of the Day, Rev. Hester, President of Miltonvale College gave us an address, relative to the work there and made suggestions on how we can properly aid Miltonvale in "Carrying On."

Local reports were given by the Delegates from Bradley, Johnson Corners, and Artesian, and the Almont Y. M. W. B. All reports were handed to the Secretary, who transferred them to the Statistical Committee.

Official report of the cash and pledge offering of the public missionary meeting was given by the Treasurer.

Due to the fact that we had fallen down in receipts for the Orphanage, and Mountain Missions in the past year, we were asked to try to take care of these in full in the coming year.

Adjourned by vote of Conference, to meet at 1:00 p. m.

Saturday, 1:00 p. m.

Song—"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Scripture verses of special blessing were given by the ladies.

Mrs. Reisdorph led us in prayer.

Upon Roll Call, the Chairman of the Statistical Committee responded for each Society by giving their Efficiency rating. Hilltop, Minnesota Valley, Medicine Rocks, Richland received 100%. A large number had above a 90% rating.

Orders of the Day called for an address by Miss Buntain, on the work at Zion's Hill Mission.

Minutes were read and approved.

Auditing Committee submitted their report which was adopted. (Report No. 3.)

By motion the Treasurer's report was adopted. (Report No. 4.)

Resolutions Committee report read and adopted. (Report No. 5.)

Completed report on Orders of the Day read and adopted. (Report No. 2.)

By acclamation it was decided to have a special meeting with an address on "Home Problems."

The Committee on Plan of Work read report and it was returned for slight revision concerning the writing to missionaries on the fields.

Treasurer suggested that we send all money through treasury thus eliminating the sending of receipts to her, which makes her work a little more difficult.

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Mrs. R. French, wife of our Camp Meeting Evangelist, was introduced to the Conference and responded briefly.

Secretary read a letter from Mrs. N. Mae Clark.

By motion the Secretary was instructed to reply to above letter, also to write to Mrs. McLeister and Mrs. Leyh in the behalf of the Society.

Adjourned to meet at 4:30 p. m.

Saturday, 4:30 p. m.

Meeting opened with singing "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood."

Mrs. Spry led in prayer.

Minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. Young from Montana, shared a letter with us from Rev. and Mrs. Shreves, who are now missionaries in China. Secretary was instructed to add their names to her list of correspondence.

Report on Plan of Work read and adopted. (Report No. 6).

Motion prevailed that Executive Board take care of the matter of the Ipswich parsonage rent.

President urged that we often consult with the August issue of the Wesleyan Missionary so that we can carry out the program outlined by the General Conference.

Motion prevailed that Secretaries' expenses be paid.

Motion prevailed that since Mrs. Jenkins could no longer carry on her activities in the work that the Conference Society present her with a token of appreciation for her faithful services these many years, the Executive Board to take care of this matter.

Motion prevailed that we divide the balance money in treasury, after all expenses have been met between the Young People's Tabernacle Project and the Camp Meeting Board, The Executive Board to determine said amounts.

See Report No. 7 for Statistical Report.

Motion prevailed for adjournment. With joined hands we sang, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

President called the meeting to order with a word of prayer.

Appointment of District Organizers as follows:

Montana (or Northwest) District—Mrs. Lillian Bailie.

Aberdeen District—Mrs. Myrtle Spry.

Mitchell District—Mrs. Elizabeth Traver.

Motion prevailed that we pay \$25.00 for our Minutes.

Motion carried that we include Mrs. Harris with Mrs. Jenkins, in the presentation of a love token. Mrs. Brannon and Mrs. Shelor were appointed to make said purchase.

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Motion prevailed that the Chairman of Playground Equipment be authorized to use funds on hand for the erection of a sand box on the grounds for the small children.

Committee adjourned.

Special Call, Wednesday, 8:00 a. m.

Opened the meeting by singing, "Amazing Grace," and "Blessed Assurance."

Mrs. Reisdorph read us a portion of Scripture found in Prov. 31:10-31.

Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Young led in prayer, and upon our knees we sang "In the Cross."

Motion carried that the report of the Executive Board meeting be adopted.

A suggested goal—"A Wesleyan Missionary in every home in the Conference."

Motion carried that pledges and cash offering taken at the Public Missionary meeting be divided between Conference Work and Foreign Missions.

Secretary read a letter from Miss V. Dorothy Johnson, who is a missionary in Africa.

Mrs. W. H. Tullis, Loyaltown, S. D. made an appeal for Carlsbad Mexican Mission and offered to start a fund for paint and repairs with \$25.00, said fund to pass through the hands of our Conference Treasurer. The response was good.

Mrs. Brannon presented a gift of appreciation to both Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Harris in behalf of the Conference Society, with tender expressions. Mrs. Jenkins requested that in case of her home-going, she would like to have her gift presented back to the Conference Society, in her memory.

Mrs. Spry gave us a brief talk on "Enemies of the Home." An open forum was then held and many good, practical, and encouraging thoughts and suggestions were brought to our attention. These, coupled with the Scripture passages which many have rested their faith upon, did much to make us realize that even though the days are evil, our God is equal to the need, and will protect our dwelling places with a cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night.

Mrs. Alice Calhoun spoke to us about her call to the fields, of her healing, and divine leadings in general.

Final adjournment was declared by the President.

Upon an informal motion a standing expression of thanks was rendered the President for her faithful labors in our midst during the Conference Session.

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Furthermore, we wish to extend our thanks to the societies who helped to get the dormitory and other buildings in readiness for camp.

Also, that we extend a vote of thanks to the Conference for providing our entertainment during this session of camp.

MRS. RUTH McINTYRE,
MRS. ELLA BUELL,
MRS. VENA SIMPSON.

NO. 6—PLAN OF WORK

1—Arrange with the Pastor for one missionary prayer service each month, such service to be preceded by stated times of fasting, as can be arranged.

2—Ten meetings to be held during the year in which prayer is held and business transacted.

3—Red letter days (a) Harvest Home Day for educational work; (b) World Day of Prayer, wherein we coöperate in observing the World Day of Prayer; (c) May Day, to be known as gift day, bandages and such gifts as can be used by and sent with outgoing missionaries, or be used on our home fields; (d) Wesleyan Missionary Day, wherein an effort to secure subscriptions to the Wesleyan Missionary be included in the public meeting held during the year for this purpose.

4—The President, Secretary, Treasurer and 50% membership to be subscribers to the Wesleyan Missionary.

5—A solicitor elected for the Wesleyan Missionary gaining not less than two new subscribers a year.

6—One public meeting.

7—One regular or special meeting to be given for the purpose of presenting the missionary interests before the men of the church, where they are invited to take part in the regular program. Each society to work out their own program which is best suited to their local society.

8—Keeping in touch with our missionaries by writing them letters of greetings and encouragement.

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9—A committee of two or more to be elected by the society to assist in calling. This to be under the supervision of the President and a definite plan worked out.

10—A Delegate elected to the Annual Conference of the W. H. & F. M. S.

11—Report blanks properly filled out on time.

12—At Annual business meeting instruct Delegate the amount to pledge for the society at the Conference session.

13—Officers elected at last meeting of the Conference year.

14—All money received as dues be sent to Conference Treasurer designating where fifty cents of the same be applied (See Discipline A paragraph 293).

15—A Y. M. W. B. Superintendent and a fully organized band on every charge.

16—Every woman of the church a member of the society or a twenty per cent gain in membership.

17—Send all money to the Conference Treasurer promptly. Send all money through the hands of the Conference Treasurer for her convenience, thus saving her the trouble of handling receipts.

18—We recommend the reading of the efficiency standard quarterly. All societies making a grade of one hundred points to be placed on the honor roll.

MRS. VENA SIMPSON,
MRS. MYRTLE SPRY,
MRS. AMANDA HINZ,
MRS. LILLIAN BAILIE,
MRS. OLIVE REEVE.

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

Receipts										
Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Members Gain	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	13	2		3	22	2	Yes	13		\$15.00
Almont										
Artesian	6	2		4	9	1	No	3		8.00
Avon	10	1			11		No	6	\$2.69	11.00
Billings	10			2	11	14	No	3	9.08	10.00
Bradley	8	1			6		No	1		9.00
Brentford	10				9	1	No	7	2.47	10.00
Buffalo	12	1	2		11	2	No	6	1.40	13.00
Bushnell										
Calvary	10	4		2	12	1	No	5	1.00	14.00
Hilltop	10	1		1	14	1	No	3		11.00
Houghton	10		3		11	1	No	7	.70	10.00
Ipswich	5				14		Yes	2		5.00
Johnson Corners	10			3	10		Yes	3		10.00
Knobs	8				9		No	2		8.00
Medicine Rocks	9				11		No	5	.21	9.00
Minnesota Valley	10			1	15		No	4	12.15	10.00
Mitchell	14	1		6	11	9	No	13	2.11	15.00
Northville	12		2		15	3	No	6	.11	12.00
Pleasant Valley	7			2	9		Yes	2		7.00
Pollock	8	3			11	1	No	4		11.00
Redfield	10	3	6		12	2	Yes	7	1.65	13.00
Richland	15	5			14	5	Yes	7	1.13	20.00
Riverside	11		1		11		Yes	4		11.00
Totals	218	24	15	24	258	43		113	\$34.70	\$242.00

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Receipts						
Societies	Offerings	Labor	Clothing and Other Gifts to Home Work	Bandages and Other Gifts to Foreign Work	Conference Delegate Fund	Total
Aberdeen	\$127.51	\$14.80	\$1.49	\$7.00	.....	\$165.80
Almont	88.34	.....	.....	2.25	\$.30	98.89
Artesian	38.56	.75	17.90	1.72	1.00	71.90
Avon	12.30	39.67	44.00	.....	.....	115.05
Billings	10.21	.....	.....	.....	.....	19.21
Bradley	52.17	.75	.....	.....	.80	66.94
Brentford	24.36	.....	61.50	.....	.....	100.26
Buffalo .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bushnell	36.58	.....	15.51	3.50	.....	70.59
Calvary	16.80	.....	11.75	.....	.....	38.55
Hilltop	28.71	.....	4.50	.....	.80	44.71
Houghton	23.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	28.30
Ipswich	19.20	.....	.....	.....	1.00	30.20
Johnson Corners	40.00	.....	32.75	.....	.....	80.75
Knobs	17.51	3.50	9.20	3.00	.90	43.52
Medicine Rocks	19.05	3.00	.....	1.75	1.00	46.50
Minnesota Valley	66.84	5.95	5.05	10.50	1.50	106.95
Mitchell	51.77	2.50	23.00	.....	1.10	87.48
Northville	14.54	.....	1.00	.....	.60	23.14
Pleasant Valley	23.72	.....	4.00	2.00	.80	41.52
Pollock	54.95	.....	.....	.....	.....	69.60
Redfield	108.16	.....	.....	.....	.....	129.29
Richland	30.33	5.00	3.00	49.33
Riverside
Totals	\$904.61	\$70.92	\$237.40	\$34.72	\$9.80	\$1505.14

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Disbursements										
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		\$55.10		\$11.50	\$9.00	\$4.24		\$10.50	\$7.00	
Almont										
Artesian	\$4.00	8.70		5.00						
Avon		6.00	\$1.75	5.00				58.85	2.25	
Billings		2.65						11.00		
Bradley		2.00		3.08						
Brentford		12.80		5.00						
Buffalo		11.50	61.00	5.00		2.00		15.00	1.50	
Bushnell										
Calvary		13.00		11.00						
Hilltop			7.00	5.00		3.00		13.00	3.50	\$2.00
Houghton		6.00	4.11	5.00		2.00	\$5.00	5.00		
Ipswich		3.50		2.50					4.50	
Johnson Corners		6.00		5.00		2.00		5.00	2.00	
Knobs		13.00	11.50	1.00	5.00		20.75	8.00		
Medicine Rocks		4.50	9.20	4.00				5.00	3.00	
Minnesota Valley		6.00		5.00				5.00	1.75	
Mitchell			6.25	5.00		5.36		25.00	10.50	
Northville		11.60	23.00	5.00		2.00		20.00		
Pleasant Valley		6.00			1.00			3.50		
Pollock		6.00	4.00	4.50				6.00	2.00	
Redfield	2.00	6.00		5.00				29.40		
Richland	9.00		2.50	5.00				54.00		
Riverside		6.00	.98	5.00	5.00	4.00		10.50	3.00	
Totals	\$15.00	\$186.35	\$131.29	\$102.58	\$20.00	\$24.60	\$25.75	\$289.75	\$41.00	\$2.00

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Disbursements									
Societies	Education, Cash	Education, Provisions	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Delegate Fund	Cash on Hand	Total	Rank Under Efficiency Standard
Aberdeen	\$14.50	\$10.40	\$11.26	\$7.50	\$23.30	\$1.50	.....	\$165.80	100
Almont	6.79	1.00	.....	4.00	3.01	.30	.....	98.90	.....
Artesian	5.00	.75	23.90	5.50	3.96	1.00	\$1.54	71.90	100
Avon	2.60	.....	60.00	10.00	22.80	2.00	1.40	115.05	85
Billings .....	.....	.....	.....	9.00	5.13	.....	.....	19.21	65
Bradley	10.50	.....	3.16	10.00	3.70	.80	2.55	66.94	90
Brentford	1.77	.....	5.89	7.50	7.70	.....	.....	100.26	90
Buffalo .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bushnell	6.15	.....	.....	7.00	8.30	.....	1.14	70.59	.....
Calvary	2.00	.....	.....	7.00	4.30	.....	2.75	38.55	.....
Hilltop	3.10	.....	8.50	10.00	2.40	.80	.30	44.71	100
Houghton	4.00	.....	.....	5.00	4.05	.....	2.25	28.30	95
Ipswich	2.00	.....	.....	5.00	4.20	1.00	.....	30.20	96
Johnson Corners	1.00	.....	10.25	8.00	1.55	.70	.....	80.75	.....
Knobs .....	.....	3.50	.50	9.00	5.67	.....	.45	43.32	100
Medicine Rocks	6.50	.....	3.75	5.00	5.15	1.00	3.05	39.15	100
Minnesota Valley	5.00	3.80	11.90	15.00	13.42	1.50	9.22	106.95	.....
Mitchell	5.83	.....	2.41	12.00	3.60	1.10	.94	87.48	90
Northville	3.50	.....	2.00	3.50	2.70	.....	.94	23.14	80
Pleasant Valley	1.00	.....	.....	11.00	5.24	.80	.98	41.52	90
Pollock	7.70	.....	.....	9.50	8.61	.....	1.39	69.60	.....
Redfield	15.18	.....	8.81	10.00	14.74	.....	10.06	129.29	100
Richland	3.81	5.50	4.29	1.00	.25	49.33	95
Riverside
Totals	\$107.93	\$19.45	\$152.33	\$176.00	\$157.82	\$13.50	\$39.21	\$1505.14

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Y. M. W. B. STATISTICAL REPORT

Bands	No. of Members	No. of Meetings Held	Dues	Offerings	Education	Total
Aberdeen	31	19	\$16.12	\$3.06	\$2.10	\$21.28
Almont	17	40	8.84	16.62	5.75	31.21
Artesian	15	11	7.80	7.66	2.39	17.85
Avon	26	12	13.78	2.00	16.27	32.05
Billings	18	45	9.36	10.69		20.05
Bradley						
Brentford				9.32		9.32
Buffalo	5	9	2.34	.66		3.00
Bushnell	15	12		4.40		4.40
Calvary						
Hilltop	9	3	4.68	.32		5.00
Houghton	20		4.18	10.43		14.61
Ipswich	6	26	3.12	20.68		45.51
Johnson Corners	6	12	3.12	8.07		11.19
Knobs						
Medicine Rocks	12	8	6.24	6.36		12.60
Minnesota Valley						
Mitchell	10	12	5.20			5.20
Northville	5	11	2.60	12.45	5.50	20.55
Pleasant Valley						
Pollock	21	46	19.06			19.06
Redfield	8		4.16	26.84		31.00
Richland	21	12	10.92	35.23	1.00	47.15
Riverside						
Totals	245	278	\$121.52	\$174.79	\$33.01	\$351.03

MRS. LILLIAN BAILIE, Secretary.