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OF
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or Church, of America

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THE IOWA CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

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

Vice-President:—Rev. Frank A. Butterfield, Hammond, Minn.

Secretary:—Ruby Paine, Marengo, Iowa.

Statistical Secretary:—Rev. Mrs. Bertha Ellis, Walker, Iowa.

Sabbath School Secretary:—Rev. Mrs. Amy Breneman.

Tithing Secretary:—Rev. Ira E. Bradley.

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

Missionary Board:—Rev. Frank J. Wilson, Rev. A. B. Gould,
Rev. Frank A. Butterfield.

Committee on Presidency:—Rev. R. W. Mack, Rev. Ira E. Bradley, Rev. Geo. J. Cameron, J. C. Wilson, G. W. Ebeling.

Camp-Meeting Committee:—Rev. S. S. Cameron, Rev. F. J. Wilson, Rev. Cameron Weigel, Rev. Geo. J. Cameron, Rev. A. B. Gould. Treasurer of same, Rev. R. W. Emerson.

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

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders:—Rev. Frank A. Butterfield, Rev. A. B. Gould, Rev. Geo. S. Fry.

Student Committee:—Rev. Frank J. Wilson, Rev. S. S. Cameron, Rev. Waldo R. Emerson.

Trustees

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

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

Frank Ballou, University Park, Iowa, term expires 1913.

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

Rev. Geo. J. Cameron, Marengo, Iowa, term expires 1915.

CAMP-MEETING OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE

The conference camp-meeting opened August 30, 1910, with the Benezette church in the grove on Brother George Ebling's farm about a half mile from the church. Rev. H. H. Williams, of the

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Kansas Conference, had been secured to have charge, with his son Clarence and wife in charge of the singing and music. A goodly number from away arrived on the ground early in the week and found that through the labors of the pastor, the Rev. W. R. Emerson, and his beloved people, the tent was erected and all arrangements completed ready for work. Through the kindness of the people of the neighborhood the temporal needs of the campers were bountifully provided for. From the first, the meetings were with power and resulted in much good being done, there being a goodly number of seekers, some for pardon and some for sanctification. The services of our Brother Williams were especially appreciated. In all, it can be truthfully said that this was the best camp-meeting held in the conference in many years. It is sincerely hoped that the interest aroused may not only be maintained but that it may be greatly increased during the coming year. Let all our people plan to **Be Present** and **Remain** throughout the entire meeting next year. It was voted to hold next year's camp with the Emanuel church, La Porte City, Iowa, on the week preceding the next annual conference which is to be held at the same place.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

According to previous announcement, the Iowa Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) met at its fifty-seventh annual session on Tuesday, September 6, 1910 at 10:45 a. m., in the tabernacle pitched on the Benezette charge and used by the Iowa Conference camp-meeting the preceding week.

The Rev. Edwin Ellis opened the conference with a song service.

The President, Rev. Frank J. Wilson, conducted devotional services, reading 1 Peter, 5th chapter, and prayer.

In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. R. Wesley Mack, Ruby Paine was elected secretary pro tem and Mrs. Jennie Clawson assistant.

Mrs. Bertha Betzer Ellis was elected Committee on Credentials.

The president announced the bar of the conference as the first

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four rows of seats across the tabernacle and announced that visiting brothers and sisters in harmony with our doctrine 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, F. A. Butterfield, and F. E. Fitch.

The president presented the name of the Rev. Samuel S. Cameron who came to us from the Free Methodist Church and has been acting as pastor of the St. Charles church, that he be made a voting member of the conference.

Motion was made that the matter be referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders and that said committee make a speedy report. Motion carried.

The president appointed Ulis Hekel and Geo. Barnett to act as lay members on the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Moved that all papers presented to the conference be referred to their proper committee without further action of the conference. Motion carried. The president announced that the time for opening and closing of conference would conform to the standing rule.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following names: Mrs. Mary Bliss, delegate from St. Charles; Frank Ballou, from Dayton; C. S. Weigel from Rosalie, Neb.; Ulis Hekel, from Hoover church; Mrs. Tena Sams, from Albaton; and Geo. Barnett from the Benezette church.

Motion made that report of above committee be adopted and that the above names be placed upon the Conference Roll. In discussing this motion, Geo. Fry asked to be instructed as to the number of delegates charges having a licentiate as pastor and elders residing on them, said elders not being on the unstationed list, were entitled to. Question decided according to the Discipline, pages 59-60, the president ruling that churches were entitled to one additional delegate for each unstationed elder residing on that charge.

Original question called for by F. A. Butterfield. Motion

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carried. Adjourned by limitation. Benediction pronounced by Rev. F. E. Fitch.

Tuesday, First Day, Afternoon

Conference opened by service of song in charge of Brother and Sister Ellis.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. C. S. Weigel.

Roll call. Minutes read and approved.

Brother Samuel S. Cameron, of the Free Methodist Church, was introduced to the conference and made a few remarks.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders offered report in regard to the matter of receiving S. S. Cameron. Report adopted. See report.

The Committee on Nominations gave a partial report and named the following persons to the respective committees:

Disbursement of Superannuated Ministers' Fund: Geo. Fry, Frank Ballou.

Auditing Committee: Ira Bradley, Geo. Barnett.

Resolution of Thanks: Austin Breneman.

Missions: Mrs. Bertha Ellis.

Sunday Schools: Mrs. Amy Breneman, Mrs. Tena Sams.

Resolutions: F. E. Fitch, A. B. Gould, S. S. Cameron.

Post Offices: Cameron Weigel.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams of Kansas, who were with us conducting the singing of the conference camp-meeting, were introduced to the conference.

Geo. Fry brought the matter of the parsonage at College Springs before the conference. The president made the statement that fifty-three dollars and seventy-five cents [\$53.75] was received as rent from this property and that this property could be disposed of for seven hundred and fifty dollars [\$750] minus two per cent commission.

At this juncture, Rev. and Mrs. Joe Clawson, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, were introduced to the conference.

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F. A. Butterfield moved that the property at College Springs be disposed of and that this matter be referred to a committee of which Geo. Fry should be the chairman. Motion prevailed. Motion carried that Frank Ballou and F. J. Wilson act as members on this committee.

President then stated that Mount Carmel property had been disposed of for seventy-five dollars.

On motion it was made the order of the day at 10 o'clock on Friday morning to elect the conference officers.

The Rev. S. S. Cameron presented the matter of moving the Wesleyan Methodist church now located at Howardville, Iowa, to Charles City, Iowa, and asked that a committee of three be appointed to investigate this matter, and that this committee be empowered to proceed with the removal of the church and to make report of such action to this conference. Motion prevailed that such committee be appointed, of which F. J. Wilson was made chairman and S. S. Cameron and Geo. Fry the other members.

Moved that the conference appropriate an amount not to exceed two hundred dollars for this purpose, said amount to be used at the discretion of the president. Motion carried.

The matter of establishing a Wesleyan Methodist Church at Oskaloosa, Iowa, was taken up. Moved that there be elected a committee to take under consideration the advisability of establishing a Wesleyan Methodist church in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and, if deemed advisable by this committee, that there be appropriated from the building fund of this conference the sum of five hundred dollars [\$500] to be drawn on when three-fourths of the necessary amount for such work shall have been secured. Motion carried. Motion carried that the conference president be chairman of such committee and that the other members be Joe Clawson and Frank Ballou.

Motion to adjourn prevailed.

Wednesday, Second Day, Forenoon

Conference opened by song service in charge of Edwin Ellis.

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Devotional services were in charge of the president, he reading, 1 Peter, 1 chapter, and prayer.

Roll call.

Minutes were read and approved.

The Connectional Agent, Rev. Seekins, and the Rev. Carpenter, the Connectional Educational Secretary, were introduced to the conference.

The following partial report of the Nominating Committee was received and adopted:

Committee on Pastoral Relations: G. J. Cameron, F. E. Fitch, S. S. Cameron, Cameron Weigel, F. Ballou, Emma Bliss.

Memorials: G. S. Fry, A. B. Gould.

Examination of Character: Ira E. Bradley and Ullis Hekel.

On motion it was made the order of the day on Wednesday afternoon, immediately after the conference sermon to hear Brother Carpenter, the Connectional Educational Secretary, speak on Christian Education.

On motion it was ordered that Rev. Seekins, the Connectional Agent, be given the time Thursday afternoon after 2 o'clock.

The Committee on Credentials reported the name of Mable Howlett as delegate from Marengo and her name was ordered to be placed on the Conference Roll.

On motion, Friday at 2 o'clock was set as the time for hearing Brother Jennings, the Connectional Editor, while Saturday afternoon was given to the Woman's Missionary Society with Brothers Carpenter and Ashton as speakers.

Brother Ashton, our missionary elect to India, was introduced to the conference.

Motion prevailed to proceed to fix the place of holding the next annual session. Invitations were received from Marengo and La Porte City. On vote by roll call, La Porte City was unanimously chosen. It was therefore ordered that the next annual session of the conference and the conference camp-meeting be held at La Porte City, Iowa.

The passage of characters was taken up and the names of R. W.

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Mack, J. T. Platt and A. Johnson were called. The names of R. W. Mack and J. T. Platt were passed, and it was moved that the name of A. Johnson be referred to a committee to be appointed by the president. Motion carried and committee appointed as follows: F. A. Butterfield, Geo. Cameron and Cameron Weigel.

The report of the president was read, the vice-president occupying the chair. Motion prevailed that this report be adopted item by item, the financial portion of the same being referred to the Auditing Committee. Report adopted. See report.

Motion to adjourn prevailed.

Wednesday, Second Day, Afternoon

Conference called to order by song service.

Mrs. L. A. Bishop had charge of the devotional service reading the 26th Psalm and offering prayer.

The Rev. A. T. Jennings, the Connectional Editor, was introduced to the conference and made a few remarks.

Minutes read and approved.

Motion prevailed that the president of the conference be given one hundred dollars [\$100] from the conference fund additional to the amount which he has received for the present conference year.

Motion prevailed that the conference grant a sum not to exceed fifty dollars from the conference building fund for necessary repairs on the Albaton parsonage. Motion carried.

Motion prevailed that the provisions found on page eleven of the published minutes of the Iowa Conference of 1909 in regard to the Union Ridge church remain in force during the ensuing year.

The Committee on Sunday Schools presented its report. Report adopted. See report. The chairman of this committee, Mrs. Amy Breneman, gave some most helpful remarks on this subject followed by remarks by F. A. Butterfield and Rev. Seekins. A collection was taken to defray incidental expenses incurred by this committee during the year.

The order of the day being called for the Rev. Geo. Fry preached the conference sermon from Rom. 1:16, following which

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Rev. E. Carpenter, Connectional Educational Secretary, addressed the conference in the interests of Christian education. After concluding his remarks a subscription amounting to four hundred and forty-five dollars [\$445] was taken for the Miltonvale school.

On motion conference adjourned.

Benediction by F. E. Fitch.

Thursday, Third Day, Forenoon

Conference opened by song service in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Breneman.

The devotionals were in charge of Mrs. Bertha Ellis, she reading from the fourth chapter of Ephesians and offering prayer.

Roll call.

Minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials read the credentials of C. P. Hovey, delegate from the Union Ridge church, and he was given a seat in the conference.

The Committee on Superannuated Ministers' Fund handed in its report. In the discussion following relative to this report, a letter from Rev. J. T. Platt was read and prayers were offered in his behalf. Report adopted. See report.

On motion it was made the order of the day that on Friday afternoon after the address by Rev. A. T. Jennings, the Connectional Editor, the conference listen to memorial services for the late Rev. Thos. Hartley and the Rev. A. B. Wilkinson.

Motion prevailed that there be appropriated from the conference fund such an amount as deemed necessary by the Camp-meeting Committee to sufficiently renumerate Rev. Henry Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams, of Kansas, who had charge of the evangelistic services during camp-meeting and conference, for their services in these meetings.

The conference Camp-meeting Committee handed in its report. Report adopted. See report.

The matter of passage of character was taken up and the fol-

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lowing names were considered: C. M. Howe, W. H. Riley, T. F. Blair, L. W. Easton, B. F. Logsdon, G. C. Houck, H. E. Buck, Laura Everett and J. W. Leedy, all of which were passed except that of Laura Everett which was deferred for future action. In the discussion incident to this matter letters of greeting from L. W. Easton and H. E. Buck were read.

Name of F. A. Butterfield called and his character passed.

Adjourned by limitation. Benediction by Rev. Fitch.

Thursday, Third Day, Afternoon

Conference opened by song service conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams, of Kansas.

Willard McDowell, of Oskaloosa, had charge of the devotional service, reading the 58th chapter of Isaiah and offering prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials reported the name of Mrs. Rachael Rogers, delegate from the South Troy church, and on motion she was given a seat in the conference.

The following names were called and characters passed: Geo. J. Cameron, F. J. Wilson, Geo. S. Fry, S. S. Cameron and Mrs. L. A. Bishop.

The order of the day being called, the conference listened to a most interesting address by the Rev. Seekins in the interest of the corporate societies of our Church.

The names of Bertha Ellis, Cameron Weigel, Laura Everett and Ira E. Bradley were called and passed. A letter from Laura Everett was read and she was granted a letter of standing, at her request.

The president read a letter from G. C. Houck.

At this juncture the conference president took a collection for the purpose of purchasing a new Bible to present our beloved brother, Evangelist Rev. H. H. Williams, of Miltonvale, Kan., it being his fifty-sixth birthday.

Motion to adjourn prevailed.

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Friday, Fourth Day, Forenoon

Song service was conducted by Edwin and Bertha Ellis.

Mrs. Jennie Clawson, of Oskaloosa, had charge of devotionals.

Roll call.

Minutes read and approved.

On request of Cameron Weigel, the president excused him from the committee to which the matter of passing the name and character of A. Johnson was referred. This same committee handed in its report, which, being amended, was adopted. See report.

The order of the day being called, the conference proceeded to the election of officers, after offering a prayer for guidance.

Upon the first formal ballot, F. J. Wilson received ten of the seventeen votes cast for president and was thereby elected.

On first ballot for vice-president, F. A. Butterfield received nine of the seventeen votes cast and was thus elected.

On first ballot for secretary, Ruby Paine received sixteen of the seventeen votes cast and was thus elected. W. R. Emerson received thirteen of the seventeen votes cast for conference treasurer and was thus elected.

On motion the tellers were instructed to cast a unanimous vote for Mrs. Bertha Ellis as statistical secretary for the ensuing year. This done, she was declared elected.

For member on the Committee of Itinerancy and Orders Geo. S. Fry was elected for a term of three years.

Motion prevailed that the time for adjournment be extended twenty minutes.

For conference trustee on first ballot, Geo. J. Cameron received thirteen of the sixteen votes cast and was thus elected for a term of five years.

On motion Mrs. Amy Breneman was elected Sunday School Secretary.

On motion Rev. Ira E. Bradley was elected tithing secretary.

Motion prevailed that the present Advisory Committee be continued throughout the present year.

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Motion prevailed that the name of A. B. Gould be substituted for that of R. W. Mack on the Missionary Board and that otherwise the Board be continued throughout the year.

Moved that the name of Ira E. Bradley be substituted for that of Frank A. Butterfield on the Committee of Presidency and that otherwise the committee remain unchanged. Motion carried.

On motion the following Camp-Meeting Committee was elected: S. S. Cameron, F. J. Wilson, Cameron Weigel, Geo. J. Cameron, and A. B. Gould, with W. R. Emerson as treasurer of the same.

On motion the present Judicial Committee was retained with the substitution of the name of S. S. Cameron for the name of F. A. Butterfield.

On motion the name of S. S. Cameron was substituted for that of F. A. Butterfield on the Student Committee and the committee remained otherwise unchanged.

Adjourned by limitation. Benediction by F. E. Fitch.

Friday, Fourth Day, Afternoon

Conference opened with a song service in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Breneman.

Prayer was offered by the president.

Minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Resolution of Thanks read its report which was adopted and ordered to be read at the public service on Sunday morning.

A. B. Gould made the statement that the money, sixty-eight dollars [\$68] received from the sale of the County Line church in Minnesota had been used to partially pay for a tent, and that the remainder of cost of the same had been paid from his own resources.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made its final report, which was adopted. See report.

Following names were called and characters passed: A. B. Gould, F. E. Fitch, Amy E. Breneman, A. P. Breneman.

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On motion it was ordered that the minutes of this conference be published under the supervision of the secretary, at the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing House, and that the cost of publication of same be paid from the conference fund.

Motion prevailed that the conference treasurer be paid ten dollars [\$10] and the secretary five dollars [\$5] from the conference fund as a remuneration for their services.

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

The order of the day being called for the conference listened to an instructive address by the Rev. A. T. Jennings, the Connectional Editor, on the subject of Christian Literature, following which memorial services were held for our lately deceased brothers, the Rev. Thos. Hartley and the Rev. A. B. Wilkinson, which were conducted by Geo. S. Fry and A. B. Gould, assisted by Rev. A. T. Jennings.

The name of W. R. Emerson was called and his character passed.

Adjourned on motion. Benediction by A. B. Gould.

Saturday, Fifth Day, Forenoon

Song service by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams of Kansas.

Devotionals were conducted by W. R. Emerson, he reading the 67th Psalm and offering prayer.

Roll call. Minutes read and approved.

The Auditing Committee handed in its report which was adopted. See report.

The conference treasurer tendered his report, which, on motion, was referred to the Auditing Committee.

On recommendation of the president, motion prevailed that Edwin and Bertha Ellis be given fifty dollars [\$50] from the conference fund as remuneration for evangelistic services held during the past year.

The statistical report was read and adopted. See report.

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The Committee on Post Offices tendered its report which was adopted. See report.

The Student Committee handed in its report. Report adopted. See report.

The Committee on Resolutions read its report, which, on motion, was considered and passed section by section.

Motion prevailed that the time be extended for transaction of necessary business.

On motion report of last named committee was adopted in full. See report.

The Auditing Committee made its report on the treasurer's books and accounts which was adopted. See report.

Motion prevailed that the matter of putting in cement walks on the parsonage grounds at College Springs be placed entirely in the hands of the president, and that he see that these improvements are made.

On motion conference adjourned. Benediction by Geo. S. Fry.

Saturday, Fourth Day, Afternoon

Conference called to order by song service following which devotionals were conducted by Geo. S. Fry.

Minutes read and approved.

The committee having in charge the matter of disposing of the College Springs parsonage read its report and motion prevailed to adopt the same. See report.

The Committee on Pastoral Relations read its report which was adopted. See report.

Motion prevailed to adjourn and conference adjourned sine die. Benediction by Rev. Seekins.

REPORTS

President's Report

With thanks to God for His great mercy and forbearance and to the ministry and churches of the Iowa Conference for love, sym-

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pathy and co-operation, and with a deep sense of our own weakness and inefficiency, we submit the following report:

1. September 25, 1909—Received the resignation of Rev. F. A. Butterfield as pastor of St. Charles church. The arrangement to serve the church half the time was neither desirable or workable. He arranged to give all of his time to the Hoover charge.

2. October 13. Loaned to F. A. Butterfield on his personal note one hundred thirty-five dollars (\$135.) from the building fund for nine months at six per cent; loaned to F. J. Wilson six hundred dollars (\$600.) for two years at six per cent; loaned to C. P. Hovey four hundred dollars (\$400.) for two years at six per cent.

3. October 29. Ordered delinquent tax of six dollars and thirty-three cents (\$6.33) on the Vinton church property be paid from the Building Fund. (These papers are with the conference treasurer.)

4. February 8, 1910. Approved the arrangement for the Rev. S. S. Cameron, of the Free Methodist church to serve the St. Charles church the remainder of the conference year.

5. May 27. Sold the Mt. Carmel property for seventy-five dollars (\$75.) and secured of the conference trustees a quit claim deed for the same. (This matter is not entirely closed as yet.)

6. The repairs and improvements of the Guthrie Center church property, ordered by the last session of the conference to be done under the supervision of the conference president was completed as soon as possible after the conference. The entire expense was one hundred twenty dollars and eleven cents (\$120.11).

7. We did not get down to College Springs to look after the painting and repairs of the College Springs church. Received fifty-three dollars and thirty-five cents (\$53.35) rent from this parsonage, and placed the same in the treasury.

8. We traveled the conference what we could consistent with home duties making sixteen appointments, charging the conference ten dollars (\$10.) and expenses for each appointment.

9. Collected on the conference fund from various sources three

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hundred nine dollars and eighty-three cents (\$309.83) and turned the same into the conference treasury.

10. Issued the following orders on treasury:

No. 94, Oct. 29, to T. J. Wilson, Vinton tax (building fund) \$6.33.

No. 95, Oct. 29, to E. V. Teahy for Guthrie Center property (building fund), \$66.20.

No. 96, Nov. 10, to F. J. Wilson for Geo. J. Cameron (building fund), \$7.

No. 97, Nov. 16, to F. J. Wilson for Guthrie Center property (building fund) \$56.91.

No. 98, Dec. 7, to W. J. Seekins, publishing conference minutes and postage (conference fund), \$38.26.

No. 99, Dec. 17, to A. B. Gould for Bertha Ellis (conference fund) \$10.

No. 100, Dec. 24, to F. A. Butterfield, work on minutes, (conference fund) \$5.

No. 101, Mar. 18, to F. J. Wilson, for Conference Record Books (conference fund) \$7.76.

No. 102, Apr. 5, to A. P. Breneiman for Emanuel property (building fund) \$25.

No. 103, Sept. 12, to F. J. Wilson, salary (conference fund) \$20.

No. 104, Aug. 29, to F. J. Wilson, salary and expenses (conference fund) \$261.13.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. Wilson, President.

Treasurer's Report

Report of the treasurer of the Iowa Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church from Sept. 9, 1909 to Sept. 8, 1910.

Superannuated Minister's Fund: Cash on hand September 9, 1909 \$165.23; Receipts for year, \$75.08; Total, \$240.31; Disbursements, \$60.00; Cash in fund, \$180.31.

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Home Missions: Receipts, \$21.75; Disbursements, \$21.75.

Foreign Missions: Receipts, \$86.23; Disbursements, \$86.23.

Conference Fund: Cash on hand September 10, 1909, \$13.41; Receipts for year, \$533.42; Total, \$546.83; Disbursements, \$337.60; Cash in fund, \$209.23.

Building Fund: Cash on hand September 10, 1909, \$1240.26; Receipts for year, \$642.63; Total, \$1882.89; Disbursements, \$378.86; Amount in fund, \$1504.03.

Camp-meeting Fund: Cash on hand September 10, \$21.02; Receipts for year, \$96.69; Total, \$117.71; Disbursements, \$14.51; Amount in fund, \$103.20.

Conference Fund for use in Minnesota: Cash on hand, \$78.56; Disbursements, none; Cash on hand, \$78.56.

Tent Fund: Cash on hand, \$1.45; Disbursements, none; Cash on hand, \$1.45.

Student Fund: Cash on hand, September 10, 1909, \$6.83; Receipts \$134.21; Total, 141.04; Disbursements, \$126.53; Cash in fund, \$14.51.

Totals: Total amount for the year, \$3121.48. Total disbursements, \$1025.48; Total amount in treasury, \$2096.00.

Interest received on deposits during year, \$68.49. Loans from Building Fund: Rev. J. T. Platt, \$49.00; Rev. F. A. Butterfield, \$135.00; Rev. F. J. Wilson, \$600.00; Mr. C. P. Hovey, \$400.00; Total, \$1184.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Emerson, Treasurer.

Report of Committee on Pastoral Relations

1. How many elders on the conference roll? 19.
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, Ira E. Bradley, S. S. Cameron.

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3. Who of the elders are on the unstationed list? None.
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4. Who are the elders on the supernumerary list? C. M. Howe, J. B. Omerod.
5. Who of the elders are on the superannuated list? W. H. Riley, T. F. Blair, 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? None.
8. Who have joined the conference this year? (1) By ordination? None. (2) By transfer? None. (3) By letter of standing? S. S. Cameron.
9. Who of the elders died this year? Thomas Hartley, A. B. Wilkinson.
10. How many licentiates are on the conference roll? 11.
11. Who of the licentiates are on the stationed list? A. P. Breneman, C. S. Weigel, Amy Breneman, Bertha Ellis, J. W. Leedy, G. C. Houck, H. E. Buck.
12. What has been contributed on the several charges and stations for the support of (1) Preaching? \$3,895.84. (2) Evangelists? \$389.84. (3) Superannuated ministers? \$76.08. (4) Home missions? \$77.60. (5) Foreign Missions? \$504.52. (6) Conference Missions? \$435.48. (7) Education? \$528.35. (8) Sunday Schools? \$242.32. (9) Building and repairs? \$722.80. (10) Incidental expenses? \$355.65. (11) Other benevolent objects? \$498.46. Total, \$8,777.56.
13. What number are in the Connection? (1) Full membership? 674. (2) Probationers? None.
14. How many churches on the conference roll? 20.
15. Sunday Schools: (1) Number of? 15. (2) Superintendents? 15. (3) Teachers? 58. (4) Scholars? 741.
16. How is the work supplied? South Troy, F. A. Butterfield; Emmanuel, A. P. and Amy Breneman; Dayton, To be supplied; Rosalie, C. S. Weigel; Albaton, C. S. Weigel; Union Ridge, W. R. Emerson; Bennezette, W. R. Emerson; Hoover, Bertha Ellis assisted

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by her husband Edwin Ellis of the Friends Church; St. Charles, S. S. Cameron; Dundee, Mt. Hope, Masonville, Ira E. Bradley; Marengo, Geo. J. Cameron; Bethel, Pilot Rock, College Springs, Elm Ridge, Guthrie Center, Ponca Mission, Guthrie Circuit, Concord, Neb., Diagonal, Beula, Vinton, Howardville, Wayne, Maquoketa, In hand of president; H. E. Buck, Missionary in Oregon; J. W. Leedy, Teacher in Central Holiness University; Geo. S. Fry, R. W. Mack, A. B. Gould, In hands of the president; Mrs. L. A. Bishop, Conference Missionary; F. E. Fitch, Evangelist at large; G. C. Houck, Missionary Evangelist.

17. Place of next conference. Emmanuel. Time fixed by standing rule of conference.

(Signed) F. J. Wilson,
Geo. J. Cameron,
F. Ballou,
E. L. Bliss,
S. S. Cameron,
Cameron S. Weigel,
Frank E. Fitch.

Report of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders

Your committee offers the following report:

In the case of Rev. S. S. Cameron: After careful and prayerful examination of the facts we find that he was at the time of his coming among us, an elder in good standing in the Platt River Conference of the Free Methodist Church. We recommend that he be received into the Iowa annual conference as a member in full standing upon his credentials of standing, which he is hereby required to place before the conference president for his examination and approval at the earliest possible date.

That C. S. Weigel has passed in two of the books of the course of study with the following grades: Discipline, 95; Binney's Com-

Statistical Report

Circuits	Pastors	Time Employed (Mo.)	Appointments	Number of Churches	Members Received	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Present Number	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Licentiates	Wesleyan Meth. taken	S. S. Banners	Wesleyan S. S. Helps	No. of Sunday Schools	Superintendents	Teachers	Scholars	Books in Library	Meeting Houses	Value of	Parsonages	Value of	Pastor's Salary	Evangelist's Receipts	Superannuated Ministers	Missions	Education	Dollar Plan	Sabbath Schools	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Other Benevolent Objects	Pastor's Donation	Conference Fund	Y. M. W. Band	Rent on Parsonages	Total for all Expenses
Fair View	Geo. J. Cameron	12	1	1	1	1	1	50	30	2		3	17	15	20	45	1	7	52	1	1	\$1000 00	1	\$1500 00	\$500 00	\$50 70	\$12 63	\$149 65	\$160 00	\$23 50	\$242 32	\$722 80	\$455 65	\$498 46	\$466 45	\$493 45	\$100 00	\$1742 97	
Hoover	F. A. Butterfield	12	1	1	5	1	1	57	17			8	14	8	20	45	1	4	60	38	2	1200 00	1	800 00	300 00	61 44	20 54	42 00	49 50	23 96	11 55	80 02	72 98	75 00	60 35	72 00	840 28		
Dundee Mt. Hope, Masonville, I. E. Bradley	S. S. Cameron	12	3	2	7	4	1	61	17			1	15	15	20	30	1	4	65	36	1	1600 00	1	1600 00	333 30	15 27	7 30	26 91	10 07	30 00	35 30	10 00	43 61	10 00	2 00	58 21	558 21		
St. Charles	S. S. Cameron	8	1	1	1	1	1	11	11			1	5	8	2	1	1	3	25	30	1	1000 00	1	1500 00	166 55	38 88	55	10 00	10 00	60 00	60 00	2 00	57 58	57 58	10 04	10 04	297 63		
Guthrie Center Circuit	Laura A. Everett	11	1	1	1	1	1	14	14			1	4	7	15	1	1	2	40	1	1	500 00	1	350 00	44 15	27 50	50	14 00	100 00	25 07	10 10	11 65	4 80	100 00	18 96	105 17	140 57		
Rebelle, Neb.	O. S. Weigel	12	1	1	5	6	1	22	19			1	4	7	15	1	1	2	40	1	1	1750 00	1	350 00	44 15	27 50	50	14 00	100 00	4 05	1 50	53 35	141 25	100 00	34 42	50 00	1255 10		
Albion	F. E. Fitch	12	1	1	1	1	1	62	67			1	14	15	15	1	1	5	92	90	1	1600 00	1	1200 00	500 00	17 00	14 00	96 82	100 00	16 35	22 00	74 91	106 93	75 90	58 35	50 00	1167 62		
Dayton	A. P. and A. M. Brennan	12	1	1	1	1	1	70	4			1	15	18	60	1	1	4	25	20	1	1200 00	1	1200 00	250 85	15 20	6 55	49 97	115 28	14 35	30 78	74 91	6 00	75 90	58 35	50 00	569 06		
South Troy	A. P. and A. M. Brennan	12	1	1	1	1	1	32	4			1	1	12	18	48	1	1	3	25	1	1000 00	1	1200 00	100 00	17 00	3 80	101 72	16 00	20 27	25 21	3 18	11 00	41 20	52 55	10 00	176 60	8 50	
Bennettsville	W. B. Emerson	12	1	1	1	1	1	4	4			1	1	12	18	48	1	1	3	25	1	400 00	1	1200 00	100 00	17 00	3 80	101 72	16 00	20 27	25 21	3 18	11 00	41 20	52 55	10 00	176 60	8 50	
Union Ridge	G. C. Houck	12	1	1	1	1	1	16	16			1	12	12	12	12	1	1	50	1	1	1000 00	1	1000 00	100 00	17 00	3 80	101 72	16 00	20 27	25 21	3 18	11 00	41 20	52 55	10 00	176 60	8 50	
Pilot Rock		12	1	1	1	1	1	12	12			1	12	12	12	12	1	1	50	1	1	1000 00	1	1000 00	100 00	17 00	3 80	101 72	16 00	20 27	25 21	3 18	11 00	41 20	52 55	10 00	176 60	8 50	
West Union		12	1	1	1	1	1	12	12			1	12	12	12	12	1	1	50	1	1	1000 00	1	1000 00	100 00	17 00	3 80	101 72	16 00	20 27	25 21	3 18	11 00	41 20	52 55	10 00	176 60	8 50	
Wayne		12	1	1	1	1	1	12	12			1	12	12	12	12	1	1	50	1	1	1000 00	1	1000 00	100 00	17 00	3 80	101 72	16 00	20 27	25 21	3 18	11 00	41 20	52 55	10 00	176 60	8 50	
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Bethel		12	1	1	1	1	1	12	12			1	12	12	12	12	1	1	50	1	1	1000 00	1	1000 00	100 00	17 00	3 80	101 72	16 00	20 27	25 21	3 18	11 00	41 20	52 55	10 00	176 60	8 50	
College Springs		12	1	1	1	1	1	12	12			1	12	12	12	12	1	1	50	1	1	1000 00	1	1000 00	100 00	17 00	3 80	101 72	16 00	20 27	25 21	3 18	11 00	41 20	52 55	10 00	176 60	8 50	
Ponce Mission		12	1	1	1	1	1	12	12			1	12	12	12	12	1	1	50	1	1	1000 00	1	1000 00	100 00	17 00	3 80	101 72	16 00	20 27	25 21	3 18	11 00	41 20	52 55	10 00	176 60	8 50	
Concord, Neb.		12	1	1	1	1	1	12	12			1	12	12	12	12	1	1	50	1	1	1000 00	1	1000 00	100 00	17 00	3 80	101 72	16 00	20 27	25 21	3 18	11 00	41 20	52 55	10 00	176 60	8 50	
Diagonal		12	1	1	1	1	1	12	12			1	12	12	12	12	1	1	50	1	1	1000 00	1	1000 00	100 00	17 00	3 80	101 72	16 00	20 27	25 21	3 18	11 00	41 20	52 55	10 00	176 60	8 50	
Vinton		12	1	1	1	1	1	12	12			1	12	12	12	12	1	1	50	1	1	1000 00	1	1000 00	100 00	17 00	3 80	101 72	16 00	20 27	25 21	3 18	11 00	41 20	52 55	10 00	176 60	8 50	
Howardville		12	1	1	1	1	1	12	12			1	12	12	12	12	1	1	50	1	1	1000 00	1	1000 00	100 00	17 00	3 80	101 72	16 00	20 27	25 21	3 18	11 00	41 20	52 55	10 00	176 60	8 50	
Beulah		12	1	1	1	1	1	12	12			1	12	12	12	12	1	1	50	1	1	1000 00	1	1000 00	100 00	17 00	3 80	101 72	16 00	20 27	25 21	3 18	11 00	41 20	52 55	10 00	176 60	8 50	
Homer, Neb.		12	1	1	1	1	1	12	12			1	12	12	12	12	1	1	50	1	1	1000 00	1	1000 00	100 00	17 00	3 80	101 72	16 00	20 27	25 21	3 18	11 00	41 20	52 55	10 00	176 60	8 50	
Total		144	18	17	20	11	10	17	674	27		11	140	124	490	15	15	68	741	277	20	\$19650 00	14	\$13100 00	\$3892 28	\$859 54	\$76 08	\$557 62	\$528 35	\$242 32	\$722 80	\$555 65	\$498 46	\$466 45	\$493 45	\$100 00	\$1742 97		

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pend, 80; and we recommend that he be continued in the course of study, first year.

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

That Austin Breneman has passed in two of the books of the course of study as follows: Binney's Compend, 99; Discipline, 95. That he be continued in the course of study.

That Bertha Ellis be continued in the course of study.

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

That C. S. Weigel, Austin Breneman, and Amy Breneman shall be authorized as annual conference preachers as provided for on page 255 of the Discipline.

(Signed) A. B. Gould,
F. A. Butterfield,
Geo. Barnett,
Ulis Hekel,
Mrs. L. A. Bishop.

Report of Student Committee

Your committee submits the following report:

Our sister, Miriam Day, conference student at Houghton, N. Y., returned to Houghton last fall where she continued throughout the year making a very credible showing.

We feel that her expense account is a remarkable document and for the encouragement and information of prospective students at our schools is included in full and is as follows:

Report for First Semester 1908-1909

Receipts	\$75 00
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Disbursements

Railroad fare	\$19 72
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Transfers	65
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Hotel bills	1 00
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Board	20 95
Tuition	5 00
Tutors	6 00
Books	3 75
Incidentals	85
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Total	57 92
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Balance	\$17 08

Report for Second Semester 1908-1909

Receipts	\$90 00
Balance	17 08
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Total	\$107 08

Disbursements

Tuition	\$15 00
Tutor	10 00
Books	2 35
Board	43 72
Incidentals	1 35
Railroad fare	17 55
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Total	\$89 97
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Balance	\$17 11

We find that there are on the treasurer's books subscriptions to the amount of \$130.00; received during the year, \$134.21; expended, \$126.53; cash on hand, \$14.51. It will be necessary to raise the subscription list as much as possible at once to meet the expense for the remainder of Sister Miriam's course, and also to raise sufficient funds for immediate use to meet expenses necessary

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for her early return to Houghton at the close of this conference session.

(Signed) F. A. Butterfield,
W. R. Emerson,
F. J. Wilson.

Report of Committee in the Matter of A. Johnson

Your committee to which was referred the investigation of the facts relative to the relation of Albert Johnson to this conference submit the following:

We have carefully considered the matter referred to us and find that our Brother Johnson has joined another religious denomination known as the Apostolic Holiness Union Association, which exercises the rights and functions of a church, and that he is exercising official authority in that body by ordaining ministers, which is contrary to the Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection. (See Discipline page 86, par. 1.) We, therefore, report that by his own action he has severed his relation with us and is no longer a member of the conference. (See Discipline, page 70, par. 6.)

We recommend that before the execution of the above report that Brother Johnson is given the privilege of withdrawing from the Apostolic Holiness Union and retaining his membership in the conference and that the matter of presenting this option to Brother Johnson be placed in the hands of the conference president and be reported upon at the next session of this conference.

(Signed) F. A. Butterfield,
Geo. J. Cameron,
Committee.

Disbursements of Superannuated Ministers' Fund.

Your Committee on Disbursement of Superannuated Ministers' Fund recommend that appropriations be made from the Super-

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annuated Ministers' Fund as follows: Sister John Balch, \$20.; Sister S. A. Gilley, \$20; Sister Thos. Hartley, \$20; Rev. J. T. Platt, \$20.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. S. Fry,
Frank Ballou.

Missions

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God that we lift up our eyes and behold the constantly widening borders of our mission fields, both home and foreign.

We are truly grateful to God for the prosperity with which He has blessed us these last years.

With this prosperity on the distant fields there comes to us an urgent appeal for support. We must never lose sight of the fact that we are an important factor in this great work. He who said, "Go ye," also said, "How shall they preach except they be sent?" While many of us may never go in person it is our great privilege to help send.

We all understand that if our missionary work continues to prosper we must give of our means, and not only give but increase our giving. What we do not so clearly understand, perhaps, is that the first and great need is that of earnest, definite prayer for the workers and the needs of the different fields. Could this be fully realized and practiced, God's children tarrying before Him until they get a vision of the needs of this work, the financial problem would be forever settled.

Let us, therefore, as a conference go forth with a renewed determination to redouble our efforts along this line, trusting in Jehovah for success.

Bertha Ellis, Committee.

Report of the Committee on Nominations

Your committee begs to offer the following report:

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Disbursement of Superannuated Ministers' Fund: Geo. Fry,
Frank Ballou.

Auditing Committee: Ira Bradley, Geo. Barnett.

Resolution of Thanks: Austin Breneman.

Missions: Mrs. Bertha Ellis.

Sunday Schools: Mrs. Amy Breneman, Mrs. Tena Sams.

Resolutions: F. E. Fitch, A. B. Gould, S. S. Cameron.

Postoffices: Cameron Weigel.

Committee on Pastoral Relations: G. J. Cameron, F. E. Fitch,
S. S. Cameron, Cameron Weigel, F. Ballou, Emma Bliss.

Memorials: G. S. Fry, A. B. Gould.

Examination of Character: Ira E. Bradley, Ulis Hekel.

Geo. J. Cameron,

F. A. Butterfield,

F. E. Fitch,

Committee.

Report of Committee on College Springs Parsonage

The committee on the College Springs property recommend that the property be not sold during the year. Provided, however, that if for a reason not now apparent to the conference, the president may, with the approval of the Advisory board, dispose of the property at the best figure possible.

Geo. S. Fry,

F. J. Wilson,

F. Ballou.

Resolution of Thanks

Resolved, That inasmuch as the pastor and the members of the Bennezette church and the people of the community have so grandly entertained us during our sojourn here, that the Iowa Conference as a body return them a hearty vote of thanks and

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may the God of peace abundantly reward them for their labor of love.

A. P. Breneman, Committee.

Committee on Sunday Schools

We often hear the assertion that the Sunday School is the nursery of the Church. We, as your committee, are agreed that the above words are well founded.

In God's Word we find that "Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it. . . . that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:26, 27.

In view of these facts, resolved that we, as the Iowa Conference, redouble our energies in expanding our Sabbath Schools and adopting methods which will enable us to reach the young within our limits, and, having reached them, by the help of Him who has promised to give wisdom to all men liberally and upbraideth not, to win them for God and the Church.

Amy M. Breneman.

Committee on Resolutions

Your Committee on Resolutions submit the following report:

Whereas, there is a tendency among professors of religion of the present day to disregard the divine command, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy," and to engage in social and secular visiting on this most sacred day and that with unsaved persons, and, whereas we find this evil is prevalent in some parts of our work, therefore be it

Resolved, that we, as a conference, are opposed to such desecration of God's holy day, and suggest that our pastors take up this phase of Christian living by preaching on this subject. To our membership we recommend that, if friends come to visit on the

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Sabbath, they be invited to accompany them to the meeting and if they refuse then kindly ask them to entertain themselves until your return.

Whereas, God has said in His written Word, "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord," (2 Cor. 7:1), and whereas the users of tobacco are scripturally unclean in person and an odorous offense to the clean, and the use of tobacco aside from its own direct, injurious effect creates an appetite for alcoholic stimulants, thereby working ruin to both body and soul and entailing misery upon others, therefore be it

Resolved, that we, as a conference, discourage the use of the same in any form, looking forward to the time when, all the conferences co-operating, it shall be made a test of membership in our Church.

Resolved, That while we are much pleased with the apparent success of temperance leagues and local option forces in putting down the liquor traffic in various localities, we still maintain that the absolute prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating drinks is the only correct solution of the problem.

Resolved, That as a conference, we continue to put forth every effort by prayer, voice, pen and ballot in putting down this curse and wiping it out of our land.

And as regards secret societies Be It

Resolved, That inasmuch as all secret fraternities trample upon our rights, defeat the administration of justice and bid defiance to every government they cannot control, and inasmuch as we believe them to be degrading, enslaving, profane, and dangerous to society, believing also that secrecy is a fit ground for suspicion, and that a bad institution ought not, and a good one need not, be secret; inasmuch also as we believe connection with any secret society to be contrary to the Word of God, (Eph. 5:11; 2 Cor. 6:14,) we do hereby declare before God and man that secret oaths, obligations and penalties and the institutions that call forth said oaths,

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obligations and penalties cannot, by any possibility, be reconciled to the morality, Christianity or civil law. It is a well-known fact that secret societies are gradually being formed into a mighty conspiracy against both Church and State. Therefore be it

Resolved, that in the face of evidence given heretofore, no enlightened Christian can consistently belong to secret orders, oath-bound or otherwise, and we, as ever, as a Connection, grant them no quarter in our midst and that we, as pastors of the Connection, shall let our light shine on this subject with more intensity than ever before and expose secrecy in all of its lowering and degrading phases and enjoin men, as did Paul to "come out from among them and be ye separate."

(Signed) Frank E. Fitch,
A. B. Gould,
S. S. Cameron.

Report of Auditing Committee

We, the undersigned Auditing Committee, submit the following:
Having carefully gone over the report and accounts of our president, Brother F. J. Wilson, we find the same to be correct.

Having examined the books, papers and vouchers of W. R. Emerson, treasurer of the conference, we find the books properly balanced and the funds fully accounted for.

Ira E. Bradley,
Geo. Barnett.

Report of Committee on Post Office Addresses Ministers

F. A. Butterfield, Hammond, Minn.
Mrs. L. A. Bishop, Easton Place Station, Des Moines, Iowa.
Geo. J. Cameron, Marengo, Iowa.
W. R. Emerson, Bristow, Iowa.

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Geo. S. Fry, Marengo, Iowa.
A. B. Gould, Jarrett, Minn.
R. W. Mack, Miltonvale, Kan.
J. T. Platt, Scranton, Iowa.
Albert Johnson, 2118 Cyprus St., Morningside, Sioux City, Iowa.
F. J. Wilson, Marengo, Iowa.
C. M. Howe, Elgin, Iowa.
Austin Breneman, La Porte City, Iowa.
Amy Breneman, La Porte City, Iowa.
C. S. Weigel, Sloan, Iowa.
Bertha Ellis, Walker, Iowa.
W. H. Riley, ———.
T. F. Blair, Diagonal, Iowa.
L. W. Easton, Adel, Iowa.
B. F. Logsdon, Marshalltown, Iowa.
G. C. Houck, Maquoketa, Iowa.
H. E. Buck, Oregon City, Oregon.
J. W. Leedy, University Park, Iowa.
F. E. Fitch, ———.
Ira E. Bradley, Dundee, Iowa.
S. S. Cameron, Charles City, Iowa.

Delegates.

C. P. Hovey, Dumont, Iowa.
Geo. Barnett, Aredale, Iowa.
Emma Bliss, Charles City, Iowa.
Tena Sams, Sloan, Iowa.
C. S. Weigel, Rosalie, Neb.
Ulis Hekel, Winthrop, Iowa.
Frank Ballou, University Park, Iowa.
Mable Howlett, Marengo, Iowa.
Rachael W. Rogers, Hammond, Minn.
(Signed) C. S. Weigel, Committee.

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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 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 benevolences 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

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

Adopted 1906: "Resolved that the conference tents be in charge

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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."

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME, FOREIGN AND CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR 1910

The Woman's Home, Foreign and Conference Missionary Society of the Iowa Conference met Sept. 8, 1910 in the Tabernacle on the Bennezette charge.

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

The congregation joined in singing "I love to tell the story," led by Brother and Sister Ellis.

Sister Myra Day conducted the devotionals.

The minutes of the last conference were read.

A report from the St. Charles society was read by Sister Bliss and adopted. See report.

Report from Fairview was read by Sister Bessie Brimmer and adopted. See report.

Report from South Troy was read by Sister Lottie Buttermore and adopted. See report.

A letter received from Mrs. Rogers of Cherokee, containing \$20, was read; \$10 were to be given to Foreign missions and \$10 to be appropriated as conference thought best.

A letter was also received from Dayton society containing \$5 for our Medical missionary.

The names of Brother E. D. Carpenter, Mrs. Jennie Reid Clawson, Lottie Buttermore, Bertha Ellis, Cora Howlett, Nellie Butterfield, Lillian Wiltse, Ruby Paine, Brother Frank Ballou, Clara Wilson and Mrs. L. A. Bishop were placed upon our membership roll.

Adjourned by motion.

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The Woman's Home, Foreign and Conference Missionary Society held its second meeting Saturday afternoon, Sept. 11.

Singing led by Brother and Sister C. L. Williams.

Sister Bertha Ellis conducted the devotional exercises.

Minutes were read and accepted.

Roll was called.

Report from Bennezette was read by Mrs. Geo. Ebling and adopted. See report.

Report from Dundee read by secretary and adopted. See report.

Report from Dayton Valley read by secretary, was adopted as corrected. See report.

Treasurer pro tem reported and report was adopted. See report.

Motion carried to divide our money equally between Home and Foreign Missions.

Motion carried to put half of the Home money into the "where most needed" fund.

Motion prevailed to send our Foreign missionary money directly to Brother Teter.

Motion carried to have our minutes published, with the conference minutes and paid for out of the treasury.

It was voted to elect our officers by acclamation. The result was as follows: Mrs. L. A. Bishop, president; Mrs. Bertha Ellis, vice-president; Mrs. C. A. Wilson, secretary; Mrs. Nellie Butterfield, treasurer; Mrs. Belle Cameron, Superintendent Y. M. W. B. and Organizer.

Minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned by motion.

Clara A. Wilson, Secretary.

Report of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Dundee and Mt. Hope Church

Mrs. Freeman Andrews, president.

Mrs. James Coleson, vice-president.

Miss Anna Stone, secretary and treasurer.

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Number of members, 10.

Number of meetings held, 11.

Amount in the treasury, \$9.25.

Amount sent to conference, \$5.

Bennezette

Name and address of president, Mrs. D. L. Sniffin, Bristow, Iowa.

Name and address of secretary, Mrs. Hannah Ayers, Bristow, Iowa.

Name and address of treasurer, Mrs. May Tindall, Bristow, Iowa.

Name and address of superintendent of Y. M. W. B., Mrs. Jennie Emerson, Bristow, Iowa.

Number of local societies, 1.

Increase of local societies since last report, none.

Number of active members, 15.

Number of honorary members, 1.

Total membership, 16.

Increase in membership since last report, none.

Number of members in Band or bands, 25.

Amount of money raised since last report: By membership dues, \$13.05; By free-will offerings, \$9.52; Amount received for work done, \$3.50. Total amount received, \$26.07.

Amount disbursed since last report: for Foreign Missions, \$13.04; for Home Missions, \$13.03; Value of Missionary Boxes, \$5.

Mrs. Hannah Ayers, Secretary.

Dayton Valley

Name and address of president, Mrs. Elwood Kirkpatrick, Clarence, Iowa.

Name and address of secretary, Mrs. J. B. Curran, Lowden, Iowa.

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Name and address of treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Curran, Lowden, Iowa.

Name and address of superintendent Y. M. W. B., Miss Bessie Kent, Lowden, Iowa.

Number of active members, 16.

Number of honorary members, 4.

Total membership, 20.

Increase in membership since last report, 0.

Amount of money raised since last report, \$38.03: By membership dues, \$8; Value of boxes sent to African Mission, \$10; Amount received for Medical missionary, \$5.31. Total amount received, \$38.03.

Amount disbursed since last report: For local church work, \$10; amount for Medical Missionary, \$10.31; value of missionary boxes, \$10; to conference, \$16.73.

Mrs. J. B. Curran, Secretary.

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. A. J. Anderson, Hammond, Minn.

Meetings held since last report, 12.

Number of local societies, 1.

Number of active members, 14.

Total membership, 14.

Amount of money raised since last report: By membership dues, \$5.10; by free-will offerings, 60c; for benevolent or charitable purposes, \$4.14; birthday offerings or other similar sources, \$14.30; amount received for work done, \$1.70. Total amount received, \$25.84.

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Amount disbursed since last report: Clothing sent to Medical missionary, \$5; value of work for needy, \$2; amount for medical missionary, \$5; value of missionary boxes, \$9.25.

Miscellaneous: For express on box sent to African mission, \$2.03; for express on package sent to medical missionary, 50c.

Number of bouquets sent to sick, 10.

Number of pages of literature distributed, several.

Miscellaneous Items: To Limba Band, \$5.20; to Mr. Eddy for purchasing medicine, \$2. Total disbursements, \$45.28.

Amount sent to conference, 14.30 to be divided equally between Home and Foreign.

Lottie B. Buttermore, Secretary.

St. Charles

Date of organization, 1891.

Name and address of president, Mrs. Belle Cameron, Charles City, Iowa.

Name and address of secretary, Clara Day, Charles City, Iowa.

Name and address of treasurer, Emma Bliss, Charles City, Iowa.

Number of local societies, 1.

Number of active members, 17.

Number of honorary members, 1.

Increase in membership since last report, 4.

Amount of money raised since last report: By membership dues, \$15; by free-will offerings, 82c; amount received for work done, \$2.05.

Miscellaneous: Limba Band, \$2.45; public collection, \$4.31; quilt, \$2.50. Total amount received, \$26.63.

Total disbursements since last report: For papering parsonage, \$2.50; quilt for pastor's wife, \$2.50; for material for work, \$1.45; for Limba Band, \$5.20.

For Home Missions, \$7.50; for Foreign Missions, \$7.50.

Clara Day, Secretary.

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Fairview

Date of organization, May 6, 1908.

Name and address of president, Mrs. Nellie Fry, Marengo, Iowa.

Name and address of secretary, Mrs. Lue Williams, Marengo, Iowa.

Name and address of treasurer, Mrs. Edna Watson, Marengo, Iowa.

Name and address of superintendent of Y. M. W. B., Miss Bessie Brimmer, Marengo, Iowa.

Number of local societies, 1.

Increase of local societies since last report, none.

Number of active members, 17.

Number of honorary members, 1.

Total membership, 18.

Increase in membership since last report, 4.

Number of Young Missionary Worker's Bands, 1.

Number of members in Band or Bands, 20.

Increase in membership in Band or Bands, none.

Amount of money raised since last report: By membership dues \$17; by free-will offerings, \$1.30; for benevolent or charitable purposes, \$2; by children's cards, none; value of boxes sent to African Mission, \$45.50; birthday offerings or other similar sources, none; money raised by pledges outside of membership, none; amount from Y. M. W. B. boxes, \$10.40; amount received for work done, \$3.

Miscellaneous: Donation for African work, \$1.37; meat, 90c.; Y. M. W. B. collection, \$3.18. Total amount received, \$84.65.

Amount disbursed since last report: For local church work, \$2.75; for benevolent or charitable purposes, 90c; value of missionary boxes, \$45.50; Y. M. W. B. money, \$13.58; for rugs, \$2.60; dress materials, \$2.00; quilt materials, \$1.37; paper for parsonage, \$1. Total disbursements, \$69.70.

Amount on hand, \$14.95.

Mrs. Lue Williams, Secretary.

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The meeting Saturday evening was under the auspices of the Woman's Home, Foreign and Conference Missionary Society.

Some special music was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williams.

Brother Carpenter led in prayer.

We then listened for about one hour to Brother Ashton, our missionary to India, as he gave a very interesting talk concerning India. Brother Carpenter spoke concerning our African work; at the close cash and subscriptions were taken to the amount of \$153.01.