

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Thirteenth Session

OF THE

Pennsylvania Annual Conference

OF THE

Mennonite Brethren in Christ,

CONVENED IN

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C. H. BRUNNER, Editor.

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PREFACE.

The need of a Conference Journal having been felt for a long time by our Conference, giving special rules, dates, statistics, &c., which otherwise might be overlooked or forgotten, the last Annual Conference convened at Allentown, February 7-10, 1896, has appointed W. B. Musselman, Geo. A. Campbell, and C. H. Brunner as a committee to compile and publish the same.

The committee having appointed C. H. Brunner as Editor and Publisher, has examined the Journal and endorses it.

W. B. MUSSELMAN,
GEO. A. CAMPBELL.

In compiling the first edition of this Journal we endeavored to get the different data, statistics, &c., as correct and complete as possible. We do not pretend to say that it is perfect in every respect and would humbly beg the readers to bear with any imperfections they may detect.

THE EDITOR.

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C. H. BRUNNER,
A. B. GEHRET,
O. S. HILLEGAS.

Delegates to the General Conference.

W. B. MUSSELMAN, P. E., WM. GEHMAN, C. H. BRUNNER.

Business Rules of the Conference.

1. Two sessions shall be held daily, as follows: From 8 to 11.30 A.M., and from 1 to 5 P.M.

2. The Chairman shall take his seat precisely at the time to which the Conference adjourned, open and conduct the devotional exercises. The Secretary shall call the roll, and read the minutes of the preceding session, after which business shall proceed as follows:

(a) Committee Reports. (b) Petitions. (c) Unfinished Business.
(d) Miscellaneous Business.

3. Anyone wishing to speak shall arise and respectfully address the chair. In case more than one should address the chair at the same time, the Chairman shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

4. No one shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes on any subject unless he receives permission by the chair.

5. No one shall speak the second time until all who desire have spoken. He shall then ask permission of the Chairman.

6. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preserve order.

COMMITTEES.

The following committees shall be appointed by the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Conference:

1. Committee on Worship.
2. Committee on Communication.
3. Committee on Finance.
4. Committee on Statistics.
5. Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.
6. Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.
7. Committee on Examination of Presiding Elder, Local Preachers, and Evangelists.
8. Auditing Committee.

Other Committees.

1. Committee on Examination of Probationers on the Reading Course.
2. Committee over the Presiding Elder.
3. Poor Committee or Board of Deacons.
4. Stationing Committee.
5. Boundary Committee.
6. Foreign Mission Board.
7. Home Mission Board.

Special Laws and Resolutions.

We reprint here from the Records for convenient reference the following Laws and Resolutions, together with the time of their enactment:

I.—MEMBERS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

A.—The following shall be the members of the Annual Conference:

- (a) Ordained Ministers.
- (b) Probationers who have a charge.
- (c) One delegate from each charge, elected by ballot at the last Quarterly Conference in the Conference year. [*Act of General Conference, 1892.*]

B.—ADVISORY MEMBERS.

The following shall be Advisory Members of the Annual Conference:

- (a) Annual Conference Licensed Evangelists.
- (b) Quarterly Conference Licensed Evangelists.
- (c) Local Workers. [*Enacted February 7, 1896.*]

C.—It is requested that all the members of the Annual Conference shall be present at each session. In case of absence they shall submit a written report and cause of absence. [*Enacted February 3, 1892.*]

D.—If a Delegate fails to be present at the beginning of the Annual Conference Session, except detained through sickness or accident, the Conference is not bound to recognize him as a member. [*Enacted February 3, 1894.*]

II.—READING COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

Bible—Books to be assigned by Examining Committee.
 Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.—*Walker*, Chapters 1-5.
 Handbook of Christian Theology.—*Field*, Chapters 1-3.
 Church History.—*Fisher*, to page 240.
 Lessons in Holiness.—*Doty*.

SECOND YEAR.

Bible—Books to be assigned by Examining Committee.
 Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.—*Walker*, Chapters 6-12.
 Handbook of Christian Theology.—*Field*, Chapters 4-10.
 Church History.—*Fisher*, page 240-484.
 Reformed Pastor.

THIRD YEAR.

Bible—Books to be assigned by Examining Committee.
 Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.—*Walker*, Chapter 13 to end.
 Handbook of Christian Theology.—*Field*, Chapters 11-19.
 Church History.—*Fisher*, page 484 to the end.
 Nelson on Infidelity.
 Fletcher's Appeal. [*Adopted at General Conference, 1888.*]

A.—The Annual Lessons for each class shall be divided into two parts, and Probationers shall be examined semi-annually.—*Enacted February 1, 1895.*

B.—We recommend that Probationers be examined by a written examination by a committee to be appointed annually by the Annual Conference for this purpose.

They shall make an average of 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % in order to pass. We recommend that no Probationer be ordained until he has passed the above Reading Course. [*Act of General Conference, 1892.*]

III.—APPLICANTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

A.—No Applicants for the Ministry shall be received into the Conference as Probationers who are not willing to submit themselves unconditionally to the Stationing Committee. [*Enacted February 3, 1890.*]

B.—All Applicants for the Ministry shall be examined in our Articles of Faith and Church Discipline at the same time and place when the Probationers are examined on the Reading Course. [*Enacted February 8, 1893.*]

C.—No Probationer shall be ordained who is not fully in line with our doctrine, with the itinerant plan, and submission to the Conference. [*Enacted February 3, 1890.*]

D.—No Probationer in the Ministry or in the office of Deacon shall be ordained who uses or deals in tobacco. They must use their influence against the same. [*Enacted February 4, 1885.*]

IV.—SPECIAL SERVICES.

A.—MATRIMONY.—Each Minister-in-charge shall preach a sermon on Matrimony at each appointment on his charge in the first year.

B.—TEMPERANCE.—Each Minister-in-charge shall preach a sermon on Temperance at least once a year at each appointment.

C.—HOME MISSIONS.—The Presiding Elder shall hold Missionary meetings (annually) at every appointment with the assistance of the Minister-in-charge and take up a collection for the (Home) Missionary Cause. [*Discipline, page 78.*]

Resolved, That we recommend a monthly (Home Missionary) meeting in each class, under the supervision of the Pastor, when a collection shall be lifted for the Home Mission Fund. The Stewards shall take charge of the money collected until the delegate to the Annual Conference is elected. [*Enacted February 8, 1896.*]

D.—FOREIGN MISSIONS, HARVEST HOME.—Each Minister-in-charge shall hold a Harvest Home Service at each appointment annually, and speak on Foreign Missionary Work. The Annual Foreign Missionary Offering shall be received on this occasion.

E.—MISSIONARY DAY.—The Ministers-in-charge shall see that the Superintendent of each Sunday School appoint a “Missionary Day” annually.

In this service the necessity of establishing and supporting Foreign Missions shall be impressed upon the minds of the children, and a collection taken up for the same. [*Enacted February 3, 1894.*]

F.—THANKSGIVING.—The Pastor, or somebody appointed by him, shall hold a Thanksgiving Service (on Thanksgiving Day) at each appointment. On this occasion the Annual Offering for the Poor shall be received. [*Enacted February 3, 1894.*]

G.—COLLECTIONS.—The Deacon (or Steward where there is no Deacon) shall have charge of the collections until needed or until the next Annual Conference. [*Enacted February 3, 1892.*]

H.—THE LORD’S COMING.—WHEREAS, We believe that the coming of the Lord is rapidly approaching, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend our Ministers to make frequent earnest reference to the fact. [*Enacted February 4, 1894.*]

I.—CLASS MEETINGS.—The Minister-in-charge shall hold a class meeting four times a year in each class, and read the general rules or get them read once a year. [*Discipline, page 75.*]

J.—MEMBERS’ DUTIES.—The Presiding Elder shall preach once a year on each charge on the duties of members towards their Ministers. [*Act of General Conference, 1892.*]

V.—QUARTERLY CONFERENCE RULES.

A.—The Minister in charge shall see that the Annual Statistical Report be correctly compiled and appended to the proceedings of the last quarterly Conference of the current year, as follows:

(a) Report of Board of Trustees.

(b) Report of Stewards.

(c) Report of Presiding Elder’s Collections.

(d) Report of Sunday School Superintendent.

(e) Report of Home and Foreign Mission Collections.

(f) Report of Annual Election of Officers. [*Enacted February 3, 1892.*]

B.—All officers of Quarterly Conference who are absent from Quarterly Conference shall submit a written report and a satisfactory excuse. Failing to do this, they shall appear before the next Quarterly Conference. If such are absent the second time without submitting a written report and statement of the cause of absence, he shall be removed from office. [*Enacted February 3, 1894.*]

E.—The classes shall elect no Minister to any office. [*Enacted February 3, 1894.*]

VI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

A.—TRANSFERS.—When a good-standing member moves from one class to another, his or her name shall be transferred at once.—[*Enacted February 3, 1894.*]

B.—AUDITORS.—All accounts of the different Conferences, Quarterly, Annual, or General, shall be audited at the session of the several Conferences by two brethren who may be elected for that purpose at the time. [*Discipline, page 80.*]

C.—CAMPMEETINGS.—No boarding stands where eatables or any articles of traffic or merchandise are sold shall be allowed on any of our camp grounds. [*Enacted February 4, 1885.*]

D.—CHARGES.—No charges shall be brought against any Conference member which have not been recorded in the Quarterly Conference proceedings of their charge, except such as have been committed or discovered since the last Quarterly Conference. [*Enacted February 2, 1891.*]

PROCEEDINGS
—OF THE—
PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Thirteenth Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania District convened in Liberty Street Evangelical Church, Allentown, at 8 o'clock, February 7, 1896.

The first session was opened by an earnest address from the chairman, Elder W. B. Musselman, on Rom. xii., 10, followed by a half hour of prayer for the guidance and blessing of the Holy Ghost upon the Conference.

ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT.—W. B. Musselman, A. B. Gehret, H. B. Musselman, O. S. Hillegass, Geo. A. Campbell, Wm. Gehman, J. E. Fidler, John Knauss, A. Strawn, R. D. Dreisbach.

ORDAINED MINISTERS ABSENT.—Joel Rosenberger, Samuel McDonald, M. D. Haws, O. Bitting.

PROBATIONERS PRESENT.—C. H. Brunner, W. C. Betz, A. M. Clauser, J. B. Knerr, Wilson Steinmetz, Jas. L. Boyer, L. B. Taylor, W. K. Ziegler, D. B. Rote.

PROBATIONER ABSENT.—Isaac Artz.

EVANGELISTS PRESENT.—Lucy Musselman, Jacob H. Moyer.

DELEGATES PRESENT.—E. Shick, Milton Kaufman, Joseph Preisch, Thos. Rutman, Robt. Walp, T. Knauss, Menno Gehman, Adam Wessner, P. Y. Foltz, John Rosenberger, John Miller, Theo. Koons, Wm. Glasser, Jacob Crammer.

DELEGATE ABSENT.—I. H. Smail.

The proceedings of the last Annual Conference were read and received.

The Secretary then appointed Jas. L. Boyer as Assistant Secretary and H. B. Musselman as Financial Secretary. R. D. Dreisbach was appointed reporter.

Resolved, That the rules of our last Annual Conference be adopted for this Conference.

Resolved, That the following be admitted as advisory members: Our Home Mission Workers, Evangelists, and local preachers; also C. K. Fehr, of the Ev. Association; J. M. Hartzell, of the Reformed Church; Wm. Mohr, of the Baptist Church; Harry Peters, of the Holiness Christians; also the local officers of the Salvation Army.

The following committees were then appointed by the Chairman :

Committee on Worship.—L. B. Taylor, A. Strawn, Wm. Gehman.

Committee on Communications.—R. D. Dreisbach, A. B. Gehret, Wm. Gehman.

Committee on Finance.—Milton Kaufman, Robt. Walp, O. S. Hillegass.

Committee on Quarterly Conference Records.—Geo. A. Campbell, A. B. Gehret, T. J. Knauss.

Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.—J. Knauss, A. Strawn, Milton Kaufman.

Committee on Examination of P. E., Local Preachers, and Evangelists.—Geo. A. Campbell, J. E. Fidler, Wm. Gehman.

Committee on Statistics.—H. B. Musselman, J. E. Fidler.

Auditing Committee.—T. J. Knauss, W. Steinmetz.

The pastors and evangelists gave in their oral reports. The work is prospering all around. The interest in the Home and Foreign Mission is wonderfully increasing. The classes are in a good state of justification, sanctification, divine healing, and the doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ. Prospects very encouraging.

Session closed by prayer by J. B. Knerr.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 7.

Opened by singing and prayer by W. Steinmetz, after which the proceedings of the previous session were read and received.

The Committee on the Examination of the Traveling Elders reported no charges, but perfect harmony. Committee—J. Knauss, A. Strawn, Milton Kaufman.

The Committee on the Examination of the P. E., Local Preachers, and Evangelists reported as follows: No complaint against the P. E., except that he neglected to preach at several places on the duties of the members toward their pastors. Eld. M. D. Haws sent in his resignation, which was received by this committee. It was found that W. C. Betz was a little self-willed, besides some peculiarities not quite satisfactory. No complaint against any of the others. Committee—Geo. A. Campbell, J. E. Fidler, Wm. Gehman.

A letter from Bro. Isaac Artz, of Terre Hill, requesting a certificate was read before the Conference. Inasmuch as Bro. Artz has joined another denomination, therefore

Resolved, That his name be dropped.

The brethren, Boyer, Schultz, and Seifried, of the Evangelical Association, were then received as advisory members.

Henry J. Ronemus, Wm. G. Gehman, and Amanda Shaffer, who had been recommended by their respective Quarterly Conferences to this Conference as applicants for the ministry, then expressed the nature of their call. They were questioned by the Conference concerning their consecration to the exclusive work of their high calling, their willingness for self-denial, sacrifice, suffering, and were referred to the Committee on the Examination of the Local Preachers, P. E., and Evangelists.

The Committee on the Examination of the Applicants on the Discipline and the Probationers on the Course reported as follows :

APPLICANTS ON THE DISCIPLINE.

H. J. Ronemus.....	92
Wm. G. Gehman.....	100
Amanda E. Shaffer.....	79

	Bible.	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.	Lessons in Holiness.	Christian Theology.	Reformed Pastor.	Church History.	Nelson on Infidelity.	Fletcher's Appeal.	Average.
FIRST YEAR.									
W. K. Ziegler.....	70	60	39	55		48			54
D. B. Rote.....	95	90	63	73		25			69
SECOND YEAR.									
S. B. Knerr.....	70	42		79	70	48			58
Jas. L. Boyer.....	87	62		87	100	77			83
THIRD YEAR.									
W. C. Betz.....	77	57		77		57	80	54	67
A. M. Clauser.....	60	35		87		57	82	44	61
J. B. Knerr.....	40	25		87		23	51	39	46
W. Steinmetz.....	69	70		65		55	85	48	67
C. H. Brunner.....	93	66		100		79	100	71	85

W. B. MUSSELMAN,
 A. B. GEHRET,
 H. B. MUSSELMAN,
Committee.

Resolved, That C. H. Brunner, A. M. Clauser, W. C. Betz, Wilson Steinmetz, and J. B. Knerr, preachers on probation to be ordained, shall be referred to the following committee for examination: Geo. A. Campbell, Wm. Gehman, John Knauss, A. Strawn, Milton Kaufman.

WHEREAS, Roger Laudenslager, Charles J. Schelly, and Henry G. Musselman have served their three years of probation as deacons, therefore

Resolved, That they shall be ordained in their respective classes at the first suitable opportunity.

WHEREAS, We realize the great evils around us of life insurance, therefore

Resolved, That we believe that the article on life insurance in our Discipline includes every description of the same.

Closed by prayer by John Miller.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 8.

Opened by singing and prayer by J. Rosenberger.

The proceedings of the last session were read and received.

The following committees reported :

Auditing Committee: The committee has audited the different accounts of the Annual Conference and found some slight mistakes in the Trustee Reports of Bethlehem, Erwinna, Loop, Upper Milford, Coopersburg, and Northampton. Committee: W. Steinmetz, T. J. Knauss.

The report was received.

Committee to Examine the Candidates for the Ministry: We have examined Henry J. Ronemus, Wm. G. Gehman, and Amanda Shaffer, and found them satisfactory. Committee: Geo. A. Campbell, Wm. Gehman, J. E. Fidler.

The report was received.

Committee to Examine the Preachers on Probation for Ordination: We have examined the candidates for ordination, with the following results: 1st. We recommend the brethren Wilson Steinmetz, A. M. Clauser, and C. H. Brunner to the Conference for ordination. 2nd. We found W. C. Betz and J. B. Knerr as unsatisfactory. They acknowledged that they had somewhat erred in the past, and promised to do better in the future, to be obedient, teachable, and loyal to the Presiding Elder and the Discipline. We therefore recommend that they remain on probation for another year. Committee: A. Strawn, Geo. A. Campbell, Milton Kaufman, Wm. Gehman, John Knauss.

The report was received.

Resolved, That the foregoing probationers recommended by the committee shall be ordained next Sunday afternoon.

The Committee on the Examination of the Quarterly Conference Proceedings reported them all correct, with the exception of Plainfield,

Reading, Erwinna, Royersford, and Loop. Committee: A. B. Gehret, T. J. Knauss, Geo. A. Campbell.

The report was received.

WHEREAS, The Life Insurance and secret order systems have some benevolent principles, such as supporting and visiting the sick, and

WHEREAS, We have deacons to see after the needs of the poor of their class, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend the members of our church to immediately notify the local deacon of any case of sickness or necessity in the class, who shall see that one or more brethren or sisters (as suitable) shall be present every night during sickness and also during the day if necessary, and also see to their other necessities.

Wherever a class is unable to support their own poor, the deacon shall apply to the Poor Committee for assistance. In case the treasury is empty, the Poor Committee shall collect for this purpose from the various circuits. This does not affect the Poor Collection on Thanksgiving.

Resolved, That whenever a brother or sister feels called to preach, he or she shall first apply to the Quarterly Conference for a license before allowed to go out to preach.

Resolved, That the Annual Conference shall issue licenses to our preachers annually.

Resolved, That we elect one Presiding Elder for the following year. At this point brother W. B. Musselman vacated the chair, the Vice-Presiding Elder taking his place, whereupon brother W. B. Musselman was re-elected as Presiding Elder for ensuing year.

After the P. E. took the chair again, the following officers were elected for the coming year.

Vice Presiding Elder.—J. E. Fidler. Standing Committee over the P. E.,— C. H. Brunner, A. B. Gehret, O. S. Hillegas.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder shall have the privilege to arrange his quarterly conferences as practicable according to his own judgment.

Resolved, That the Boundary, Appropriating, and Stationing Committee shall consist of the P. E. and all the delegates.

WHEREAS, We all see that the blessing of God has been especially resting upon our Home Mission work, which has been in charge of the Presiding Elder, therefore

Resolved, That we as a Conference heartily endorse the work of the Home Mission Society and will endeavour to aid the society as much as possible by our liberal offerings and earnest prayers.

Closed by prayer by W. Steinmetz.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 8.

The session was opened by singing and prayer, led by T. J. Knauss. Proceedings of the previous session were read and received.

Resolved, That we recommend a monthly (Home Missionary) meeting in each class under the supervision of the pastor, when a collection shall be lifted for the Home Mission Fund. The steward shall take charge of the money collected until the delegate to the Annual Conference is elected.

The subject of Foreign Mission was now brought before the Conference. Bro. H. L. Weiss and his wife, who had charge of a Mission School among the Indians in Oklohoma for several years, besides doing missionary work among them, spoke concerning their call. Bro. Weiss said that the Lord had been calling for years, and had given him some experience among the Indians. They had been thoroughly considering the subject, and now they are decided, and about ready to go to the foreign field to live, labor, or die for the lost as God may choose. Sister Weiss then spoke how the Lord had told her to "Ask of Me, and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance." How He had mysteriously prepared her and called her to this special work. She said, "Go we must, and go we will, and if the Holy Ghost does not lead you to send us, we will go anyhow. I am spoiled forever for Pa." Their testimonies showed their piety and consecration to this noble and important work. The Holy Ghost made an intensely deep and, we trust, lasting impression upon the audience, moving nearly all to tears.

The following resolution was then passed:

WHEREAS, Brother and Sister Weiss have expressed their divine call to the Foreign Mission Field to the satisfaction of the Conference, therefore

Resolved, That we receive them on probation into the Conference on condition that they labor in our Conference until next fall. Then the Presiding Elder shall appoint a special meeting, when, if found satisfactory, they shall be ordained as missionaries, and sent forth to the foreign field by this Conference.

Resolved, That we appoint a Foreign Missionary Board consisting of five men. The chair shall appoint three, and these three shall appoint the other two. This Board shall have charge of the Foreign Mission Funds.

Milton Kaufman, H. G. Musselman, and Wm. Yeakel were re-elected Poor Committee.

The following committee was appointed to examine the Probationers on the Reading Course: C. H. Brunner, H. B. Musselman, and A. B. Gehret. The committee shall assign the lessons.

The following committee was appointed over the tabernacles for the ensuing year: Jacob Zimmerman, Thos. Hockman, J. G. Musselman.

Resolved, That there shall be a Campmeeting held on Chestnut Hill, under the same regulations as previously. The following committee was appointed for the above Campmeeting: H. G. Musselman, H. S. Gabel, D. B. Mohr, J. G. Musselman, and Samuel Weiss.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder shall be allowed to hold Campmeetings wherever he sees fit, providing he sees that the expenses will be paid as in former years.

Resolved, That Bro. A. Strawn shall act as our book agent and keep on hand a stock of our books, disciplines, hymn-books, etc., for sale where they can be had at any time.

Resolved, That the following committee be appointed to compile and print a Conference Journal: C. H. Brunner, W. B. Musselman, and Geo. A. Campbell.

Bro. A. B. Gehret, who has been appointed to collect money for the Reading Church, reported as follows: Money collected, \$296.39. Money promised, \$12. Expenses, \$10.68. Conference released him on condition that he should try his best to collect the amount pledged.

Resolved, That in case of necessity where a Church is on the decline the Presiding Elder shall have the privilege to use it as an appointment of the Home Missionary Society.

The following officers were then elected for the following year:— Secretary, C. H. Brunner. Treasurer, Milton Kaufman. Delegates to the General Conference: William Gehman and C. H. Brunner.

Resolved, That our next Annual Conference convene at Royersford, on the third Friday of February, 1897.

The resolution on ordination was reconsidered and decided to have it to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Adjournment by prayer by the chairman.

MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 10.

FIFTH SESSION.

Opened by singing and prayer by J. Knauss.

The proceedings of the last session were read and approved.

The Chairman then appointed the following as members of the Foreign Missionary Board: C. H. Brunner, L. B. Taylor, and M. Kaufman, and these appointed W. B. Musselman and Wm. Gehman to complete the Board.

Report of the Stationing, Boundary, and Appropriating Committee :

1. Quakertown and Hatfield—Geo. A. Campbell.
2. Coopersburg, Springtown, and Colesville—W. Steinmetz.
3. Erwinna and Bridgeton Mission—R. D. Dreisbach.
4. Bethlehem Station—O. S. Hillegas.
5. Northampton and Catasauqua Mission—A. M. Clauser.
6. Weissport and Lehighton Mission—H. B. Musselman. J. Woodring, Assistant.
7. Upper Milford and Hereford—Wm. Gehman.
8. Reading Station—C. H. Brunner.
9. Allentown and Emaus—L. B. Taylor. Wm. G. Gehman, Assistant.
10. Terre Hill and Remps—A. B. Gehret.
11. Royersford and Gratersford—J. E. Fidler. Robert Bergstresser, Assistant.
12. Spring City Mission—Jas. L. Boyer.
13. Norristown Station—S. B. Knerr.
14. Western Pa.—W. C. Betz.
15. Plainfield (Home Mission Society) to be supplied.
16. Walnutport (Home Mission Society) to be supplied.
17. Nazareth (Home Mission Society) to be supplied.
18. Easton (Home Mission Society) to be supplied.
19. Annandale, N. J. (Home Mission Society) to be supplied.
20. Glen Gardner, N. J. (Home Mission Society) to be supplied.
21. Foreign Missionaries—H. L. Weiss and Kate Weiss.
22. ANNUAL CONFERENCE LICENSED EVANGELISTS—W. K. Ziegler, A. E. Shaffer, Lucy Musselman, H. J. Ronemus, J. B. Knerr, D. B. Rote, J. H. Moyer.
23. QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LICENSED EVANGELISTS—R. J. Rote, L. M. Christman, E. C. Dech, Frany Wismer, C. J. Felty, Agnes Ziegler.
24. LOCAL WORKERS—Howard Rishel, Sarah Brunner, Nora Dreisbach, Wm. King, A. Strawn, John Knauss, Joel Rosenberger, Samuel McDonald, O. Bitting, Robt. Bergstresser, J. Woodring.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1896.

Northampton Mission.....	\$100 00
Weissport “	80 00
Spring City “	120 00
Erwinna “	80 00
Quakertown “ on condition that he moves on the field and devotes his spare time to Evangelistic Work.....	80 00

Plainfield to be decided,

Brother and sister W. C. Betz's fare to Western, Pa., to be paid. Brother J. E. Fidler's fare and freight to Royersford to be paid. The balance in treasury to be paid over to the M. B. C. Home Mission Society.

The P. E. shall have authority to make changes during the year if he thinks advisable.

Bro. W. C. Betz having been for several years on probation as Preacher, has desired to resign as a Minister and member of our Church, saying that he don't think he should ever be converted to our discipline in all things. He said, however, that he respects the Conference for not ordaining him, and believes they have done right, therefore

Resolved, That we receive his resignation.

A collection amounting to \$8.04 was taken up for the salary and expenses of the Secretary. Thanks.

Resolved, That W. B. Musselman shall examine the applicants on the discipline this year.

The Committee on the Reading Course has decided to meet at Coopersburg on the day previous to the Chestnut Hill Campmeeting to examine the Probationers. The lessons will shortly be announced in the BANNER.

Bro. J. E. Fidler upon request of Conference gave an account of the work in general in Western Pa. And inasmuch as brother W. C. Betz, who was appointed to the Western Circuit, has resigned as a member of this Conference and Denomination, therefore

Resolved, That we deem it impracticable to send out a Minister for the present, or until they are willing to be loyal to our discipline.

Resolved, That we tender a hearty vote of thanks to the class and friends of Allentown for their kindness and hospitality shown us during this Conference.

WHEREAS, We heartily appreciate the kindness and love shown us by the Pastor, Bro. Specht, and his congregation for allowing us the use of this splendid Church (Evangelical) for our Conference, therefore

Resolved, That we tender them a vote of thanks and in return offer them a favour whenever and wherever possible.

Report of the Financial Secretary.

I.—COLLECTIONS.—February 2, 1895, to February 7, 1896.

APPOINTMENTS.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Foreign Missions in S. S.	Poor Collections.
Quakertown		\$4 51		\$0 90
Coopersburg	\$126 87	51 50	\$37 42	12 11
Springtown	36 42	4 50	6 58	1 48
Erwinna	19 98	19 83	10 35	86
Upper Black Eddy	8 50	8 10		75
Bethlehem	53 35	39 72	10 51	6 58
Plainfield	2 25	8 46	3 00	5 51
Lower Siegfried	18 00	4 27	5 24	5 50
Weissport	17 85	*11 73	*7 04	*2 77
Lehighon	14 75			
Allentown	99 04	24 20	68 01	6 00
Emaus	13 08	3 35		3 35
Catasauqua		2 65	1 38	
Upper Milford	115 74	13 13	40 05	9 36
Hereford	15 20	2 28		2 14
Reading	14 25	3 02	1 70	4 38
Terre Hill	10 35	16 10	7 25	6 00
Remps		3 35		2 00
Royersford	43 22	3 45	58 72	3 85
Gratersford	25 95	7 88	26 35	5 25
Spring City	21 37	2 92	22 43	2 25
Norristown	8 00	1 00	50	1 00
Hatfield	13 72	90	3 12	1 56
Loop				
Shellhamer	20 94	15 02		1 50
Fairmount				
Annandale				
Glen Gardner				
Easton		29 69		2 00
South Bethlehem				
Nazareth				
TOTAL	\$698 83	\$281 56	\$309 65	\$87 10

* Both classes together yet.

II.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE HOME MISSION FUND For the Year ending February 7, 1896.

Deficit in treasury February 2, 1895.....	\$27 98
Money collected from February 1, 1894, to February 2, 1895, and received into the treasury February 2, 1895.....	\$578 97

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR Ending February 7, 1896.

Northampton Mission.....	100 00
Erwinna Mission.....	80 00
Weissport Mission.....	100 00
Spring City Mission.....	120 00

OTHER EXPENSES.

Elder J. E. Fidler's fare to his appointment.....	13 20
Home Mission Society.....	152 15
Campmeeting collection in 1894.....	14 36
Collected from February 2, 1895, to February 7, 1896.....	698 83
Balance in treasury February 7, 1896.....	698 83

Total..... **\$1292 16** **\$1292 16**

MILTON KAUFMAN, *Treasurer.*

III.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE POOR FUND

For the Year ending February 7, 1896.

Balance in treasury February 2, 1895.....	\$18 15	
Collected from February 1, 1894, to February 2, 1895.....	79 53	
Wm. Drake, Annandale, N. J.....		\$25 00
Sister Steiner, rent.....		39 00
“ “ bread and cakes.....		3 15
“ “ dry goods, shoes, &c.....		8 51
“ “ meat and sundries.....		11 44
“ “ wood and coal.....		9 20
Collected from February 2, 1895, to February 7, 1896.....	87 10	
Balance in treasury February 8, 1896.....		87 48
Total.....	\$184 78	\$184 78
H. B. MUSSELMAN, <i>Financial Secretary.</i>		WM. YEAKEL, <i>Treasurer.</i>

Statistical Report

Presiding Elder.....	1	Scholars.....	1238
Ordained Ministers.....	14	Average attendance.....	807
Probationers.....	9	Union Sabbath Schools.....	2
“ to be Ordained.....	5	Subscribers to BANNER AND PANIER.....	178
Applicants for the Ministry.....	3	New “ “ “ “ “	26
Quarterly Licensed Preachers.....	12	Churches.....	21
Deacons.....	10	Parsonage.....	1
“ on Probation.....	4	Value of Church property.....	\$36,555 00
“ “ “ to be Ordained.....	3	Increase of Church property..	1,295 00
Stewards.....	32	Collected for parsonage rent...	799 75
New converts.....	212	“ “ Church property	1,504 12
Baptized.....	158	“ “ Sabbath Schools	589 36
Received into the Church.....	133	“ “ Foreign and	
“ by letter of recommendation.....	22	Heathen Mission in S. S....	309 65
Members died.....	13	Collected for Ministers in cash	2,002 20
“ withdrawn.....	23	“ “ “ “ other	
“ expelled.....	21	contributions.....	466 11
“ moved away.....	3	Collected for Assistants.....	128 13
“ transferred.....	25	“ “ Home Missions	
Increase of members.....	59	(in Church, \$698.83; in H.	
Whole number of members.....	720	M. Society, \$787.91).....	1,486 74
Appointments.....	34	Collected for Foreign Missions	281 56
New appointment.....	1	“ “ repairing Church	
Sermons preached.....	3083	property.....	51 68
Pastoral visits.....	5220	Collected for sexton and sun-	
Prayer meetings visited.....	395	dry expenses.....	936 19
Sunday Schools “	416	Collected for Presiding Elder	477 65
Number of classes.....	37	“ “ Tabernacle work	30 00
“ “ new classes.....	3	“ “ Evangelistic work	73 25
Class Leaders ..	34	“ “ Missionary work	
Sabbath Schools.....	20	“ “ Campmeetings...	222 16
New Sabbath School.....	1	“ “ the poor.....	87 10
Officers and teachers.....	225	Total collected.....	\$9,445 65

JAS. L. BOYER, *Statistical Secretary.*

Resolved, That all members of the Conference agreeing with the proceedings of this session shall sign their names.

Signed by W. B. MUSSELMAN, *Chairman*.
 C. H. BRUNNER, *Secretary*.

J. B. Knerr, O. S. Hillegas, C. H. Brunner, L. B. Taylor, James L. Boyer, H. B. Musselman, S. B. Knerr, Geo. A. Campbell, R. D. Dreisbach, A. M. Clauser, J. E. Fidler, Wm. Gehman, A. B. Gehret, J. T. Knauss, W. Steinmetz, Robt. Walp, Theo. F. Kunz, Joseph Preisch, William Glasser, Thomas Rutman, John W. Miller, Edgar Schick, J. H. Rosenberger, Jacob F. Cramer, Adam Wesner, Menno M. Gehman, Milton Kaufman, T. J. Knauss, P. Y. Foltz.

Summary for 1896.

WM. B. MUSSELMAN, *Presiding Elder.*

FIELD.	PASTOR.	MEMBERSHIP.										PROPERTY.					COLLECTIONS.					Total Collections.
		Converts.	Baptized.	Accessions.	Total Loss.	Increase.	Decrease.	Whole Number of Members.	Sabbath Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Subscribers to "Gospel Banner."	Churches.	Value of Church Property.	Parsonage Rent.	For Sabbath Schools.	For Minister in Cash.	For Minister in Other Contributions.	Sundry Expenses.	For P. E.		
CIRCUITS.																						
Coopersburg.....	W. Steinmetz.....	8	10	6	6	6	96	2	28	107	18	2	\$3,500	\$66 00	\$39 48	\$217 15	\$40 42	\$86 45	\$64 62	\$859 42		
Upper Milford.....	Wm. Gehman.....	20	13	13	13	15	73	2	15	65	94	2	3,000	37 10	150 05	150 05	98 77	44 82	536 01			
Allentown.....	L. B. Taylor.....	2	1	6	21	15	88	2	29	154	20	2	2,000	65 67	209 44	209 44	37 00	50 60	692 31			
Royersford.....	C. H. Brunner.....	11	14	9	4	4	69	2	27	175	23	2	2,000	96 00	134 86	50 28	139 40	44 98	753 93			
Terre Hill.....	A. B. Gehret.....	11	4	1	1	1	41	1	15	178	18	1	2,000	82 63	194 24	32 30	63 96	31 09	462 37			
Norristown.....	S. B. Knorr.....	11	4	7	6	3	34	2	17	70	11	2	3,430	52 15	195 74	45 00	56 94	31 79	424 48			
Western Pa.....	J. E. Fidler.....	4	2	3	3	3	22	1	8	40	6	2	1,800	45 00	.....	105 23	13 47	.....	203 92	
STATIONS.																						
Bethlehem.....	O. S. Hillegas.....	11	16	7	6	5	47	1	13	69	14	1	3,000	93 50	49 81	104 22	118 78	115 65	38 04	646 66		
Plainfield.....	J. B. Knorr.....	12	6	4	7	3	45	1	14	100	5	1	800	20 00	14 54	29 95	20 00	8 85	19 22	137 46		
Reading.....	Geo. A. Campbell.....	12	6	4	7	3	45	1	12	55	4	1	5,000	57 10	180 00	180 00	2 50	69 51	19 60	502 44		
MISSIONS.*																						
Erwinna and Bridgeton.....	R. D. Dreisbach.....	4	3	1	3	2	28	2	21	53	8	1	1,405	40 00	19 35	41 95	12 00	74 94	22 52	297 28		
Lower Siegfried.....	A. M. Clauser.....	16	11	8	2	6	22	1	11	60	4	1	1,000	78 00	.....	107 00	20 00	.....	16 60	171 11
Weissport and Lehighton.....	H. B. Musselman.....	23	16	27	14	13	71	2	11	96	13	2	2,900	84 00	40 37	128 07	16 95	70 94	43 79	1790 90		
Spring City.....	Jas. L. Boyer.....	18	13	14	9	5	33	1	12	55	8	1	1,000	78 00	29 70	23 35	29 60	47 24	24 24	314 34		
Home Mission Work.....	In charge of P. E.....	70	49	43	43	43	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125	199 25	.....	181 95	64 81	65 84	20 74	767 94
TOTAL.....		212	158	146	71	96	29	720	20	295	1278	176	21	\$36,680	\$799 75	\$689 36	\$2002 20	\$466 11	\$936 19	\$477 65	\$8560 67	

CAMPMEETING COLLECTIONS.

Annamdale, N. J., Campmeeting.....	69 00
Weissport, Pa., ".....	150 79
Fairview Park, Pa., ".....	237 86
Spring City Pa., ".....	207 64
Chestnut Hill, Pa., ".....	159 92
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$885 21

* For appropriations received from the Home Mission Fund, see page 14.

Divisions of the Reading Course for 1896.

First Semi-Annual Examination for 1896.

FIRST YEAR'S COURSE.

Philosophy—Chapters 1-5 inclusive.
 Theology—Chapters 1-3 inclusive.
 Church History—Page 1 to 240.

SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.

Philosophy—Chapters 6-12 inclusive.
 Theology—Chapters 4-10 inclusive.
 Church History—Page 240 to 484.

THIRD YEAR'S COURSE.

Philosophy—Chapters 13-19 inclusive.
 Theology—Chapters 11-19 inclusive.
 Church History—Page 484 to the end.

Second Semi-Annual Examination for 1896.

FIRST YEAR'S COURSE.

Bible—St. John, Chapters 14-17 inclusive, Titus.
 Lessons in Holiness.

SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.

Bible—Romans.
 Reformed Pastor.

THIRD YEAR'S COURSE.

Bible—Ephesians, Hebrews.
 Nelson on Infidelity.
 Fletcher's Appeal.

The First Semi-Annual Examination on the Reading Course shall be held at Coopersburg, on the day previous to the Chestnut Hill Campmeeting, and the last on the second day previous to the Annual Conference.

A. B. GEHRET,
 H. B. MUSSELMAN,
 C. H. BRUNNER.

Committee.

Roll and Directory of Ministers and Evangelists.

I.—Itinerants.

NAME.	Licensed.	Ordained.	Received the Present Charge.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Boyer, Jas. L.....	1894	.....	1895	41 Church Street, Spring City, Pa.
Brunner, C. H.....	1893	1896	1896	530 North Locust Street, Reading, Pa.
Campbell, Geo. A.....	1887	1890	1896	Pleasant Valley, Pa.
Clauser, A. M.....	1893	1896	1895	Siegfried's Bridge, Pa.
Dreisbach R. D.....	1892	1895	1894	Upper Black Eddy, Pa.
Fidler, J. E.....	1888	1891	1896	553 Walnut Street, Royersford, Pa.
Gehman, Wm.....	1849	1849	1895	Vera Cruz, Pa.
Gehman, W. G.....	1896	.....	1896	Vera Cruz, Pa.
Gehret, A. B.....	1887	1890	1895	Terre Hill, Pa.
Hillegas, O. S.....	1889	1892	1895	43 Fairview Street, Bethlehem, Pa.
Knerr, S. B.....	1894	.....	1895	532 Noble Street, Norristown, Pa.
Musselman, W. B.....	1883	1886	P. E.	Locust Valley, Pa.
Musselman, H. B.....	1890	1893	1894	Weissport, Pa.
Steinmetz, W.....	1893	1896	1895	Centre Valley, Pa.
Taylor, L. B.....	1894	.....	1895	344 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa.

II.—Annual Conference Licensed Evangelists.

Knerr, J. B.....	1893	.....	.....	Mertztown, Pa.
Moyer, J. H.....	.....	.....	.....	Elroy, Pa.
Musselman, Lucy.....	1890	.....	.....	.....
Ronemus, H. J.....	1896	.....	.....	.....
Rote, D. B.....	1893	.....	.....	.....
Shaffer, A. E.....	1896	.....	.....	.....
Ziegler, W. K.....	1895	.....	.....	.....

III.—Quarterly Conference Licensed Evangelists.

Christman, L. M.....	1893	.....	.....	.....
Dech, E. C.....	1895	.....	.....	.....
Felty, C. J.....	1895	.....	.....	.....
Rote, R. J.....	1895	.....	.....	.....
Wismer, Frany.....	1894	.....	.....	.....
Ziegler, Mrs. W. K.....	1894	.....	.....	.....

IV.—Local Preachers and Workers.

Bergstresser, Robt.....	1894	.....	.....	Royersford, Pa.
Bitting, O.....	1885	1888	.....	Lenark, Pa.
Brunner, Mrs. C. H.....	1892	.....	.....	530 North Locust Street, Reading, Pa.
Dreisbach, Mrs. R. D.....	1892	.....	.....	Upper Black Eddy, Pa.
King, Wm.....	1895	.....	.....	Copersburg, Pa.
Knauss, J.....	1883	1886	.....	Emaus, Pa.
McDonald, Samuel.....	.....	.....	.....	Cochran's Mills, Pa.
Rishel, Howard.....	1894	.....	.....	234 Mifflin Street, Reading, Pa.
Rosenberger, Joel.....	.....	.....	.....	Hatfield, Pa.
Strawn, A.....	1859	1860	.....	344 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa.
Woodring, J.....	1895	.....	.....	Weissport, Pa.

V.—Foreign Missionaries.

Hershey, E., Monrovia, Africa, 1890. Died, 1891.

Sodaborg, F., Congo, Africa, 1896.

CANDIDATES FOR THE FOREIGN FIELD.—Weiss, H. L. Weiss, Mrs. H. L.

East Pennsylvania Conference Sessions.

Year.	Time.	Place.	Chairman.	Secretary.
1858	Sept. 24	Upper Milford, Pa.....		
1859	Nov. 1	Haycock, Pa.....		
1860	May 28	Upper Milford, Pa.....		
1860	Nov. 6	Upper Milford, Pa.....		
1861	June 4	Upper Milford, Pa.....	David Henning.....	David Gehman.
1861	Nov. 5	Haycock, Pa.....	David Henning.....	David Gehman.
1862	June 3	Upper Milford, Pa.....	Wm. N. Shelly.....	A. W. Stauffer.
1862	Nov. 4	Haycock, Pa.....	E. Hershey.....	A. W. Stauffer.
1863	June 2	Upper Milford, Pa.....	E. Hershey.....	David Gehman.
1863	Oct. 1	Haycock, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	David Gehman.
1864	June 7	Upper Milford, Pa.....	Wm. N. Shelly.....	David Gehman.
1864	Nov. 3	Haycock, Pa.....	David Henning.....	David Gehman.
1865	June 6	Upper Milford, Pa.....	David Henning.....	David Gehman.
1865	Nov. 7	Flatland, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	David Gehman.
1866	June 6	Upper Milford, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	David Gehman.
1866	Nov. 3	Mount Joy, Pa.....	Wm. N. Shelly.....	David Gehman.
1867	June 4	Flatland, Pa.....	David Henning.....	David Gehman.
1867	Nov. 5	Upper Milford, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	Joseph Romig.
1868	June 2	Flatland, Pa.....	Wm. N. Shelly.....	Joseph Romig.
1868	Nov. 5	Upper Milford, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	David Gehman.
1869	June 1	Flatland, Pa.....	David Henning.....	David Gehman.
1869	Nov. 1	Upper Milford, Pa.....	Wm. N. Shelly.....	David Gehman.
1870	June 7	Coopersburg, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	David Gehman.
1870	Oct. 31	Upper Milford, Pa.....	David Henning.....	David Gehman.
1871	June 5	Coopersburg, Pa.....	E. Hershey.....	David Gehman.
1871	Nov. 6	Upper Milford, Pa.....	David Henning.....	David Gehman.
1872	June 3	Coopersburg, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	Jonas Musselman.
1872	Nov. 6	Quakertown, Pa.....	Wm. N. Shelly.....	David Gehman.
1873	June 3	Upper Milford, Pa.....	David Henning.....	David Gehman.
1873	Nov. 11	Coopersburg, Pa.....	Wm. N. Shelly.....	David Gehman.
1874	June 1	Quakertown, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	David Gehman.
1874	Nov. 10	Upper Milford, Pa.....	David Henning.....	David Gehman.
1875	June 5	Coopersburg, Pa.....	Wm. N. Shelly.....	David Gehman.
1875	Nov. 6	Quakertown, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	David Gehman.
1876	March 30*	Coopersburg, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	David Gehman.
1876	June 3	Upper Milford, Pa.....	David Henning.....	Jonas Musselman.
1876	Nov. 11	Mount Joy, Pa.....	Wm. N. Shelly.....	Jonas Musselman.
1877	June 2	Coopersburg, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	Jonas Musselman.
1877	Nov. 10	Upper Milford, Pa.....	E. Hershey.....	Jonas Musselman.
1878	June 3	Quakertown, Pa.....	A. Kaufman.....	Jonas Musselman.
1878	Oct. 7	Coopersburg, Pa.....	J. Rosenberger.....	Jonas Musselman.
1879	March 22	Upper Milford, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	S. M. Musselman.
1879	Oct. 6	Quakertown, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	S. M. Musselman.
1879	Nov. 8†	Upper Milford, Pa.....	S. Eby.....	S. M. Musselman.
1880	March 15	Coopersburg, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	S. M. Musselman.
1881	March 7	Quakertown, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	S. M. Musselman.
1882	Feb. 13	Upper Milford, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	S. M. Musselman.
1883	Feb. 5	Coopersburg, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	A. Kaufman.
1884	Feb. 4	Terre Hill, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	Wm. H. Gehman.
1885	Feb. 2	Quakertown, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	M. A. Zyner.
1886	Feb. 1	Upper Milford, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	M. A. Zyner.
1887	Feb. 7	Reading, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	A. Kaufman.
1888	Feb. 6	Coopersburg, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	A. Kaufman.
1889	Feb. 4	Terre Hill, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	A. Kaufman.
1890	Feb. 3	Bethlehem, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	M. A. Zyner.
1891	Feb. 2	Quakertown, Pa.....	Wm. Gehman.....	C. H. Brunner.
1892	Feb. 1	Upper Milford, Pa.....	W. B. Musselman.....	C. H. Brunner.
1893	Feb. 6	Coopersburg, Pa.....	W. B. Musselman.....	C. H. Brunner.
1894	Feb. 2	Terre Hill, Pa.....	W. B. Musselman.....	C. H. Brunner.
1895	Feb. 1	Reading, Pa.....	W. B. Musselman.....	C. H. Brunner.
1896	Feb. 7	Allentown, Pa.....	W. B. Musselman.....	C. H. Brunner.

* Special session concerning the sale of certain Church property to the "Church of God."

† Special Conference whereby a union was effected between the Evangelical Mennonites of Pennsylvania and the United Mennonites of the Western States and Canada. Name changed to "Evangelical United Mennonites."

A Special Conference was held December 27, 1883, at Harrisburg, Ohio, whereby a union was effected with the Brethren in Christ of Ohio and the name changed to "Mennonite Brethren in Christ."

Delegates to the General Conference.

<i>Time.</i>	<i>Place.</i>	<i>Delegates.</i>
1885.	Upper Milford, Pa.....	{ Wm. Gehman, P. E., A. Strawn.
1888.	Berlin, Ont.....	{ Wm. Gehman, P. E., A. Strawn, W. B. Musselman.
1892.	Harrisburg, O.....	{ W. B. Musselman, P. E., Wm. Gehman, Noah Detweiler, M. A. Zyner.
1896.	Coopersburg, Pa.....	{ W. B. Musselman, P. E., Wm. Gehman, C. H. Brunner.

Home Mission Society.

This Society consists of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Members, and Associate Members. Quarterly Conference license and an unconditional submission to the Society is necessary to full membership. The operations of the Society extend over different localities in Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

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In case the Holy Spirit leads any one to donate eatables, bedding, furniture, carpets, tracts, &c., they can report to the President, W. B. Musselman, P. E., Locust Valley, Pa.

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