

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Fourteenth Session

OF THE

Pennsylvania Annual Conference

OF THE

Mennonite Brethren in Christ,

CONVENED IN

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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.

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 Missionaries.
- (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.

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 40% on the whole, and at least 20% on each book, 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 on 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.*]

D.—GOSPEL WORKERS.—*Resolved*, That a free-will offering be made in each class at a monthly prayer meeting held by their respective class-leaders, for the Gospel Workers, which shall be delivered to the Treasurer (W. B. Musselman) quarterly, receipted and reported so to the Annual Conference. [*Enacted February 20, 1897.*]

E.—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.

F.—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.*]

G.—CHARITY.—The Pastor, or somebody appointed by him, shall hold a Special Service on the first Sunday in October, at each appointment. On this occasion the Annual Offering for the Poor shall be received. [*Enacted February 20, 1897.*]

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.*]

E.—No person shall be elected to the office of deacon, class-leader, or Sunday School Superintendent who uses or deals in tobacco. [*Enacted February 20, 1897.*]

PROCEEDINGS
—OF THE—
PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Fourteenth Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania District, convened in Latschaw's Hall, corner Fourth and Main streets, Royersford, at 8 o'clock A.M., February 19, 1897.

The first session was opened by a half-hour of earnest prayer for the blessing of God and the guidance of the Holy Ghost during this Conference Session, followed by a very practical address on Malachi, iii. 4-18, by the Chairman, W. B. Musselman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT.—W. B. Musselman, Geo. A. Campbell, W. Steinmetz, R. D. Dreisbach, O. S. Hillegass, A. M. Clauser, H. B. Musselman, A. Strawn, Wm. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, A. B. Gehret, and J. E. Fidler.

ORDAINED MINISTERS ABSENT.—O. Bitting, Joel Rosenberger, Samuel McDonald, and John Knauss.

PROBATIONERS PRESENT.—Jas. L. Boyer, L. B. Taylor, W. K. Ziegler, W. G. Gehman, S. B. Knerr, J. B. Knerr.

PROBATIONERS ABSENT.—D. B. Rote, Amanda E. Schaffer, H. J. Kulp.

EVANGELIST PRESENT.—Jacob H. Moyer.

DELEGATES PRESENT.—T. F. Kunz, E. Shick, E. C. Hollenbach, W. F. Edmunds, C. J. Shelly, Jas. M. Oplinger, Robt. Walp, Lewis Wieand, Adam Wesner, A. A. Wismer, J. W. Miller, E. W. Martin, and W. W. Dill.

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

Resolved, That the Secretary shall appoint his assistants.

He appointed W. G. Gehman as Assistant Secretary, Jas. L. Boyer as Statistical Secretary, and H. B. Musselman as Financial Secretary. W. F. Edmunds was appointed Reporter by the Chairman.

Resolved, That the morning session shall open at 8 o'clock and close at 11.30 o'clock. The afternoon session shall open at 1 o'clock and continue to 5 o'clock.

Resolved, That Parliamentary practice shall be adhered to as much as possible. The Conference bar shall occupy the first five seats on both sides of the house.

The following committees were then appointed by the Chair and confirmed by the Conference:

Committee on Worship.—J. E. Fidler and J. L. Boyer.

Committee on Communications.—W. Gehman, L. B. Taylor, and A. B. Gehret.

Committee on Finance.—Robert Walp, H. B. Musselman, and E. W. Martin.

Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.—A. Strawn, Wm. Gehman, and O. S. Hillegass.

Committee on Examination of P. E., Wm. Gehman, O. S. Hillegass, Local Preachers, Evangelists, etc.—L. B. Taylor, J. E. Fidler, and H. B. Musselman.

Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.—A. M. Clauser, R. D. Dreisbach, and W. G. Gehman.

Committee on Examination of Candidates for the Ministry.—Geo. A. Campbell, A. M. Clauser, and A. B. Gehret.

Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination.—Wm. Gehman, A. Strawn, and Geo. A. Campbell.

Committee on Statistics.—W. Steinmetz, J. L. Boyer, and E. Shick.

Auditing Committee.—J. E. Fidler, E. C. Hollenbach, L. B. Taylor, W. F. Edmunds, and A. A. Wismer.

WHEREAS, Bro. W. K. Ziegler, Probationer, has for the last year had charge of a circuit under the direction of the Home Mission Society, therefore

Resolved, That we recognize him as a member of this Conference.

The rest of the session was devoted to hearing the oral reports of the Pastors.

Session was closed by prayer by E. C. Hollenbach.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 19.

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

The Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders reported as follows: Everything is all right with the exception of R. D. Dreisbach, who has lacked somewhat in diligence. The Committee desires information from Conference on a certain point. The report was received.

Rev. C. W. Ruth, Evangelist of the Holiness Christians, also our Home Mission Workers, helpers, and Evangelists, shall be recognized as advisory members of this body.

Resolved, That we recognize the Treasurer of our Annual Conference as a member of this body.

The Pastor's reports were very encouraging. The work in general is in a prosperous condition.

Notwithstanding the severe financial pressure of the past year, the collections exceeded those of last year.

Resolved, That the Division Leaders of the Home Missionary Society report to their President and he to the Annual Conference.

W. B. Musselman, President of the Home Missionary Society, then gave a very interesting and glowing report of the sacrificing, self-denying, and zealous spirit of the workers and their successful work throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

C. M. Layton, of Walnutport, Pa., and J. H. Wesley, White House, New Jersey, were recommended to this Annual Conference by their respective Quarterly Conferences as candidates for the ministry. They gave the nature of their call, to the satisfaction of the Conference, and were recommended to the Committee on Candidates for the Ministry.

C. F. Snyder, of Milford Square, who was also recommended to this Annual Conference by his Quarterly Conference as a candidate for the ministry, was absent, having been accepted by the Board of Foreign Missions as an applicant for a term of tuition in the New York Missionary Training Institute.

Session closed by prayer by G. A. Wentz.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 20.

Opened by singing, and prayer by G. A. Campbell.

The minutes of the last session were read and received with correction.

Report of the Committee on Examination of the Candidates for the Ministry: We have examined Bros. C. M. Layton and J. H. Wesley according to the rules of our Discipline, and found them satisfactory, and recommend them as Probationers. Committee: Geo. A. Campbell, A. B. Gehret, A. M. Clauser.

The report was received.

Resolved, That we allow W. B. Musselman to examine C. M. Layton on the Discipline, at the first convenient opportunity.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records: We have examined the records of the different Quarterly Conferences with the following result:

The Allentown, Coopersburg, Bethlehem, Terre Hill, Erwinna, Quakertown and Hatfield, Reading, and Upper Milford reports were found correct.

The Allentown Quarterly Conference recommends Brother Levi Moyer to this Annual Conference as a Foreign Missionary candidate, and Carrie Doepel for admission to the Annual Conference.

The Coopersburg Quarterly Conference recommends Brothers C. M. Layton and C. F. Snyder to this Annual Conference.

The Gratersford record lacks the auditing report for the fourth quarter. They make an appeal to the Annual Conference to have Gratersford a Mission, and Royersford to be joined to Spring City.

At the following places the Quarterly Conferences, we presume, are yet in session, as there are no accounts of closing exercises: Norristown, Northampton, Weissport, and Spring City. Committee: Wm. G. Gehman, A. M. Clauser, R. D. Dreisbach.

The report was received with the following corrections: Bro. Levi Moyer was recommended to the Foreign Missionary Board.

WHEREAS, The recommendation of the Allentown Quarterly Conference concerning Carrie Doepel is incorrect, we ask the Secretary of said Quarterly Conference to correct the same.

Report of the Committee on Examination of P. E., Wm. Gehman, O. S. Hillegass, Local Preachers, and Evangelists:

We found everything all right with one exception.

WHEREAS, Henry J. Kulp has joined another church, therefore,

Resolved, That we drop his name, and

WHEREAS, The General Conference has transferred the district of Western Pennsylvania to the Indiana Annual Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That we also herewith transfer Elder S. McDonald.

Concerning Elder J. Knauss (deceased), a special memorial article shall be inserted in the minutes. Committee: J. E. Fidler, L. B. Taylor, and H. B. Musselman.

The report was received.

Report of the Statistical Committee: The schedules of the following ministers were found incorrect by the committee: C. H. Brunner, J. E. Fidler, A. M. Clauser, H. B. Musselman, Wm. Gehman, W. Steinmetz, O. S. Hillegass, and L. B. Taylor.

The committee requests that figures should not be mutilated so much in making out reports, as some have been doing. Committee: James L. Boyer, Wilson Steinmetz, Edgar Schick.

The report was received.

The Committee on the Reading Course reported as follows:

APPLICANTS ON THE DISCIPLINE.

J. H. Wesley.....	72%
C. M. Layton.....	

W. B. MUSSELMAN, *Examiner*.

	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. G. Gehman.....	97	100	100	100		77			95
H. J. Kulp (absent).									
A. E. Schaeffer (absent).									
SECOND YEAR.									
W. K. Ziegler.....	62	48		67	58	32			53
D. B. Rote (absent).									
THIRD YEAR.									
S. B. Knerr.....	64	30		47		14	66	54	47
Jas. L. Boyer.....	80	80		80		49	83	75	75

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

WHEREAS, Elder J. L. Boyer has neglected to comply fully with the wishes of the Examining Committee in neglecting a certain study, and he having passed the other studies, this committee asks this Conference to examine or consider the matter, and advise the committee what to do in this case.

The report was received.

Report of the Auditing Committee: We examined the reports and found them correct, with the following exceptions: Erwinna book, page 59, P. E. collections not added up; also on page 60, balance added wrong. Bethlehem book, on page 160, a mistake in adding up the accounts. Gratersford book, page 111, in Trustee Accounts. Statistical Reports audited and found correct, with the following exceptions: W. Steinmetz, A. M. Clauser, O. S. Hillegass, W. K. Ziegler, G. A. Campbell, and L. B. Taylor. Committee: J. E. Fidler, E. C. Hollenbach, W. F. Edmunds, L. B. Taylor, A. A. Wismer.

The report was received.

Brother J. L. Boyer, candidate for Ordination, gave his reasons for neglecting one of his studies, and was referred to the Committee on Ordination.

S. B. Knerr and L. B. Taylor, candidates for Ordination, were referred to the above committee.

The proceedings of the Board of Foreign Missions were read and received. (See Report.) The Board was exonerated.

The report of the Poor Committee was read and received, and referred to the following committee: A. A. Wismer, C. J. Shelly, and A. Strawn. The committee was exonerated.

The report of Finance Committee was read and received. (See report of Financial Secretary.)

The financial report of the P. E. was read, received, and

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Annual Conference pay to W. B. Musselman the excess of expenditures over the collections in connection with the tabernacle work and the new tabernacle, amounting to \$67.09.

The financial and statistical reports of the President of the Home Mission Society were read and received. (See report of "Gospel Workers" Society.)

Rev. B. T. String of the M. E. Church was received as an advisory member.

The chair appointed W. Steinmetz, A. M. Clauser, and C. H. Brunner a committee on resolutions.

Resolved, That all moneys collected for charitable purposes, not paid over to the Treasurer of the Poor Fund, shall be included in the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

Resolved, That the division of Gratersford and Royersford circuit be referred to the Boundary Committee.

A question from the Coopersburg class was heard concerning the selling of tobacco by certain officers of our Church. The subject was discussed, with the following result :

WHEREAS, Our Discipline does not plainly prohibit the selling of tobacco, therefore

Resolved, That we exonerate Brother W. Steinmetz and any others for allowing the election of such officers in the past, and further

Resolved, That no person shall be elected to the office of Deacon, Class-Leader, or Sunday-School Superintendent who uses or deals in tobacco.

Resolved, That we kindly ask Brother W. W. Dill to compile and publish a tract on his knowledge and experience on tobacco.

The following ministers submitted themselves unconditionally to the Conference: W. Steinmetz, R. D. Dreisbach, O. S. Hillegass, A. M. Clauser, H. B. Musselman, L. B. Taylor, C. H. Brunner, A. B. Gehret, J. E. Fidler, J. L. Boyer, and S. B. Knerr.

Conditionally.—G. A. Campbell, Wm. Gehman, and A. Strawn.

Closed by prayer by C. J. Shelly.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 20.

Opened by prayer by C. W. Ruth, after which he delivered a half-hour address on "The Advantage of Eating no Breakfast."

After another prayer by the Chairman, the proceedings of the last session were read and received with correction.

MEMORIAL.

WHEREAS, It hath pleased our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, to take from our midst during the past year, Elder J. T. Knauss, of Emaus, Pa., be it

Resolved, That we confess that in him we have lost an earnest Christian laborer and faithful witness to the doctrine of sanctification, and deeply sympathize with the widow and family of the departed.

Brother J. T. Knauss was born August 13, 1821, and at the age of 35 was truly converted to God, and received as a member of this Church in 1882. He was admitted into the Ministry in 1883, ordained in 1886, and lived a consistent Christian life until he fell asleep January 21, 1897, in the blessed hope of the glorious Resurrection and the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Committee to Examine the Appropriation of the Poor Fund reported as follows: We have examined the account of the Treasurer of the Poor Committee, and found that the money was properly appropriated. Committee: A. A. Wismer, A. Strawn, and C. J. Shelly.

The report was received.

The term of office of the Presiding Elder having expired, he gave some remarks concerning the work of the past year, after which the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we have one Presiding Elder, and that he hold the business meetings quarterly, and the Pastors conduct their own Communion Services, with the privilege of calling in neighboring Pastors.

At this point the Presiding Elder vacated the chair and the Vice-Presiding Elder took his place, after which Brother W. B. Musselman was re-elected Presiding Elder for the ensuing year.

After the Presiding Elder took his chair again he gave a short sketch of his plans for the coming year. The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Vice-Presiding-Elder, J. E. Fidler. Standing

Committee over the Presiding Elder, O. S. Hillegass, A. B. Gehret, and C. H. Brunner. Secretary, C. H. Brunner. Treasurer, Milton Kaufman. The Committee on the Reading Course, A. B. Gehret, H. B. Musselman, and C. H. Brunner. W. B. Musselman shall examine the applicants on the Discipline. Poor Committee, Milton Kaufman, C. J. Shelly, and A. A. Wismer. Committee over the Tabernacles, Jacob Zimmerman, Thos. Hockman, and 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 this campmeeting: D. B. Mohr, Wm. Brunner, and A. H. Musselman. The committee is privileged to hire help if needed.

The Presiding Elder shall have the privilege to hold other campmeetings wherever he sees advisable.

Resolved, That the Foreign Mission Board of last year be re-elected.

Resolved, That the annual offering for the poor be lifted on the first Sunday in October instead of on Thanksgiving-Day as heretofore.

Resolved, That the examination of Probationers on the Reading Course begin at 9 A.M. on the day appointed by the committee.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder and Delegates shall constitute the Stationing, Boundary, and Appropriating Committee.

Resolved, That a free-will offering be made in each class at a monthly prayer meeting held by their respective class-leaders for the "Gospel Workers," which shall be delivered to the Treasurer quarterly, receipted and reported to the Annual Conference.

Closed by prayer by W. W. Dill.

FIFTH SESSION (Extra).

SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 20.

By resolution of previous session, an extra session convened at 6 o'clock.

The Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination reported as follows: The brethren L. B. Taylor and S. B. Knerr were found satisfactory and recommended for Ordination.

Brother James L. Boyer was found satisfactory with the exception of the Reading Course. He shall be examined to-night on the study neglected, and recommended for Ordination.

The report was received.

Resolved, That the Probationers recommended for Ordination shall be ordained to-morrow afternoon.

Closed by prayer by the Chairman, W. B. Musselman.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 22.

Opened by singing, and prayer by the Chairman, after which the proceedings of the previous session were read and approved.

The brethren James L. Boyer and L. B. Taylor were ordained on Sunday afternoon.

Brother S. B. Knerr, who had been passed and recommended by the Committee for Ordination, declined, desiring to labor on Probationer's License another year. His request was granted.

Resolved, That we will not permit any of our Quarterly Conference Licensed Workers to travel as Evangelists, except by permission of the Annual Conference.

Resolved, That the Delegates from the Missions who expect support from the Conference shall not be members of the Stationing Committee.

A collection was taken up for the expenses and salary of the Secretary, amounting to \$5.03. Thanks.

Report of the Stationing, Boundary, and Appropriating Committee received with a slight change, as follows :

A. **CIRCUITS**.—Quakertown and Hatfield—Geo. A. Campbell.

Coopersburg and Springtown—Wilson Steinmetz.

Bethlehem, West Bethlehem, and South Bethlehem—H. B. Musselman. Helper, to be supplied.

Lehighton and Weissport—O. S. Hillegass. Helper, to be supplied.

Upper Milford, East Hereford, and Emaus—A. B. Gehret. Helper, A. Strawn.

Reading, Blandon, and Amityville—C. H. Brunner and Mrs. C. H. Brunner.

Gratersford, Skippackville, Gilbertsville, Lederachville, and Morwood—L. B. Taylor.

Royersford and Spring City—W. G. Gehman. Helper, to be supplied.

Terre Hill and Remps—R. D. Dreisbach and Mrs. R. D. Dreisbach.

Western Pennsylvania was transferred to the Indiana Conference by the last General Conference.

B. **STATIONS**.—Allentown—James L. Boyer.

Norristown—W. K. Ziegler and Mrs. W. K. Ziegler.

C. **MISSIONS**.—Erwinna—J. H. Wesley and Mrs. J. H. Wesley.

Norhampton, Kreidersville, Walnutport, and New Tripoli—A. M. Clauser. Helper, J. B. Knerr.

Annandale, Glen Gardner, and White House—J. E. Fidler.

D. TABERNACLES.—Tabernacle No. 1—C. M. Layton.

Tabernacle No. 2—George Wentz and Mrs. George Wentz.

E. FOREIGN MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.—H. L. Weiss and Kate Weiss for South America. C. F. Snyder for China.

F. ANNUAL CONFERENCE LICENSED EVANGELISTS.—Amanda E. Schaeffer, Lucy Musselman, Dora B. Rote, and S. B. Knerr.

G. QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LICENSED MISSIONARIES.—Rosa J. Rote, Lizzie M. Christman, Elmira C. Dech, Frany L. Wismer, Cora J. Felty, Agnes Ziegler, Mary Kern, Martha A. Lewis, A. C. Spellman, Carrie L. Doepel, Ada W. Smith, Mamie Caskie, Jennie E. Goranflo, Annie K. Wentzel, Geo. Wentz, Emma Geisinger.

H. LOCAL WORKERS.—Howard Rishel, Sarah Brunner, Nora Dreisbach, Wm. King, O. Bitting, Robt. Bergstresser, J. Woodring, Geo. A. Shireman, Emma Schoch, Wm. Fretz, Bertha Snyder, John Yeakel, Wm. Gehman, Amelia Kichline.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1897.

Northampton Mission.....	\$160 00
Erwinna “	80 00
Annandale “	160 00
Weissport Circuit (toward Rent).....	40 00

Committee: W. B. Musselman, Chairman; Robt. Walp, J. M. Oplinger, L. H. Wieand, E. C. Hollenbach, A. A. Wismer, Theo. Kunz, W. F. Edmunds, Edgar Shick, E. W. Martin, C. J. Shelly, J. W. Miller, Adam Wesner.

Resolved, That we hold two Sunday School Conventions this year. One English, including Norristown, Gratersford, Royersford, Spring City, Quakertown, Hatfield, Reading, and Terre Hill; and one English and German, consisting of all the other Sunday Schools.

Resolved, That the English Convention convene at Reading, and the German Convention at Coopersburg.

The following officers were elected for the Sunday School Conventions:

ENGLISH CONVENTION.—Chairman, W. G. Gehman. Secretary, C. H. Brunner. Treasurer, J. C. Krupp. Committee: G. A. Campbell, L. B. Taylor, C. H. Brunner.

Resolved, That this Convention be held on Ascension Day.

Resolved, That only one delegate be elected, and that the superintendent be elected as such, if possible.

GERMAN CONVENTION.—Chairman, H. B. Musselman. Secretary, J. L. Boyer. Treasurer, M. Kaufman. Committee: J. E. Fidler, A. B. Gehret, A. M. Clauser.

Resolved, That this Convention be held on Ascension Day.

The committee of both conventions shall sit *six* weeks previously, and arrange a programme.

Resolved, That we do not recognize Joel Rosenberger as a member of our Annual Conference after this.

Resolved, That Brother Jacob Moyer shall apply to his class and Quarterly Conference for a Quarterly Conference license.

Resolved, That 250 copies of the Conference Journal be printed.

C. H. Brunner was elected editor.

WHEREAS, W. B. Musselman has taken upon himself the responsibility of the cost of the Journals of the last Annual Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That the deficiency be paid out of the Home Mission Treasury, and the Journals shall be delivered to the book agent and the proceeds be put into the Home Mission Fund.

Resolved, That the balance of the Home Mission Fund be used by the Presiding Elder wherever he needs it.

Resolved, That we invite the Gospel Workers to bring their book stand to the campmeetings.

Resolved, That we tender a rising vote of thanks to the brothers and sisters and friends of Royersford and Spring City for their kindness and hospitality shown toward us during the session of this Conference.

Resolved, That, by a rising vote of thanks, we express our hearty appreciation of the kindness of Brother Jacob Mowry and Sister Mowry opening their very commodious home to the accommodation of this Conference.

Resolved, That we feel ourselves under obligation to a vote of thanks to Mr. S. B. Latschaw for the use of his splendid hall and committee rooms.

Resolved, That the next Annual Conference be held in Ebenezer Church, Bethlehem, on the first Friday in March, 1898.

Closed by prayer by L. B. Taylor.

W. B. Musselman, Chairman; C. H. Brunner, Secretary; G. A. Campbell, James L. Boyer, R. D. Dreisbach, O. S. Hillegass, E. C. Hollenbach, L. H. Wieand, W. W. Dill, Wilson Steinmetz, T. F. Kunz, A. M. Clauser, A. A. Wismer, John W. Miller, Adam Wesner, Jas. M. Oplinger, Robt. Walp, H. B. Musselman, Edgar Shick, W. F. Edmunds, Chas. J. Shelly, William Gehman, J. E. Fidler, A. B. Gehret, E. W. Martin, L. B. Taylor, Milton Kaufman, S. B. Knerr, W. K. Ziegler.

Divisions of the Reading Course for 1897.

First Semi-Annual Examination.

FIRST YEAR'S COURSE.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation—*Walker*, Chapters 1-5 inclusive.
 Handbook of Christian Theology—*Field*, Chapters 1-3 inclusive.
 Church History—*Fisher*, to page 240.

SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation—*Walker*, Chapters 6-12 inclusive.
 Handbook of Christian Theology—*Field*, Chapters 4-10 inclusive.
 Church History—*Fisher*, pages 240 to 484.

THIRD YEAR'S COURSE.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation—*Walker*, Chapters 13-19 inclusive.
 Handbook of Christian Theology—*Field*, Chapters 11-15 inclusive.
 Church History—*Fisher*, page 484 to the end.

Second Semi-Annual Examination.

FIRST YEAR'S COURSE.

Bible—Titus, First three Chapters in Revelation.
 Lessons in Holiness—*Doty*.

SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.

Bible—Romans, James.
 Reformed Pastor.

THIRD YEAR'S COURSE.

Bible—Hebrews, Questions on Elijah and Elisha, from 1 Kings, 17, to 2 Kings, 13.
 Nelson on Infidelity.
 Fletcher's Appeal.

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

Report of the Financial Secretary.

I.—COLLECTIONS.—February 7, 1896, to February 19, 1897.

APPOINTMENTS.	Home Missions in Prayer Meetings.	Home Missions in Church.	Foreign Missions.	Foreign Missions in S. S.	Poor Collections
A. CIRCUITS.					
1. Quakertown.....		\$5 35	\$4 08		\$2 16
Hatfield.....		11 69	4 42	\$3 58	2 64
2. Coopersburg.....	\$37 79	117 40	51 56	111 64	20 13
Springtown.....	38	24 00	2 54	8 38	1 73
3. Allentown.....		102 63	20 75	109 76	5 75
Emaus.....		17 13	3 00		6 12
4. Upper Milford.....		105 35	18 46	68 31	8 53
Hereford.....		6 60	2 24		1 91
5. Royersford.....	13 28	21 00	4 66	33 94	2 50
Gratersford.....	12 27	13 17	13 90	47 15	4 19
6. Terre Hill.....		18 07	7 93	7 71	3 15
Remps.....			1 75		
B. STATIONS.					
1. Bethlehem.....		37 50	49 76	64 22	6 20
2. Reading.....	9 62	12 85	6 96	44 80	2 62
3. Norristown.....	4 33	7 00	52	5 35	1 00
C. MISSIONS.					
1. Erwinna.....	3 06	11 60	11 85	44 25	87
Bridgeton.....	2 62	17 75	5 25		38
2. Northampton.....		24 83	25 25	35 27	5 20
3. Weissport.....	3 21	26 28	1 20	17 33	1 07
Lehighton.....	5 79	16 93	11 86	20 78	2 80
4. Spring City.....	25 08	2 25	1 00	23 93	1 25
D. HOME MISSION SOCIETY.....			40 82		
TOTAL.....	\$117 43	\$599 38	\$289 76	\$646 40	\$80 20

II.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE HOME MISSION FUND

From February 7, 1896, to February 19, 1897.

Balance in treasury February 7, 1896.....	\$693 83
Additional from Springtown.....	5 50

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR

Ending February 19, 1897.

Northampton Mission.....	\$100 00
Weissport ".....	80 00
Spring City ".....	120 00
Erwinna ".....	80 00

OTHER EXPENSES.

J. E. Fidler's moving expenses.....	35 29
One minute book (An. Conf.).....	55
One account book (Sec'y Home Mission Fund).....	80
One " " (Sec'y Foreign " Board).....	80
Fifty Annual Conference Schedules.....	50
Paid over to Gospel Workers' Society.....	283 49
To Presiding Elder, for Tabernacle expenses.....	67 09
Money collected from February 7, 1896, to February 19, 1897.....	716 81
Balance in Treasury February 19, 1897.....	647 62

Total.....\$1416 14 \$1416 14

MILTON KAUFMAN, *Treasurer*,

III.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE POOR FUND

From February 7, 1896, to February 19, 1897.

Balance in treasury February 7, 1896.....	\$87 48	
To Sister Steiner, Upper Milford, for rent.....		\$23 32
“ “ “ “ wood and coal.....		26 04
“ “ “ “ butcher.....		9 44
“ “ “ “ dry goods, groceries, &c.....		21 43
“ “ “ “ bread, cakes.....		3 93
“ “ freight of goods, car fare from Bangor, Pa.....		8 93
For Sister Beller, of Emaus, for coal.....		4 84
Money collected from February 7, 1896, to February 19, 1897.....	80 20	
Balance in treasury February 19, 1897.....		69 75
Total.....	\$167 68	\$167 68
H. B. MUSSELMAN, <i>Financial Secretary.</i>		WM. YEAKEL, <i>Treasurer.</i>

Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

A.—ABSTRACT OF SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Board met twice during the year. At its first meeting, February 13, 1896, it pledged \$300 for the support of Fred. Sodaborg, of Africa, for one year. At its last meeting, December 21, 1896, it accepted C. F. Snyder, H. L. Weiss, and Mrs. H. L. Weiss as students of the New York Missionary Training Institute, making itself responsible for the tuition of one term each, on condition that they go as missionaries under the International Missionary Alliance on the first opportunity, or refund the money.

C. H. BRUNNER, *Secretary.*

B.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

1896.			
February 7.	Balance in treasury.....	\$591 21	
March 25.	For the support of F. Sodaborg through I. M. A.....		\$300 00
1897.			
January 5.	For C. F. Snyder, student at the N. Y. M. T. Institute.....		5 00
February 19.	Collected in Church during year.....	248 94	
“ “	Collected in Sunday School during year.....	646 40	
“ “	From "A friend".....	20 00	
“ “	From the "Gospel Workers".....	20 82	
	Balance in treasury February 19, 1897.....		1222 37
Total.....		\$1527 37	\$1527 37

MILTON KAUFMAN, *Treasurer.*Statistical Report of the "Gospel Workers" and
"Men's Missionary" Societies.

	"Gospel Workers" (Women's) Society.	Men's Missionary Society (Disbanded.)
Number of Active Members.....	14	6
“ “ Probationers.....	4	
“ “ Probationers whose time is expired.....	2	
“ “ Converts.....	220	17
“ Baptized.....	75	4
“ of Lay Members of Society.....	146	15
“ “ Regular Appointments.....	12	6
“ “ Sermons and Addresses.....	2086	1000
“ “ Visits.....	2761	551
Books, Tracts, and Papers sold.....	\$1500 00	\$156 70
Received from Annual Conference Home Mission treasury	283 49	

COLLECTIONS.		
For Rents of Halls, etc.....	\$371 79	\$148 71
Received in other Contributions.....	47 13	37 00
For Sundry Expenses.....	226 47	40 00
For Workers in Cash.....	263 82	2 00
For Workers in other Contributions.....	155 23	22 25
Money raised for President.....	34 76	
“ “ “ District Leaders.....	25 67	
“ “ “ Foreign Missions.....	20 82	
“ “ “ “Gospel Workers’” Fund.....	55 34	
“ “ “ Sinking Fund.....	28 74	
“ “ “ Fares, etc.....	46 72	
“ “ “ Benches.....	20 09	
“ “ “ B. L. Percentage.....	4 75	
Total.....	\$1301 33	\$249 96
	249 96	
Total collected in both Societies.....	\$1551 29	

W. B. MUSSELMAN,
Treasurer.

Statistical Report

Presiding Elder.....	1	New Subscribers to GOSPEL BANNER.....	31
Ordained Ministers.....	13	Churches.....	19
Probationers.....	5	Parsonages.....	2
“ to be Ordained.....	3	Value of Church property.....	\$36,465 00
Applicants for the Ministry.....	2	Increase of Church property...	215 00
Quarterly Licensed Preachers.....	37		
Deacons.....	8	COLLECTIONS.	
Stewards.....	30	Collected for Church property	257 74
Baptized.....	106	“ “ parsonage rent...	609 25
Received into the Church.....	81	“ “ Sabbath Schools	533 32
“ by letter of recommendation...	17	“ “ Foreign Missions	646 40
Members died.....	7	“ “ Ministers in cash	1871 16
“ withdrawn.....	60	“ “ “ other	
“ expelled.....	15	contributions.....	428 97
“ transferred.....	35	Collected for Assistants.....	11 57
“ not baptized.....	20	“ “ Home Missions	
Increase of members.....	16	(in Church, \$716.81; in G.	
Whole numbers of members.....	714	W. Society, \$1551.29).....	2268 10
Appointments.....	44	Collected for Foreign Missions	289 76
New appointments.....	21	“ “ repairing Church	
Sermons preached.....	5654	property.....	516 05
Pastoral visits.....	7303	Collected for sexton and sun-	
Prayer meetings visited.....	591	dry expenses.....	1034 97
Sunday Schools.....	441	Collected for Presiding Elders	409 05
Number of classes.....	39	“ “ Tabernacle work	158 51
“ “ new classes.....	10	“ “ Evangelistic work	56 58
Class-Leaders.....	34	“ “ Missionary work..	
Sabbath Schools.....	16	“ “ Campmeetings.....	686 00
New Sabbath School.....	1	“ “ the poor.....	80 20
Officers and teachers.....	198	“ “ S. S. conventions..	41 83
Scholars.....	1120		
Average attendance.....	716	Total collected.....	\$9899 46
Subscribers to GOSPEL BANNER.....	214	JAS. L. BOYER, <i>Statistical Secretary.</i>	

Summary for 1897.

WM. B. MUSSELMAN, *Presiding Elder.*

FIELD.	PASTOR.	MEMBERSHIP.										PROPERTY.					COLLECTIONS.				
		Baptized.	Accessions.	Total Loss.	Increase.	Decrease.	Whole Number of Members.	Sabbath Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	"Gospel Banner to Churches.	Value of Church Property.	For Parsonage Rent.	For Sabbath Schools.	For Ministers In Cash.	For Minister in Other Contributions.	For Presiding Elder.	Total Collections.			
CIRCUITS.																					
Quakertown.....	Geo. A. Campbell.....	1	3	7	4	25	1	9	36	15	1	\$1,000	\$66 00	\$25 44	\$84 05	\$41 88	\$28 97	\$201 23			
Coopersburg.....	W. Steinmetz.....	8	8	9	1	95	2	25	125	23	2	3,500	.....	24 95	274 80	.....	78 98	1069 57	
Upper Milford.....	Wm. Gehman.....	5	7	4	3	79	1	13	63	24	2	4,000	.....	59 22	.....	.....	73 45	639 35
Allentown.....	L. E. Taylor.....	22	19	12	7	95	1	30	138	23	2	2,000	.....	58 52	268 85	.....	43 45	768 84	
Royersford.....	J. E. Rider.....	15	14	4	10	78	2	23	185	28	2	2,250	96 00	98 63	148 05	62 72	37 46	740 83			
Terre Hill.....	A. E. Gehret.....	.....	7	.....	7	34	1	14	170	20	1	4,000	.....	76 24	183 93	16 94	31 79	461 51
STATIONS.																					
Bethlehem.....	O. S. Hillegass.....	18	11	5	6	53	2	13	58	18	2	3,600	66 25	47 43	164 05	25 98	26 95	1038 67			
Reading.....	C. H. Brunner.....	9	15	8	7	54	1	13	90	11	1	5,000	99 00	42 61	179 44	38 89	24 90	846 53			
Norristown.....	S. E. Knerr.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	1	7	33	6	1	2,500	90 00	17 81	63 60	47 00	16 58	309 12
MISSIONS.																					
Erwinns.....	R. D. Dreisbach.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	23	1	10	35	5	1,400	40 00	15 89	93 60	30 30	15 93	382 57
Northampton.....	A. M. Clauser.....	7	7	14	.....	7	25	1	10	68	10	1,000	.....	.....	108 25	40 00	.....	245 80
Weissport.....	H. B. Musselman.....	13	10	12	2	69	2	19	89	15	2	2,800	91 00	36 45	141 46	38 00	41 46	588 13			
Spring City.....	Jas. L. Boyer.....	11	4	.....	4	29	1	13	48	8	1	1,215	61 00	25 57	11 28	27 76	20 59	477 92		
Gospel Workers (Women's) Society.....	W. B. Musselman, Pres.	75	.....	.....	.....	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*301 33
Men's Missionary Society (disbanded).....	W. B. Musselman, Pres.	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	249 96
TOTAL.....		185	98	92	26	42	714	17	198	1120	214	19	\$86,465	\$609 25	\$533 32	\$1871 16	\$428 97	\$409 05	\$5213 46		

* All collections taken together.

CAMPMEETING COLLECTIONS.

Annandale, N. J., Campmeeting.....	\$ 39 00
Walnutport, Pa., ".....	68 61
Fairview Park, Pa., ".....	183 88
Spring City Pa., ".....	182 64
Chestnut Hill, Pa., ".....	211 87

GRAND TOTAL.....\$686 00

.....\$899 46

Roll and Directory of Ministers and Evangelists.

I.—Itinerants.

NAME.	Licensed.	Ortained.	Received the Present Charge.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Boyer, Jas. L.....	1894	1897	1897	Allentown, Pa.
Brunner, C. H.....	1893	1896	1896	616 Locust Street, Reading, Pa.
Campbell, George A.....	1887	1890	1896	Pleasant Valley, Pa.
Clauser, A. M.....	1893	1896	1895	Siegfried's Bridge, Pa.
Dreisbach, R. D.....	1892	1895	1897	Terre Hill, Pa.
Fidler, J. E.....	1888	1891	1897	.....
Gehman, W. G.....	1896	.....	1897	Royersford, Pa.
Gehret, A. B.....	1887	1890	1897	.....
Hillegass, O. S.....	1889	1892	1897	Weissport, Pa.
Knerr, J. B.....	1893	.....	1897	.....
Layton, C. M.....	1897	.....	Tab	.....
Musselman, W. B.....	1883	1886	P. E	Locust Valley, Pa.
Musselman, H. B.....	1890	1893	1897	112 Laurel Street, Bethlehem, Pa.
Steinmetz, W.....	1893	1896	1895	Centre Valley.
Strawn, A.....	1859	1860	1897	344 North Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa.
Taylor, L. B.....	1894	1897	1897	Gratersford, Pa.
Wesley, J. H.....	1897	.....	1897	Upper Black Eddy, Pa.
Ziegler, W. K.....	1895	.....	1897	Norristown, Pa.

II.—Annual Conference Licensed Evangelists.

Knerr, S. B.....	1894	.....	.....	.....
Musselman, Lucy.....	1890	.....	.....	.....
Rote, D. B.....	1893	.....	.....	.....
Schaeffer, A. E.....	1896	.....	.....	.....

III.—Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries.

Caskle, Mamie.....	1896	.....	.....	.....
Christman, Lizzie M.....	1893	.....	.....	.....
Dech, Elmira C.....	1895	.....	.....	.....
Doepel, Carrie L.....	1896	.....	.....	.....
Felty, Cora J.....	1895	.....	.....	.....
Geissinger, Emma.....	1896	.....	.....	.....
Goranflo, Jennie E.....	1896	.....	.....	.....
Kern, Mary.....	1896	.....	.....	.....
Lewis, Martha A.....	1896	.....	.....	.....
Rote, Rosa J.....	1893	.....	.....	.....
Smith, Ada W.....	1896	.....	.....	.....
Spellman, A. C.....	1896	.....	.....	.....
Wentz, George.....	1896	.....	.....	.....
Wentzel, Annie K.....	1896	.....	.....	.....
Wesley, Anna.....	1896	.....	.....	.....
Wismer, Frany L.....	1894	.....	.....	.....

IV.—Local Workers.

Bergstresser, Robt.....	1894	.....	.....	Royersford, Pa.
Bitting, Owen.....	1885	1888	.....	Lenark, Pa.
Brunner, Sarah C.....	1892	.....	.....	Reading, Pa.
Dreisbach, Nora.....	1892	.....	.....	Terre Hill, Pa.
Fretz, Wm.....	1896	.....	.....	Bethlehem, Pa.
Gehman, Wm.....	1849	1849	.....	Vera Cruz, Pa.
Kichline, Amelia.....	1896	.....	.....	Bethlehem, Pa.
King, Wm.....	1895	.....	.....	Coopersburg, Pa.
Rishel, Howard.....	1894	.....	.....	Reading, Pa.
Schoch, Emma.....	1896	.....	.....	Lehighon, Pa.
Shireman, George A.....	1896	.....	.....	South Bethlehem, Pa.
Snyder, Bertha.....	1896	.....	.....	Blandon, Pa.
Woodring, J.....	1895	.....	.....	Weissport, Pa.
Yeakel, John.....	1896	.....	.....	Coopersburg, Pa.

V.—Foreign Missionaries.

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

Sodaborg, F., Congo, Africa, 1896.

CANDIDATES.—H. L. Weiss and Kate Weiss, for South America.

“ “ C. F. Snyder, for China.

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.
1897	Feb. 19	Royersford, 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.



