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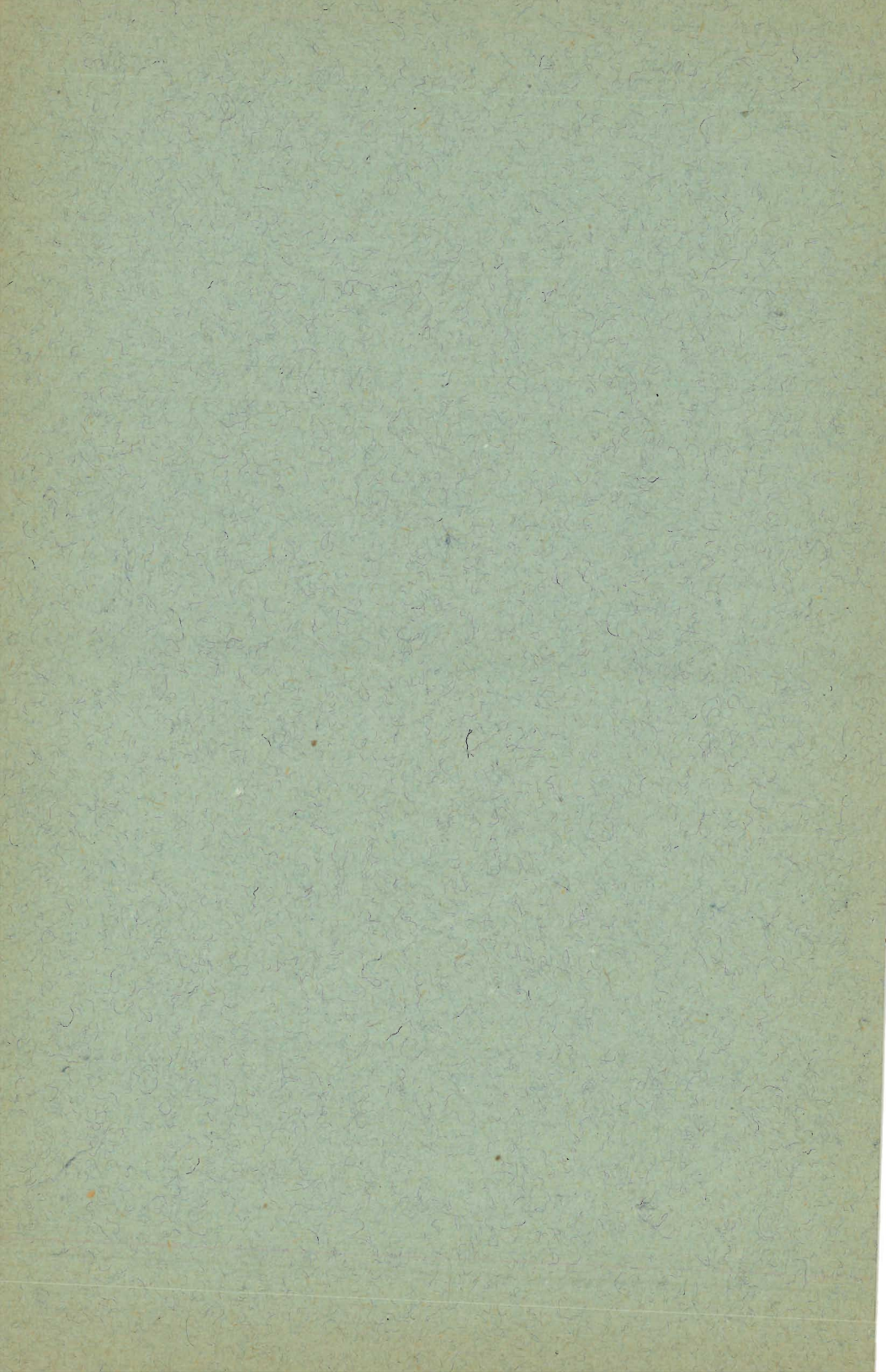
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BUSINESS RULES OF THE CONFERENCE.

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, Evangelists, and Missionaries.
8. Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License.
9. Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination.
10. Committee on Resolutions.
11. Auditing Committee.

OTHER COMMITTEES.

1. Committee on Examination of Probationers on the Reading Course.

2. Committee over the Presiding Elders.
3. Poor Committee or Board of Deacons.
4. Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.
5. 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 charge.
- (c) One Delegate from each charge, elected by ballot at the last Quarterly Conference in the Conference year. (Act of General Conference, 1892.)
- (d) Each Quarterly Conference shall elect one Alternate Delegate to the Annual Conference. (Enacted March 7, 1898.)
- (e) 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.)
- (f) 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.)
- (g) The Delegates from the Missions who expect support from the Conference shall not be members of the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee. (Enacted February 22, 1897.)

B.—Advisory Members.

The following shall be Advisory Members of the Annual Conference:

- (a) Annual Conference Licensed Evangelists, and Missionaries.
- (b) Quarterly Conference Licensed Missionaries.
- (c) Local Workers. (Enacted February 7, 1896.)

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.—Probationers shall be examined by a written examination by a committee to be appointed annually by the Annual Conference for this purpose.

They shall make 20 per cent. on each book, and an average of 40 per cent. on the whole, in order to pass. No probationer shall be ordained until he has passed the Reading Course. (Discipline, page 109.)

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 a Missionary meeting (annually) at every appointment with the assistance of the Minister-in-charge and take up a collection for the (Home) Missionary Cause. (Discipline, page 84.)

D.—FOREIGN MISSIONS, HARVEST HOME.—Each Minister-in-charge shall continue to 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. (Enacted February 3, 1894.)

E.—MISSIONARY DAY.—The Minister-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.—CHARITY.—The Pastor, or somebody appointed by him, shall hold a Special Service in October, at each appointment. On this occasion the Annual Offering for the Poor shall be received. (Enacted February 20, 1897.)

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. (Enacted February 20, 1897.)

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

H.—GOSPEL WORKERS.—Resolved, That a free-will offering for the Gospel Workers be made in each class at a monthly prayer meeting held by their respective class-leaders, which shall be delivered to the Presiding Elder at the Quarterly Conference and reported to the Annual Conference. (Enacted February 20, 1897.)

I.—THE LORD'S COMING.—WHEREAS, We believe that the coming of the Lord is rapidly approaching; therefore

RESOLVED, That we recommend our Ministers to give still more earnest prominence to this blessed hope of the Church, as we see the day approaching. (Enacted February 4, 1894. Amended March 4, 1899.)

J.—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 80.)

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.)

C.—RESOLVED, That we will not permit any of our Quarterly Conference License Workers to travel as Evangelists, except by permission of the Annual Conference. (Enacted February 22, 1897.)

D.—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.—CAMPMEETINGS.—No boarding stands where eatables or any articles of traffic or merchandise are sold shall be allowed on any of the camp-grounds. (Enacted February 4, 1885.)

C.—CHARGES.—No charges shall be brought against any Annual 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.)

D.—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.)

E.—The expenses of any committee of investigation appointed by the Presiding Elder shall be presented to the Annual Conference and paid by the Ministers. (Enacted March 7, 1898.)

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Tenth Annual Ministerial Convention.

The Tenth Annual Ministerial Convention of the M. B. C. of the Pennsylvania District convened in the Upper Milford Church, Dillinger, Pa, March 2, 1899.

The Chairman, Elder H. B. Musselman, opened the Convention at 9 A. M. by singing and reading the 73d Psalm, and prayer was followed by the enrollment of members, after which the minutes were read and received.

The address of welcome was given by Elder J. E. Fidler.

All members of the Annual Conference shall be voting members, and all others present advisory members.

RESOLVED, That Elder A. B. Musselman, of the Canada Conference, be received as a member of this Convention.

The Convention bar shall occupy the three front pews and the amen corner on the men's side.

No speaker shall speak longer than five minutes on any subject or oftener than once, except by permission of the Chairman.

The following essays were read, discussed and received:

1. An Essay on "The Home Missionary and His Work," by Elder W. G. Gehman.

The Home Missionary and his work are very closely related to each other. By their fruits ye shall know them. He should be courageous, full of faith and the Holy Ghost, and very active. He should preach and teach and shine and scatter literature, always praying for himself and the work. He should always be doing good.

2. "The Relations between the Pastor and his Congregation, Saved and Unsaved," was the subject of an essay read by Elder R. L. Woodring.

A pastor is one to feed the "called-out ones." He is to be a servant of all that he may win the more. He must have contact with all but not fellowship. He shall overcome evil with good. He shall lift up Christ, and He will draw all men. The relation between Pastor and saved congregation should be intimate that the unsaved may be brought into relationship to the Pastor. Paul says, ye are my letter of recommendation.

A German Essay on "The Advantage and Disadvantage of Employing Helpers" was read by Milton Kaufman.

If the charge is very large it is very well for a young preacher to be helper, which will give him a chance to study the Reading Course and the older brother can give him valuable information.

The helper is a great help during revival meetings. If he takes his own way he is no blessing. If the charge is small and hasn't much of a missionary spirit, the two preachers may not have enough work or support.

After the offering was taken the forenoon session was closed by prayer by Elder O. S. Hillegass.

SECOND SESSION, 1.45 P. M.

Opened by singing and prayer by Elder J. L. Boyer.

The questions were answered by Elders William Gehman and J. G. Shireman.

Elder David Wiegner was received as a full member of this body.

1. An Essay on "Training Children" was read by Elder A. M. Clauser.

This is greatly neglected by people in these days. Because children don't regard their parents, they don't regard the Lord and salvation.

Fathers, provoke not your children, but bring them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6, 4. Early teach them about Christ. Teach diligently. The rod of correction drives foolishness from the child. They shouldn't be told that God doesn't love them when they are naughty. He loves them and will save them. Parents should punish them because they love them. Children should be trained for heaven.

2. A German essay on "Divine Healing, according to the Scriptures; who may obtain it and how?" by Elder L. B. Taylor.

Sickness is caused by sin, hence healing must be in the atonement. Is. 53, 3-5; Matt. 8, 16, 17. True humiliation is necessary to be healed. We are healed only as far as Christ is in us. Christ was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. Pardon and healing simultaneous in New Testament times. Many examples were given. Faith and obedience necessary to be healed as well as to be saved. He healed all the sick that came to him.

3. An essay was read by Elder R. D. Dreisbach on "What does the Bible mean by the Terms, Holiness, Sanctification,

Receiving the Holy Ghost, Sealed by the Holy Ghost; and how are they related to the believer?"

Holiness and sanctification used synonymously and mean a separation.

Receive, to take freely what's offered.

Sealing means to make an impression, like on the U. S. currency. We as believers shall be holy; for God is holy.

Holiness is not good feeling, not the shadow, but Christ the substance.

We must sanctify ourselves, then He will sanctify us. When a person gives himself to the Lord he will be filled with the fullness of the Holy Ghost.

God seals us with the Spirit. Eph. 4, 30; II Cor. 1, 22.

Upon request of the Convention, the Chairman appointed Elder J. L. Boyer and C. H. Brunner a committee to decide which of the essays, if any, shall be published in the Gospel Banner.

After the collection was lifted, the afternoon session was closed by prayer by Elder H. B. Musselman.

EVENING SESSION, 7.15 P. M.

Opened by singing and prayer by Elder W. K. Ziegler.

The questions were answered by Elders C. H. Brunner and G. A. Campbell.

1. An essay on "The Pastor in his Study, or the proper Education of the Ministry," was read by Elder H. B. Musselman.

The Pastor is expected to have spiritual oversight, perfecting the Saints. Eph. 4, 11. Moses' study was alone with God. Ex. 3, 3. Joseph received his education in prison, from whence he graduated with royal honors.

He must be in close fellowship with God and be an approved workman. To have Bible knowledge is one thing, knowing how to use it, another thing. Believe every line of the Bible, study it, mark it well. The one who wrote it can best explain it. Other books should only be a gateway to the Bible. Few colleges have Christ and the Bible at the head. All Scripture is profitable. Meditate in it day and night.

The Bible is sufficient to educate the ministry. By it we are begotten, Jas. 1, 18; born again, I Pet. 1, 23; nourished, I Pet. 2, 2; built up, Acts 20, 32; kept John 17, 14, 15; made clean, John 15, 3; furnished for work, II Tim. 2, 15; and by it we overcome, Heb. 4, 12; Eph. 6, 17.

An offering for the labors and expenses of the Secretary amounting to \$3.34 was lifted. Thanks.

2. The Committee had Elder W. B. Musselman to give an address instead of an essay on "The Model Pastor's Wife."

Christ is to the Church what the husband is to the wife. Christ didn't find his bride pure, but makes her like himself. the model wife is the result of the model Pastor. She is a responsible creature. If the Pastor rebukes proud people or tattlers, everybody looks to her for a pattern. She wants her husband to be a blessing to every soul. She lets the Lord lead her husband, and gladly submits to him. She is not jealous.

Sarah called Abraham "lord." She with her children belongs to the husband. She is a tool to carry out the Pastor's will. She should be the prettiest sheep in the flock. She faithfully attends to the household duties. She doesn't tell everything to her relatives in preference to her husband.

RESOLVED, That the next Ministerial Convention be held a day prior to the next Annual Conference and at the same place.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, W. B. Musselman; Secretary, H. B. Musselman; Committee, W. G. Gehman, A. M. Clauser, and C. H. Brunner.

The Committee on Essays recommended the publication of the essays of Elders A. M. Clauser, H. B. Musselman, W. B. Musselman and W. G. Gehman.

The report was received by the Convention.

The members of the Convention tendered hearty thanks by a rising vote to the members of Upper Milford Class for their kindness and hospitality shown them during the Convention session.

RESOLVED, That the minutes be published only in the Conference Journal and not in the Gospel Banner.

Closed by prayer by Mrs. J. G. Shireman.

ELDER H. B. MUSSELMAN, Chairman.

ELDER W. G. GEHMAN, Secretary.

Committee:

C. H. BRUNNER,
A. M. CLAUSER,
J. E. FIDLER.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Sixteenth Annual Conference.

FIRST SESSION.

The Sixteenth Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ of the Pennsylvania District convened in Upper Milford Church, Dillinger, Pa., at 8 A. M., March 3, 1899.

The first session was opened by singing and a season of earnest prayer for the blessing of God and the guidance of the Holy Ghost during this Conference session, followed by a very impressive and practical address on Psalm 133 by the Chairman, C. H. Brunner, P. E.

Ordained Ministers Present.—C. H. Brunner, W. B. Musselman, G. A. Campbell, W. Steinmetz, R. D. Dreisbach, O. S. Hillegas, A. M. Clauser, H. B. Musselman, William Gehman, J. L. Boyer, J. E. Fidler, L. B. Taylor, W. K. Ziegler, Abel Strawn.

Ordained Ministers Absent.—O. Bitting.

Probationers Present.—W. G. Gehman, C. M. Layton, J. G. Shireman, W. J. Fretz, G. A. Wentz, R. L. Woodring.

Probationers Absent.—S. B. Knerr, J. B. Knerr, Levi Moyer.

Delegates Present.—A. G. Taylor, E. W. Martin, Milton Kaufman, F. E. Frey, T. J. Knauss, A. A. Wismer, Lewis L. Weiss, J. W. Miller, William Spies, O. A. Oleweine, Readon Tettermer.

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

RESOLVED, That the Secretary appoint his assistants.

He appointed Lewis L. Weiss, Recording Secretary; T. J. Knauss, Statistical Secretary; H. B. Musselman, Financial Secretary.

J. L. Boyer was appointed Reporter by the Chairman.

RESOLVED, That the Conference bar shall occupy the first four pews in the middle and on the men's side.

WHEREAS, Elder A. B. Musselman, a member of the Canada Conference, being present with a proper transfer from P. Cober, P. E., in his possession; therefore

RESOLVED, That he be received as a full member of this Conference.

RESOLVED, That Rev. David Wiegner, of Allentown, also our Probationers, Evangelists and Missionaries, be admitted as advisory members of this body.

RESOLVED, That we publish a Conference Journal this year.

C. H. Brunner was elected Editor.

RESOLVED, That Parliamentary practice be adhered to as far as possible.

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

Committee on Worship.—J. E. Fidler and William Gehman.

Committee on Communication.—W. Steinmetz, L. B. Taylor and O. S. Hillegas.

Committee on Finance.—H. B. Musselman, M. Kaufman and A. A. Wismer.

Committee on Statistics.—J. E. Fidler and J. G. Shireman.
Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records.—A. M. Clauser, A. B. Musselman and F. E. Frey.

Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders.—William Gehman, A. Strawn and M. Kaufman.

Committee on Examination of Presiding Elders, Local Preachers, Evangelists and Missionaries.—G. A. Campbell, R. D. Dreisbach and W. K. Ziegler.

Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference Licenses.—W. B. Musselman, William Gehman and J. W. Miller.

Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination.—H. B. Musselman, G. A. Campbell and W. Steinmetz.

Auditing Committee.—J. L. Boyer, Lewis L. Weiss, A. G. Taylor and E. W. Martin.

Committee on Resolutions.—H. B. Musselman, G. A. Campbell and William Gehman.

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

The pastors' reports were very encouraging. The work, in general, is in a prosperous condition.

On a good many charges, the collection exceeded those of last year, notwithstanding the severe financial pressure.

By request of Conference the Presiding Elder reported the Home Mission work. His report was encouraging. An excellent work has been accomplished through his Home Mission workers in halls and tabernacles.

Session was closed by prayer by W. J. Fretz.

SECOND SESSION, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 3.

Opened by singing, and prayer, by R. D. Dreisbach, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and received with corrections.

The following committee reports were submitted and received:

Committee on Examination of Traveling Elders:

We examined all the Traveling Elders and found no charges against them. Committee:

WILLIAM GEHMAN,
MILTON KAUFMAN,
A. STRAWN.

Committee on Communication:

We decided to present the letters received from S. B. Knerr, J. B. Knerr and Levi Moyer, to the Conference for consideration. Committee:

W. STEINMETZ,
L. B. TAYLOR,
O. S. HILLEGAS.

It was resolved that they be laid on the table for the present.

Committee on Examination of Presiding Elder, Local Preachers and Evangelists:

No complaint was brought against any of these workers except J. B. Knerr and Levi Moyer, who were not found satisfactory. Committee:

G. A. CAMPBELL,
R. D. DREISBACH,
W. K. ZIEGLER.

The Committee on Statistics:

We examined the schedules and found them correct with a few small exceptions, which we corrected. Committee:

J. E. FIDLER,
J. G. SHIREMAN.

Auditing Committee:

We have audited the various accounts submitted to us and found them correct, with the following exceptions: Reading Quarterly Conference Records, page 68; Terre Hill

Schedule, Quakertown and Hatfield Schedule, Rittersville Camp Meeting Accounts. Committee:

J. L. BOYER,
E. W. MARTIN,
LEWIS L. WEISS,
A. G. TAYLOR.

Examining Committee on the Discipline and Reading Course:

	Discipline.	Church History.	Nelson on Infidelity.	Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.	Fletcher's Appeal.	Lessons on Holiness.	Theology.	Jesus is Coming.	Bible.	Reformed Pastor.	Average.
Applicants on the Discipline.											
Edgar Shick	79										
W. W. Zimmerman.....	63										
E. R. Heywood.....	58										
Probationers on Reading Course.											
First Year.											
J. G. Shireman.....	28		65			60	94		91		68
W. J. Fretz.....	15		55			45	66		65		49
George A. Wentz.....	40		51			70	53		64		56
R. L. Woodring.....	50		55			65	67		93		66
C. M. Layton.....	50		55			60	60		69		59
Third Year.											
W. G. Gehman.....	70	96	98	97		98	98	100			94

Committee:

C. H. BRUNNER,
G. A. CAMPBELL,
J. E. FIDLER,
H. B. MUSSELMAN.

RESOLVED, That we kindly ask W. B. Musselman, Missionary Presiding Elder, to give a report of the work of the Gospel Workers' Society.

He gave a very stirring and spiritual report how the Lord was saving all classes and filling them with the Holy Ghost. There is a mutual relationship existing between the Church and the Gospel Workers' Society. Many hearts were deeply touched by his address.

RESOLVED, That Readan Tettermier be received as a delegate of this Conference, since he satisfactorily explained the cause of his absence in the forenoon session.

The financial reports of the Presiding Elder, in connection with the Home Mission work and Reading Church debt, were read and received. (See Reports.)

The report of the Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board was read and received. (See Report.)

He also read an interesting letter to the Conference from Brother H. L. Weiss, of Chilli, South America. Interesting remarks were also made concerning personal letters from Brother C. F. Snyder, of Thibet, and Sister Rose Lambert, of Armenia.

The report of the Poor Committee was read and received. (See Report.)

RESOLVED, That only the summary and not the itemized account of the Poor Committee be reported.

RESOLVED, That, at each camp meeting in our Conference, one day, appointed by the Presiding Elder, shall be heartily offered to the Gospel Workers.

RESOLVED, That C. H. Brunner, W. B. Musselman and William Gehman, shall constitute a committee to investigate (with power to act) the complaints brought against J. B. Knerr and Levi Moyer. The letters on the table were handed over to this committee.

WHEREAS, S. B. Knerr sent in his resignation as probationer and member, and desires his credentials; therefore

RESOLVED, That proper credentials be forwarded at once.

RESOLVED, That the candidate for ordination W. G. Gehman, be referred to the Committee on Ordination.

Adjourned by prayer by W. B. Musselman.

THIRD SESSION, SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 4.

Opened by singing and reading Hosea 14, and prayer by W. B. Musselman, after which the minutes of the last session were read and received.

The following committee reports were submitted and received:

Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ordination:

We recommend this Conference to ordain Elder W. G. Gehman, on Sunday afternoon. Committee:

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

Committee on Resolutions:

WHEREAS, The President of the Gospel Workers' Society submitted a full oral and statistical report of the work

and labors of said society to the perfect satisfaction of this Conference; therefore

RESOLVED, That we, as a Conference, admitting the noble work done and the spirit of true self-denial manifested, feel deeply interested in this missionary society and pledge ourselves to recognize and uphold the same with our prayers as well as otherwise. Committee:

H. B. MUSSELMAN,
GEO. A. CAMPBELL,
WM. GEHMAN.

The Committee on Examination of Quarterly Conference Records:

We have found all records correct, except Coopersburg and Weissport, each having omitted initials of a name.

Brother Levi Moyer was referred to the Annual Conference for absence at the two previous quarterly conferences.

Recommendations, The Brethren Edgar Shick, W. W. Zimmerman and E. R. Heywood, were recommended to this Conference by their respective quarterly conferences. Committee:

A. M. CLAUSER,
F. E. FREY,
A. B. MUSSELMAN.

The Summary Report of the Secretary of the Finance Committee was read and received. (See Report.)

Report of the Committee on Examination of J. B. Knerr and Levi Moyer:

WHEREAS, Brother Levi Moyer has kindly requested this Conference to erase his name from the Conference roll, as probationer, giving reasonable excuse; therefore

RESOLVED, That we comply with his request.

WHEREAS, Brother J. B. Knerr has expressed his desire to resign from this Conference, intending to join another Conference; therefore

RESOLVED, That request be cheerfully granted. Committee:

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

The report of the Beneficiary Society was read and received. (See report.)

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Resolutions draw up a special memorial article concerning Elder A. B. Gehret (deceased.)

RESOLVED, That Elders L. F. Haas and H. P. Peters be received as advisory members.

The following applicants for the ministry expressed the nature of their call: Edgar Shick, W. W. Zimmerman, E. R. Heywood.

They were referred to the Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License.

RESOLVED, That the advisability to sell the Plainfield Church property be referred to a standing committee, consisting of the Presiding Elder and preacher in charge, which two shall choose a third;

RESOLVED, That in case they sell the church, the money shall be at the committee's disposal.

RESOLVED, That the subject of the Bangor Church property be referred to the above committee.

RESOLVED, That the Conference resolve itself into a committee this evening to consider the subject of the Beneficiary Society.

The subject of class membership being discussed it was

RESOLVED, That it be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

RESOLVED, That the Sunday-School officers serve from new-year to new-year, and the officers of the church from one Annual Conference to the other.

The following ministers submitted themselves unconditionally to the Conference:

C. H. Brunner, W. B. Musselman, G. A. Campbell, W. Steinmetz, W. J. Fretz, A. B. Musselman, J. E. Fidler, O. S. Hillegas, R. D. Dreisbach, A. M. Clauser, H. B. Musselman, J. L. Boyer, W. G. Gehman, W. K. Ziegler, J. G. Shireman, Edgar Schick, W. W. Zimmerman, E. R. Heywood, Geo. A. Wentz, R. L. Woodring, C. M. Layton.

Conditionally: L. B. Taylor, Wm. Gehman, A. Strawn, O. Bitting.

At this point the Chairman announced that the time for the election of Presiding Elder had come.

By order of Conference he appointed T. J. Knauss, Wm. Gehman and G. A. Campbell, as the tellers.

The Chairman vacated his chair and the Vice Presiding Elder, J. E. Fidler, took the chair.

C. H. Brunner was re-elected Presiding Elder by a large majority, whereupon by resolution his election was made unanimous by acclamation

After the Chairman took his chair again the following officers were elected:

Vice Presiding Elder, J. E. Fidler; Secretary, W. G. Gehman; Treasurer, M. Kaufman.

The last two elections were made unanimous by acclamation.

Standing Committee over Presiding Elder: H. B. Musselman, G. A. Campbell and A. M. Clauser.

Resolved, That the Pastors in charge see that their delegates bring the money in checks to the Annual Conference.

Adjourned by prayer by W. K. Ziegler.

FOURTH SESSION, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 4.

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

RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Secretary be privileged to drop some minor points in order to curtail the Conference Journal.

The following committee reports were read and received:

The Committee on Examination of Applicants for Annual Conference License:

We have examined W. W. Zimmerman, E. R. Heywood and E. Shick, and found them satisfactory. We, therefore, recommend the Conference to receive them according to the discipline. Committee:

W. B. MUSSELMAN,
WM. GEHMAN,
JOHN MILLER.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED, That we as a church receive class members;

RESOLVED, That we receive the members of the Gospel Workers' Society as class members if they transfer them.

(c) WHEREAS, Our beloved missionaries, Brother and Sister H. L. Weiss, of Victoria, Chili, South America; Brother C. F. Snyder, of Paongan, Thibet, and Sister Rose Lambert, of Hadjin, Turkey, Asia Minor, having labored so faithfully on their respective fields, and submitted reports to the entire satisfaction of the Conference; therefore

RESOLVED, That we as a Conference feel thankful to God for His loving protection over them, any ask Him to

keep them in the future, pledging ourselves to uphold them with our prayers.

MEMORIAL.

WHEREAS, It hath pleased our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, to take from our midst during the past year Elder A. B. Gehret, of Upper Milford, Pa., therefore

RESOLVED, That we confess that in him we have lost a faithful laborer in the faith once delivered to the Saints, a witness for Jesus, a dear brother, and as an expression of sympathy we hereby send our condolence to the bereaved widow, our sister and children of the departed.

Brother A. B. Gehret was born January 7, 1867, and at the age of seventeen years was truly converted to God and was received as a member of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church. He was admitted to the ministry in 1887, and ordained in 1890. He received his last field of labor in 1897, and fell asleep in Jesus, June 1, 1898 (aged 31 years, 4 months and 24 days) in the blessed hope of the glorious resurrection and the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Committee:

H. B. MUSSELMAN,
GEO. A. CAMPBELL,
WM. GEHMAN.

The Presiding Elder now gave a practical address stating that he keenly felt his insufficiency during the past year, and by the help of God would endeavor to extend the work during the coming year.

RESOLVED, That the Conference kindly request our highly esteemed Chairman to refuse to recognize all members of this body, when in regular session, before addressing the Chair.

The following committees were elected:

Foreign Missionary Board: Wm. Gehman, J. E. Fidler, C. H. Brunner, M. Kaufman and H. B. Musselman.

Poor Committee: C. J. Shelly, A. A. Wismer and H. G. Musselman.

Committee on the Reading Course for 1899:

On the Discipline: C. H. Brunner, P. E.

Other Studies: W. G. Gehman, J. L. Boyer and R. D. Dreisbach.

H. J. Kline of the United Evangelical Church was received as advisory member.

RESOLVED, That the campmeetings be left to the Presiding Elder and the preachers of the campmeeting districts.

RESOLVED, That W. B. Musselman, President of the Gospel Workers' Society, be recognized as Missionary Presiding Elder, ex-officio.

RESOLVED, That the collections for the Missionary Presiding Elder and Gospel Workers shall continue as last year.

RESOLVED, That we recognize the quarterly conference license of the Gospel Workers' Society as equivalent to our church quarterly conference license.

RESOLVED, That whenever the Gospel Workers turn one or more of their missions over to the Church, a committee, consisting of the Presiding Elder, the Missionary Presiding Elder and the Treasurer, shall appraise the personal property belonging to the mission and, in case the Church chooses to buy the same, it shall be paid for out of the Home Missionary treasury.

WHEREAS, The Gospel Workers' Society desires to open new halls right along, and therefore propose to surrender all classes and halls to the Mennonite Brethren in Christ; and

WHEREAS, They always pay their rent one month in advance, which (one month's rent) they agreed to forfeit in case the Church will close the mission inside of 90 days after it is handed over; therefore

RESOLVED, That all advance rent will be paid by our Church for such mission halls where the work is carried on for 90 days or more.

RESOLVED, That the Gospel Workers shall have the privilege to change their Gospel Banners as they think advisable.

The last resolution on page 16, and the first two on page 17 of the Conference Journal of 1898, shall be referred to the Committee of the whole Conference.

J. G. Shireman, W. B. Musselman and T. J. Knauss were appointed a committee to draw up resolutions concerning the liquidation of the Reading Church debt.

RESOLVED, That the fourth and fifth resolutions on page 21, Journal of 1898, be classed under "Special Laws and Resolutions." The word "other" shall be erased from the last line of the last named resolution.

WHEREAS, Brother W. J. Fretz failed in one branch of study on account of difficult work resting on him; therefore

RESOLVED, That he be re-examined in that study at the first examination in this year.

RESOLVED, That the second verse in Article 1, Special Services, page 6, in the Journal, shall be changed to read as follows:

RESOLVED, That we recommend our ministers to give still more earnest prominence to this blessed hope of the Church as we see the day approaching.

RESOLVED, That 300 copies of the Conference Journal shall be printed. The preachers shall pay their Journals at the First Quarterly Conference.

The Presiding Elder shall see that the Tabernacle Workers take proper care of the Tabernacles.

RESOLVED, That the Conference Reports be printed in a pamphlet or a supplement and inserted in the Banners sent to the other Conferences.

The Chairman and Secretary shall greatly condense the minutes for the pamphlet or supplement.

The Chairman shall be privileged to use the most appropriate method to defray the expenses of printing.

The Missionary Presiding Elder shall preach the Conference Sermon in English on Sunday forenoon, and the Presiding Elder the Ordination Sermon in German in the afternoon.

The Stationing Committee shall consist of the same members as last year with the same responsibilities.

A collection was taken up for the salary and expenses of the Secretary, amounting to \$3.01. Thanks.

RESOLVED, That the next Annual Conference convene in Reading on the second Friday in September, 1900.

WHEREAS, The Conference year is extended and the need for more Home Missionary money will likely be felt before the Conference year transpires; therefore

RESOLVED, That the Presiding Elder take a special Home Mission subscription at the Campmeetings next summer, to be paid in by Thanksgiving Day.

Adjourned by prayer by J. L. Boyer.

FIFTH SESSION, MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 6.

Opened by singing and reading of the minutes which were received as read.

The following reports were read and received:

Report of the Committee of the Whole Conference which was in session Saturday night:

H. B. Musselman was elected Chairman and C. H. Brunner, Secretary.

The report of the Committee on the Liquidation of the Reading Church Debt was submitted to this Committee and received as follows:

WHEREAS, C. H. Brunner, P. E., was appointed at the last Annual Conference to raise the required money to cover

that portion of the Reading Church debt, assumed by the Conference, amounting to nearly One Thousand Dollars, (\$1,000.00); and

WHEREAS, Very many members have already paid liberally toward the same with the determination to pay no more for the same purpose; and

WHEREAS, The entire debt has been covered by subscriptions through the very persevering and fruitful efforts of said Brother Brunner; and

WHEREAS, There is a small amount of the subscription yet unpaid; therefore

RESOLVED, That we do hereby express our highest appreciations for the unceasing efforts of our beloved Presiding Elder, and we kindly require him to collect the rest of the subscribed money or enough to cover the rest of the debt, and report to the next Annual Conference for which he will receive further congratulation. Committee:

J. G. SHIREMAN,
W. B. MUSSELMAN,
T. J. KNAUSS.

The subject of the Beneficiary Society was discussed at length with the following results:

WHEREAS, During the past year a number of the Brethren in the Ministry have seen the necessity of organizing a Beneficiary Society, (having for its object "To aid those members of the society who may need help on account of sickness or death"); therefore

RESOLVED, That this Annual Conference will permit them to continue a society among them; and further

RESOLVED, That those brethren who do not coincide with this society shall, please, not use their influence against it.

The following handed in their names as members:

Wm. Gehman, H. B. Musselman, W. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, W. J. Fretz, R. D. Dreisbach, A. M. Clauser, A. B. Musselman; O. S. Hillegas, W. Steinmetz, J. E. Fidler, W. K. Ziegler, L. B. Taylor and C. H. Brunner.

By order of the Conference, the Committee considered the following resolutions from last year's Journal with results as follows:

RESOLVED, That the clause "unless otherwise agreed to by the Presiding Elder and President," shall be added to the last resolution on page 16.

RESOLVED, That the first resolution on page 17 remain as it is and the second resolution on the same page be erased.

RESOLVED, That the collections for the Gospel Workers and the Missionary Presiding Elder shall be forwarded to the Presiding Elder.

Upon an appeal from the Probationers it was

RESOLVED, That during this Conference year of almost nineteen months there shall be four examinations on the Reading Course which shall count for two years' probation.

The dates and division of lessons shall be decided by the Committee.

RESOLVED, That the fares of the Examining Committee and the Probationers be paid by the Church.

The report of the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee was read and received as follows:

C. H. Brunner, P. E.

A. CIRCUITS.

1. Coopersburg and Springtown—A. M. Clauser.
2. Bethlehem and South Bethlehem—R. L. Woodring.
3. Upper Milford, Hereford and Emaus—J. E. Fidler.
4. Gratersford, Lederachville and Trappe—G. A. Campbell.
5. Royersford and Spring City—R. D. Dreisbach and Mrs. R. D. Dreisbach.
6. Reading and Amityville—A. B. Musselman.

B. STATIONS.

1. Allentown—W. Steinmetz.
2. Blandon—J. G. Shireman and Mrs. J. G. Shireman.
3. Terre Hill—O. S. Hillegass.
4. Mt. Carmel—H. B. Musselman.

C. MISSIONS.

1. Quakertown and Hatfield—W. K. Ziegler and Mrs. W. K. Ziegler.
2. Erwinna and Bridgeton—J. L. Boyer.
3. Nazareth and Plainfield—G. A. Wentz, under the supervision of A. Strawn.
4. Walnutport and Tripoli—C. M. Layton.
5. Lehighton and Weissport—W. G. Gehman.
6. Girardville—W. J. Fretz.
7. Glen Gardner, N. J.—To be supplied.
8. Washington, N. J.—To be supplied.
9. Hackettstown, N. J.—To be supplied.
10. Beattystown, N. J.—To be supplied.
11. Siegfried, Pa.—To be supplied.
12. Norristown, Pa.—To be supplied.

D. TABERNACLES.—To be supplied.

E. LOCAL PREACHERS.—O. Bitting and Wm. Gehman, Upper Milford Quarterly Conference; A. Strawn, Allentown Quarterly Conference; L. B. Taylor.

F. ANNUAL CONFERENCE LICENSED MISSIONARIES.—Edgar Shick, W. W. Zimmerman, E. R. Heywood.

G. QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LICENSED MISSIONARIES.—Mrs. W. K. Ziegler, Mrs. C. H. Brunner, Mrs. R. D. Dreisbach, Mrs. J. G. Shireman, Anna Wesley, Amelia Kichline, Maria Block, Howard Rishel, Robert Bergstresser, C. E. Shappell, H. M. Gehman, F. E. Frey, Alfred Deppe, J. C. Roth, Wm. Hutchins, Menno Zook, D. Oscar Duck, Jacob H. Moyer, W. W. Dill.

H. FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.—Chili, South America, H. L. Weiss and Mrs. H. L. Weiss; Thibet, C. F. Snyder; Hadgin, Turkey, Rose Lambert.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1899 AND 1900.

Quakertown	\$12.50	per quarter
Erwinna	20.00	" "
Nazareth.....	15.00	" "
Glen Gardner.....	10.00	" "
Lehighton	10.00	" "
Walnutport	12.50	" "
Girardville	15.00	" "

RESOLVED, That the balance in the Home Mission treasury shall be at the disposal of the Presiding Elder.

Committee: C. H. Brunner, P. E.; W. B. Musselman, M. P. E.; A. G. Taylor, M. Kaufman, J. W. Miller, T. J. Knauss, Wm. Spies, E. W. Martin, A. A. Wismer, F. E. Frey.

RESOLVED, That the moving expenses of R. L. Woodring, H. B. Musselman, W. J. Fretz and G. A. Wentz be paid out of the Home Mission Fund.

RESOLVED, That the preachers be privileged to choose any Sunday in October to take the Annual Offering for the Poor.

RESOLVED, That the work of the Presiding Elder be left to his discretion.

RESOLVED, That the Beneficiary Society stand as it was organized with C. H. Brunner, P. E., President; H. B. Musselman, Secretary; M. Kaufman, Treasurer.

RESOLVED, That we have one English Sunday-School Convention and one English and German and that the Boundary Line be the same as last year.

Each Sunday-School shall be represented by the Superintendent and one delegate.

The following officers were elected for the Sunday-School Conventions:

English Convention.—Chairman, R. D. Dreisbach; Secretary, A. B. Musselman; Treasurer, William Spies; Committee, Lewis L. Weiss, J. W. Miller and J. G. Shireman.

RESOLVED, That this Convention convene in Hatfield on July 4, 1899.

The Convention the following year shall meet the same time; the place to be appointed and the officers to be elected by the first Convention.

English and German Convention.—Chairman, W. G. Gehman; Secretary, J. E. Fidler; Treasurer, R. L. Woodring; Committee, A. M. Clauser, J. L. Boyer, W. Steinmetz.

RESOLVED, That this Convention convene in Coopersburg on Ascension Day.

RESOLVED, That the Presiding Elder and Missionary Presiding Elder be invited to this Convention. Conference permitted the first year's Convention to elect the officers for the second. The Committees shall meet six weeks before the conventions to arrange the programmes.

Upon request of H. B. Musselman to be relieved as a member of the Reading Course Committee, also as Secretary of the Beneficiary Society it was

RESOLVED, That his request be granted.

The following were elected in his stead: R. D. Dreisbach, as member of the Reading Course Committee and A. M. Clauser as Secretary of the Beneficiary Society.

RESOLVED, That H. B. Musselman, W. J. Fretz and the President of the Gospel Workers' Society shall decide when the Mt. Carmel and Girardville halls shall be vacated.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED, That we tender a rising vote of thanks to the Brothers and Sisters and Friends of Upper Milford for their kindness and hospitality shown us during the Session of this Conference. Especially do we express our hearty appreciation of the kindness of Brother and Sister William Wieand for opening their home to the accommodation of this Conference. Committee:

GEORGE A. CAMPBELL,
WILLIAM GEHMAN,
H. B. MUSSELMAN.

Attest: C. H. Brunner, Chairman; W. G. Gehman, Secretary.

Signed: A. M. Clauser, O. A. Olewine, R. D. Dreisbach, William Gehman, W. Steinmetz, L. B. Taylor, O. S. Hillegass, W. J. Fretz, W. S. Spies, J. W. Miller, A. Strawn,

J. E. Fidler, W. B. Musselman, T. J. Knauss, Readon Tettemer, F. E. Frey, A. A. Wismer, Milton Kaufman, A. G. Taylor, Lewis L. Weiss, J. G. Shireman, W. K. Ziegler, John Weiss, E. W. Martin, J. L. Boyer, H. B. Musselman, A. B. Musselman, G. A. Campbell.

Closed by prayer by C. H. Brunner, P. E.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE READING COURSE.

DIVISIONS FOR 1899 AND 1900.

A. Applicants—On the Discipline. C. H. Brunner, P. E.

B. First and Second Years' Probationers.

FIRST EXAMINATION.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation (Walker)—to page 89.

Church History (Fisher)—to page 121.

Lessons in Holiness (Doty)—to page 111.

Bible—Titus.

SECOND EXAMINATION.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation—Pages 90-141.

Church History—Pages 121-239.

Lessons in Holiness—Page 112-End.

Bible—James.

THIRD EXAMINATION.

Handbook of Christian Theology (Field)—111.

Church History—Pages 240-346.

Reformed Pastor—to page 187.

Bible—Acts, Chaps. 1-14.

FOURTH EXAMINATION.

Handbook of Christian Theology—Pages 111-207.

Church History—Pages 346-483.

Reformed Pastor—Page 187-End.

Bible—Acts, Chaps. 15-28.

C. Second and Third Years' Probationers.

FIRST EXAMINATION.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation—Pages 84-185.

Handbook of Christian Theology—Pages 82-155.

Church History—Pages 240-346.

Reformed Pastor—to page 187.

Bible—Acts, Chaps. 1-14.

SECOND EXAMINATION.

Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation—Page 185-End.

Handbook of Christian Theology—Pages 156-246.

Church History—Pages 346-449.

Reformed Pastor—Page 187-End.

Bible—Acts, Chaps. 15-28.

THIRD EXAMINATION.

Jesus is Coming (Blackstone)—to page 76.

Church History—Pages 449-559.

Nelson on Infidelity—to page 205.

Fletcher's Appeal—to page 140.

Bible—I and II Timothy.

FOURTH EXAMINATION.

Jesus is Coming—Page 76-End.

Church History—Page 559-End.

Nelson on Infidelity—Page 206-End.

Fletcher's Appeal—Page 140-End.
Bible—I and II Peter.

NOTE.—The first examination will be held at Bethlehem, Pa., July 5, 1899, at 9 A. M.

W. G. GEHMAN,
J. L. BOYER,
R. D. DREISBACH,

Committee.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

for the Conference year ending March 3, 1899. The first meeting of the Board convened at the Quakertown Camp-meeting September 2, 1898, all the members being present with the exception of W. B. Musselman. Sister Marianne Gerber and Rose Lambert from the Missionary Society "Light and Hope," from Berne, India, under appointment for Armenia, accompanied by Garabed der Hagobian, a native Armenian, spent several days with us at this camp-meeting. One whole evening was given to them. Their messages in song and their addresses were highly appreciated. At the close of the meeting an offering of \$70.00 was handed over to them by the congregation. The following day the Missionary Board passed the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That we accept Sister Rose Lambert as our representative in Armenia, and appropriate \$200 for her first year's support on the field, to be paid quarterly in advance.

At the second meeting of the Board, held at the residence of Brother Henry Shelly, Dillinger, Pa., November 28, it was

RESOLVED, That the treasurer shall forward to the treasurer of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the full amount due Brother and Sister H. L. Weiss and Brother C. F. Snyder for the balance of this Conference year at the time the next payment is due.

RESOLVED, That we ask the treasurer of the Christian and Missionary Alliance to forward Brother Snyder's whole allowance to him as soon as received.

RESOLVED, That the Board shall hold a regular meeting semi-annually as follows:

At the time and place of the Annual Conference and at the time and place of the Annual Conference Campmeeting.

The letters and reports of Brother C. F. Snyder are full of interest and expressive of a deep spiritual life of joy and

contentment. The Lord has also marvelously preserved his physical life. He arrived at Paongan, a city in one of the Thibetan Provinces, August 20, 1898.

Sister Rose Lambert, accompanied by Sister M. Gerber, spent several days among a number of the congregations of this Conference, after which they sailed from New York November 12, arriving at Constantinople, Turkey, November 28, and at Hadjin December 18, 1898, where they have charge of an orphanage for the present. Their reports are very spiritual and encouraging.

Brother and Sister H. L. Weiss are laboring at Victoria, Chili, with blessed results. Part of their parish is a German settlement, the rest are Chilanoes (natives) and Indians. The language is Spanish, except among the German settlement. The following is their statistical report:

Converted	60	Deacons and Stewards...	15
Baptized	60	Class Leaders.....	5
Accessions	60	Sunday-Schools	5
Whole Membership.....	190	Scholars	80
Native Helpers.....	5		

Value of Mission Property.....\$1,500.00

Collected for Mission.....\$310.00

Collected for Printing Press..... 140.00

Collected for Evangelists..... 50.00

Total Collected.. ..\$ 500.00

NOTE.—This is Chileno money, \$3 of which is equivalent to \$1 in gold.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT.

March 4, 1898, balance in treasury.....	\$ 113 29	\$
March 4, 1898, collections during year	1,207 17	
Aug. 31, 1898, L. L. Weiss (for Armenia)	25 00	
Aug. 31, 1898, Alice J. Weiss (for Armenia)	25 00	
Sept. 3, 1898, cash.....	2 00	
Jan. 5, 1899, cash, Dr. I. C. Detweiler (for Armenia)....	100 00	
To A. E. Funk, for the support of C. F. Snyder for one year		300 00
To A. E. Funk for support of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Weiss for one year.....		600 00
To J. A. Sprunger for the support of Rose Lambert for six months to date.....		100 00
March 3, 1899, collections during past year.....	1,101 86	
Balance in treasury March 3, 1899.....		1,574 32
	\$2,574 32	\$2,574 32

C. H. BRUNNER, Secretary.

M. KAUFMAN, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

I. Collections, March 4, 1898, to March 3, 1899.

APPOINTMENTS.	Gospel Workers in Prayer Meetings.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Foreign Missions in Sunday-Schools.	Collection for Poor.	M. P. E. at Love Feasts.	Reading Church.
A.—CIRCUITS.							
1. Coopersburg	\$ 27 94	\$ 88 90	\$ 41 62	\$ 65 71	\$ 16 03	\$ 21 43	\$ 78 50
Springtown	2 95	19 00	3 22	3 08	1 52		15 00
2. Bethlehem	31 19	88 60	31 25	65 10	13 66	89 19	122 50
West Bethlehem....	9 29						
S. Bethlehem....	4 39	11 00					
3. Upper Milford...	20 19	100 01	16 69	107 05	7 69	14 08	94 95
Hereford	2 37	6 10	1 67		2 08	3 54	10 50
Emaus	6 66	16 00	26 97		3 75	4 25	6 00
4. Reading	11 08	35 25	102 53	26 85	4 59	18 58	22 50
Blandon			25 00				
5. Royersford	18 95	33 11	13 27	63 05	5 51	9 88	40 50
Spring City	18 27	34 20	13 07	82 30	4 25	9 75	32 00
6. Gratersford	20 95	44 27	13 06	51 65	4 26	12 60	66 00
B.—STATIONS.							
1. Allentown	18 88	129 30	42 86	117 52	8 45	37 06	111 50
2. Terre Hill.....	9 14	12 75	17 00	7 25	9 00	4 48	17 50
C.—MISSIONS.							
1. Quakertown	7 16	15 30	4 52	3 44	3 00	3 59	7 50
Hatfield		9 75	1 36	5 70	68		22 00
Norristown							30 00
2. Erwinna	2 94	9 40	3 50	22 55	1 00	2 57	8 00
Bridgeton	1 10	7 20	2 50		1 05	1 93	2 00
5. Walnutport	1 17	9 25					6 00
6. Lehighton	7 59	21 50	17 80	3 88	1 87	6 96	10 50
Weissport	6 58	17 00	9 30	8 00	1 00		23 50
7. Nazareth		11 75	3 55		3 25		10 00
Plainfield							5 00
Glen Gardner....			2 66		40		5 00
8. Northampton ...	13 27	13 50	17 25	17 91	2 85	2 76	29 25
New Tripoli	1 75	13 00	12 25		1 75	90	9 60
Gospel Workers..			27 92				10 00
Total Collected...	\$243 81	\$746 14	\$450 82	\$651 04	\$ 97 64	\$243 55	\$795 80

II. Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund from March 4, 1898, to March 3, 1899.

Balance in Treasury, March 4, 1898.....	\$658 41
Appropriations during year ending March 3, 1899:	
Quakertown Mission.....	\$ 50 00
Erwinna Mission.....	80 00
Glen Gardner Mission.....	105 00
Nazareth Mission.....	40 00
Siegfried Mission.....	50 00
Walnutport Mission.....	50 00
Lehighton Mission.....	30 00
Roaring Branch Mission.....	20 00
Repairing Camp Chairs.....	9 60
Paid over to Presiding Elder.....	192 33
Balance in Treasury.....	31 48

Total \$658 41 \$658 41

M. KAUFMAN, Treasurer.

III. Financial Report of the Presiding Elder.

A. Home Mission Work, fares, outfits, repairs, etc.		
Received from Treasurer.....	\$192 33	
Bedminster Tabernacle.....		\$ 7 09
Quakertown Tabernacle.....		5 13
Roaring Branch Tabernacle.....		46 12
New Tripoli Tabernacle.....		20 78
Blandon Tabernacle.....		95
Riegelsville Tabernacle.....		3 06
Reading Hall.....		11 13
Green Lane Hall.....		15 84
Glen Gardner Hall.....		16 47
Trappe Hall.....		25 93
Fleetwood Hall.....		7 00
Kimberton Hall.....		9 21
Hackettstown Hall.....		3 09
Washington Hall.....		4 34
New Tabernacle top.....		128 92
Tent flies and freight.....		23 34
Sundries.....		4 89
Schedules and report blanks.....		2 75
Received for new Tabernacle.....	\$143 71	
Total	\$336 04	\$336 04

B. Account of Reading Church Debt.

Balance on note, March 4, 1898.....		\$946 97
Interest on above to February 7, 1899.....		47 33
Amount		994 32
Amount subscribed.....	997 55	
Amount collected.....	795 80	
Unpaid subscriptions.....	201 75	

C. H. BRUNNER, P. E.

IV. Report of the Treasurer of the Poor Fund from March 4, 1898, to March 3, 1899.

	Received.	Paid.
Balance in treasury, March 4, 1898.....	\$ 91 09	\$ 112 16
Expended during the year.....		
Collections received March 4, 1899.....	97 64	
Balance in treasury, March 4, 1899.....		76 57
	\$188 73	\$188 73

A. A. WISMER, Treasurer.

V. Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund.

March 4, 1899, receipts up to date.....	\$ 73 85	
Expenditures.....		\$ 62 14
Balance in treasury March 4, 1899.....		11 71
Total	\$ 73 85	\$ 73 85

M. KAUFMAN, Treasurer.

H. B. MUSSELMAN, Financial Secretary.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Presiding elders.....	2	COLLECTIONS.	
Ordained ministers.....	16		
On probation.....	6	Collected for Church prop-	
On probation to be ordained	3	erty	\$ 1,461 48
Applicants for the ministry	1	Collected for parsonage	
Q. C. licensed preachers		rent	604 27
and evangelists.....	20	Collected for Sunday-	
Deacons	9	schools	682 86
Stewards	38	Collected in Sunday-schools	
Baptized	92	for Foreign Missions....	628 29
Received into Church fel-		Collected for ministers in	
lowship	107	cash	2,320 27
Received by letter of rec-		Collected for ministers in	
ommendation and trans-		other contributions....	567 24
fer	44	Collected for assistants....	19 65
Members died during the		Collected for Home Mis-	
past year.....	8	sions	746 14
Members withdrawn.....	17	Collected for Foreign Mis-	
Members expelled.....	12	sions	422 85
Members moved away....	2	Collected for repairing	
Members transferred.....	61	Church property.....	233 68
Increase of members.....	51	Collected for sexton and	
Whole number of mem-		sundry expenses.....	985 00
bers	823	Collected for Presiding	
Appointments	46	Elder	446 73
New appointments.....	5	Collected for tabernacle	
Sermons preached.....	3,209	work	426 93
Pastoral visits.....	4,213	Collected for evangelistic	
Prayer-meetings visited...	697	work	164 90
Sunday-schools visited...	522	Collected for missionary	
Classes	32	work	155 62
Class leaders.....	37	Collected for camp-meet-	
Sunday-schools	22	ings	689 83
New Sunday-schools or-		Collected for the poor....	97 64
ganized	3	Collected for Sunday-	
Officers and teachers.....	281	school Conventions.....	25 95
Scholars on roll.....	1,564	Collected for the Gospel	
Average attendance.....	1,012	Workers	251 38
Subscribers to Gospel Ban-		Collected for Missionary	
ner	329	P. E.	250 28
New subscribers received		Collected on Reading	
during past year.....	37	Church debt.....	795 80
Churches	24		
Parsonages	2	Total amount collected..	\$12,059 19
Value of Church property..	\$41,610 00		
Increase in Church prop-		T. J. KNAUSS, Stat. Sec.	
erty	1,424 00		
Literature sold (retail)....	702 00		

REPORT OF THE GOSPEL WORKERS' SOCIETY

For the year ending February 1, 1899. (Extracts).

A. Statistical.	
Number of sermons or public talks.....	5,274
“ “ different families visited.....	8,805
“ “ open air meetings.....	405
“ “ hall meetings.....	2,239
“ “ cottage meetings.....	30
“ “ class meetings (private).....	40
“ “ Children's meetings.....	168
“ “ Gospel Banners, sold weekly	890
Value of literature sold.....	\$2,698 44
B. Financial.	
Summary income for the year ending Jan. 1, 1899 (excepting literature).	
Sinking Fund.....	\$ 60 87
Uniform department.....	519 49
Outfitting department.....	46 50
Literature department.....	2,698 44
Gospel Workers' Fund (from Missions)	644 76
“ “ “ (“ Church)	199 17
“ “ “ (private donations)	243 00
Rents	1,063 66
Foreign Missions.....	27 92
Camp-meetings, Tabernacle meetings, Conventions.....	271 83
Cuban sufferers.....	27 50
Value of donations, eatables, etc.....	649 47
Sundry support of Officers and Workers	1,645 12
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Total collected	\$8,097 83

W. B. MUSSELMAN, President.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1898.

FIELD.	PASTOR.	MEMBERSHIP.						PROPERTY.				COLLECTIONS.							
		Baptized.	Total Gain.	Total Loss.	Increase.	Decrease.	Whole Number of Members.	Sabbath-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Subscribers to "Gospel Banner."	Churches.	Value of Church Property.	For Parsonage Rent.	For Sabbath-Schools.	For Ministers In Cash.	For Ministers In Other Contributions.	For Elder.	Total Collections.
A. CIRCUITS.																			
Coopersburg	A. M. Clauser	1	1	13	12	80	2	28	128	23	2	3,500	65 70	\$58 71	202 80	\$20 03	48 58	793 46	
Bethlehem	H. B. Musselman	24	21	10	11	82	2	34	176	33	2	4,500	50 00	70 91	259 35	27 00	73 57	1,418 59	
Upper Milford	J. E. Fidler	10	7	13	6	83	1	13	66	31	3	4,000	46 55	33 73	201 32	64 35	43 14	972 06	
Reading	J. G. Shireman	17	23	9	14	84	2	31	142	10	2	5,850	73 02	66 75	214 58	122 74	42 08	1,703 67	
Gratersford	L. B. Taylor	6	9	1	8	49	1	21	125	18	1	1,500	54 67	134 05	1 25	24 80	523 10		
Royersford	W. G. Gehman	6	5	8	3	69	2	26	156	26	2	4,060	83 11	292 40	38 88	41 07	1,193 22		
B. STATIONS.																			
Allentown	W. Steinmetz	2	8	9	1	91	1	24	130	36	1	2,000	96 00	69 85	194 33	15 27	56 05	1,091 10	
Terre Hill	R. D. Dreisbach	6	6	6	6	39	1	14	150	14	1	4,000	97 92	190 08	23 35	15 24	523 06		
C. MISSIONS.																			
Quakertown	W. K. Ziegler	4	14	1	13	48	2	11	69	11	4	6,500	35 90	113 32	25 00	23 76	1,306 68		
Erwinna	J. L. Boyer	5	13	1	13	27	1	10	30	15	1	1,400	50 00	13 77	65 49	32 00	16 91	454 62	
Glen Garden	W. W. Zim'erman	9	3	2	6	20	2	22	109	20	2	1,800	60 00	46 27	186 95	33 82	7 47	70 53	
Stegfried	G. A. Campbell	2	4	3	2	34	2	18	92	9	2	2,800	42 00	23 28	139 00	35 40	25 18	514 63	
Lehighton	W. J. Pretz	1	4	3	4	64	2	7	60	6	1	500	55 00	41 00	30 00	11 66	183 66		
Roaring Branch	R. L. Woodring	1	2	1	1	12	1	15	85	6	1	500	66 00	15 00	54 15	40 00	4 15	252 44	
Nazareth	J. B. Kner	20	23	28	5	42	1	7	46	1	1	500	66 00	15 00	54 15	40 00	4 15	275 50	
Tabernacles, Halls, etc.																			
Gospel Workers																			
Total		105	149	101	78	30	823	22	281	1,564	252	24	\$41,610	\$604 27	\$682 86	\$2,320 27	\$567 24	\$446 73	\$12,059 19
Summary of Gospel Workers' collections for year ending January 1, 1899.																			\$8,097 83
Total collections in Church and Gospel Workers' Society.																			\$20,157 02
Appropriations received by the above Missions out of the Home Mission Fund:																			
Quakertown																			\$50 00
Erwinna																			80 00
Glen Garden																			105 00
Stegfried																			50 00
Lehighton																			30 00
Roaring Branch																			20 00
Nazareth																			40 00
Walnutport																			50 00
Total																			\$425 00

ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES.

I. ITINERANTS.

NAME.	Licensed.	Ordained.	Received the Present Charge.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Boyer James L.	1894	1897	1898	Erwinna, Pa.
Brunner C. H.	1893	1896	P. E.	Allentown, Pa.
Campbell G. A.	1887	1890	1898	Gratersford, Pa.
Clauser A. M.	1893	1896	1898	Coopersburg, Pa.
Dreisbach R. D.	1892	1895	1897	Spring City, Pa.
Fidler J. E.	1888	1891	1897	Dillinger, Pa.
Fretz W. J.	1898		1899	Girardville, Pa.
Gehman W. G.	1896	1899	1897	Lehighon, Pa.
Hillegas O. S.	1889	1892	1897	Terre Hill, Pa.
Layton C. M.	1897		1898	Walnutport, Pa.
Musselman A. B.	1894	1898	1899	616 Locust Street, Reading, Pa.
Musselman W. B.	1883	1886	M. P. E.	8th Cor. Main, Watsontown, Pa.
Musselman H. B.	1890	1893	1897	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Shireman J. G.	1898		1898	Blandon, Pa.
Steinmetz W.	1893	1896	1898	530 New Street, Allentown, Pa.
Wentz G. A.	1898		1899	Nazareth, Pa.
Woodring R. L.	1898		1899	112 Laurel St., Bethlehem, Pa.
Ziegler W. K.	1895	1898	1897	Shelly, Pa.

II. ANNUAL CONFERENCE LICENSED PREACHERS (LOCAL).

Bitting Owen.	1885	1888	Lenark, Pa.
Gehman William.	1849	1849	Vera Cruz, Pa.
Strawn A.	1859	1860	344 N. 8th St., Allentown, Pa.
Taylor L. B.	1894	1897	

III. ANNUAL CONFERENCE LICENSED MISSIONARIES.

Heywood E. R.	1899		
Shick E.	1899		
Zimmerman W. W.	1899		

IV. QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LICENSED MISSIONARIES.

Bergstresser Rob't.	1894		Royersford, Pa.
Block Maria.	1898		Hatfield, Pa.
Brunner Mrs. C. H.	1892		Allentown, Pa.
Deppe Alfred.	1897		Weissport, Pa.
Dill W. W.	1897		Norristown, Pa.
Dreisbach Mrs. R.	1892		Spring City, Pa.
Frey F. E.	1898		Bethlehem, Pa.
Gehman H. M.	1897		Allentown, Pa.
Hutchins W. H.	1898		
Kichline Mrs. Jas.	1896		Bethlehem, Pa.
Moyer J. H.	1893		Morwood, Pa.
Rishel Howard.	1894		
Roth J. C.	1898		Reading, Pa.
Shappell C. E.	1898		
Wesley Mrs. J. H.	1896		
Ziegler Mrs. W. K.	1894		Shelby, Pa.

V. FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

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

Snyder C. F., Thibet, 1897. Present address, Wuhu, China.

Weiss H. L. and Mrs. H. L. Weiss, Chili, South America, 1897. Address, Victoria Casilla, 138, Chili, S. A.

Lambert Rose, Armenia, 1898. Address, Hadjin, Turkey, Asia Minor.

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	Nov. 4	Upper Milford, Pa.	Wm. N. Shelly.	A. W. Stauffer.
1863	Nov. 2	Haycock, Pa.	E. Hershey.	A. W. Stauffer.
1863	Oct. 1	Upper Milford, Pa.	E. Hershey.	David Gehman.
1863	June 2	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	Nov. 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. 3	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.
1898	March 4	Bethlehem, Pa.	W. B. Musselman.	C. H. Brunner.
1899	March 3	Upper Milford, Pa.	C. H. Brunner.	W. G. Gehman.

*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.

Time.	Place.	Delegates.
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.

